

Hunter's Clarion

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SPORTDiscus, formerly available in Hunter Library on compact disc, is now accessible from the Library's InfoHunter Web page under "Online Resources."

by Lorna Dorr,
Reference Librarian

It is a comprehensive, international database containing sport and fitness literature. Records dating from 1975 to the present cover sports medicine, exercise physiology, biomechanics, psychology, training, coaching, physical education, and other sport- and fitness-related topics. Records include citations, some with abstracts, to periodical articles, books, conference proceedings, dissertations and theses, research papers and other publishing forms. Also included are *HERACLES*, the largest French-language sport database; *ATLANTES*, a Spanish-language sport database; and *Olympic Museum Database* indexing materials held in the Olympic Museum collection in Switzerland.

New Database

by Lorna Dorr,
Reference Librarian



Hunter Library is pleased to announce the availability of another new database site, *Statistical Universe*. Lexis-Nexis recently created the *Statistical Universe* site in conjunction with Congressional Information Service, Inc. This site provides abstracts and selected full text of U.S. federal and state government statistical publications from *American Statistics Index* and *Statistical Abstract of the United States*. Some publications date back to 1973, but most are from 1995 forward. The tables that are included in *Statistical Universe* can be downloaded as .GIF, .XLS, or .CSV files. You can search by SuDoc (Superintendent of Documents) number, LC (Library of Congress) Card number, title, subject, summary, author, and source. There are also links to additional government Web sites that provide statistical information. The site is updated monthly. *Statistical Universe* is available from the Library's InfoHunter Web page under "Online Resources." If you need help in searching these databases, do not hesitate to call the Reference Desk at 7465.

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Periodical Locator

by Roger Stelk,
Director of Public Services

Hunter Library has recently added a new feature to *InfoHunter*, our online information system. The Periodical Locator assists WCU faculty, staff, and students in determining whether the library is able to provide access to the full-text of an article from a journal citation. From the homepage of *InfoHunter* (www.wcu.edu/library/), click on **Online Resources**. In the middle of this secondary page, you will see the clickable link for Periodical Locator.

Clicking on this link will provide you with the option of searching three separate databases for the source of your citation. Together, these databases cover the full range of journals available in print or electronically via the library. The first choice searches the 8,000+ periodical titles available through the **Library Catalog**. The second choice allows you to search the 2600+ full-text journals available through **NC Live**. The final choice initiates a search of the 5000+ titles associated with **Academic Universe**.

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Windows PC User Tips

by Robin Hitch,
Systems Technician

The following is a continuation of the compiled list of what may help you in basic Windows computer literacy that began in the last issue. If you already know how to accomplish these tasks, you are more than on your way to being computer savvy!

Missing Taskbar.

If the Taskbar seems to disappear, look for the thin gray line at the bottom of the screen (or the top or the sides, you may have just moved the Taskbar). Move the mouse over the line, push down on the mouse button, and drag the Taskbar back into place. Notice that you can make the bar larger or smaller this way—continue to drag away from the edge for a large Taskbar or drag toward the edge to make it smaller.

Organize the Start menu.

New computers with a lot of pre-installed software also feature some confusing Start menus. Bring order to the variety of icons and folders by organizing things the way you want them. Windows 98 lets users drag icons around the Start menu and into folders; in Windows 95 you can choose Taskbar & Start Menu from the Start button's Settings option, click the Start Menu Programs tab, then click the Advanced button.

Make shortcuts for your files.

Shortcuts are a fast way to access files stored in other folders or even within other computers on a network. Make a shortcut by right-clicking the file and choosing Create Shortcut. The shortcut appears nearby. You can move it to any folder you like. You can also put it on your Desktop.

Delete unnecessary shortcuts.

New computers often come with loads of desktop shortcuts to pre-installed programs that clutter up the desktop which many people never use. You can delete these shortcuts even if you want to keep the software—just drag the shortcuts to the Recycle Bin. If you want to run the programs, find them in the Start menu.

Adjust screen size.

Why squint at a screen that seems too small. Right-click the Desktop, click Properties, and then press the Settings tab. Slide the Screen Area bar to the left a notch and click OK. If everything seems too big now, simply slide the bar back.



New Books

by Tim Carstens,
Cataloging & Acquisitions
Librarian



Are you ever curious about what new books have been added to the library's collection? You can find out in a number of ways.

To find materials that have been added to the library, click on the "What's New" icon on InfoHunter (the library's Web page). A list of books, videos and music CDs that were added to Hunter Library's collection in the previous month can be found at this site.

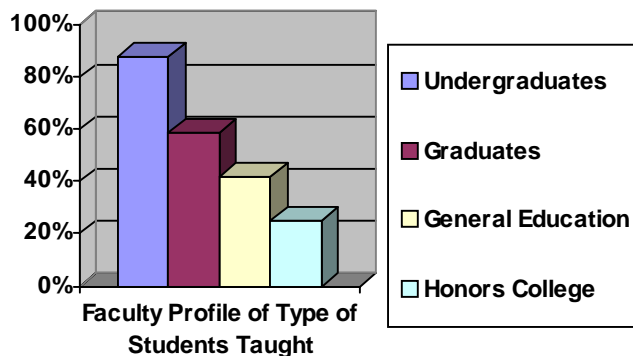
If you want to know if Hunter Library has recently acquired a particular book, CD or video you can always look in the library's catalog. The catalog will tell you if the book is on the shelf. The catalog will also tell you if the book is on order but has not yet arrived at the library. A book that has arrived at the library but is not yet on the shelf is still being processed by Hunter Library staff, and this will also be indicated in the catalog.

If you want to visually see the books that have been added to Hunter Library's collection, you should go to the **New Books** shelf. The **New Books** shelf is located just inside the library entrance next to the newspapers and current periodicals. New books are kept on this shelf for one to two weeks before being moved to the General Collection on the Ground Floor. In addition, if you are looking for a new book that might be "a good read," look on the **HAV-U-READ** shelf located opposite the **New Books** shelf near the library entrance.

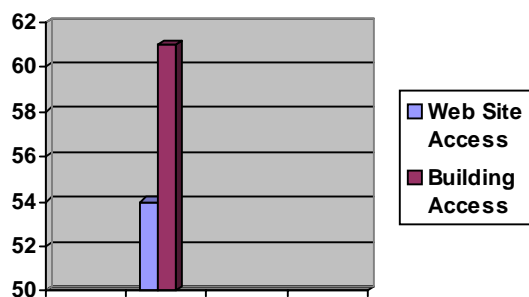


Results of the Faculty Survey by Hunter Library

by Clarissa Fisher,
Administrative Librarian



Method of Faculty Access to Library



The figures under **Library Services** (to the right) do not add up to 100 % as there was another column that was used to indicate 'not used or not heard of.'

Unsatisfied	Library Services	Satisfied
2.2	Staff interaction with patrons	97.4
5.6	Books on the shelf when needed	91.0
7.8	Placing materials on reserve	84.3
7.9	Checking out media (CMC mezzanine)	74.1
15.5	Notices – fines, recalls, overdue	67.4
10.1	Length of time to get material	83.1
10.1	Notification of arrival	80.8
11.2	Cost for your students	46.1
2.2	Assistance at the reference desk	94.4
2.2	Printed resource guides	76.4
4.5	Library tours	62.9
4.5	Library skills instruction	62.0

The following categories pertain to adequacy

20.2	Book Collection	77.5
42.7	Journal Collection	55.0
15.8	Reference Collection	75.3
2.2	Government Documents	64.0
5.6	Curriculum Materials	57.3
15.7	Media Collection	58.4
1.1	Map Collection	51.7
1.1	Special Collections	46.0
4.5	Ease of use library catalog	92.1
7.9	Holdings information for periodicals	83.2
5.6	Remote access off campus	58.5
7.9	Library Web Page design	77.5
7.9	Ease of access online resources	83.1
14.5	Number of databases available	73.0
20.2	Amount of material available full text	67.4
10.1	Remote access off campus	52.9
5.6	New book list	58.5
11.2	Library hours	85.3
12.4	...	67.4

The Clarion on the Web

by Lorna Dorr,
Reference Librarian

Hunter Library is pleased to announce the availability of its newsletter, *Hunter's Clarion*, on the World Wide Web. This will make the *Clarion* available online to the entire WCU community as well as in paper for those on our mailing list. The current and previous issues may be found under "What's New" on the Library's home page. The complete URL is <http://www.wcu.edu/library/whatsnew/index.htm> and is also noted on the mailing page of each issue.

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InfoHunter →

FIND NC

Government Information Locator Service



<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us>

from the State Library of North Carolina

FIND NC is your *best, first stop* to find North Carolina state government information. It is the only search engine devoted entirely to making North Carolina state agency web pages and North Carolina Government Information Locator Service (NC GILS) records available from a single search site.

How does FIND NC work?

FIND NC uses a specialized set of software products to identify, organize, and access information from multiple government servers in the state. Using XML-based solutions for information delivery and management, **FIND NC**'s advanced search and retrieval capabilities provide you with direct access to all state agency web information and NC GILS indexes. A web crawler is used to update **FIND NC** regularly.

What does FIND NC access?

FIND NC accesses web sources, electronic databases, and printed materials produced by North Carolina state government agencies. **FIND NC** currently searches thousands of web pages from 26 major state agencies and numerous indexes of government databases, including state documents, state archival records, government grants, directories, economic development information, statistical data sources, and geospatial data. **FIND NC** searches various types of record formats, including web documents, NC GILS records, USMARC records, geospatial records, and other formats.

The list of searchable resources and available formats will continue to expand in the future.

How do you search FIND NC?

FIND NC has a simple search page for entering up to three search terms. Standard Boolean search elements (AND, AND/OR, and NOT) may be used to narrow or broaden your search. Select one or more indexes from the list of available indexes. After submitting your search, a status screen shows the index(es) being searched, the time elapsed, and the number of records retrieved. Successful searches produce hypertext links that lead to brief descriptions of the resources found. The brief descriptions link to either the actual web sources or full descriptive information of the sources.

Return to the previous screen using your browser's BACK button. Click on Search Tips at the top of the page for additional search help. Help screens also provide descriptions of the indexes available.

Musings Over Fall!

Don't you just love this time of year? My eye sweeps through the blur of backpacks swinging from the shoulders of eager-eyed students. My ears hear the sound of band practice floating in the air like a herald call to fall. I hear professors engaged in new conversations—energized and rested from their summer sabbaticals and ready to impart wisdom to a new collection of knowledge seekers. There are football games, student gatherings and books, yes, books. Books—containing the very soul of knowledge itself. And where will we go to find our soul ... that would be Hunter Library. Hunter houses an almost endless resource of soul (i.e. knowledge) with which to spark our "little gray cells." So off we march to the stacks to engorge ourselves with old knowledge and new knowledge housed on paper, microfilm, CD-ROMs and on the Internet, too.



by Linda Gillman,
Friends of Hunter Library

But wait! Have you done your part to ensure that Hunter Library has the "latest-up-to-datest?" As with the other fund-raising initiatives on campus—each of which serves a very specific need and all of which make WCU a wonderful institution with rich traditions—Friends of Hunter Library deserves your support, too! Dues are a very modest \$15.00 per person-per year. It's a great investment! Even if you already have library privileges, it's a great way to show your support. Memberships and donations go a long, long way to keep Hunter's ever growing resources available to you. So make yourself feel good by joining Friends of Hunter Library. Now, I can almost hear the sound of your pen writing out a check and us shaking hands over a good deed. Ah, the sounds of fall, aren't they great!

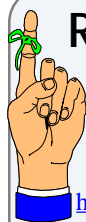


New Position

Ruby Banerjee

We are happy to welcome Ruby Banerjee, formerly of the Reference Unit, as our new Technical Library Assistant in the Government Documents Unit. Her responsibilities will be further development and maintenance of federal and international links on the unit Web page, evaluation and maintenance of federal CD-ROM collections and assisting researchers in downloading and organizing data from federal Web sites and CD-ROMS.

Ruby has recently received a certificate in computer applications from Southwestern Community College. She lives in Sylva with her husband Debasish, a professor in the Department of Business and Computer Information Systems. Their new home has provided ample opportunity for her to use her hidden interior decorating skills. Ruby is also currently taking pottery and piano lessons.



Reminder:

Faculty may order videos to support classes from the State Library. To see the catalog on the Web, type:

<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/NCSLHOME.HTM>

Come to the CMC to place your video orders.

Recent Publications & Presentations of Library Faculty & Staff

Clarissa Fisher, Administrative Librarian, gave a presentation titled A Look at Nursing and Allied Health Information Support for Students at a General Academic Library at the Southern Chapter Medical Library Association in Greenville, S.C., from October 15 through October 18, 1999.

Hunter Library Says “Farewell”

◆ After 37 years as a professional librarian, William J. Kirwan will be retiring as of the end of July 2000. In his comments to the library staff on August 24th when he made the announcement, Mr. Kirwan indicated he wanted to spend more of his time pursuing personal interests. The library staff wishes him well in his retirement, and expresses their appreciation for his sound, dependable leadership at Hunter Library.

◆ Roger Stelk, Head of Public Services, has resigned effective October 8th to take a position with Endeavor, Inc., a producer of library system software. We wish Roger all the best in his new career path.

Faculty/Staff Online Workshops

To sign up for the following workshops held in Hunter's electronic classroom (HL 186), please contact Nan Watkins at WATKINSN in GroupWise mail or by phone at 3398.

Library Database Searching

Wednesday, October 27

11:00 - 1:00

Tuesday, November 9

2:00 - 4:00

ERIC

Thursday, November 4

2:00 - 3:00

Good Web Searching

Wednesday, November 17

2:00 - 4:00

Thursday, November 18

11:00 - 1:00

Medline

Wednesday, November 3

2:00 - 3:00

HUNTER LIBRARY HOURS

Fall 1999

Tuesday, October 12 to
Monday, November 22 Extended Hours

Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 23 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 25 to
Saturday, November 27 Closed

Sunday, November 28 to
Thursday, December 9 Extended Hours

Final Exams

Friday, December 10 8:00 a.m. - Midnight

Saturday, December 11 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12 Open Noon

Open 24 Hours until

Friday, December 12 Close at 6:30 p.m.

Semester Break

Sat., Dec. 18 to Thu., Dec. 23
weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekend: Closed

Fri., Dec. 24 to Sun., Jan. 2, 2000 Closed

Mon., Jan. 3 to Tue., Jan. 11
weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekend: Closed

Extended Hours

**Monday through
Thursday**

8:00 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday

Noon - 2 a.m.

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<http://www.wcu.edu/library/whatsnew/index.htm>

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