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RECALL OF LOANS

The NIE Library has recently made some changes to its loans policies, details of which have been sent to all academic staff via email.

We would like to reiterate that no fines will be levied on overdue books. However, books on recall that are not returned within five days after notice of recall will incur a charge of \$1.00 per day. We would like to assure staff that books will be recalled only for urgent reasons, e.g. if required for the reserve book (redspot) collection. Also, recall notices will be issued only after the borrower has had the book for a period of 14 days.

Academic staff might like to consider the library's suggestion to return all books before going on any overseas trip. This would ensure that no recall notices will be sent to staff who are away.

We realize that it will take time to get used to this new policy, but we hope that the spirit of co-operation will prevail and that staff will realize the need for equitable access to the collection.

ELECTRONIC JOURNAL: ACADEME TODAY

Academe Today is an online service to subscribers of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. It includes daily reports about news in higher education, a guide to academic resources on the Internet, updates on legislation affecting higher education, new federal grant competitions, full text of *The Chronicle*, new software, scholarly books, job openings, etc. **Academe Today** can only be accessed from the Reference Office. For queries, please contact Mrs Chew Lian Ping at ext. 5245.

Users can also reach **Academe This Week** (<http://chronicle.merit.com>), a free service of *The Chronicle* on the Internet. **Academe This Week** does not have most of the features of **Academe Today** but offers a guide to each week's *Chronicle*, developments in information technology, news of finances and personal planning, notable Interest resources for academics, best-selling books on American campuses, events and deadlines in academe, facts and figures on U.S. higher education and job openings.

CD-ROM DATABASES ON TRIAL:

a) PSYCLIT

PsycLIT, compiled by the American Psychological Association (APA), provides over 700,000 citations with abstracts drawn from over 1, 300 journals in psychology and the behavioural sciences (1974-present), as well as books and book chapters coverage (1987-present). Please contact the reference staff (ext. 5245/5246) if you are interested in exploring the database.

b) SOCIAL SCIENCES INDEX/FULLTEXT ON TRIAL

The Social Sciences Index/Fulltext database contains all records from the H.W. Wilson Social Sciences Index entered since 1 Jan 1989. It includes citations to nearly 350 titles and cover-to-cover article images from approximately 220 of those publications. Feel free to explore the database at the Reference Office.

NEW CD-ROM DATABASE: SMC ONDISC

SMC Ondisc consists of three index-only databases: PERIND (periodicals index), Singapore/Malaysia Collection and NUS Theses Collection. The databases cover a wide range of subjects from the humanities and social sciences to architecture, building, law and medicine relating to Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and ASEAN. These materials form part of the National University of Singapore Library collection. The database is accessible on the network.

Installation: C:\> e:\batch\spirs

Access: C:\>spirs

FREE PERIODICALS INDEX: UNCOVER DATABASE

UnCover is a periodical index and document delivery service. The UnCover Company has released UncoverWeb that includes a web interface to the UnCover database of 17,000 periodicals and over 8 million articles. You will be allowed to browse tables of contents for 17,000 periodicals and citations for 8 million articles free of charge.

Over 4,000 current citations are added every day.

To access:

1. Point your web browser to <http://www.carl.org/uncover>.
2. Click on "Search the UnCover Database".
3. Click on "Search UnCover Now".
4. Enter search terms, select type and indicate number of records to display.
Search types include keyword, author and journal title display.

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