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1. Students can check their grades/transcripts now on the web. Click on the WEB4 logo on the main CCSF page (<http://www.ccsf.org>). Click on the Key (Login to Secure Area) near the bottom of the page. The student will have to enter his/her SSN and birthdate (MMDDYY).

2. Where is Bungalow 500 (African American Scholastic Program)? That is the bungalow at the bottom of the Student Union (Near the entrance to the coffee shop). It's listed in the Spring 2002 map, but the older ones don't show it.

3. The Ref page now includes new resources related to Afghanistan, Central Asia, the Middle East, and Islam (under Religion). PDF files of 3 bibliographies are also available:
Afghanistan, Materials Relating to Sept. 11 Events, and Middle East/Central Asia

4. Rosenberg Reserves now includes books for the Aircraft Maintenance department. You can find them by course under Aircraft Maintenance.

A new subdivision--COLLEGES--SF BAY which lists some of our local colleges including some of the community colleges.

There's a new pop-up menu that duplicates the choices of the INTERNET RESOURCES BY SUBJECT link.

Mar 2002

1) A free periodicals databases has been added to our Articles page. It's called Find Articles and is a free database provided by Gale and Looksmart. It indexes 300 periodical titles: "FindArticles.com is a vast archive of published articles that you can search for free. Constantly updated, it contains articles dating back to 1998 from more than 300 magazines and journals."

Periodicals range from the popular to the academic:
Examples: Baseball Digest, British Medical Journal, Macworld, Modern Brewery Age, Journal of Pacific History.

I'm not sure if they index the entire magazine...or do it selectively.

Let me know, if there are any problems with it.

2. Reminder: A student ID is REQUIRED for the use of the computer labs--R521, and Learning Assistance. They can always obtain a duplicate at Smith Hall, if needed.

Apr 2002

1) New York Times on Infotrac. As a reminder, Infotrac often provides two page listings for a citation. One with an L and one with an N designation. L stands for Late Edition and N for National. The library carries the L edition on microfilm. Paper copies are the N or National edition. The Printed NY Times index indexes the L or Late edition. That info may help sometimes when you are trying to track down an article.

2) A student asked for a Skull recently. Learning Assistance said that they have a skull in addition to a skeleton that students can look at.

3) Information about renewing books has been added next to the BOOKS icon on the Rosenberg Library web page. I will also add a link to this information on the campus web sites. Renewals are allowed one time for circulating materials that are not overdue, and do not have a hold placed on them. Renewals are for two weeks starting on the day they are renewed. Reserve materials may not be renewed. They can renew online, in person and by phone.

May 2002

1. Joao has just informed me that we now have an additional Infotrac database. It's called OneFile which includes 3,700 full-text titles, five newspaper indexes, and 21 million records. It's sort of a smorgasboard of other Infotrac databases--Health, LegalTrac, General Interest Magazines, Academic Journals, Newspapers/Newsires and Business/Technology/computer. We subscribe to Infotrac with the CCL pricing, but this is a freebie from them. We apparently have this for at least a year.

2.
Printing pages from the web can be a problem--especially if there is a light text color against a dark background and with frames. Here are some pointers. I will post this information on the staff web site also for future reference.

HOW TO PRINT WEB PAGES WITH LIGHT TEXT ON A DARK BACKGROUN

Several Options:

(from <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/faq/darkbackground.html>)

1. Change your page setup within Netscape

- Pull down Netscape's FILE menu
- Choose PAGE SETUP
- Put checkmark in front of BLACK TEXT and BLACK LINES
- Click OK

(These settings are safe to leave on, and they usually do the trick)

2. Change the Color Settings in Netscape

- Pull down EDIT in Netscape 4 (OPTIONS in Netscape 3 and earlier)
- Choose PREFERENCES
- Click on COLORS
- Click on the "Text" color box and set to BLACK if not already
- Click on the "Background Color" box and set to WHITE
- Click "Always Use my Colors, Overriding Document"
- Click OK

When finished printing, go back to the COLORS dialog box and uncheck the "Always Use My Colors" checkbox, so websites will display as intended.

3. Save the Text and print it from Another Application

Now and then you may find a stubborn page that won't print with the settings above. As a last resort, try the following:

- In your browser, click FILE
- Click SAVE AS
- Name your webpage anything (as long as it has a .TXT extension)
- Open this new file in a word processor or WordPad
- Print from that program.

(Images and some formatting will be lost with this method)

OR...

- In your browser, highlight the portion of text you want printed
- Choose EDIT, then COPY (Ctrl-C)
- Open WordPad or any other word processor
- Choose EDIT, then PASTE (Ctrl-V)
- Print from the word processor.
- Print from that program.

(Images and some formatting will be lost with this method)

2.PRINTING FRAMES:

You probably know that you have to click within the framed area that you wish to print, but what happens when this doesn't work. It gets a bit complicated but here are some tips from Stanford:
<http://www.med.stanford.edu/sitebuilder/printing.html>

Q: I use Netscape on a PC with Windows NT. How can I print framed pages?

A: Apparently the JavaScript code that orphan-proofs framed pages interferes with printing on PCs with Netscape and Windows NT. When you click on the frame to select it, and try to "Print Preview" or "Print," the page is blank, and you may get an alert saying "Nothing to Print." There are two suggested work-arounds:

- 1.Turn off JavaScript while you print. Get the Preferences command, select "Advanced" and click off the checkbox next to "Enable JavaScript." You should now be able to print normally. Don't forget to turn JavaScript back on!
- 2.Switch to another browser, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, which does not have this problem

May 2002

A link to the California Slavery Era Insurance Registry has been added to our reference page at: <http://www.ccsf.edu/Library/reference.html>

"African Americans went to state offices across California today to view hundreds of names of slaves and slaveholders being released in an unprecedented move that propels the state into the the debate over reparations for slavery.

Although California never permitted slavery, it is the first state to require the release of slave-related records held by insurance companies doing business in the state."

from: the SF Chronicle, May 1, 2002

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2002/05/01/MN136732.DTL>

Thanks to Mark Fan for the suggestion.