

A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

Journals remain the primary means of communicating scholarly information in many academic fields. Yet, it is not news that overall the costs of scholarly journals are inflating well beyond the Consumer Price Index. Journal costs at Kent have increased by approximately 33% since 1991. Until recently, we have been able to manage this dramatic rise through journal cancellations (1992), base budget increases, and additional yearly, one-time funding from the Provost's Office. However, the relentless growth in subscription costs is simply exceeding Kent's ability to keep up. This is also true for nearly every other academic library across the nation.

Library representatives have received instructions on how to proceed in preparing for a reduction in journal subscriptions at Kent. The total target amount for reduction is approximately \$150,000, which will enable the Libraries to cover anticipated 1998 subscription costs. It is with considerable regret that we must take this measure. Given the finite resources, however, this is the responsible course of action. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Don L. Tolliver
Dean of Libraries & Media Services

Laukuff's Bookstore Presentation

On Thursday, March 20th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Special Collections Reading Room, Gladys Haddad, Professor of American Studies at Case Western Reserve University and founder of the Western Reserve Studies Symposia, will present a program on "Laukuff's Bookstore: Cleveland's Literary and Artistic Landmark." Professor Haddad plans to discuss the creative community that thrived within Laukuff's walls and the personality of its owner, Richard Laukuff. This program (originally scheduled for November 13th, but canceled due to snow) is being co-sponsored by the Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society (NOBS). A reception will follow the presentation. Call x.2270 for further information.

Using the Web for Course Delivery

Have you begun using the World Wide Web to provide information for your students (e.g., syllabi, reading lists) or to engage them in learning activities? We would very much like to know of your efforts. Please contact Barbara Schloman (x.3045, bschloma@lms.kent.edu).

Additional Sections of Web Seminars

Due to high interest in the "Web Trilogy" of 60-Minute+ Seminars, sections have been added for Spring Semester. To register, send an e-mail note to library@kent.edu. The sections are:

Introduction to the World Wide Web:

Thurs., Apr. 3	9:00-10:30 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 10	10:30-noon
Wed., Apr. 23	9-10:30 a.m.

Searching the World Wide Web:

Mon., Mar. 31	10:30-noon
Wed., Apr. 30	9-10:30 a.m.

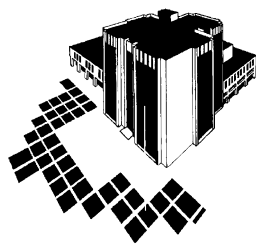
Evaluating Information on the World Wide Web:

Mon., Apr. 28	10:30-noon
Wed., May 7	9-10:30 a.m.

Space still remains for "Eudora" training as well:

Using Eudora for Electronic Mail

Wed., Apr. 2	3-4:30 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 11	2-3:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 1	9-10:30 a.m.
Mon., May 5	2-3:30 p.m.



Footnotes

News from the Kent State University Libraries & Media Services

Friends of the Libraries' Dinner

The Annual Friends of the Libraries' Dinner will be held on April 9th, in Room 306 of the Kent Student Center. This year, our speakers will be *Akron Beacon Journal* columnist and theater critic, Russ Musarra, and Chuck Ayers, gifted artist and creator of the popular cartoon "Crankshaft." They will recount stories and show artwork selected from the walks of discovery through Northeast Ohio which, for the past ten years, they have fashioned into a delightful a monthly feature of the *Akron Beacon Journal*. Reservations at \$16 per person may be made by calling the Department of Special Collections and Archives (x.2270).

Getting those tax forms.....

In the Library: Copies of commonly needed Federal, State of Ohio, and City of Kent tax forms are available in the Main Library lobby. To obtain photocopies of more esoteric Federal forms and other instructions, consult *Reproducible Federal Tax Forms for Use in Libraries*. It is available on the 1st floor at the Reference Desk and on the 10th floor in Government Documents. *IRS Publications* from Commerce Clearinghouse is also available at the Reference Desk and is updated regularly. Additionally, Government Documents has the *1996 Federal Tax Forms CD-ROM*. Containing 1996 tax forms, instructions and publications, this is a good "last resort." It available in Documents, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On the Web*: The World Wide Web has general information, answers for frequently asked questions, tax forms, and instructions. Two sites for Federal tax information are: <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/plain/> or <http://www.ustreas.gov/browse/browse.html/>. Note that older forms for years 1992-95 are available as well. A high-quality laser printer is necessary to print these forms. Electronic versions of state tax forms are also on the Web. The following site has 43 states represented, including Ohio: <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/govdocs/taxes.html>. The Libraries' Web site (<http://www.library.kent.edu>) has links on its home page to Federal and Ohio sites, as well as to sites offering tax tips and other information.

*Adobe Acrobat Reader is often noted as being necessary in order to view the forms. See the item elsewhere in this issue of *Footnotes* on obtaining and installing this free software.

Compact Disclosure is back!

Compact Disclosure, the popular and heavily used CD-ROM resource for company information, is once again available on the CD-ROM LAN in the Reference Center. The February 1997 update has been loaded. We regret any inconvenience experienced by users during the period of technical difficulties.

OhioLINK Networked Resources News

Highlights from the past month include:

- *American Poetry* (Web access) added; searchable full-text of more than 40,000 poems by 200 writers from the 17th to the early 20th century.
- Center for Research Libraries (CRL) materials found in the OhioLINK Central Catalog can now be requested online just as you would any other available title held in an OhioLINK library. The CRL collection has more than 5 million-rarely held items.
- *Compendex* backfile for 1980-86 added, giving database coverage of 1980 to present.
- *Database of African-American Poetry* (Web access) added; full-text of nearly 3,000 poems written between 1760 and 1900.
- *MLA International Bibliography* (telnet and Web access) added; bibliographic information covering 1963 to the present for critical scholarly materials in literature, criticism, drama, language, linguistics, humanities, and folklore. Coverage is worldwide and includes articles chosen from 3,500 journals, series, monographs, dissertations, bibliographies, proceedings, and other materials. Produced by the Modern Language Association of America and updated 10 times per year.

CONGRESSIONAL COMPASS on Trial

Congressional COMPASS, Congressional Information Service's new online resource, is currently available on trial through March 11 (<http://www.library.kent.edu> or <http://www.lexis-nexis.com/cis>). If you have used *LEXIS-NEXIS* or *LEGI-SLATE* to access Congressional information, you may find *COMPASS* to be more user-friendly. Comments are welcomed (Rosemary Harrick, x.2388, rharrick@lms.kent.edu).



Kent State University. Libraries. Occasional Papers Series, 1996.

Educator and poet, Richard Blevins, is the editor of the Libraries' 1996 *Occasional Paper*, "Charles Olson and the Development of a New

American Poetics." Mr. Blevins, who is the editor of both *Collected Poems of George Butterick* and *Charles Olson & Robert Creeley: The Complete Correspondence*, is uniquely qualified to provide the enriching commentary that accompanies this previously unpublished essay by George Butterick. Copies are available from the Department of Special Collections and Archives (x.2270).

GPO ACCESS TRAINING WORKSHOP

Interested in learning more about online Federal resources? If so, this free workshop is for you! *GPO Access* is an online service of the U.S. Government Printing Office (<http://www.access.gpo.gov>). This service was mandated by Public Law 103-40 (June 8, 1993), "The Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993," to make the *Federal Register* and Congressional information more available to the public.

The 9 a.m.-5 p.m. training session on Wednesday, March 26, will be presented by staff from the Government Printing Office. To attend, contact Government Documents (x.2388).

SPSS for Windows 3.1 /Windows 95/ DOS/MAC

Kent State University has obtained a SPSS site license. Versions for Windows 95, Windows 3.x, SPSS/PC+ (for DOS), MAC, and PowerMac are available. These copies are restricted to faculty and staff at the University. Students are permitted to use the package if installed in a campus lab environment. There is no cost associated with the package. Each version includes the Base System, Advanced Stats and Professional Stats. To acquire a copy of SPSS, it is necessary to contact Jan Winchell, Academic Computing and Technology (x.2736 or winchell@kent.edu). See <http://act.kent.edu/spss/> for additional details.

What's New on the Reference Shelves

American Women Historians, 1700s - 1990s: A Biographical Dictionary. (REF E 175.45 .S27 1996) According to the preface, this work by Jennifer Scanlon and Shaaron Cosner "provides biographical and bibliographical portraits of roughly two hundred women who have practiced the craft of history in the United States." This volume does not claim to be inclusive of all American women historians. Instead, the authors "hope that this book will inspire others to continue the process of highlighting the work of women historians." The entries include the birth and death dates of the biographee, the field in which she specialized, a listing of her works, and a listing of works about her.

The New Beacon Book of Quotations by Women. (REF PN 6081.5 .N48 1996) Compiled by Rosalie Maggio, this reference work provides indexes by name, key quote phrase, and subject. The quotations section itself is arranged by topic and provides cross references to related topics. The quotes come from a wide cross-section of women, running from Farah Fawcett (1 quote) to Queen Elizabeth I (19 quotes) to Anne Spencer Morrow Lindbergh (58 quotes).



Club Web: The Studio for Web Page Designers

The Macintosh Instructional Computing lab in Audio Visual Services offers four Web production workstations and staff assistance to aid students, faculty, and staff in their Web page development.

- The Digital Video/Multimedia Authoring Production Station has Authorware 3, Director 5, Premiere 4, HyperStudio 3, PowerPoint 4, a VCR, and a Zip drive.
- The Graphics Production Station is equipped with Photoshop 4, Netscape 3, color scanner, digital camera, and Zip drive.
- Two Web Page Production Stations are complete with PageMill 2, Netscape 3, digital camera and Zip drive.

If you are ready to create Web pages, but find that much of this sounds like a foreign language, join Club Web for friendly, expert assistance, plus access to media design journals and books. Contact the Mac Lab with any questions or for an appointment (x.3456, x.44).

FBIS FULL-TEXT on CD-ROM

The Foreign Broadcast Information Service of the Central Intelligence Agency strives to serve the national interest by informing both senior policy makers and the nation as a whole through its daily collection, translation, and publication of thousands of foreign media reports. A recently installed CD-ROM in Government Documents provides full-text access to FBIS publications. Currently, this CD-ROM searches publications dated July - September 1996. Updates are expected.

If you need information from earlier FBIS publications, consult the *Index to FBIS Daily Reports* also on a Documents workstation. This database indexes publications from January 1977 - September 1996. Then, specific FBIS publications can be found in the microfiche collection.

Laser Printing from the Web

The Libraries have installed four print workstations to allow for laser printing from the World Wide Web. These are located in the Main Library Reference and Periodical Information areas, Government Documents, and the Chemistry/Physics Library. The charge is \$.10/page, and payment is handled through the same CopyCard used for photocopying.



Adobe Acrobat® Reader: what is it, where do I get it, how do I install it???

Increasingly, in using the Web, you will see a note that a "PDF file" is available and that, in order to view it, you need the Adobe Acrobat Reader software. OhioLINK's Academic Press electronic journals are presented in PDF format, and other library services planned for the future, such as Electronic Reserves, will utilize PDF files and Adobe's technology.

PDF (portable document format) files are part of an exciting new technology in which electronic documents retain all of the formatting--including look, layout, and graphics--of a print document. Adobe Acrobat Reader allows you to view, navigate, and print PDF files across all major computing platforms, including Windows and Macintosh. It is free of charge, but subject to the terms of Adobe's License Agreement.

For a guide containing step-by-step instructions on how to obtain and install Adobe Acrobat Reader, request at x.3045 or library@kent.edu. Contact Cindy Kristof, Document Delivery Librarian, with any questions (x.2670, ext.33 or ckristof@lms.kent.edu).

OhioLINK Update: A Glance at the Future

Copies of the new *OhioLINK Update* are being distributed with this issue. Included is a discussion of the initial plans for providing digital images, scientific and social science numeric data, and geographic data. Also of note, is the addition of four private Ohio liberal arts colleges to OhioLINK: Capital University, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Ursuline College, and Ohio Dominican College. This brings the number of private college members to 13 and the total number of affiliated institutions to 54.

ELECTRONIC full-text

It is now possible to access across the network an impressive number of full-text resources made available to us through OhioLINK. Below is a listing of "Electronic Reference Sources" and "Electronic Texts." The insert with this issue of *Footnotes* lists all journal titles published by Academic Press that are also available through the network from 1996 to date. If you have any questions about connecting to these resources or about their use, contact the Reference Department (x.3045, library@kent.edu). *Asterisk on the list below indicates World Wide Web access only.

Electronic Reference Sources

- American Heritage Dictionary* *- Definitions to more than 310,000 words.
- Britannica Online** - The complete text of the Encyclopædia Britannica, including illustrations.
- Columbia Encyclopedia** (Fifth Edition) - 50,000 descriptive articles on a broad range of topics.
- Contemporary Authors** - A bio-bibliographical guide to more than 90,000 contemporary authors.
- Encyclopedia of Associations** - Detailed descriptions of more than 83,000 active associations.
- Oxford English Dictionary* *(Second Edition) - Definitions of one million words, following changes in meanings over time.
- Merriam Webster 10th Collegiate Dictionary* * - Many definitions include illustrations or tables.
- OhioLINK Thesaurus of the English Language** - A general purpose thesaurus derived from *Enhanced Roget's US Electronic Thesaurus*, *Oxford Thesaurus*, and *Roget's II: The New Thesaurus*.
- Phone Directory - Business and Residential White Pages* - 15 million business listings and 80 million residential entries.

Electronic Texts

- American Poetry* *- Searchable full text of more than 40,000 poems by 200+ writers from the 17th century to the early 20th century.
- ARTFL* * (Project for American and French Research on the Treasury of the French Language, University of Chicago) - 2000 French-language texts, ranging from classics to technical writing.
- Database of African-American Poetry** - Full text of almost 3,000 poems written between 1760 and 1900.
- English Poetry** - Full text of more than 160,000 poems written in English by approximately 1,350 poets between the years 600 and 1900. Many are from collections in rare books, unavailable in print form.
- English Verse Drama* *- Full text of more than 2,200 plays by 500 named authors and 300 anonymous works, from the Shrewsbury Fragments of the late 13th century through works written the end of the 19th century.
- LEGI-SLATE* - Full-text of all Congressional bills and resolutions since 1979.

