

## **Interviews for Dean of Libraries & Media Services**

### ***Your Invitation***

The University community is invited to meet the candidates for the position of Dean of Libraries & Media Services. Each candidate will be making a campus-wide presentation with time for questions and conversation. More information about the position, as well as the candidates' resumes, is available at the Libraries & Media Services' Web site under <http://www.library.kent.edu/planning/dean/>. Access to the resumes is restricted to computers on the Kent State network.

#### **Monday, October 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Moulton Hall Ballroom**

Charles W. Simpson, Acting Dean & Director of Libraries, State University of New York at Stony Brook

#### **Thursday, October 19, 3:00-4:15 p.m., Moulton Hall Ballroom**

Laurel Minott, Assistant University Librarian for Public Services, Northwestern University

#### **Monday, October 23, 2:00-3:15 p.m., Moulton Hall Ballroom**

Ilene F. Rockman, Deputy University Librarian, California State University, Hayward

#### **Monday, October 30, 2:00-3:15 p.m., Moulton Hall Ballroom**

Mark W. Weber, Interim Dean of Libraries & Media Services, Kent State University

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## Research Collection Awards: Call For Proposals

As part of the continuing effort to support the research mission of the University, Libraries & Media Services established a budget line in 1990 with the objective of strengthening the Libraries' research collection.

Proposals are invited from faculty for the purchase of primary research materials in any format. Secondary sources (such as journal indexes) or materials requiring a continuing commitment of funds (such as serial subscriptions) are outside the scope of this program. Proposals should be for resources costing more than \$1,000 and are due to Melissa Spohn, Collection Development Librarian, by Thursday, November 30, 2000. Awards will be announced in February 2001.

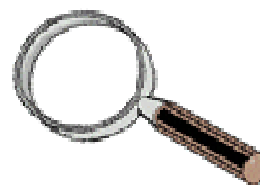
Guidelines and the application form are available under the "What's New" section of the Libraries' home page (<http://www.library.kent.edu>). Contact Melissa Spohn for additional information ([melissas@lms.kent.edu](mailto:melissas@lms.kent.edu), x.23022).

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### Just the facts.....

The Libraries & Media Services' Web site recorded nearly 131,000 visitor sessions in the month of September. These sessions resulted in a total of 1,788,270 hits within the site. 32% of the use was from outside Kent State. The site also supported 773 user sessions from the United Kingdom; 710 from Canada; 370 from Australia; 247 from the Netherlands; and 125 from Japan!

## Improved Keyword Searching



The keyword search option in both KentLINK and the OhioLINK Central Catalog has been greatly enhanced. The AltaVista search engine is used and can return more precise results than previously possible. Powerful pre-limits are available also, including location by campus and year of publication. We are proud that Innovative Interfaces Incorporated, the online catalog vendor, chose Kent State as one of only two beta sites for this important new feature.

## Online Seminar Registration System

The University community now has a single site to check for campus-wide training and seminar opportunities. The site (<http://seminars.lms.kent.edu/>), developed by LMS Systems staff, offers online registration for a wide variety of seminars offered by: Libraries & Media Services, Academic Computing & Technology, Faculty and Staff Wellness Center, Faculty Professional Development Center, Faculty & Staff Assistance Program, and Human Resource Development.

Users can browse campus-wide offerings by department, date, or topic. The system allows departmental staff to manage their own seminar offerings and registration, as well as waiting lists, and to send email reminders to registrants.

If your department is interested in using the seminar registration system to manage its own offerings, contact: Tom Klingler ([tk@kent.edu](mailto:tk@kent.edu), 672-1646).



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## LANDSAT 7 Satellite Image Server

OhioLINK announces that the LANDSAT 7 Satellite Image Server is now available as a part of the Digital Media Center (<http://dmc.ohiolink.edu/GEO/LS7/>).

The LANDSAT 7 satellite was launched in April of 1999 to orbit the earth and take regular digital snapshots from space. A new 'snapshot' of Ohio is captured every 16 days and is comprised of nine LANDSAT 7 scenes that each represent ground cover

approximately 115 miles wide by 106 miles long. Within each scene, nine different 'layers' are captured. These are available via FTP for expert users. Additionally these are processed at OhioLINK to create a variety of meaningful products viewable on the Web for other academic users and the public.

OhioLINK has purchased all available Ohio-based data and will present new data within 5 days after it is captured by the satellite. Only scenes which have less than 30% cloud cover are acquired. Also included at the Web site is "A Global View of the Earth," a K-12 teacher's kit developed at Ohio State University.

## A Note from the Interim Dean

### LET'S PRETEND . . . .

Although my parents owned a small business in the little Wisconsin town where I grew up, I have never been much interested in owning my own business. It's probably a good thing I'm not in business. But, let's pretend that I am. Let's pretend that I own a company that hires eminent environmental scientists to do critically important research. Let's further pretend that, without explanation, I surrender all claims to the intellectual property of the research done by these scientists. As a result, competitor companies benefit from the hard work of the researchers in my company. Does this sound preposterous? Well, we are not pretending anymore. This is what colleges and universities do everyday, in every department with almost every article written by faculty.<sup>1</sup>

Last year, the Association of American Universities (AAU) published the "Report on Institutional Intellectual Property Policies." In this important document, the AAU not only restated that the basic purpose of a research university is to create, preserve, and disseminate new knowledge through teaching and research, but also asserted that universities should own the intellectual property they create and should support the creation of digital content.

Crisis in scholarly publishing. Currently, this is the routine: faculty create knowledge through their research. In order to publish their research in commercially-produced journals, faculty often give up claims to the copyright of their work. Then universities must buy back this faculty-generated research at greatly inflated prices. In fact, prices of scholarly journals have increased 142% in little more than a decade.<sup>2</sup>

The issue of ownership. The problem is only partly one of scholarly journal price inflation. It is also one of ownership. First, with the advent of desktop publishing, universities now have the technological capability to keep and provide access to their own intellectual property. Now, let's pretend again. Let's pretend that universities and their faculty kept copyright within the university and became participants in the publication of new knowledge. If this happened, then libraries could more effectively negotiate better terms of purchase on behalf of their faculty and universities. This has already begun in different ways. One is the effort of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) to produce a number of journals that are cooperative efforts between faculty, universities, and SPARC. These journals are produced at much more reasonable price, than are journals owned by commercial publishing companies.

New electronic scholarly communities. Recent advances in technology have radically decentralized publishing. With a networked computer, almost anyone can become a publisher with a world-wide reach. As a result, new models of information access have been developed. One example is Romantic Circles, a set of online research tools and discussion forums for scholars of Romanticism. Another example is ArXiv.org, one of the most widely-used resources for articles in physics and mathematics. In the case of ArXiv.org., when authors post material, they retain rights to the content of their work, but give up any claims to financial reimbursement. Unrestricted access and reproduction are implied when posting material to this site.<sup>3</sup> Of course, new models of publishing research and scholarship must provide the methods and rigors of peer review and validation.

So, let's pretend that faculty and their institutions and scholarly societies are teaming up to use the Internet to provide wider access to recent scholarship and to retain ownership of content. Well . . . this is not entirely a dream . . . it is beginning to happen.

. . . and let's pretend that I really do own my own company . . . that's no dream. . . that's a nightmare!

Mark Weber  
Interim Dean, Libraries & Media Services

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<sup>1</sup>"Who Owns it Anyway." Syracuse University Libraries Newsletter. Fall, 1999

<sup>2</sup>"The Writing is on the Web for Science Journals in Print." Nature, v.397 (no.6716). January 21, 1999. p.195+.

<sup>3</sup>For Romantic Circles, please see the following: <http://www.rc.umd.edu/reference>. This site is managed by the Reference Department of the University of Maryland Libraries. ArXiv.org e-print archive for physics, mathematics, and nonlinear sciences can be found at <http://www.ArXiv.org>.

## New in Government Documents

### ***Education Statistics of the U. S.***

Bernan Press has released the 2nd annual edition of *Education Statistics of the United States*. Statistics are compiled from a number of sources, including the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Center for Education Statistics. The volume provides statistical breakdowns that were formerly unavailable. The State and county level enrollment and financial data is compiled here for the first time.

*Education Statistics of the United States* (Docs Ref LA201 .E38) is part of the Government Documents Ready Reference collection and joins a host of other Bernan publications supplementing the depository collection on the 10th floor of the Main Library.

### ***Choosing Home Energy Providers***

Due to the deregulation of the energy utilities in Ohio, consumers are now forced to choose their natural gas provider and will have to make a similar choice regarding their electricity provider in January 2001. To aid in that choice, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) compiled the "Apples to Apples" comparison charts of marketers' offers.

The charts are current and available by calling PUCO at 1-800-299-7271 or on the PUCO Web site at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us/>. In an effort to better estimate costs for individual cases, the Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC) will provide telephone based and Web-based calculators in October. The OCC can be contacted by telephone at 1-877-742-5622 and on the Web at <http://www.state.oh.us/cons>.



## **Search Engines That Can!**

More specialized Web search engines are appearing. The following may expand your Web searching toolbox!

- Google** (<http://www.google.com>): One of the best search engines in terms of the number Web pages indexed and the relevance and quality of results. Offers advanced features and options to select language and apply filtering to a search.
- SearchEdu.com** (<http://www.searchedu.com/>): Provides access to more than 20 million university and education pages, as well as the choice of executing a search in various government and military sites, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and biographical sources.
- SearchGov.com** (<http://www.searchgov.com/>): Provides ready access to information from state, federal, and local government web sites.
- Search Engine Colossus** (<http://wwwsearchenginecolossus.com/>): An international directory of search engines, organized by country and topic category. Searches may be performed in a country's native language and, where indicated, in English. A good source of lesser-known and specialized search services.
- Raging Search** (<http://ragingsearch.altavista.com/>): A very fast and customizable search engine yielding relevant results.