

## A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

I wish to invite you to join us this month for the awarding of the sixth annual Robert Lewis Medal and the related festivities. Once again, it promises to be a stimulating evening. The Medal is named for Robert Lewis--noted actor, teacher, director, an original member of the Group Theater, and one of the founders of the Actors' Studio. This year's recipient certainly meets the standards set in earlier years for lifetime achievement in theater research. Professor Errol Hill is a noted scholar and playwright. I hope you can join us at the dinner in honor of Professor Hill on Friday, October 25.

Fall is off to a busy start. Enclosed with this issue is the most recent *OhioLINK Update*, highlighting new advances within the project. Also, we are pleased to serve as a beta test site for the networked, Web version of the citation indexes. As such, we need users with Web access to provide feedback on the usability of this key resource. More information is given below. As always, thank you for your cooperation!

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### Robert Lewis Medal and Dinner

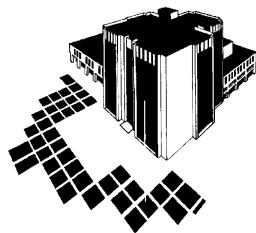
The Libraries will present the sixth annual Robert Lewis Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Theater Research to Errol Hill at a special dinner on the evening of Friday, October 25. Professor Hill, a native Trinidadian trained at the British Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and Yale University, is an internationally recognized educator and author of the influential *Shakespeare in Sable: A History of Black Shakespearean Actors* and *The Jamaican Stage, 1655-1900*. He currently serves as the John D. Willard Professor of Drama and Oratory at Dartmouth College.

The Robert Lewis Dinner will also mark the opening of the exhibition "Artists, Players, and Literati" during an informal cocktail hour, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Department of Special Collections & Archives Reading Room on the 12th floor of the Main Library. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center. Reservations are \$25 per person and may be made by contacting the Department of Special Collections & Archives (x.2270) by October 22.

### Earnestly Seeking Citation Index Users

As reported last month, the citation databases from the Institute of Scientific Information (ISI) will soon become available to users in all OhioLINK libraries. This networked version is a brand new product from ISI and is being developed as a Web-based resource. To date, the data for 1995-96 has been loaded. Kent State University and Case Western Reserve University are the designated beta test sites for the product. We seek users with Web access who are willing to test this product and comment on its usability. This is a very unique opportunity for users to influence the development of an important commercially-supplied information resource.

The database can be accessed through a hotlink ("ISI Citation Databases") at the bottom of the Libraries & Media Services homepage (<http://www.library.kent.edu>). If you are willing to review and comment, please contact Barbara Schloman for a copy of the user survey (x.3045, [library@kentvm.kent.edu](mailto:library@kentvm.kent.edu)). We hope you can help!



# Footnotes

*News from the Kent State University Libraries & Media Services*

## New, Improved Dial Access

One hundred new dialup lines will be installed during November in an effort to improve the accessibility, speed, and functionality associated with dialing into the campus network. The new lines will support PPP and SLIP access as well as other network protocols at speeds up to 28.8 KBits (analog) and 128 KBits (ISDN). Access to this service will be authenticated, and University Information Systems (UIS) is currently developing the registration procedure. Greg Seibert, Manager of Network Services, is the project leader for this effort. For additional information about the service, contact the UIS Help Desk at x.2031 or Greg Seibert (gregs@ba.kent.edu).

## Computer Lab in Main Library Reopens

Academic Computing and Technology would like to announce the reopening of the computer lab on the first floor of the Library. Renovations include much needed improvements to HVAC, lighting, furniture, and carpeting, as well as increasing the number of computers available. The Library lab now houses 88 fully networked 133 MHz Pentium computers with 17" monitors. Software includes Windows 95, Microsoft Office Pro, WordPerfect, as well as Netscape, Eudora, and other network applications. Lab hours coincide with Library hours, and a fully staffed help desk is available to assist users with application and printing problems. For more information, contact Dewitt.Latimer@kent.edu

## Additional Sessions for KentLINK and OhioLINK Web Seminar

Two sessions have been added for the 60-Minute Seminar (A) on KentLINK & OhioLINK Web:

Friday, October 11, 10-11 a.m.

Thursday, October 17, noon-1 p.m.

Contact the Reference Office if you would like to register (x.3045 or library@kentvm.kent.edu).

## Now, OVID Databases via the Web

The OVID databases (*AIDSline*, *BioethicsLine*, *Biological Abstracts*, *CancerLit*, *CINAHL*, *Compendex*, *ERIC*, *HealthSTAR*, *PsycInfo*) are now available through a Web interface. These can be accessed through the Libraries' homepage (<http://www.library.kent.edu>). Hands-on use of this Web interface will be highlighted at an upcoming 60-Minute Seminar:

Wed., Oct.16, 9-10 a.m.

Thurs., Oct. 24, 9-10 a.m.

Contact the Reference Office if you would like to register (x.3045 or library@kentvm.kent.edu).

ARTFL, the latest OhioLINK database, is a full-text database of 2,000 French texts from the 13th century to the present in the areas of literature, philosophy, arts, and sciences. It is a cooperative project of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and the University of Chicago and serves as a research tool for scholars and students in all areas of French studies. ARTFL is a World Wide Web resource available at <http://humanities.uchicago.edu/ARTFL/ARTFL.html> or through the Libraries' home page (<http://www.library.kent.edu>).

## New in Government Documents

Trends in the Well-Being of America's Children and Youth: 1996 (Government Documents, HE 1.63: 996). is a recently-published report from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services provides an in-depth examination of social and economic factors affecting the nation's young people. The report combines tables, graphs, and text to describe national trends in the following five areas: population, family, and neighborhood; economic security; health conditions and health care; social development, behavioral health, and teen fertility; and education and achievement.

Two reports from the Surgeon General advocate reversing unhealthy trends. According to Physical Activity and Health: A Report of the Surgeon General (Government Documents, HE 20.7602: P 56), approximately 60% of the American people do not exercise regularly. The report states: "People of all ages can improve their quality of life through a lifelong practice of moderate physical activity." For example, exercise significantly reduces the risk of heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States.

Preventing Tobacco Use Among Young People: A Report of the Surgeon General (Government Documents, HE 20.7602: T 55) is the first report from the Surgeon General devoted to the health consequences of cigarette smoking and smokeless tobacco use by young people. Cigarette smoking is identified as the addictive behavior most likely to be established during adolescence. The report documents young people's use of tobacco and describes community programs to discourage tobacco use.