A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

I am pleased that, after waiting for more than one year, we are able to announce that the Citation Indexes from the Institute of Scientific Information have been made public to OhioLINK users via the Web. More detailed information appears below. These resources have a well-established reputation because of the unique access they provide to related material based on citations chosen for referencing by authors. In addition to enabling literature searching by following citation trails, the representative nature of the journals covered by the Citation Indexes allows users to more easily cross disciplinary lines and gain access to work that is more interdisciplinary by nature or that is found in journals outside a given discipline. Having these indexes network accessible is bound to allow more users to benefit from their unique features.

Don L. Tolliver
Dean of Libraries & Media Services

Citation Indexes ... at Last!

Yes, the citation indexes from the Institute of Scientific Information (ISI) are available on the network for public use! OhioLINK is the first customer for the Web-version of these key finding tools and has served as the beta test site during their development.

Access through the Libraries & Media Services Web site (http://www.library.kent.edu) or by going directly to http://cite.OhioLINK.edu/isi/ciw.cgi.

Included for 1992 to the present are:

- **Science Citation Index Expanded**: covers over 5,300 journals (2,000 more titles than the print or CD-ROM version) and is updated every week.
- **Social Sciences Citation Index** covers over 1,700 journals and is updated with 2,800 new records every week.
- **Arts & Humanities Citation Index** covers over 1,100 journals and is updated weekly.

**Change in Name Only**: Academic Computing & Technology and University Information Systems recently made a change in the equipment that handles the bulk of campus e-mail and that has provided dial-access to KentLINK and OhioLINK services. Formerly known as "Phoenix," users will now see a menu choice of "kent.edu (email)" on the entry menu. This is the selection to make when wishing to connect to KentLINK, OhioLINK, or research databases.

Pick-Up Notices Discontinued

Effective September 2, the Main Library is no longer sending notices for books which have been ordered either throughKentLINK or OhioLINK. Previously, when a requested item arrived at the Main Library pick-up location, the requestor received a printed "available" notice. For books requested through Interlibrary Services, telephone notification is being provided.

The Main Library is discontinuing the notices because requested items are usually received in a predictable length of time (3-5 days for OhioLINK, 1-3 days for KentLINK) and the status information is available online. This will also save library staff time and mailing expenses. The Libraries hope to implement e-mail notification for book requests and other communication, such as overdue notices, in the future. Branch libraries will continue to send notices for items sent to those libraries.

**Viewing your own record**: Library users are encouraged to check the status of their book requests by viewing their KentLINK accounts online or by inquiring at the circulation desk of their designated pick-up library. To view your KentLINK account, select “V> View Your Circulation Record” option on the KentLINK main menu. After entering a PIN number, you will see the status of each request, in addition to due dates for other items or any charges to your account.
Poetry Readings by Dennis Nurkse and Martha Rhodes

On Tuesday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Libraries’ 12th floor Reading Room, the Department of Special Collections & Archives will host poetry readings by Dennis Nurkse and Martha Rhodes. Mr. Nurkse, recently named Poet Laureate of Brooklyn, is the author of the poetry collections *Shadow Wars, Isolation in Action, Staggered Lights*, and, most recently, *Voices Over Water*. He has received two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships and the Whiting Writer's Award. He is a member of the writing faculties of The Writer's Voice and The New School for Social Research.

Martha Rhodes' poems have appeared in *American Poetry Review, Ploughshares, Harvard Review*, and *Agni*. She is founder of the CCS Reading Series in New York City and is a founding editor and current director of Four Way Books, a literary press. She is a member of the writing faculties of Emerson College in Boston and The New School for Social Research.

This program, sponsored by the Wick Poetry Series, is free and open to the public. There will be a reception following the readings.

English Prose Drama Now Available

The *English Prose Drama* database is now available at [http://www.OhioLINK.edu/db/pdrama.html](http://www.OhioLINK.edu/db/pdrama.html). This database is a companion to the *English Verse Drama* database, which has been available since last summer. *English Prose Drama* contains the full-text of more than 1,600 plays written in prose and in Britain between the mid-16th century and the end of the 19th century.

NSF FastLane Workshop

The National Science Foundation will offer two duplicate sessions on electronic preparation and submission of proposals. Designed for principal investigators, the workshop will provide participants with actual hands-on experience. Both sessions are on Tuesday, October 21, in the Libraries’ Electronic Classroom (Room 333). The times are: 9 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 3 p.m. Reserve a space by contacting Valerie Boaz, Research and Graduate Studies, x.2070 (vboaz@kentvm.kent.edu).

OhioLINK Instructional Web Sites are Live

at [http://iws.OhioLINK.edu](http://iws.OhioLINK.edu)

This past spring, OhioLINK sponsored the development of instructional Web sites in a variety of disciplines. The project’s goal is to develop subject-specific sites that incorporate the use of OhioLINK and other Internet resources into instructional materials. Two of the nine sites were created by Kent State University faculty: the Microbiology Learning Center and the History of Philosophy site. Other areas include: electronics, material and energy balances, research and argument, marketing, internal medicine, educational psychology, and general psychology.

Kent Faculty Representation on OhioLINK Advisory Council

Each of the original member institutions of OhioLINK have a faculty representative to the OhioLINK User Advisory Council (UAC). This is one of four councils that guides OhioLINK in executing policies, projects, and activities approved by the Governing Board and in developing strategies and actions needed to fulfill OhioLINK’s mission. UAC specifically reviews and comments on OhioLINK new service directions and user policies. It is designed to ensure input from campus user groups and meets semi-annually.

Kent’s representative to UAC is Roger Gregory, Professor, Department of Chemistry. Dr. Gregory is interested in soliciting comment from faculty and staff regarding OhioLINK initiatives and any suggestions for strengthening it as a statewide resource to serve individual information needs. Specifically, an upcoming agenda item for UAC is to discuss the instructional Web site grant program (discussed above) and whether this initiative should be continued. Also, any comments about the ISI Citation Indexes would be welcomed. Please contact Dr. Gregory on this or any other OhioLINK-related matter (x.2979, rgregory@kent.edu).

State of the University Address via RealVideo

Teleproductions used the occasion of President Cartwright’s State of the University Address to investigate using the World Wide Web to “stream video” to the Regional Campuses via RealVideo software. The experiment was possible because of the cooperation of WKSU and was judged a success. This technology offers the possibility of delivering speakers and events to hundreds or even thousands of desktops.
Announcing Digital Dissertations (search and order copies)

Digital Dissertations is a new service from University Microfilms that provides access to citations and abstracts in the entire Dissertation Abstracts database, as well as a module for ordering copies of dissertations. Copies are available as unbound paper copy (priority mail), soft or hardcover paper copy, 35mm roll microfilm, or microfiche (for titles published from 1976 forward). A variety of ordering, payment, and delivery options are given.

Expected enhancements available to participating institutions are:

- A free look at the first 20 pages of each title published from 1997 forward.
- Free downloadable electronic copies of dissertations and theses done at this institution.
- Affordable electronic copies of dissertations and theses from other schools.
- A free current awareness service, "Current Research @," which gives users access to citations and abstracts for the most recent year of dissertations and theses from participating schools.

Digital Dissertations is available through the Libraries’ Web site or at http://wwwlib.umi.com/dissertations.

Editions and Adaptations of Shakespeare Now Available

OhioLINK has announced the availability of Editions and Adaptations of Shakespeare, the complete text of 11 major editions of Shakespeare's works from the First Folio to the Cambridge edition of 1863-1866, 24 separate contemporary printings of individual plays, selected apocrypha and related works, and more than 100 adaptations, sequels and burlesques from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

This database is available only through the Web. It can be accessed through the Libraries’ or OhioLINK Web sites.

Newspaper Abstracts Splits

The size of the Newspaper Abstracts database has necessitated a split. A new segment for 1997 to the present has been created. The file that covers 1989-96 will initially have 1997 records as well until the new segment becomes more meaningful to search. At that point, 1997 records will be removed from the older segment. Additionally, a subject index has been added.

Placing Interlibrary and Info Express Requests via kent.edu

Use your University computer account (kent.edu) to place Interlibrary and Info Express requests for loans or photocopies. This option offers you the convenience of using an e-mail form anytime from your home or office. Just follow these easy steps:

- Log on to kent.edu (formerly Phoenix) as usual.
- Select World Wide Web (Lynx), from the Main Menu.
- Press “g” to go to another Web site, and type http://www.library.kent.edu, then press <enter>.
- Arrow down to the bottom two lines of the page, and follow the “Interlibrary Loan” link. (Or follow “Info Express,” accordingly.)
- Arrow down and follow the link called “Place An Interlibrary Loan Request.” (Or follow “Place an Info Express Request.”)
- From here, fill out the form as directed. Hints: hitting the <tab> key will move you to the next space in the form; hitting the <enter> key will place a star in whichever “Status” (Undergrad, Graduate, Faculty, or Staff) you have chosen.
- Choose “Submit Request” to make your request final. From here, you can either quit or submit more requests.

* Note that the Libraries’ Info Express service is for registered users only. Contact the Info Express office (x.3710) or the Interlibrary Services office (x.2670) for further information.

Compendex Provides Access to Engineering Literature

The Compendex database is now available from 1980 to present. It is the electronic equivalent to the print Engineering Index and provides abstracts and full bibliographic citations for worldwide engineering and technical literature and encompasses all engineering disciplines, as well as related fields in science and management. The records in the database are drawn from more than 2,600 published journals, conference proceedings and individual conference papers, technical reports, monographs, and other materials.
Info Express Now Delivers Five Days a Week

Info Express offers retrieval and delivery of books and photocopies from the Main Library's collections, OhioLINK, and Interlibrary Services, to the departmental offices of faculty, staff, and graduate assistants, in support of research and teaching. Info Express now offers delivery and pick-up five days a week, Monday through Friday. Materials can also be returned to the Library through Info Express by calling x.3710 for pick-up from a departmental office.

First-time users of Info Express must register for the service by completing an authorization form, available at the Periodical Services Desk (2nd floor), at the Interlibrary Services Office (Room 222), or by calling x.3710. You may return your signed form by fax (x.2265).

Info Express customers may designate “Kent-Info Express” as the pick-up location of choice when requesting a KentLINK or an OhioLINK book online. They may also request photocopies of articles from the Main Library periodical collection at a cost of $3.00 per article (up to 25 pages, plus $0.10 per page thereafter). These are then charged to the individual’s library account or to a departmental account. Requests for materials not owned by the Libraries will be forwarded to Interlibrary Services if the requester so indicates on the form. Books and articles borrowed through Interlibrary Services will be delivered automatically to Info Express customers. For further information on Info Express, call x.3710 or contact Cindy Kristof, Document Delivery Librarian (ckristof@kent.edu).

The Ethics of Citing

Library staff work daily with students who have term paper assignments. This includes helping them to understand the importance of citing sources. Because electronic access has made the act of copying simple, we see a heightened need to underscore the ethical standards that are operative within academe. We have prepared a library guide to direct users in when and how to cite (“Citations and References, Guide #A8). Taking a different tack, Anthony Krier, Franklin Pierce College Librarian, has compiled a listing of over forty Web sites that provide free or for-fee term papers for students. His list is available only to educators by requesting at kriert@rindge.fpc.edu.

Full Text Articles Through SIRS Researcher

OhioLINK has implemented access to SIRS Researcher on the Web. This service provides thousands of full text articles selected from more than 1,200 newspapers, magazines, journals and government publications. SIRS Researcher covers a variety of social, scientific, historic, economic, political, and global issues. This service is the Web version of the 43 print titles known as Social Issues Resources Series. Although its official name is SIRS Researcher, we have chosen to menu it as: Social Issues Resources (SIRS Researcher). It can be found under the categories of Business & Law, General Interest, Science & Technology, and Social Sciences.

New in Government Documents

Cloning Human Beings (PREX 1.19:B 52/C62) is the report of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission on the legal and ethical issues associated with human cloning research. The Commission recommendations include the prohibition of this type of research for the foreseeable future. This review was ordered by President Clinton following the cloning of a sheep (Dolly) by Scottish scientists in February and his mandate that no federal funds are to be used in human cloning studies.

Available at Kent!

This news source from Simon and Schuster provides the latest news information from the New York Times News Service, Boston Globe, Globe and Mail (Toronto), the Independent (London), International Herald Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, and many others. NewsLink is designed to provide the daily news in a format particularly useful for the academic community. It can be accessed through the Libraries’ Web page or through http://www.ssnewslink.com/college.