

A Note from the Interim Dean

The increased enrollment this fall at Kent State University is very good news. Nonetheless, there are some statewide trends in Ohio that are troubling. For example, the percentage of the state's population enrolled in higher education and the percentage of those with college degrees continues to drop. A report which might help explain these statewide downward trends is *The State of Working Ohio* by Mark Cassell and Amy Hanauer. Mark Cassell is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Kent State University and Amy Hanauer is a policy analyst who has worked for several agencies. A project of the Northeast Ohio Research Consortium of Cleveland State University and Kent State University, *The State of Working Ohio* provides an economic profile of Ohioans who are gainfully employed. The findings are unsettling: while conventional wisdom says that the economy is booming, Cassell and Hanauer report that 80% of Ohio's workers and 70% of the nation's workers make less money in real dollars than comparable workers did twenty years ago.*

One factor influencing the decision of working class families in northeastern Ohio to send their children to college is that in all probability this family has seen its real wages decline by 12% in the last 18 years: from \$12.47 per hour in 1979 to \$10.94 per hour in 1999. In addition, while there are more and more single parent families where the mother is the sole wage earner, the gender gap still persists with women earning 37% less than men. For working class African American families, the picture is not bright: Ohio's black male workers have been hit the hardest by wage erosion, with a 28% drop in their real median hourly wage from \$13.88 per hour to \$10.00 per hour. These figures tell us that structural economic changes in Ohio's economy have eroded the material well-being of many of those working class and middle-class families who are most likely to send their daughters and sons to public universities.

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*The national analysis of these economic trends is found in the Economic Policy Institute's (EPI) *State of Working America 1998-1999* by Lawrence Mishel, Jared Bernstein, and John Schmitt. This publication is available from Cornell University Press or available from EPI's web site at: www.epinet.org.

Web Site Evaluation Criteria and Form

The Libraries' home page provides a link to criteria to use in the evaluation of Web sites. These are, in fact, used by Kent librarians in selecting Web sites as we compile subject-based Web resource pages. We recognize that a number of faculty give students a Web site evaluation assignment. Therefore, a Web site evaluation form has been designed to be used in conjunction with the criteria. Faculty are invited to use this form in their classes when making an assignment of this type. Three versions of the form are provided: PDF file, suitable for printing and completing as a paper copy; Microsoft Word and WordPerfect files for completing using word processing software.

The criteria and forms are found on the Libraries' home page under the section for "Internet/World Wide Web." ■

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Jonathan Goodman Delivers Borowitz Lecture “The Brighton Trunk Murders”

British crime writer, Jonathan Goodman, will deliver the annual Borowitz Lecture on Thursday, October 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the Library's 12th floor reading room.

Mr. Goodman's rich life experience includes service in the Royal Air Force and a highly successful career as a theatrical director and television producer. He turned to writing full time in the early 1980s and has since authored a long list of landmark works in the field of true crime including *The Passing of Starr Faithfull*, a 1996 publication of the Kent State University Press. Mr. Goodman is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a member of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences.

His topic will be "The Brighton Trunk Murders." In the first of the two crimes linked under this title, a jury found Cecil Louis England (alias Tony Mancini), a 26 year old waiter and convicted thief, not guilty of murdering his girlfriend, Violette Kaye, whose mutilated body was discovered moldering in a trunk he had stashed in his rooms. In the second crime, which came to light one month before Mancini's trial, the body of an unidentified woman was found in an abandoned trunk at the Brighton Railway Station. Although Tony Mancini was among the hundreds questioned, no evidence could be found to associate him with the second murder, and it remains unsolved to this day.

Please join us to hear Jonathan Goodman's unraveling of the grisly events surrounding two murders that filled the front page of every British newspaper through the summer of 1933. Mr. Goodman's presentation will be followed by a reception. Both the lecture and reception are free and open to the public. For more information contact Jeanne Somers at 672-2962 or jsomers@lms.kent.edu. ■



“David” by Bernini, Gianlorenzo (1598-1680), Italy. Upper detail from left.



East Building, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (1978) by I.M. Pei



“Landscape” by Hans Richard Von Volkmann, (etching, 19th-20th century, German).

Presenting: The Digital Media Center!

The OhioLINK Digital Media Center (DMC) is now live at the OhioLINK web site (<http://dmc.ohiolink.edu/>). The DMC is designed to allow users to search, view, download, and print images. The initial phase provides access to images in art and architecture. Included are the image collections from Saskia, Ltd. and AMICO, the Art Museum Image Consortium. The Saskia collection has 3,000 images, including those used in *Gardner's Art Through the Ages*. The

AMICO collections contains 54,000 images from American art museums. Another 20,000 are expected next year.

A future development will allow faculty to select and save selections temporarily for a class or project. The DMC will also serve as an archive for digitizing projects done at Ohio colleges and universities, expanding access to other constituencies. ■

Update on Services



OhioLINK has introduced a new "look" to its Website, located at <http://www.ohiolink.edu>. Included is a feature called "My OhioLINK." This allows you to customize the OhioLINK homepage with express links for the databases and specific journals you access frequently. This feature is designed for use from personal workstations. The setting of these options occurs only if your browser is configured to accept cookies. ■

Video Production Services from Teleproductions

Need a video tape made of an interview, a research procedure, or a demonstration on how to operate a piece of scientific equipment? The video production team of Teleproductions is available to produce video tape programs in its studio or on location.

Full production services are available -- script writing, graphics, editing, and more. This service is FREE for classroom instructional programs (client pays only for materials, such as the video tape). For more information, contact Dave McCoy at 672-2810. ■

Database News

Update on LEXIS-NEXIS Access

Until recently, the Libraries had limited access to the full LEXIS-NEXIS database. However, action by the vendor has disallowed that subscription level for us. We have, therefore, subscribed to the version of LEXIS-NEXIS designed for the general academic market. Known as LEXIS-NEXIS Universe or Academic Universe, this database has a simplified Web search interface that lacks some of the functionality available before.

One advantage to LEXIS-NEXIS Universe is that access is available via the Web from any University IP address or through offsite authentication via the proxy server. (Proxy server setup directions can be found at: <http://www.library.kent.edu/internet/proxy.html>).

The database is menued at the Libraries' Web site under "Article Indexes-Research Databases/Business and Law/LEXIS-NEXIS Universe." The URL for a direct connection is: <http://www.lexis-nexis.com/universe>. ■

Kent Use of the EJC

In August 1999, Kent State University users downloaded 1,457 articles from the OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center, up from 217 in August 1998.

New Databases from OhioLINK

- *Hand Press Books* - European printing from the earliest printed works to the 1830s. Some of the database's citations include copy specific information, including donor and previous owner.
- *Index to 19th Century American Art Periodicals* - An index of art periodicals published in the 19th century in the United States. It includes the complete contents of 42 journals (articles, art notes, illustrations, stories, poems, and advertisements) for the period of 1840 - 1907.
- *RLIN Bibliographic Database* - Serves as a comprehensive union catalog for everything from books and serials to archives, manuscripts, maps, music scores, sound recordings, films, photographs, posters, and computer files. Reflects the collections of major research and academic libraries; archives and museums; law, medical, and theological libraries; art and music libraries; area studies collections; public and corporate libraries; historical societies and book clubs. Similar to OCLC WorldCat. Updated daily.

New to the Electronic Journal Center

New to the Electronic Journal Center (EJC) in the past months are journals from Springer-Verlag, Kluwer Academic, the American Physical Society, and John Wiley & Sons. This is in addition to those from Elsevier Science, Academic Press, and Project MUSE. By year's end, it is expected the EJC will include about 2,500 titles. ■

Government Documents



The Libraries were designated a selective depository for Federal publications in 1962. The Government Documents Department, 10th floor, Main Library, houses a collection of well over 500,000 publications in print, microform, and CD-ROM. U.S. documents include legislative hearings, reports, documents, laws, and publications from various government agencies.

The collection also includes Ohio publications, state and Canadian geological documents, and United Nations publications. Staff is available to assist you 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, 672-2388.

New Documents

- *Futurework: Trends and Challenges for Work in the 21st Century* is now available online. This site is helpful for gaining statistics about the workplace. Sections include: work and family, workplace conditions, technology, and globalization. The site is available at: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/asp/public/futurework>.

Foreign Trade of the United States. Docs/Ref HF 1416.5 .F 68 1999 (non-circulating). This is the only comprehensive collection of basic statistical information about U.S. foreign trade available in print today. It combines statistics from multiple government and corporate sources to provide the most current data. Although many online sources are listed, the two most often cited are the Bureau of Economic Analysis (<http://www.bea.doc.gov/>) and the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/tradestats>).

- *CensusCD 1980*. Documents Workstation. The full results of the 1980 Census are now available in Documents on CD-ROM, complementing the search functionality available for the 1990 census data. *Census CD 1980* follows the same format used in similar census products and provides information down to the census tract level. For the first time, however, comparative statistics are available. Any search performed offers not only the results of the 1980 census, but the 1990 results as well. Percentage differences are provided. Search results can be saved for consultation

or further manipulation. Use is limited to the workstation in Government Documents.

Social Security Programs Throughout the World has been updated for 1999. This Web site includes basic social security legislation and administration information for 172 countries. A summary of programs exists for each country, including information about old age and disability insurance, and maternity coverage. The site

New on the Reference Shelf

The Handbook of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Wilmington, DE: Jireh & Associates. 1999. Ref LC2781.H45 1999

Written for students, school counselors and administrators, and black historians, this handbook provides in-depth information on historically black colleges and universities. Profiles include a brief history, a list of major courses of study, enrollment statistics, campus services, sports programs, admission and financial aid requirements, and contact information. The appendix also includes a directory of college planning web sites, a glossary of terms commonly used in college admissions materials, and reproducible applications for many of the colleges and universities profiled in the handbook.

African American Student's Guide to College: Making the Most of College: Getting In, Staying In and Graduating. New York: Random House. 1999. Ref LC2781.7.P37 1998

This excellent handbook is divided into four major sections. The first provides advice on selecting a college, navigating the admissions process, and obtaining financial aid. The second section, entitled "Staying In," discusses academic, mental, and physical health for African American college students. The resource guide includes sample admission letters, contact information for useful organizations, and a bibliography of suggested readings. The final section profiles 150 diverse colleges that provide positive atmospheres for African American students.