

A Note from the Interim Dean

On July 29, 1999, at the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), state commissioners passed a controversial piece of legislation, the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). This occurred despite strong opposition from a broad coalition of library associations and consumer groups as well as the Federal Trade Commission.

UCITA will now go to each state legislature for approval as a uniform state law. If UCITA becomes a state law, it would represent a significant setback for libraries, consumers, and educational institutions because it would permit corporate vendors to exercise significantly greater control over licensing terms in contracts for software and information products. If UCITA is passed, non-negotiable contract terms could be embedded within "shrink-wrap" or "click-on" mass market licenses.

The increased use of mass market licenses would threaten the copyright law principles and modest privileges under which the library community currently operates. These include fair use, preservation, and the unhindered use of works in the public domain. UCITA, if passed, would be a significant barrier to the following critical library goals:

1. Libraries must be able to purchase materials and contract for access to information on behalf of the citizens who use libraries.
2. Libraries must be able to make materials available on a non-discriminatory basis to the public.
3. Libraries need to be able to ensure that there are adequate and appropriate terms and conditions for access on the use of the materials.

The text of the proposed Uniform Computer Transaction Act is available in WordPerfect, ASCII,

Electronic Reserves: Planning for Spring and Beyond

The Libraries now offer electronic reserves (e-reserves) as an option to the traditional paper reserves collection. This service provides students in a given course controlled access to the e-reserve materials via the World Wide Web. Suitable materials for e-reserves are: journal articles, selected readings from monographic publications, course syllabi, class notes, sample tests, spreadsheets, and PowerPoint presentations.

More information on the benefits offered by e-reserves are given on page 3 of this issue. The Libraries hope to be able to meet the requests of all faculty wishing to migrate to this service from print reserves. Depending on demand, priority for Spring Semester will be given to distributed learning and Web-based courses. If you are interested in e-reserves for your courses for Spring or Fall 2000, please contact Judy Salvador, Coordinator of Reserve Services

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News from the Kent State University Libraries & Media Services
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Update on Services



New Overhead Projectors Placed in 60 Classrooms

Sixty new overhead projectors are being placed in classrooms throughout the campus, replacing older models. Funding for 12 of the projectors came from the Quality Classroom

Enhancement Project, and 48 were funded from Audio Visual Services' House Bill equipment allocation. All of the new projectors (and many existing models) have built-in spare lamps that can be switched into place if the lamp being used burns out.

Overhead projectors are located in each of the University's 200+ classrooms and lecture halls. In ten classroom buildings a student crew from AVS performs a regular clean and check program to keep the projectors in the best operating condition

Laptop Computers Available for Loan

Audio Visual Services is beginning a program to circulate laptop computers on a short term loan basis. These may be borrowed by faculty, graduate assistants, and staff for a maximum loan period of two weeks. The laptops to be circulated were made available by Academic Computing & Technology. These computers are Dell 333 MHZ machines, with floppy and CD-ROM drives, a 4.8 GB hard drive, 64 MB RAM, and the Windows 98 operating system. The software that is installed on the laptops includes: Office 97, Adobe Acrobat 4.0, Netscape 4.6, and Internet Explorer (IE) 5.0.

To connect to the campus network from a classroom or office network jack, you must have an IP address set up for the laptop in the campus IP-management database. To accomplish this set up, you must see your departmental network administrator. To place an order to borrow a laptop,

Database News

Philosopher's Index - New "Expanded 24/7" Access

Philosopher's Index is the premier resource in philosophy. The database contains 213,000 bibliographic citations with author abstracts covering scholarly research in fifteen fields of philosophy. It offers coverage of major articles from anthologies and books, and more than 480 journals from 38 countries published since 1940.

While this resource has been available in the Main Library on CD-ROM, the Library's new subscription allows students and faculty at Kent to access *Philosopher's Index* 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Web-capable computers at home or office.

Pathways to connect using your Web browser:

1. Through the Libraries' home page (<http://www.library.kent.edu/>), then go to Article Indexes/Research Databases.
2. Through the Libraries' Philosophy Web page (<http://www.library.kent.edu/subjects/>)

New Additions to the Digital Media Center Art & Architecture Database

OhioLINK recently added 40,000 new images of works of art to the Digital Media Center (DMC). This content has been licensed to OhioLINK by the Art Museum Image Consortium (AMICO), a group of more than 20 art museums and cultural institutions in North America.

Included are works from Europe, including ancient Greece and Rome; North America including Pre-Columbian art; Asia, including ancient Asia Minor; and Africa, including ancient Egypt.

Baptistry, Cathedral, and Leaning Tower



Overall view of complex from behind Baptistry



Detail view of Baptistry



What are the Benefits of Electronic Reserves?

Improved quality

Students have access to fresh electronic copies that are not subject to wear and cannot be lost. The problems common with paper copies—damage, deterioration, repeated stapling and unstapling, and loss of individual pages—are eliminated.

Increased access

Access is no longer limited to library service hours or to any specific campus. E-reserves are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from a computer with network access in a residence hall, apartment, or campus lab.

Simultaneous use

An e-reserve item is available for simultaneous use by students in a class, eliminating the prob-

lem of material being monopolized when in demand, such as before midterms and finals.

Availability for class demonstration

Reserve materials can be demonstrated and discussed in class.

Web course linking capability

As a Web-based resource, the e-reserves database (ERes) can be linked to any online course materials for ready use by students.

Controlled use

Password access and IP restrictions ensure that use of reserve materials is controlled and limited to students enrolled in the course.

Increased benefits for faculty

Faculty can check on the status of their materials at any time to verify that materials are available for students.



How Do I Use Electronic Reserves?

Library staff contact

If you are interested in using e-reserves for your course, contact Judy Salvador, Coordinator of Reserve Services (jsalvado@lms.kent.edu, 672-7906, ext.30).

Submission formats

Original documents will be converted to PDF (portable document format), which allows viewing and printing across both Windows and Macintosh platforms. The preferred format for submissions includes: Microsoft Word, Excel, or PowerPoint.

Priorities

Because e-reserve capacity is currently limited, faculty interested in e-reserves for their Spring 2000 course are encouraged to contact Judy Salvador now. Priority will be given to distributed learning and Web-based courses.

Lead time

The timeline for submitting items to be placed on e-reserves is three weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which they are needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.library.kent.edu/services/eres/index.html>

Government Documents

New Web Directory

- *Government Documents Ready Reference Collection.* Government Documents is proud to announce the launch of its *Ready Reference Collection* on the Web. The site indexes government resources by subject and includes both electronic and print formats. Links are provided for Web resources. Resources and subject categories are constantly being revised and added. The collection is available through the Government Documents page on the library's Web site or directly at: <http://www.library.kent.edu/govtdocs/gdref.htm>

New Documents

- *The American Factfinder.* The American Factfinder is now available online. This Web site provides access to statistics and other useful information about communities. Selections include Facts about community, Industry and Business, Population and Housing, Maps, and Search Factfinder. There are quick report and more in-depth report options under each selection. The site has a very user-friendly help screen. The site is available at <http://factfinder.census.gov>
- *Access UN and Readex UN Documents and Publications Microfiche Collection.* Increased access is now provided for UN documents. *Access UN* is available on the Web through the University's network access. It indexes UN documents and publications from 1997 to the present. The Readex CD-ROM index located in Government Documents provides indexing from 1961 to 1999. Print indexes are available from 1950 to 1962.

Government Documents has a complete run of

UN documents and publications on opaque and microfiche. Additionally, electronic full-text of resolutions is available for the General Assembly (1981-1999), the Security Council (1974-1999), and the Economic and Social Council (1982-1999).

- *Tiger/Line 1998 C 3.279:CD-TGR 98* Government Documents has received the 1998 version of Tiger/Line. The updated files

New on the Reference Shelf

Redei, George P. *Genetics Manual: Current Theory, Concepts, Terms.* River Edge, NJ: World Scientific, 1998. Ref QH427 .R43 1998

Designed for students, teachers, scientists, physicians, lawyers, and others who are interested in biology, this manual offers concise technical information on genetics from all of the biological sciences. In its coverage of more than 18,000 concepts and 650 illustrations, emphasis has been given to recent theoretical advances, new concepts, terms and their applications. The manual also contains an extensive bibliography of recent books and relevant databases for further genetics research.

Shilling, Henry. *The International Guide to Securities Market Indices.* Chicago: International Publishing, 1996. Ref HG4636 .S52 1996

This useful guide, written by the Vice President of Moody's Investors Service, catalogs, describes, and provides a historical context for 400 of the world's leading global, regional, and local securities market indices. Each profile contains a "Composite Index" and "Price and Total Return on Performance" data for the previous ten years, number and value of stock, index selection criteria, base date, computational methodology, and related indices. It also contains an excellent introduction to securities indices and an extensive directory to indices publishers.

Whitson, Kathy J. *Native American Literatures: An Encyclopedia of Works, Characters, Authors, and Themes.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, Inc, 1999. Ref PS 153 .I52 W47 1999

This work covers the influential authors, works, historical events, and fictional characters in

