A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

As has been announced, Ilee Rhimes, Chief Information Officer (CIO), is leaving the University for a position in industry, effective January 18, 1999. Those of us who have had a chance to work with Ilee appreciate the contribution he has made and recognize he will be hard to replace. We wish him well. I have been asked to serve as Interim CIO, effective January 18, until a national search has been conducted for the position. In this capacity, I will oversee Academic Computing, Institutional Research and Decision Support, Kent Infoworks, Learning Technology Services, New Media Services, Information Systems and Telecommunications, and related Information Services. An Interim Dean of Libraries and Media Services (LMS) will be appointed soon. I have every confidence in the management team and staff in LMS and know that they will maintain a steady, forward course during this period. I hope to return to LMS as soon as possible.

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Dean, Libraries & Media Services

There are Web resources and then there are Web resources.......

Librarians are working with an increasing number of students who have been advised by their instructors not to use Web resources in completing their assignments. This is interpreted, of course, as a prohibition on anything that is accessed through a Web browser. However, this causes a dilemma given that more and more traditional library resources are now only Web-accessible, including most of the major indexes to journal articles and a growing number of scholarly journals.

We understand that for most users it is not possible to know which resources available through the Libraries & Media Services' Web site represent:

- selection based upon criteria similar to that used for print materials.
- access provided through purchase or subscription and therefore limited to valid users at Kent State University.

Therefore, we are considering labeling those Web-accessible resources menued on the Libraries' Web site that have both of the characteristics described above. An example of how this would look is:

✔ Periodical Abstracts

The key would ✔ indicate that these resources have been selected and are subscribed to by the Libraries or by OhioLINK and that access is limited to Kent State University users.

Any comments and suggestions are welcomed and can be sent to Barbara Schloman (x.3045, ext.42, or schloman@kent.edu).

Significant Changes for Select Databases

Dataware, OhioLINK's new search interface, is being implemented for 10 additional databases. By the end of January, it will be the only access available for *Biological Abstracts* and *Compendex*. The remaining 8 databases will continue to have OVID access as well through March. Therefore, for these, you will see two access links—for Dataware and OVID—provided through the Libraries' homepage. These databases are: *AIDSline, BioethicsLine, CancerLIT, CINAHL, ERIC, HealthStar, MEDLINE,*
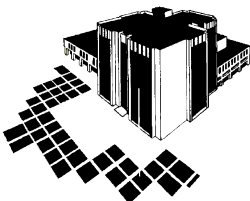

Sixty-Minute+ Seminars this Spring

NEW — AT Your Convenience Seminars
We are providing several Web tutorials as part of the spring Sixty-Minute+ Seminar series that individuals can utilize at their convenience. Faculty may also wish to direct students to these. The tutorials will include: Company Research, *Eudora*, Introduction to the Web and to Research on the Web, and *ISI Citation Indexes*. The Sixty-Minute+ Seminar flier provides information on access. We are hopeful these will serve a need and be convenient to use. Your responses will be welcomed!

Traditional Seminars
In-person Seminars this spring will feature a number of sessions designed to aid users in making the transition to the Dataware search interface for specific databases. Also scheduled are sessions on: using the Libraries' Home Page, getting "instant" articles, electronic journals, business research, and a variety of others on creating multimedia presentations (*Netscape Composer*, digital camera, scanner, *Photoshop*, animated GIF images).

Full descriptions and a registration form are available at *http://www.library.kent.edu/60min/*.

Footnotes

Databases Recently Added

A number of databases have been added in the past two months. Most of these are being made available because of our participation in OhioLINK. All but one are Web-accessible (the exception is noted below) and are menued through the Libraries' Web site (*http://www.library.kent.edu*) under "Article Indexes/Research Databases." Web access means that they are available through any computer connected to the campus network. Off-campus users who qualify can connect through University PPP accounts, or access is possible for any valid user with a personal Internet Service Provider (ISP). The ISP connection requires setting browser preferences to connect through the University Web proxy server. Instructions on using the proxy server are available at: *http://www.library.kent.edu/internet/proxy.html*. Questions about access should be directed to the University Information Systems HelpDesk (x.2031).

AccessUN

AccessUN, an index to United Nations publications, is now available on the Web. *AccessUN* is easy to use and indexes publications beginning in 1996. It supplements the *United Nations Index on CD-ROM* which is available on the first floor of the Main Library and in the Government Documents Department on the 10th floor. The CD-ROM offers retrospective indexing back to 1961. Government Documents has the complete collection of UN publications, going back to 1945. The Government Documents staff is available to assist users with the Web or CD-ROM indexes and with accessing publications from the collection.

America: History and Life

America: History and Life is a complete bibliographic reference to the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. Published since 1964, the database comprises almost 400,000 bibliographic entries, providing an incomparable research tool for students and researchers of U.S. and Canadian history.

Black Studies on Disc (Main Library access only)

Workstations in the Reference Center, Main Library, now provide access to *Black Studies on Disc.* This resource provides access to the cumulative catalog of the New York Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, considered one of the foremost centers for the study of people of African descent worldwide. The *Catalog* contains more than 108,000 citations to works by and about people of African origin. Also on the CD-ROM is the last five years of the *Index to Black Periodicals* covering relevant information appearing in popular and scholarly periodical

Business & Industry (B&I)

Business & Industry is a database of broad-based business information at an international level. It includes 60% full-text coverage and draws business news, facts and events from over 1000 trade publications, national, international, regional newspapers, business dailies, and newsletters. The focus is on facts, figures, key events, market information and intellectual property information.

Contemporary Women's Issues

The *Contemporary Women's Issues* database provides full-text access to global information on women, including information from journals, newsletters, and research reports from non-profit groups, government and international agencies. Information on women in over 190 countries is compiled to bring together information from such disciplines as sociology, psychology, health, education, business.

GeoRef

GeoRef is the American Geological Institute's geoscience database containing over 1.9 million records of North America since 1785 and other areas of the world since 1933. The database is the equivalent of four major reference publications: *Bibliography of North American Geology*, *Bibliography and Index of Geology Exclusive of North America*, *Geophysical Abstracts*, and the *Bibliography and Index of Geology*. Until now there was limited access to the CD-ROM product.

Historical Abstracts

Historical Abstracts is an index to scholarly material dealing with the history of the world from 1450 to the present (excluding the United States and Canada, which are covered in *America: History and Life*).

Statistical Universe

Statistical Universe is now available via the Libraries' Web site. It was previously available in the Main Library on CD-ROM. This preeminent index bills itself as providing the "most comprehensive access to U.S. statistical information." The sources indexed include those from Federal agencies, associations, business organizations, commercial publishers, independent research organizations, state governments, university research centers, and international organizations. Some references link directly to full-text Web resources.

Growth Spurt for the *OhioLINK Central Catalog*!

Additional independent colleges have joined OhioLINK and are contributing their library holdings to the *OhioLINK Central Catalog* . As with other OhioLINK library holdings, these will be available for online or onsite borrowing. Included are Ashland University and the libraries in the OPAL consortium, which is comprised of:

Antioch College	Malone College
Atheneum of Ohio	Mount Carmel School of
Baldwin-Wallace College	Nursing
Bluffton College	Mount Union College
Defiance College	Muskingum College
University of Findlay	Otterbein College
Franciscan University of	Tiffin University
Steubenville	Wilberforce University
Heidelberg College	Wilmington College

Wanted: Your Participation in the Library Survey

All interested students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to provide input on library services and resources through the survey available at all library service points and at the Libraries' Web site (*http://www.library.kent.edu/planning/*). The survey will be available through January 31. Also, participants are being sought for a series of focus groups. If interested, contact Susan Barnard (*sbarnard@lms.kent.edu,* 672-7906, ext.45).

New From Documents

The National Climatic Data Center is now providing access for Federal Depository Libraries to its Online Document Library, which contains the following files (in PDF format): *Monthly Climatic Data for the World*; *Storm Data*; and *Local Climatological Data*. These files can be accessed/ downloaded from any Library workstation at the following address: *http://www5.ncdc.noaa.gov/pubs/publications.*

The U.S. Census Bureau has numerous publications available online (in PDF format) at the following site: *http://www.census.gov/prod/www/titles.html.* New publications available online from the Census Bureau are announced regularly at: *http://www.census.gov/prod/www/new-stat.html.*

Project Muse

The OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center (EJC) now includes over 40 scholarly journals from Project MUSE. Published by Johns Hopkins University Press, this collection includes a wide variety of humanities titles. Some titles are from 1995 forward and others begin with 1996. With the Project MUSE titles, the EJC now contains nearly 1,400 journal titles. It is accessible through the Libraries' homepage or at *http://journals.ohiolink.edu/etext/*. The MUSE titles are:

American Imago	*Late Imperial China*
American Jewish History	*Lion and the Unicorn*
American Journal of Mathematics	*Literature and Medicine*
American Journal of Philology	*Milton Quarterly*
American Quarterly	*Modern Fiction Studies*
Arethusa	*Modern Judaism*
Bulletin of the History of Medicine	*MLN*
Callaloo	*Modernism/Modernity*
Configurations	*New Literary History*
Diacritics	*Performing Arts Journal*
Eighteenth-Century Life	*Philosophy and Literature*
Eighteenth-Century Studies	*Postmodern Culture*
Emily Dickinson Journal	*Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*
ELH	*Review of Higher Education*
Henry James Review	*Reviews in American History*
Human Rights Quarterly	*SAIS Review*
Imagine	*Technology and Culture*
Journal of Asian American Studies	*Theory and Event*
Journal of Democracy	*Theatre Journal*
Journal of Early Christian Studies	*Theatre Topics*
Journal of Modern Greek Studies	*Wide Angle*
Journal of the History of Ideas	*World Politics*
Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal	*Yale Journal of Criticism*

Proxy Server Technical Details

The Web proxy server enables valid users to connect to restricted resources from off campus using their personal Internet Service Provider. Proxy server instructions at: *http://www.library.kent.edu/internet/proxy.html* have been updated with more technical details. Included are HTML versions of all documentation. Assistance in using the proxy server is available from the University Information Systems HelpDesk (x.2031).

Student Multimedia Studio Expanding Services and Facilities:

The Student Multimedia Studio (formerly known as the Student Multimedia Development Lab) will be reopening in its permanent location in AVS with new computer systems and capabilities in time for the beginning of Spring semester on January 19. The Studio is available to any Kent student for the development of Web, multimedia, graphics, animation, or digital video projects for class or personal use.

New studio facilities feature two 2D/3D Graphics/Animation Workstations with Wacom Digitizing Tablets, two Digital Video Production Workstations, seven Web Development / 2D Graphics Production Workstations and an Interactive Multimedia Development Workstation with a CD Recorder. All workstations include color scanners and 100 MB Iomega Zip drives, 128 MB RAM, large (8 to 13) GB Hard Drives, 19" Monitors and T1 connections to the WWW.

Also available are 4 digital still cameras and a DV Camcorder for overnight use and photo-quality color printing services. The Student Multimedia Studio provides facilities on a do-it-yourself basis, or staff can provide one-on-one or small group training by appointment.

New on the Reference Shelves

American National Biography (REF CT213 .A68 1999, v.1-24):

This 24 volume set, published by the American Council of Learned Societies and Oxford University Press, is the successor to the *Dictionary of American Biography*. The 17,500 biographies have been updated and revised by more than 6,000 historians and scholars. Criteria for inclusion was substantially broadened to reflect our diverse history, attempting to cover "all sects and sections, races, classes and parties" of American life. Leaders such as Sojourner Truth, Charles Guiteau, and Martha Washington, who were formerly omitted, are now well-represented in this collection.

International Dictionary of Historic Places (REF CC135.I585 1994, v.1-5):

This Fitzroy-Dearborn dictionary contains essays on over 1,000 historic places. The five volumes are divided into geographic areas: Americas; Northern Europe; Southern Europe; Middle East and Africa; and Asia and Oceania. Each essay provides a physical description, photograph, geographic location, contact information, an in-depth history, and a bibliography for further reading.

Netprint Addresses Printing Needs

Netprint has been deployed on the 1st and 2nd floors of the Main Library and is being extended to other labs on campus and eventually to branch libraries as well. The system uses the new campus one-card ID. The user swipes her/his one-card at the printstation and then selects and prints his/her print job. The charge is deducted from the user's "gold account" on the one-card system.

Lab and library managers across campus have agreed to a uniform implementation of this project. They have also agreed to a uniform price of 7 cents for the standard 8.5 x 11" black and white laserprint.   This project promises to deliver networked control of laserprinting campus-wide, while requiring the administration of only one system. More importantly, it offers a single look and feel for the user across campus— the cost, the process, and the look of the user screens will all be uniform.

New *InfoSource* Tutorials

New tutorials for basic computer applications have been added to the Academic Computer and Technology Web site (*http://act.kent.edu/infosource/*). Additions include:

> *Microsoft Access 97 for Windows 95 Advanced*
> *Microsoft Outlook 97 Fundamentals*
> *Microsoft PowerPoint 97 for Windows 95 Advanced*

To obtain, either:

(1) Download from the Web site mentioned above by selecting the tutorial of choice and clicking on "Diskless Download." This will be one file that you will save to a temporary directory on your hard drive. After the tutorial has downloaded successfully, go to the directory with the file using "File Manager" or "Windows Explorer." Double click on the filename, which will cause the tutorial to install automatically.

OR

(2) Bring computer disks to the Computer Lab, 1st floor, Main Library. Student assistants will show you how to download to the disks.

For assistance in installing, contact the the University Information Systems HelpDesk (x.2031).