

A Note from the Interim Dean

We continue to monitor changes on the scholarly publishing landscape. A good summary appeared recently in *Nature*—"The Writing is on the Web for Science Journals in Print" (*Nature*, 397, January 21, 1999, pp.195-200; also at <http://www.nature.com>). The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) alliance of universities and research libraries is working to use library buying power to support lower-cost alternatives to high-priced science journals. SPARC has had some initial success. Membership has doubled since its formal launch seven months ago, and its 152 members now include the Royal Society of Chemistry and the American Chemical Society. Both of these societies will offer new lower-cost alternatives to high-priced journals in return for SPARC endorsement. SPARC-supported journals include *Evolutionary Ecology Research* (<http://www.evolutionary-ecology.com>), now in its second issue; *PhysChemComm* (<http://www.rsc.org/physcc>), which is now available online; and *Organic Letters* (<http://www.pubs.acs.org/journals>), which launches in July 1999. *Evolutionary Ecology Research* is of particular interest because its entire editorial board defected in protest from *Evolutionary Ecology* published by Kluwer. The Kluwer title now costs libraries \$777 per year; the new title will be offered at one-third that cost. *PhysChemComm* is intended to compete with the \$8,000 Elsevier title *Chemical Physics Letters*. I will continue to report on encouraging developments in our efforts to cope with the crisis in scholarly publishing.

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Evaluating Web Resources

In the last *Footnotes* issue, we commented on librarians' concern that users be able to identify the Web resources which have been selected and access paid for because they have met the criteria used for any library acquisition. Access to these resources is typically limited to valid users at Kent State University because of purchase or license agreements.

Outside of these selectively acquired resources, we share a concern that users be able to evaluate freely accessible Web resources. Therefore, we offer a Web page of "Criteria for Evaluating Web Resources" (<http://www.library.kent.edu/internet/criteria.html>). This is menued on the Libraries' homepage under the "Internet/World Wide Web" category.

The criteria are written in question form. The major headings include:

1. Authority: Who created the site?
2. Purpose and intended audience: Is the purpose and intention clear, including any bias or particular viewpoint?
3. Accuracy and quality: Are facts documented and links provided to other quality Web resources?
4. Currency: Is the information current and last update indicated?
5. Usability: Is the site well-designed and stable?

Any comments and suggestions are welcomed and can be sent to Barbara Schloman (schloman@kent.edu).

Interim Dean for Libraries & Media Services

Mark Weber has been appointed Interim Dean of Libraries & Media Services while Don Tolliver serves as Interim Chief Information Officer for the University. Previously, Mark served as Associate Dean and as Director of Staff Services. Prior to joining the staff at Kent in 1991, he was Assistant Dean for Personnel at the University of Cincinnati.

Highlighting Useful Web Sites

To point users to useful Web sites, the Libraries' Web site includes a section on "Resources by Subject Category." Included here are compilations of some of the best and most useful Web sites by subject area. The selection criteria used in creating these pages are also given. The subjects covered to date include:

Art	Modern & Classical Language Studies
Consumer Health	Nursing
Criminal Justice	Pan-African Studies
Education	Philosophy
English	Political Science
Ethnic Heritage Studies	Psychology
General Reference Sources	Sociology
Legal Resources	

Your comments and suggestions are welcome!



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

BHA (Bibliography of the History of Art/Bibliographie d'Histoire de l'Art)

BHA is a bi-lingual bibliographic database on the history of post-classical Western art. It is a joint publication of the Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique (INIST) of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and the Getty Information Institute. Publication began in 1991. The database contains the records from the former *RILA (International Repertory of the Literature of Art)* and *RAA (Repertoire d'Art d'Archeologie)* which date back to 1973. This CD-ROM resource is available only on one workstation in the Main Library Reference Center. It is updated annually.

Disclosure Global Access

Network access now is available for this key source for current and historical financial and business information. *Disclosure Global Access* is an integrated research tool designed to provide quick, desktop access to a full-range of critical company information. The content includes: filings and reports, SEC and Worldscope Databases, insider analytics, investment research reports, articles online, earnings estimates, presentation-ready tearsheets, and stock quotes. It can be accessed through the Libraries' Web site under "Article Indexes/Research Databases" and then under "Business and Law."

New From Documents: O*NET 98

The U.S. Department of Labor has replaced the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*, which was last updated as a print resource in 1991, with a CD-ROM version called *O*NET 98*. Users can search either by a known occupation for information on work activities, skills, outlook and earnings, or by skills required for an occupation. Both search options give a profile with more detailed results available.

The CD-ROM is easy to use and is a valuable resource for labor research or for help in choosing a career. It is available only in Government Documents on the 10th floor, Main Library. Documents staff is available for assistance with *O*NET* on Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dataware Update

Public preview of the Dataware interface is now available for the following databases through the month of March. On March 31, the OVID search interface will be discontinued and the Dataware interface will be the only search mode available.

<i>AIDSline</i>	<i>ERIC</i>
<i>BioethicsLine</i>	<i>HealthStar</i>
<i>CancerLit</i>	<i>MEDLINE</i>
<i>CINAHL</i>	<i>PsycINFO</i>

Links to full-text in the Electronic Journal Center now exist for these databases, as well as for *Biological Abstracts* and *Compendex*. When looking in any of these databases at a full record for which full-text is available, you will see "Retrieve Full Text" as an option in the right-hand bar.

This link to full-text will be added to other Dataware databases by July 1.

End to telnet access for the databases listed here will occur March 31. Dataware is a Web-based interface only.

Dataware instructional support is available by contacting the Reference Department and arranging an in-person session with the appropriate subject librarian or requesting a copy of the instructional guide for *Biological Abstracts*, *ERIC*, *MEDLINE*, or *PsycINFO*. (Contact x.3045 or library@kent.edu).

Online Access to Library Resources — A Guide

An updated guide has been prepared to describe the various access options available to University users in connecting to electronic library resources. It highlights choices for Web access on and off campus, as well as telnet access. Useful references to other documentation are given also. Of particular interest is how users with their own personal Internet Service Provider (such as AOL or RoadRunner) can obtain access to otherwise restricted resources.

The guide is available at <http://www.library.kent.edu/internet/onlineac.html>. University Information Systems HelpDesk (x.2031 or helpdesk@kent.edu) will answer any questions about connecting.

Use Kent Web Tool to Publish Your Web Syllabi Today!



Kent Web Tool makes it possible to convert a word-processed syllabus into a Web document within minutes. All that is required is to cut and paste or type in your syllabus, set an access code, and your course information is available 24 hours a day, from any place with Internet access. Make corrections and changes any time. Add links and more Web pages later. Your students will be able to check class textbooks, office hours, reading lists, study guides, assignment deadlines, the course meeting schedule, and other information. *Kent Web Tool* is freely available for use by University faculty. No signup, waiting, or permission is required. *Kent WebTool* is at: <http://courses.dl.kent.edu/syllabi/>

Kent WebTool is provided by the Office of Learning Technology Services: Curriculum Services and was developed by Erik Haugsjaa. Direct any questions to Julie Burke (x.9742, ext.56, or burke@kent.edu).

Kent WebTool Step-By-Step

- In your web browser, open <http://courses.dl.kent.edu/syllabi/>
- Click the *Create A Site* link.
- In the fields indicated, type in your *name*, *phone*, and *e-mail address*.
- Select your *home campus* and *department* from the menu lists.
- Type in your *course number*, *section number*, select the current or next *semester* offered, and type in the *course name*.
- Create a *username* and *password* for yourself. Write down the password so that you'll remember it. This prevents anyone from changing your syllabus.
- Type in a descriptive 'courseword,' like HIST30300. It is best to use your department abbreviation and course number. Students type this to log in.
- If you would like to restrict viewing of your syllabus, create a 'secret word' in the *Course Login* field, and make a note of it. Students must type this password to view the syllabus. (This is an optional feature provided in the event that you have copyrighted material in your syllabus materials).
- Paste your *syllabus* in the large blank field. You may also type directly into the field, in text, or in HTML codes.
 - If you are typing HTML codes, do not use <p> codes. The 'enter' key will suffice.
 - If your course materials are more than one document, paste them in one after the other. You are creating a single large document, or one web page. (You may go further and create numerous linked pages, which is beyond the scope of this guide.)
- Click the *Submit* button. You may now preview your syllabus. Type the *courseword* and *login* password if you created one.
- Hand out the Web address, the *courseword* and *login* password to your students.
- Questions? Contact Julie Burke (x.9742, ext.56, or burke@kent.edu).

Tax Forms Galore

In the Main Library:

- Copies of commonly needed Federal, State of Ohio, and City of Kent forms are available in the Main Library lobby.
- Other Federal forms may be photocopied from the *Reproducible Federal Tax Forms for Use in Libraries*, available in the Reference Center. Also available is the Commerce Clearinghouse *IRS Publications* volume.

On the Web:

- Federal: current, as well as prior year, tax forms and publications are available at:

http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms_pubs/index.html

View a listing of forms by alphabetical or numerical order or use the keyword search to find needed forms. There are various formats available to download and print forms. *Adobe Acrobat Reader* is usually necessary. A free download of this software is available at the tax form Web site.

- State: Ohio tax forms are available at:
<http://www.state.oh.us/tax/tabforms.htm>

Laser Printing in the Main Library

Laser printing in the Main Library and in the public computer labs on campus requires the use of the FLASHcard, which now serves as the University identification card. To print, a user needs to have placed money on their FLASHcard Gold Plan account. The printer then debits 7 cents per laser print.

To obtain a FLASHcard: students, faculty, and staff should contact the FLASHcard office at Eastway (x. 2273).

To add money to a FLASHcard:

- encoder machine in the Main Library lobby: The machine will take bills of any denomination and add the entire amount to your FLASHcard.
- at the FLASHcard Office at Eastway: The door is on the back side of the building, by the loading dock. Or, a user can call and add funds with a credit card (x. 2273). Open Mon 8 - 5, Tue & Wed 8 - 6:30, Thurs & Fri 8 - 5, closed weekends. Any cash amount can be added to the card (no minimum). If charging to a credit card, the minimum is \$1.00.
- at the Auxiliary Services Office, 104 Kent Student Center (x.2592). Open Monday - Friday, 8 - 6. Any cash amount can be added to the card.

New on the Reference Shelves

Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition (REF QP141 .E526 1999, v.1-3):

This new work from Academic Press draws together the diverse and complex elements of the rapidly developing science of nutrition. A comprehensive three-volume set, this encyclopedia covers: physiological aspects of nutrient and energy requirements by different population groups; measurement of dietary intake; nutrient composition of the main food groups; associations between diet, lifestyle and disease; clinical applications of nutrition; influences on food choice and eating behavior; nutritional guidelines internationally; food labeling; and a range of other related topics.

International Encyclopedia of Dance (REF GV 1585 .I 586 1998, v.1-6)

One of the first major reference works on dance, this encyclopedia provides comprehensive coverage in three areas: Western theatrical dance, theatrical dance in the non-Western world, and ritual and recreational dance. It also includes extensive illustrations and photographs.

North American Industry Classification System (REF HF1042 .N67x 1999)

From the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget, this manual introduces the NAICS classification code which replaces the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) System. NAICS has been structured to better reflect a modern service economy and achieve compatibility with all NAFTA partners. This manual also contains an appendix which cross-references the 1987 SIC codes to the new NAICS codes.

