A Note from the Dean of Libraries & Media Services

As summer approaches, we wish to inform you of developments that may affect some of your library-related activities. Big news is that OhioLINK has launched the Electronic Journal Center (EJC), which to date houses the Elsevier and Academic Press journal titles. Additionally, work continues at OhioLINK to develop a new interface for most of the research databases. The first set of databases will migrate to this new software in July. Also of interest to faculty and contract staff is the announcement by University Information Systems of the availability of graphical Web access from off-campus locations. Enjoy your summer!

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Offsite Graphical Web Access

The University is now supporting graphical Web access, using a browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer, from off campus through a phone line connection. In addition to providing general access to the Web, this enables a user to connect to all KentLINK and OhioLINK services from offsite, including those databases which are Web-only and for which licenses require user authentication.

The policies that guide this service have been put in place by the University Council on Technology (UCT) and its Remote Access Task Force. University Information Systems (UIS) is managing the service.

This connection is available for the following groups:
- Faculty
- Administrative contract staff
- Graduate students with appointments
  (Graduate Assistants, Teaching Assistants, and Research Fellows)

Individuals in any of these three categories can contact the UIS Help Desk to obtain information and assistance in getting connected (x.2031).

Non-contract administrative staff with the need for offsite Web access to do University-related work can obtain privileges with the endorsement of their department head or chair. To request an application form, contact the Help Desk and return the form to Bruce Petryshak, Executive Director, Information Systems and Telecommunications.

OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center Debuts

The OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center (EJC) is still under construction, but is open for use at: http://journals.ohiolink.edu/ ejtext/

The EJC includes more than 1,100 journal titles from Elsevier Scientific and 170 journals from Academic Press. The coverage for Elsevier titles is presently from 1997 to the present, with 1995-96 being added. Users will notice gaps and some duplicate issues; these problems are being addressed. The Academic Press titles are from 1995 through February 1998. Weekly updates for this material will begin shortly.

OhioLINK plans to install a user profile system soon that will allow individuals to have results of regularly run searches against newly added journal contents delivered to them by e-mail. We will notify you when this capability is available.
Exhibit of Contemporary German Book Art

From May 11th through August 21st, the work of contemporary German book artists will be on exhibit in the 12th floor Reading Room of the Main Library. The exhibit will feature 58 books, both one-of-a-kind objects and limited editions, that suggest the great variety of book art being created in Germany today. Viewers of the exhibit will find the traditional as well as the experimental. All of the books combine text and illustration; most are printed from hand-set metal type. The exhibit will be free and open to the public between the hours of 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, contact the Department of Special Collections and Archives at x.2270.

Web Index for Criminal Justice

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service Abstracts Database (formerly known as the NCJRS Document Data Base) provides 100-200 word abstracts for more than 145,000 criminal justice publications from the early 1970s to the present. Literature covered includes U.S. Federal, State, and local government documents, books, journals, unpublished research reports, and program descriptions and evaluations. Subject areas include: corrections, courts, drugs and crime, law enforcement, juvenile justice, crime statistics, and victims of crime. Currently 355 new items are added each month. The Web version is updated twice monthly and is available through the Libraries’ Web site under “Research Databases” or at:
http://www.ncjrs.org/database.htm

OhioLINK Subject Finders

OhioLINK is preparing Subject Finders to assist users in finding information on topics that cut across subject lines. Specifically, these guides will help in selecting potentially useful databases and in preparing the most effective search strategies. The initial Subject Finders cover: biographical information, book reviews, and company information. The “Biographical Information” Subject Finder, for example, highlights how to find information on individuals in various disciplines using the appropriate databases from Arts & Humanities, Business & Law, Health Sciences, Science & Technology, and Social Sciences. These guides can be found at: http://www.ohiolink.edu/db/

“To Publish and Perish”

The Libraries have received permission to mount the article, "To Publish and Perish" on our Web site for the benefit of the Kent community for the next six months. Originally appearing in Policy Perspectives, a publication of the Pew Higher Education Roundtable and the Knight Collaborative, the article highlights the development of commercial publishing over the past several decades and the looming breakdown of scholarly publishing as we know it. It is available at:
http://www.library.kent.edu/whatsnew/pew.html

UnCover Article Index

UnCover is a database containing brief descriptive information for over 7,000,000 articles from more than 17,000 multidisciplinary journals from Fall 1988 to present. A particularly useful feature is the capability to view table-of-contents information by specific journal issues. It is also possible for an individual to order full-text copies for a fee for many of the articles that are indexed. This resource is available both through Web and telnet access and can be reached through the Libraries’ Web or telnet menus under “Research Databases.”

Database News

Congressional Compass is now entitled Congressional Universe. This change is reflected on the various Kent and OhioLINK menus.

Contemporary Authors has some functional changes, including:
- results ranked according to relevancy,
- capability to reorder results list by alphabetical order, file type, or source of the entry.

ERIC has recently been reloaded to reflect changes from the 13th edition (1995) of the Thesaurus. Also, following requests from users, records for ERIC documents now include the number of pages in the document.
Datware is coming....

Datware will premier as the new search interface for the following 16 citation databases in July. It will be Web-only and the current search software from Innovative Interfaces will be discontinued in August. The databases currently under the OVID interface will migrate to Datware in January 1999.

ABE/Inform
Applied Science & Technology Index
Art Index
Biography Index
Biological & Agricultural Index
Book Review Digest
Cumulative Book Index
Education Index
Essay & Literature Index
Index to Legal Periodicals
Library Literature
Matter of Fact
MLA (Modern Language Association Bibliography)
Newspaper Abstracts
PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service)
Periodical Abstracts

Change in E-mail for some users

This item applies to you, if you:

- access your e-mail from off-campus and use a commercial Internet Service Provider (ISP), AND
- use a POP e-mail program such as Eudora or Netscape Mail and have your e-mail setting for outgoing mail set to smtp.kent.edu

Academic Computing and Technology has taken steps to comply with Internet etiquette and reduce the likelihood of bulk e-mailing (i.e., SPAM) through the University by non-Kent users. Specifically, this means:

- **You CANNOT** use the smtp.kent.edu setting in the POP software for your outgoing mail. Therefore, this setting will not work:
  
  **SMTP host:** smtp.kent.edu
  
  Instead, you need to use the SMTP host setting provided by your ISP.

- **A desired option** provided by most ISPs allows you to handle your mail by using the settings for the Kent POP server (for incoming mail) and for the ISP's SMTP server (for outgoing mail). In this case, you would set up your POP mail program at home like this:

  **POP account:** yourKentiD@pop.kent.edu
  **SMTP host:** yourISPaccountSMTPhost
  **return address:** yourKentiD@kent.edu

For clarification or technical assistance, contact the University Information Systems Help Desk at x.2031.

GLOSSARY:
ISP: Internet Service Provider
POP: Post Office Protocol
SMTP: Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
spam: "...flooding the Internet with many copies of the same message, in an attempt to force the message on people who would not otherwise choose to receive it." (http://spam.about.net/whatis-spam.html)

Boyer Commission Report: In the News and on the Web

The report of the Boyer Commission on Educating Undergraduates in the Research University, Reinventing Undergraduate Education: A Blueprint for America's Research Universities, has been in the news and is available at:

http://news.cc.sunysb.edu/Pres/boyer.nsf/
Government Resources for Job Hunters

Government resources can be an excellent source for determining employment trends, finding growing job markets, and gathering statistics on various aspects of labor and industry.


Career Guide to Industries, 1998-99 Docs/Ref L 2.3/4:3-998-99 (non-circulating). An annual publication from BLS, the Guide provides data on 40 industries which accounted for over 70% of jobs in 1996. Each section includes the nature of the particular industry, working conditions, employment, earnings, outlook, and other information on individual goods-producing and service-producing occupations.

Web Sites for Job Hunters

The Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) provides links to various state and national job listing sites. Also included are links to job hunting guides, including "The Riley Guide" and the "College Grad Job Hunter". Government employment opportunities are also listed here.

http://www.oplin.lib.oh.us/RESOURCES/employ.html

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management provides a Web site with current job openings within the federal government. Types of positions listed include summer jobs, trades and labor, professional career, and others. The Web site also defines each career.

http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/a.htm

Statistical Resources on the Web: Labor and Employment

The University of Michigan Documents Center offers links to Web sites with statistical information concerning labor and industry. Links include: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census Bureau, and many other government and academic sites. This very useful site is at:

http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center sui/lab.html

Learn from traffic statistics, don't be one!

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) produces statistics on all aspects of transportation in the U.S. In addition to information found at their Web site (http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov), the Libraries have several of their useful publications.

Children and Youth Traffic Safety Book, Docs/Ref TD 8.2:C 43/22 (non-circulating). Included in this repository item are injury and fatality data on young people from 5-20—the ages after child safety seat use and before the legal drinking age. Chapters include information on alcohol, safety belts, pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, speed, and school buses. A reference list is also provided.

1996 Youth Fatal Crash and Alcohol Facts. Docs/Ref TD 8.39:996 (non-circulating). This volume concentrates on traffic fatalities related to alcohol of young persons between the ages of 15-20. Statistics describe blood alcohol content by state. A separate section provides individual graphs and tables appropriate for copying or creating transparencies.

Traffic Safety Facts 1994. Docs/Ref TD 8.2:T 67/13:994 (non-circulating). The NHTSA compiles statistics concerning all forms of traffic fatalities, from accidents resulting in property damage to those that result in loss of life. Statistics in this compilation include: trends, crashes, vehicles, people, and states. More than one hundred tables are provided. A glossary and an index are also included.