

News Notes

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News

Move Recap Meetings, November 15 & 16: The purpose of these meetings is to brainstorm on what went well with the moves to Ackerman and Sullivant and what we could have done differently. These discussions will help us better prepare for future moves. November 15, 1:30 p.m., Room 5628, Ackerman; November 16, 2 p.m., Room 244, Sullivant.

Music/Dance Library Annual LP Sale, Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: The LPs include jazz, classical, Broadway shows, film scores, easy listening, folk, and spoken word. Most of the LPs are used, but some are in factory-sealed envelopes and others are test pressings and items that are one of a kind. Most items are \$1 (for example, a 3-disc LP set would cost \$3). Books, musical scores, and CDs will also be on sale. Sale items are donations that have been approved by the donors to be in the sale. Proceeds benefit the Music/Dance Library Endowment Fund.

Call for Proposals/Battelle Endowment Grants for Technology and Human Affairs: Battelle Endowment proposals may conceive of technology broadly; they are not limited to computer technology. In general, the review committee places high priority on projects that investigate the impact of technology on human affairs and explicitly address other aspects of the Battelle Endowment mission. The endowment usually funds three to six annual projects in the \$10,000-\$60,000 range for faculty projects that:

- Reflect on the interactions of science and technology with the needs and aspirations of individuals and societies;
- Increase the sensitivity of future leaders to the relationship between technology and social needs;
- Comprehend both the capabilities and limitations of science and technology;
- Serve and educate the public.

Proposal deadline is November 3. For more information, email (betha@admin.ohio-state.edu) or call 292-5881.

Call for Submissions/Barbara Van Brimmer Academic Scholar Awards: The Barbara Van Brimmer Academic Awards honor an accomplished Ohio State University library scientist whose passion for medical history and the history of medicine contributed to the creation of the Medical Heritage Center at the Prior Health Sciences Library at OSU.

Individual awards are intended to support Ohio State University faculty or professional staff engaged in academic activities in the fields of library information and library science in the acquisition of new knowledge related to medical history and the history of medicine, and those interested in preservation training and education. Appropriate areas or topics for support include an innovative research project, a specific educational experience, or a well-defined career enrichment activity. Importantly, the activity would take place under the aegis of a nationally known educational program. Applicants must have an affiliation with The Ohio State University.

Submit applications by email attachment to Committee Chair, [John Kleberg](#), not later than December 15, 2006.

Community Charitable Drive: This week's winner is Eleanor Block! Eleanor has won an Entertainment Book. You, too, can be eligible to win a great gift donated by a local merchant by making a pledge to the Bucks for Charity Community Charitable Drive. We have pledges totaling \$9,635 to date! We are well on our way to our goal of \$14,500. We will draw another winner next Friday, October 27, so get those pledges in to Marilyn Willhoff by using the self-addressed envelope in your packet. As usual, if you have any questions or need a donor packet, please let us know!

Marilyn Willhoff, Sonja Thompson, Laura Kissel

Margo Jones Award honors playwrights Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee

On September 28, at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles, The Ohio State University Libraries and College of the Arts presented the Margo Jones Award posthumously to the playwriting team of Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. The award honors those who have demonstrated a significant impact, understanding and affirmation of the craft of playwriting, and who have encouraged the living theatre everywhere.



A highlight of the celebration was the reading of a scene from *Inherit the Wind* by noted actors Edward Asner and David Selby, directed by prominent director Gordon Hunt. Making the presentation were College of the Arts Dean Karen Bell, Theatre Research Institute Curator Nena Couch, and Theatre Research Institute Director Alan Woods. Joining in the festivities were many OSU and COTA alumni including Dr. Bernice Zahm and Lynn Dally; theatre, television and film professionals Richard Lewis, Fay Kanin, Hal Kanter,

Susan Loewenberg, and Jayne Meadows Allen, among others; and family members and friends of Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee.

The accomplishments of Lawrence and Lee include such long running and widely produced plays as *Inherit the Wind*, *First Monday in October*, *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*, and *Auntie Mame*. Lawrence and Lee were co-founders of American Playwrights Theatre, administered at OSU by emeritus Theatre faculty member David Ayers.

In addition to plays, Lawrence and Lee's legendary 52-year partnership produced dozens of books for musicals, screenplays, radio and television scripts, biographies and textbooks, and national and international publications. Both writers taught frequently, sharing their expertise and mentoring playwrights at the University of California, the University of Southern California, The Ohio State University, New York University, and Baylor University. The playwrights were recipients of many awards jointly and individually. Lawrence received the Ovation Board of Governors Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999.

Margo Jones supported and nurtured new plays at the theatre she founded in Dallas in 1947 including *Inherit the Wind*, which later opened at the National Theatre in New York; William Inge's *Farther Off From Heaven*; and Tennessee Williams' *Summer and Smoke*. The pattern she created for developing theatre works is now a standard for producing new plays.

The award was established in 1961 and has been administered by the Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute at The Ohio State University since 1993.



Lectures/Presentations



Joel Best

"Statistical Literacy: What's the Problem?," with Dr. Joel Best, Tuesday, November 14, 1:30 p.m., Faculty Club Grand Lounge, 181 S. Oval Dr.: The first in a series of four lectures on "information overload," this program features Dr. Best, author of "Damned Lies and Statistics" and "Flavor of the Month: Why People Fall for Fads." For more information, contact [Tom Cetwinski](#), 292-2503. Presented by the OSU Libraries Lecture Committee and supported by the Friends of the OSU Libraries.

KNOW Classes for Fall '06 at the Prior Health Sciences Library offer faculty and staff development opportunities in healthcare education, information, and technology. October classes include; Copyright and Fair Use, Resources for EBM Information, Finding and Using Online Journals, Health Information Literacy, and Technology Tools and Pod casting. For information about all of the fall classes and online registration, go to the Prior Health Sciences Library [calendar](#). We are interested in adding new topics to the classes and appreciate your suggestions. Contact [Rebecca Ayers](#), 292-4893.

ReadAloud, Thursday, October 26, 3-4 p.m., Crane Cafe, Hagerty Hall: Check for this week's [readers](#). ReadAloud will take place in the courtyard in fair weather and otherwise in the adjacent space indoors.

People News

Beth Whittaker and her husband David welcomed their baby, Sarah Frances, October 18 at 3:55 p.m. Sarah was 7 lbs, 4 oz and 21 1/4 inches long. Everyone is doing well!

Spot Bonuses

Information on spot bonus awards is taken from recipients' letters of congratulations.

Patrick Hancy/Cataloging Department: We especially appreciate your extra effort to catalog the Western languages materials (mostly Latin, French, and most recently Africans). You also cataloged ETDs and helped in eliminating the backlog in this area and keeping the cataloging of the ETDs current. This is additional responsibility that you took over without any hesitation. In addition, you also cataloged African materials that were housed in the department for a long time. You did not know any of these African languages, but with a dictionary you were able to figure out how to search and catalog them.

Mike Vanecko/Science & Engineering Library: We especially appreciate your extra effort for the significant changes that had to be made in SEL rooms 040 and 004 in a short period of time. Room 040 is the Mathematics and Statistics Learning Center (MSLC). Because the math tutoring and workshops were inactive over the summer, you installed the Collection Management Team (CMT) in that ideal space to work on the weeding/transferring project. As crates of newly purchased furniture and equipment for MSLC began to arrive, you checked them in and stored them...throughout the entire project, you communicated logically and thoroughly with all parties. Your initiative and self-motivation made all this possible in a short length of time, with a minimum of fuss.

Joanna Anderson/Administration: We especially appreciate your extra effort in preparing a mailing list of 1,500 names for the Thompson Library Farewell Fiesta invitations on October 19. You took leadership of the invitation project and compiled the list, managed the student employees who stuffed and sealed the invitations and met the mailing deadline. It was a big job and you did excellent work.

Honors

Miroljub Ruzic, East European and Slavic Studies, received a letter of thanks from OSU's Center for Slavic and East European Studies for the work of he and his staff on collection information submitted for the Center's Title VI proposal. The letter, from Assistant Director Luke Wochensky, stated that "The library collection has been a major positive aspect to the Title VI proposals for at least the past two cycles."

"It is my pleasure to inform you that all three evaluators gave us a perfect 15 out of 15 score for the library collections. The fact that these scores are a repeat from our 2003 evaluations only exemplifies the great work of you and your staff, Dr. Matejic and his staff at Hilandar, and to the great state of our Main Library as a whole."

Publications

John M. Bennett, Rare Books and MSS Library, has published a chapbook of zaumist poetry, NIT FLOATS, Columbus: Luna Bisonte Prods, 2006. Co-authors are Rea Nikonova, Serge Segay, and Baron. He also gave a solo poetry performance and a performance with the sound poetry group "The Be Blank Consort," at Prescott College, Prescott, AZ, October 13, 2006. John has published an article, "The Blank Generation: An American Avant Garde", in CAIETELE/LES CAHIERS/NOTEBOOKS TRISTAN TZARA, v. 3-4, no. 5-12, 2005., and a book of collaborative poetry, SPECK, Espoo, Finland: cPress, 2006. Co-author is Jim Leftwich. He

also has published an article: "The Translinguistic collaborative poetry of Serge Segay, Rea Nikonova, and John M. Bennett", *RUSSIAN LITERATURE* (Elsevier), LIX, 2/3/4, 2006, pp. 361-374.

Exhibits

Sugar and Spice--Little Girls in the Funnies: An Exhibition of Peanuts Girls and their Predecessors, Contemporaries and Successors

Through January 5, 2007

[Cartoon Research Library](#), 27 West 17th Ave.

Sugar and Spice is a sampling of girl characters who are comic strip protagonists, girls who are sidekicks of leading boy characters, and comics families with daughters. How girls were depicted in comic strips before and after Schulz created the *Peanuts* girls is the question asked by the exhibit. The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center hosted this exhibition from February 2 through June 30, 2006. The exhibit was guest-curated by Lucy Shelton Caswell, of the Cartoon Research Library.

Human Resources Update

RETIREMENTS

Faculty

Information Services Department – Melvon Ankeny – Assistant Professor – retired effective 01 October 2006

RESIGNATIONS

Administrative & Professional

Accounting Department – Susan Meager resigned her Accountant position effective 18 September 2006

Staff

Fine Arts Library - Maria van Boekel resigned her Library Associate 1 position effective 08 September 2006

Information Services Department – Katherine Norton resigned her Library Associate 2 position effective 26 August 2006

APPOINTMENTS

Faculty/Administrative & Professional

Library Book Depository – Kevlin Haire has accepted the position of Librarian 1- 100% FTE – replacing Drobik – effective 25 September 2006

Scholarly Resources Integration Department – Henry Griffy has accepted the position of Program Coordinator/Documentation & Training – 100% FTE – replacing Iacobellis – effective 03 October 2006

Serials and Electronic Resources Department – Daniel Mayo has accepted the position of Administrative Associate 1 – 100% FTE – New Position – effective 25 July 2006

Special Collections Cataloging – Daniel Noonan has accepted the position of Electronic Records Archivist – 100% FTE – effective 30 August 2006

Staff

InterLibrary Loan Services – Robert Ross has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant – 100% - replacing Tonya Maniaci – effective 05 September 2006

Science and Engineering Library – Kara Haynes has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant – 100% FTE - New Position – effective 17 September 2006

Science and Engineering Library – Christopher Whiteman - has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant – 100% FTE – replacing Kennedy – effective 18 September 2006

VACANCIES

Administrative & Professional

Information Technology Department – Systems Developer/Engineer – 100% FTE – replacing Wang

Staff

Scholarly Resources Integration Department – Office Associate - 100% FTE – replacing Jackson

Music and Dance Library – Library Associate 2 – 100% FTE – replacing Wilkenson

In order to comply with University procedures, employees who are applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NEWS NOTES Online and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the five-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review University employment opportunities at:

<http://jobs.osu.edu/>

Retirement News

Ruey Rodman, Health Sciences, retired August 31.

Mel Ankeny, Reference/Thompson, retired from the University Libraries on September 29. *I wanted to take this final opportunity to say goodbye to all my friends and colleagues at The Libraries! Thanks for all the kind wishes and generous comments on my retirement and departure - you are an extraordinarily capable and interesting group of people to have known. My very best to all of you in the challenging years ahead!*

Elva Griffith, Rare Books and Manuscripts, retired October 1. Elva had been with OSU for 34 years and began as a student assistant. For the last 14 years she has been at Rare Books and Manuscripts, supervising the reading room and assisting patrons. Countless staff,

students, and faculty have benefited from her tireless dedication, enthusiasm and meticulous attention to detail.

NewsNotes now includes announcements that were included in *QuickNotes*. *NewsNotes* is once again the Libraries' sole newsletter, and will be distributed weekly every Tuesday. Please submit items, including pictures, by Friday. Submissions should be emailed to [Larry Allen](#).

The next issue of *NewsNotes* will be distributed on Tuesday, October 31.