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News

Provost Snyder headed to Case Western: President Holbrook released the following statement last week: *I have the great pleasure of telling you that Barbara Snyder was announced as the next president of Case Western Reserve University to begin on July 1, 2007. While this is a tremendous loss for Ohio State, it is a great opportunity for Barbara and an extraordinarily fortunate and strategic hire for Case. Barbara will bring the leadership, vision, energy, experience, solid good judgment and collegiality to Case to advance this fine AAU university. In the meantime, she will be fully engaged in her job until the day she leaves this university in late spring. I know her colleagues join me in congratulating her and wishing her much success and happiness in her new position.*

Rhimes leaving CIO post: Ilee Rhimes, Chief Information Officer at OSU since November 2000, is resigning his position at OSU, effective February 1, 2007. Rhimes has accepted a position as Vice Provost for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer at the University of Southern California. Under Rhimes' leadership a university wide information technology strategy (PlanIT) was developed at OSU that is a national model. In addition, Rhimes and his team helped guide successful implementation of enterprise-wide solutions related to human resources and the general ledger, including application of these solutions to the OSU Research Foundation.

Reminder about Calendar/Training Resources: There are several online calendars available to keep library staff up to date on upcoming meetings, training events and activities:

- **Meeting and Events Calendar:** Marilyn Willhoff maintains a calendar of all known events and regularly scheduled and special meetings for each month. The calendars are available on the Staff Information page under the category of People, etc.; they can also be accessed directly at the following URL: <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/comcal.html>. If you know of a meeting or event and the information is not already on the calendar, please supply [Marilyn](#) with information so it can be added.
- **Training Calendar:** Marilyn Willhoff maintains a calendar of training activities available each month. These calendars are available on the Staff Information page under the category of Training; they can also be accessed directly at the following URL:

<http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/training/calendars.html>. If you have information about a training opportunity/conference that is not listed on the calendar, please supply [Marilyn](#) with the information so it can be added.

- **Human Resources/Organization & HR Consulting Information:** The University's Organization and Human Resource Consulting office (OHRC) provides quality consultation, organization development and training services for staff and faculty to enhance organizational effectiveness and efficiency, individual and work group performance, and the quality of work environments at Ohio State. **OHRC events are listed on the Libraries' training calendar (previous listing).** To learn more about OHRC programs, see their web site: <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/index.asp>

Training Opportunities

“Copyright and Getting Published - Know Your Rights,” Brownbag, February 1, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., SEL 090: Trisha Davis will talk about copyright issues involved in getting published. Topics will include protecting your rights, examples of forms you may be expected to fill out, and what to do when you are asked to forfeit too many of your rights.

Lectures/Presentations

Clifford Lynch, Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information, University of Maryland University College, Thursday, January 11, 3:30 p.m., refreshments; 3:45 p.m., lecture; OSU Faculty Club Grand Lounge, 181 S.

Oval Dr.: CNI is an organization dedicated to supporting the transformative promise of networked information technology for the advancement of scholarly communication and the enrichment of intellectual productivity. Some 200 institutions representing higher education, publishing, network and telecommunications, information technology, and libraries and library organizations make up CNI's membership.

People News

Susan Logan Retires: Susan ends her long career with the OSU Libraries on December 22. She came to The Ohio State University as an undergraduate, completing a B.S. in Home Economics in 1962. After completing an MLS at the University of Western Ontario (1970), Susan joined University Libraries as General Librarian and Supervisor of the Shelf List Conversion Unit, Cataloguing Information Systems Librarian and Instructor, Research and Development (1970-71). Her career here included: Information Specialist and Instructor, Mechanized Information Center (1973-78); Coordinator of Automated Library Systems (1978-99); and Head of the Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Library (1999-present). Susan was promoted to Assistant Professor (1984) and Associate Professor (1999).

Susan coordinated the work required to take the Library Control System (LCS) from an online circulation system to a full blown catalog containing serial holdings, full bibliographic records, and authority control. Because LCS was a homegrown system, written by several programmers at OIT, Susan had the ongoing responsibility of working with the programmers and others in the library to design new system functions, write specifications, and test and implement system changes. LCS was one of the earliest online catalogs, so the pioneer efforts led by Susan were of much interest to the profession. Susan's success in enhancing LCS step by step, to the point where it could serve as OSU's public access catalog, allowed OSU to close the card catalog before other libraries were ready to take that step. Similarly, Susan was responsible for coordinating OSU's OhioLINK implementation, again a



pioneer effort. The idea of the OhioLINK consortium and a central catalog that supported patron-initiated online borrowing was completely new, and Susan participated in writing the RFP specifications and in selecting a vendor (III) to fulfill them. She also coordinated several major initiatives that had to be completed at OSU to get us ready to join OhioLINK. Many people carried out the projects but Susan had the responsibility of coordinating everything and making sure that it got done in time.

The online catalog was the primary technology focus for much of Susan's career, but she was responsible for other "firsts" as well -- the development of the grant funded Gateway to Information, for which Susan was a project manager; the pre-Web online delivery of locally mounted reference databases; the transition from public terminals to networked public computers; the implementation of BuckID printing; support for creation of OSUL's initial Web presence; and the expansion of the Automation Office to include staff other than Susan herself.

Those of us who were here working with her can appreciate the significance of her accomplishments and the dedication and hard work it took for her to achieve them. Susan's persistent intellectual curiosity has served OSU well, enabling her to envision new directions and to build relationships with colleagues, such as those at OIT, to help us move in those directions.

Carole Hinchcliff will be leaving the Moritz Law Library next year to move with her family to Australia. Carole's husband Ken has accepted an appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Melbourne. This is, of course, an exciting opportunity for Carole's husband and, also, a chance for both of them to return "home." In her nearly 20 years at Moritz, Carole has held just about every professional position in the library from Reference Librarian through Acting Director and has done exceedingly well in each. In addition to her work in the Moritz Library, Carole has been a valued member of the Dispute Resolution Program, a teacher, a staff attorney and, in her spare time, has served on innumerable College and University committees. Carole will not be leaving until June.

Correction to last week's issue: *NewsNotes* incorrectly identified the awards received by Karen Diaz and Gerry Greenberg. The "OSUL Teaching Excellence Award" went to Karen in recognition of exemplary and innovative teaching over the course of the academic year and the "OSUL Virginia Tiefel Achievement in Teaching Award" to Gerry in recognition of continuing contributions to exemplary and innovative teaching in the Libraries.



Karen Diaz



Gerry Greenberg

2006 Holiday Party a Hit

The Libraries' annual holiday party, December 14 at Ackerman, was attended by hundreds of the system's faculty and staff. Music, food, tours of the newest OSUL library and conversations with colleagues made the event festive and fun.



Human Resources Report

Appointments

Staff

Information Technology Department - Kenneth Drobnack has accepted the position of Systems Developer/Engineer – 100% FTE – effective 02 January 2007

Vacancies

Faculty

Arabic and Islamic Studies – Librarian – 100% FTE – New Position

Administrative & Professional

Administrative Services Department – Accountant – 100% FTE – New Position – 1st Listing

Health Sciences Library – Accountant – 100% FTE – New Position

Scholarly Resources Integration Department – Program Coordinator – 100% FTE – New Position – 1st Listing

Staff

Health Sciences Library (CTR for Knowledge Mgmt) – Account Clerk 2 – 100% FTE – New Position

Interlibrary Services Department – Library Media Technical Assistant – 100% FTE – replacing Ross

Science and Engineering Library – Information Associate - 100% FTE – New Positions (3) – 1st Listing

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 NEWSNOTES 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 5-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:
<http://www.ohr.ohio-state.edu/index.htm>

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.

Feathers, Leathers & Fur: A Fashion History

Through May 19, 2007

Historic Costume & Textiles Collection Library, Campbell Hall, 1787 Neil Ave.

An exhibition that explores the role feathers, leathers, and fur have played in garments and accessories and their effect on various animal populations throughout history.

NewsNotes is distributed weekly on Tuesdays. Because of the holiday break, the next issue of NewsNotes will be distributed on January 9, 2007. Please submit items, including pictures, by Monday, January 8. Submissions should be emailed to [Larry Allen](#).