



News Notes

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News

"I Believe in Ohio State" Campus Campaign

Who's that Kid?: The Great Unveiling

The mysteries were finally resolved last week, as the kid pictures of 20 colleagues were revealed to the audience. Some were easily recognized; others, well, weren't...

Betty Sawyers announces "Who's that Kid?" at the April 17 unveiling at the Ackerman Library. →

Diane Sleimers' cake, with the photos of the Libraries' staff who were the mystery kids. →

If you missed the resolution, check it out at the [staff web site](#). Just click on "Great Unveiling."





Figure 1: Inside the attic of Thompson, which will be converted into a gathering space/penthouse.



Figure 2: The restored "Grand Reading Room," with the floor dividing it into two floors now removed.



Figure 3: The two pavilions on the Oval side of the library have been torn down.

Work Progressing on the Thompson Library

The renovation of the Thompson Library is humming along, with visible progress both inside and out. These pictures, taken by Wes Boomgaarden last week, highlight the work being done on familiar sections of the building.

Keep up to date with the exterior work by checking the two live web cams, accessible from the Library's [web site](#). Just click the "Live views of the Thompson Project" link under News.

Look for more renovation pictures in next week's NewsNotes.



Figure 4: The Stacks Tower reaches for the sky



Carnivale is fun for all
The Libraries' "Carnivale" at the Ackerman Library on April 24 offered plenty to do, including rowdy games of Bingo, tasty sno cones, a basketball toss and a balloon toss. Proceeds will go to the Campus Campaign.



Operation Feed Campaign Underway; 2007 Goal is 4 Million Meals: Operation Feed is a way for the community to work together to provide meals for people in need. Every year, local businesses, government agencies, school children and civic groups join forces to donate critically needed food items and dollars during this community-wide food drive. Operation Feed helps stock the shelves in 228 food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters in six central Ohio counties: Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Madison, Pickaway, and Union. Each of these agencies depends on Operation Feed to provide nutritious, filling food for the people they help. Forty percent of the people helped by Operation Feed are children.

With your food and financial donations, Operation Feed can provide complete, nutritious meals throughout the year. We count your donations in meals!! Both food and dollar donations are measured in meals. One pound of food = One Meal. One dollar = Two Meals.

Please focus on the following "essential eight" food items:

- * Canned Fruit
- * Canned Vegetables
- * Canned Tuna or Other Canned Meats
- * Beef or Chicken Stew (Complete Meals)
- * Oatmeal
- * Macaroni & Cheese
- * Pasta
- * Peanut Butter (Any Peter Pan or Great Value peanut butter purchased after the most recent recall (03/13/07) should be good.

The food collected is stored at the Mid-Ohio FoodBank.

Make you check or money order payable to "Operation Feed" and give to the University Libraries' Campaign Coordinators. 100% of you donations provide food for those in need. Donations of food can be placed in the boxes at each library location.

Charles Smith/Human Resources
Christina Moore/Cataloging Department
-Operation Feed Campaign (University Libraries) Co- Coordinators

Jia Yang and Hong Yu, pictured here with Wes Boomgaarden, concluded their visit to the Libraries April 25. The two exchange librarians were here from the Shanghai Library.



“David McCullough: Leadership and History You Don’t Know,” Monday, April 30, 4 p.m., Wexner Center Film/Video Theater, 1871 N. High St.: Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough has been widely acclaimed as a “master of the art of narrative history,” “a matchless writer.” He is twice winner of the National Book Award, and twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize. In December 2006 he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nations’ highest civilian award. McCullough’s books have been praised for their scholarship, their understanding of American life, their “vibrant prose,” and insight into individual character. Mr. McCullough’s most recent book, “1776,” the number one *New York Times* national bestseller in both hardcover and paperback, has been called, “brilliant...powerful,” “a classic,” while his previous work, “John Adams,” remains one of the most critically acclaimed and widely read American biographies of all time. This lecture is co-sponsored by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs and the Ohio Telecom Association. This lecture is free and open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Please email apr30@jgippm.ohio-state.edu or call 614-688-3206, ext. 3, by April 23.

Training Opportunities

- **Training Calendar:** <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/training/calendars.html>.
- **Human Resources/Organization & HR Consulting Information:** <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/index.asp>
- **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 first category of People, etc.; they can also be accessed directly at the following URL: <http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/comcal.html>.

Lectures/Presentations

Gregory Crane, Editor-in-Chief of the Perseus Project, Wednesday, April 25, 3:30 p.m. (Note: the date and time have changed), OSU Faculty Club Grand Lounge, 181 S. Oval Dr.: Crane is Professor of Classics at Tufts University. He is currently directing a \$2.7 million grant to study the problems of digital libraries in the humanities. Much of his personal scholarship since 1998 has gone into expanding the Greco-Roman materials in Perseus, designing collections on London, the history of mechanics and the American Civil War. Cranes current research focuses on computational humanities and how the field can democratize information without compromising intellectual rigor. *Presented by the OSU Libraries Lecture Committee and supported by the Friends of the OSU Libraries.*

Peggy Hoon, Scholarly Communications Librarian, North Carolina State University, Tuesday, May 8, 3:30 p.m., OSU Faculty Club Grand Lounge, 181 S. Oval Dr.: Peggy Hoon provides guidance to the library staff on matters pertaining to scholarly communication, including electronic resource licensing, copyright and fair use, and user privacy issues. She also provides guidance to faculty and others at NC State on scholarly communication matters and copyright ownership or use issues and policies. *Presented by University Libraries, Office of the Chief Information Officer, the John A. Prior Health Science Library and the Moritz College of Law--Law Library. Supported by the Friends of the OSU Libraries.*



Sign of the Times

A recent addition to the construction fence at Thompson alert students to alternate study sites. The sign is posted at four locations around the perimeter of the construction area.

People

Spot Bonuses

Joe Shaw, Sullivant, received a spot bonus for his extra efforts in vetting CIPS requests for IT equipment, services, improvements and changes. Despite the fact that this essentially asked Joe to move beyond the parameters of his HSS IT liaison responsibilities, this “system” has turned out to work brilliantly, mostly due to Joe’s solid IT knowledge and experience, thoughtfulness, enthusiasm, and willingness to be helpful. Joe took the lead to set up an IT assessment of a specific CIPS location at the end of 2006 and has since followed up on a succession of requests (that may never end) for additional IT equipment and services.

Dona Straley, Ackerman, received a bonus for the excellent work that she continues to accomplish in fitting the collection into phasing locations in Ackerman and Sullivant, weeding the Book Depository and the collections in general, and preparing the collection for returning to the renovated Thompson. Under Dona’s balanced leadership, the collection is in better shape than ever, we know more about its shape, and we are developing a workable plan that will allow us to reopen the renovated Thompson with a viable circulating collection without having to compromise the capacities of other library locations.

Danny Dotson, Science & Engineering, received a spot bonus for his persistent efforts to reach his constituent faculty and students by revisiting the old fashioned idea of distributing newsletters. Danny has created newsletters for Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science, Computer Science and Engineering, Mathematics, and Statistics – one for each particular faculty and one for each particular student community, or eight in total. All are linked from the SEL site at <http://library.osu.edu/sites/sel/newsletters/>. Danny also distributes the newsletters in paper. Danny’s paper newsletters respond to this expressed faculty need.

Welcome to our new colleagues!

Regina Patterson, Account Clerk 3, Business Office, Sullivant



Regina works in the Libraries' Business Office. She process invoices, communicate with vendors, handles monthly billing for Inter-Library loan service and assists patrons with their Library accounts.

Background: BA Library Sciences & Information Systems

Married 33 years, Regina's husband is a retired Naval officer, with three adult children, (oldest son is an attorney in Tampa, FL, daughter is a HR specialist with Sears in Chicago, the youngest son is an communications engineer with MTV/Nickelodeon in NYC.

Home: Berwick, in Columbus.

Hobbies: Traveling, gardening, reading and board games.

My last job of seven months was actually with the College of Dentistry, here at OSU. My responsibilities were primarily administrative and customer service oriented. Prior to that I was with Columbus Public Schools for three years as an elementary/middle school librarian assistant. I loved the position and working with the kids; it was the other duties as assigned that weren't so great, like lunchroom duty or recess, especially in the winter!

Steve Dawson, Accountant, Administrative Services, Ackerman

Steve is responsible for the accounting functions of the Libraries' budget. He produces and monitors monthly reports, reconciles payroll, expenditures and deposits and insures proper internal controls are followed. Steve also acts as liaison for the Libraries with divisions of the Office of the Controller, the Research Foundation, the Libraries Business Office and vendors.

Background: Bachelors Degree in Accounting

Steve is single, with two daughters. He was born and raised in Cleveland. His previous job was with Turner Broadcasting Systems in Atlanta, where he worked as a corporate accountant.

Hobbies: Tennis, trail walking



VACANCIES

FACULTY

Scholarly Resources Integration Department - Metadata Librarian

ADMINISTRATIVE & PROFESSIONAL

Health Sciences Library (Medical Heritage Center) - Curator - 100% FTE - New Position
- 1st Listing

Information Technology Division - Systems Developer/Engineer (Web Developer) -
replacing Wang - 100% FTE - 1st Listing

Scholarly Resources Integration Department - Program Coordinator - 100% FTE - New Position

STAFF

Business Library - Library Media Technical Assistant - replacing Levine - 100% FTE

Health Sciences Library - Library Media Technical Assistant - 100% FTE - 2nd Listing

Science and Engineering Library - Information Associate - 100% FTE - New Positions (2)

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

Will Eisner: Storyteller

Through June 8

Cartoon Research Library

Will Eisner was one of the great cartoonists of the 20th century. He created the comic feature *The Spirit*, wrote the early graphic novel *A Contract with God*, and taught succeeding generations of cartoonists for many years at the School of Visual Arts. Eisner also produced two seminal works of comics theory, *Comics and Sequential Art* and *Graphic Storytelling*. In the last decade of his life, he wrote or adapted a dozen graphic volumes, culminating with *The Plot: the Secret History of the Protocols of Zion* which was published shortly before his death in 2005. *Will Eisner: Storyteller* draws from the Cartoon Research Library's Will Eisner Collection to celebrate highlights of his life and career through rare photographs and original art. The exhibit opens with samples of Eisner's early work and includes two complete *Spirit* stories from the 1940s as well as art from his recent books such as *Sundiata* and *Last Day in Vietnam*. Eisner's contributions to cartooning were recognized through numerous international honors including awards from the prestigious festivals in Angoulême, France, and Barcelona, Spain. He received the Reuben Award, the National Cartoonists Society's highest honor, in 1998. On April 19, the Wexner Center for the Arts will host a special free pre-release screening of *Will Eisner: the Spirit of an Artistic Pioneer*, a documentary about Eisner, in the Film/Video Theatre at 7 p.m. Additional information about the film is at <http://www.wexarts.org/fv/index.php?eventid=2090>

Feathers, Leathers & Fur: A Fashion History

Through May 19

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.

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