The best we can do for each other is to remove unnecessary obstacles, and the worst--to weaken any of the motives which urge us to strive.

Mrs. Bernard Bosanquet

### Calendar of Events

**Faculty Meeting**

June 8, 2000 at 3:00pm in 122 Main Library. Items for the agenda should be submitted to Betty Sawyers, faculty secretary, by noon on Friday, June 2, 2000.

**Exhibits**

Bombs, Spies, and the End of the World: The Cold War in Word and Image

Philip Sills Exhibit Hall - North Gallery

The Ohio State University Main Library
I would like to thank those individuals who participated in the two short-term renovation planning meetings that were held on Monday, May 22, for staff who work in the Main Library building. I hope you will give careful consideration to the goals and general strategies discussed at the meeting.

Although some suggestions have been discussed about changes that could be made, I want to reiterate the fact that no firm or final decisions have been made at this time concerning the short-term renovation plans.

We have scheduled two additional open meetings with Main Library staff to further discuss possibilities for changes and improvements that fall within the goals that were discussed at the meetings on Monday. I urge you to try to attend one of the two additional meetings that will be held in early June. Your ideas, concerns, and opinions are important. The meetings will be held at the following times in Room 122, Main Library:

June 7, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
June 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Also please feel free to schedule a meeting to speak directly with me, or contact me via e-mail either at my direct address, branin.1@osu.edu, or at the special account that has been set up for the renovation project (librenov@osu.edu). This latter account is monitored by both myself and Wes Boomgaarden.

The PowerPoint presentation that was given at Monday's meetings is also now available on the Libraries' Web site at the following URL, which does not require a password and can be accessed directly:

/Renovation/renov522/sld001.htm

This presentation outlines four major goals to be followed in making plans for the short-term renovation. It also provides floor plans showing the existing configurations on 1st, 2nd and 3rd Floors, as well as blank floor plans that indicate the current space usage, plus two additional areas on each of the 2nd and 3rd floors which could be cleared to provide additional user space.

I think it is important that we finish a review of the four basic goals that are outlined in that presentation soon and then move on to the harder tasks of developing strategies and detailed designs for reaching these goals.

Joseph J. Branin
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Call For Nominations

Colleagues,

The Staff Advisory Council (includes both civil service and A&P staff) identifies and discusses staff concerns, communicates those concerns to the Director, and tries to identify activities with which to improve staff morale. We sponsor or help sponsor the quarterly birthday parties, Student Appreciation activities, a Spring or Summer Fun day, Staff Appreciation activities, the Halloween sub club party and costume contest, and the Winter Quarter Holiday festivities. We have participated in discussions on performance tools and dimensions, merit raise distribution recommendations, and interviewed applicants for the Human Resources' and Director's positions. Working with the faculty Planning and Policy Committee we administer the Director's award for outstanding staff members.

Participation on the council requires a commitment of time and effort, attendance at meetings and enthusiasm. The Council generally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, but for planning activities we meet more frequently. In accordance with our constitution at /Staff/comcharges/stfadv.html, as of July 1, 2000, the Council will be composed of 5 core members, 1 ex-officio and 5 elected members representing diverse areas of the libraries.

Four of the core members will be:
Akua Bandele - Public Services
Anutosh Datta - Department Libraries
Jana Murphy - Public Services
Cheryl Obong - Technical Services
The fifth member will be chosen later by Committee members

The ex-officio member will be Toni Morrison.

We have vacancies in the following library areas:

- Administrative Services (includes Administration, Business Services, Facilities and Human Resources), 2000-2002
- Preservation (Bindery Preparation and Collection Maintenance), 2000-2002
- Public Services (Department Libraries), 2000-2001
- Special Collections Libraries (includes 3rd floor Main Library), 2000-2002
- Technical Services, 2000-2001

You may nominate yourself or a co-worker (a civil service or A&P staff member) to represent the Libraries staff as a member of the Council by completing and returning the attached form. You may nominate as many staff as you wish from the areas with vacant positions. Please check with the nominee before submitting a name. Email us at libstfadv@lists or print and the form and mail it to the Libraries Staff Advisory Council, 106 Main Library, 1858 Neil Ave. Mail by June 2, 2000.

For additional information, please contact one of the following: Akua Bandele (2-2786); Anutosh Datta (2-3031), Lisa Iacobellis (2-6314), Tony Maniaci (2-1086), Toni Morrison (2-5917), J. R. Murphy (4-4762), or Cheryl Obong (2-6314).

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Training Advisory Council

The Training Advisory Council is seeking at least two new members to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2000. The Council helps to determine training needs throughout the Libraries and to establish and maintain training programs. The workload of the Council varies, with intense periods occurring especially in the late summer, and much of the work is done outside of the regular monthly meetings (typically the afternoon of the...
fourth Thursday of each month). Members should expect to spend an average of 4 hours/month on Council work and meetings. No previous experience in training is required, although having served as a volunteer for student training sessions would be helpful. Staff members should check with their supervisors before applying.

To apply, or to have any questions answered, contact any member of the Training Council by June 15th.

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The 1st Annual OSU Library Student Employee Appreciation Day

~ All Library Employees are invited! ~

When: Thursday, June 1, 2000
2:00-4:00pm
Where: Northside of the OSU Main Library
(rainsite Main Staff Lounge)

What: PIZZA - POP - CAKE
DOOR PRIZES
A SPECIAL GIFT FOR THE FIRST 250 STUDENT EMPLOYEES

Note: In order to be served, please wear your employee ID badge!!

sponsored by the Library Administration, Library Staff Advisory Council and Library Faculty P&P

Open Forum on University Governance

In December 1999, the Board of Trustees and University President Brit Kirwan appointed the Presidential Commission on University Governance to examine the effectiveness, structure and representation of the University Senate. The University Senate is Ohio State's "main legislative body" and has "oversight for educational and academic policies, the establishment, abolition and modification of educational units and programs of study, the certification of candidates for degrees and the recommendation for honorary degrees for the University". The Board of Trustees created the Senate in 1972, and has determined that now is an appropriate time to re-evaluate the Senate's mission and identify opportunities for improved University governance. The Commission, which is composed of faculty, staff, students and administration, expects to submit recommendations to the President by autumn quarter 2000. The Commission will be holding an Open Forum on Thursday, June 1, 2000 from 2:30-4:00 in 162 Hopkins Hall. The purpose of this open forum is to
open a dialog with the campus community and receive suggestions for improvement of the University Senate.

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**Features**

One Spring day, in and about the Libraries, photographs were taken of students and others. We would like to present this montage.
Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry was "oscitancy," which means "The act of yawning." This week's entry is "longueur."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [WWWebster Dictionary](http://www.dictionary.com) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](http://www.oed.com) - lengthy, historical entries

Laughs

- [Dilbert's Daily Mental Workout](http://www.dilbert.com)
- [Cartoon of the Day](http://www.cartoonoftheday.com)

Meeting Notes

Human Resources

Distribution of Biweekly Paychecks
The Libraries Human Resources Department will continue to distribute biweekly paychecks in 122 Main Library with the exception of April 21 due to the Blood Drive and May 5 due to the Friends Book Sale. Further questions may be directed to Sonja Thompson at 2-6133.

The dates for distribution of biweekly pay checks are:

- June 2  122 Main Library
- June 16 122 Main Library
- June 30 122 Main Library

--- Staff ---

**Circulation Department**: Adam Brooks has resigned the position of Library Associate 2 -50%-effective 07 May 2000

**Appointments**

--- Staff ---

**Music/Dance Library**: Ruth Sesco has accepted the position of Library Associate 1 effective 25 May 2000

**Science & Engineering Library**: Scotty Tabachnick has accepted the position of Library Media Technical Assistant 2 effective 1 June 2000

--- Faculty ---

**Language and Area Studies**: East European & Slavic Studies Librarian (replacing Ingersoll)

**Science and Engineering Library**: Chemistry Librarian (replacing Simons)

**Science and Engineering Library**: Physics/Astronomy Librarian (replacing Mays)

--- A & P ---

**Cartoon Research Library**: Project Archivist (new position)

**Information Technology Department**: Systems Specialist - A&P - (replacing Gabriel)

--- Staff ---

**Book Depository**: Library Media Technical Assistant 1 - 75% - (replacing Moore) 2nd listing

**Cataloging Department**: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 - 2 positions (replacing Spillman)

**Circulation Department**: Library Associate 2 - 50% - (replacing Brooks) 1st listing

**Information Services Department (Gov't Documents)**: Library Associate 1 (replacing Reisinger)

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 library 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.

Library personnel may also view University employment opportunities at OSU Jobs
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