"As a rule reading fiction is as hard to me as trying to hit a target by hurling feathers at it. I need resistance, to cerebrate!"

William James,
quoted in The Third Rose by John Malcolm Brinnin
If you are interested, please email J.R. Murphy at murphy.28@osu.edu (she is coordinating the volunteers).

For more information see the web site at: http://www.osu.edu/homecoming
click on the Homecoming Parade link

Thank you!

Jana R. Murphy

A Sincere Thank You and an Invitation

I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone that helped in various ways with our move to the new Mason Hall Business Library. All suggestions and advice were appreciated, mail delivery coordination worked well and the wiring for computers help contribute in a big way to the opening of the library on time for the first day of classes.

While there is still plenty to accomplish in the way of fine-tuning, I would like to invite everyone to an introduction and tour of our "New Digs". We will greet you at the entrance of the Business Library (first floor) from 1:00 - 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 6.

The Business Library is located at 250 West Woodruff Avenue and is the middle building of the three buildings in the Fisher College Complex off Woodruff.

Hope you can make it!

Chuck

A New Addition to Information Technology

I am pleased to report that Stephen Westman began working in the Information Technology Department on October 1 as our digital resources systems administrator. This position was originally posted as a replacement for the Web Librarian (Karen Diaz) but was later reposted to incorporate both web and UNIX management responsibilities. Yuan Ma, our UNIX Manager, now reports to Stephen. Karen Diaz is continuing as Web Librarian on a 25% basis working from home, and we are very pleased to have the ongoing benefit of her expertise. We have posted a student position to report to Stephen to handle web page creation and maintenance responsibilities.

Stephen comes to us from the University of Texas at San Antonio and is very enthusiastic about returning to the Midwest – he holds degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is temporarily using 105A Main Library until his office, which is to be built in the card catalog area, is completed. His phone number is 688-0142. His e-mail address is westman.2@osu.edu.

Please welcome Stephen to OSU when you meet him!

Sally Rogers (Information Technology)

Library Collection Supports University Film Series

Brazil in Focus is a film series at The Ohio State University surveying the history of Brazil, which was discovered by the Portuguese 500 years ago in the year 2000.

This series is sponsored by the Latin American Studies Program; the Latin American, Spanish, and Portuguese Library Collection; the Department of History; and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and is part of the program of events planned by the Committee for the Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of Brazil.

All films are free and open to the public. They are subtitled in English and preceded by a fifteen-minute introductory lecture. Discussion follows at end. The duration of each program is about two hours.

The Mission - Early Colonial Brazil
191 Mendenhall
Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at 7:00pm
This film shows the conflict between Jesuit and European colonists in the settling of Gurani Indian territory along the tropical forest borderlands between Brazil and Argentina.

Quilombo - Early Colonial Brazil
191 Mendenhall
Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at 7:00pm
Recreates slave resistance and independent settlement in the northeastern plantation regions of seventeenth-century Brazil.
Xica - Late Colonial Brazil
191 Mendenhall
Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at 7:00pm
Dramatizes life in the towns made rich on gold and diamonds in eighteenth-century Baroque Brazil.

Black Gold, White Devil - Empire/Republic
191 Mendenhall
Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 7:00pm
Focuses on the impoverished Northeast of Brazil and how this region bred turn-of-the-century conditions for banditry and religious fanaticism.

Memories of Prison - Modern Brazil
191 Mendenhall
Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at 7:00pm
Recreates the prison experiences of the novelist Graciliano Ramos, jailed under the Vargas dictatorship during the Estado Novo from 1937 to 1945.

Four Days in September - Contemporary Brazil
191 Mendenhall
Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 7:00pm
Dramatizes the kidnapping of the American ambassador to Brazil at the beginning of the military dictatorship that lasted from 1964 to 1985.

For further information, contact: Prof. Edward A. "Ted" Riedinger, at 614-688-8797 or riedinger.4@osu.edu.

Student Training Sessions

Student training sessions will begin next Friday, October 1. As in earlier years there will be five sessions each of the General Library Orientation and Customer Service workshops.

This year the Customer Service workshop has been expanded to include some of the information from the Personal Interaction Workshops that many of the Libraries' employees attended during the past year. It is now scheduled to be a two hour session; the General Library Orientation is still scheduled for completion in a single hour.

The sessions and dates are as follows:

    General Library Orientation
          October 1, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
          October 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
          October 3, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
          October 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
          October 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

    Personal Interactions/Customer Service
          October 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
          October 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
          October 10, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
          October 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
          October 29, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

A calendar showing when the sessions are scheduled is available at the following URL:

/Staff/training/trngcalS.html

Staff Career Development Grants Program

To: All Libraries Staff

We have recently received the instructions and applications for the Staff Career Development Grants Program. Both are available in the Libraries Human Resources Office.

The purpose of the Staff Career Development Grants Program is to provide financial assistance to A&P and Classified Civil Service staff as they pursue career and professional development during the year 2000. The Program is funded through contributions from staff, faculty and friends of Ohio State during the annual Campus Campaign. The
application deadline is November 5, 1999. Grant recipients will be selected by December 17, 1999 for the funding period of January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2000.

If you are interested you may pick up instructions and an application from the Libraries Human Resources Office, Room 100 Main Library. You may also request that the information be sent to you by contacting Sonja Thompson at thompson.699@osu.edu or by calling 2-6133.

Human Resources

Call for Nominations [Deadline October 15, 1999]
1999 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award

The ALAO Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 1999 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes an ALAO member who has promoted academic libraries and librarianship not only on their own campus, but within the state as well. It also recognizes someone who has provided leadership in the promotion of ALAO through service such as committee membership, executive board office, or interest group chairmanship. The ALAO Distinguished Service Award was renamed the Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award in 1998 to honor the memory of Jay Ladd, 1932-1997, who was among the founding members of ALAO in the early 1970s.

Past recipients of this award include:

- 1984 Virginia Tiefel
- 1985 Hannah McCauley
- 1986 Marian Winner
- 1987 Martha Laury
- 1988 Charles Maurer
- 1989 Jay Ladd
- 1990 Sr. Deborah Harmeling
- 1991 Linda Landis
- 1992 Peri Switzer
- 1993 Ann Allan
- 1994 Kathy Wright
- 1995 Julie Houston
- 1996 Susan Phillips
- 1997 Sarah Bushong
- 1998 Margy Kramer

This is a wonderful way to say thank you and recognize a colleague who has provided leadership in ALAO and in the profession. The Jay Ladd Distinguished Service award recipient will receive an honorary 5 year membership in ALAO and will be recognized at the 1999 ALAO Conference to be held November 12th at the Fawcett Center in Columbus.

The deadline for nominations to Mary Konkel, Chair of the Awards Committee is October 15, 1999. To facilitate the nomination process, feel free to use the form below.

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Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award
Nomination Form

Nomination Criteria

1. Member of ALAO for a minimum of five years.

2. Promoted academic libraries and librarianship not only on their campus but within the state as well, and/or

3. Provided leadership in the promotion of the Academic Library Association of Ohio, e.g., committee service, interest group chair office on the Executive Board.

Nominee:
Title:

College/University:

Address:

ALAO Activities:

Reasons for Nomination:

Submitted by ________________________ Date ________________

Institution ________________________ Telephone: ____________

Email Address: ____________________

Return completed form via mail, US Cargo, fax or email by: October 15, 1999 to:

Mary S. Konkel, ALAO Past President
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Features

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry, "stolid," means "Having or revealing little emotion or sensibility; impassive." This week's entry is "ganef."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [WWWebster Dictionary](#) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](#) - lengthy, historical entries

Laughs

- [Dilbert's Daily Mental Workout](#)
- [Cartoon of the Day](#)

Meeting Notes

Human Resources

--- Faculty ---

*Biological Sciences/Pharmacy Library:* Pharmacy Librarian (replacing Weibel)

*Special Collections Cataloging:* Head, Special Collections Cataloging (replacing Thomas)

--- Staff ---

*Agriculture Library:* Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing LeFebvre) 2nd listing
EHS Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Efsic-Spoerri) 1ST listing

Health Sciences Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Glass)

Information Services Department: Library Associate 1 (replacing Bailey)

Human Resources: Personnel Technician 1 (replacing Caslin) - REPOSTED

Law Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Wynk)

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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