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"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious."

Albert Einstein

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Community Charitable Drive Update

First, I'd like to mention that the Libraries has gone over their goal this week. So far we have collected pledges totalling \$13,559. Our goal was \$13,500. The lucky winner this week is Anne Fields and she won a 2004 Entertainment Book. Congratulations Anne!

I'd like to mention that there is a Chili Cookoff scheduled for next Friday, Nov. 21, 11:30 in the Staff Lounge. The cost is \$2.00 and the proceeds will be going to the Community Charitable Drive.

We will still be collecting donations through Dec. 5 so if any of you would still like to contribute, there's still time.

Thanks for all your contributions in helping the Libraries reach it's goal this year!!

Marilyn Willhoff (willhoff.1@osu.edu)

and

Laura Kissel (kissel.4@osu.edu)

[Last week's Community Charitable Drive update](#)

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, November 21, 2003

9:00 - 3:00

Room 122 Main Library

This is part of the annual Blood Battle against That School Up North, in which our respective totals for the period from today through the day of the football game are totalled. I regret to say that Michigan has beaten us the last two years in the Blood Battle, and that just isn't right. We'd love to have you donate here at the Main Library on the date above, but if you can't make it, please think about donating at one of the many other drives that will be on campus in the next 2 weeks.

If you would like to make an appointment to donate, you can call the Red Cross at 251-1451 or sign up on the sheet at the security desk in the lobby of Main Library. However, no appointment is needed and walk-ins are welcome. If you have not donated since September 26, you are eligible to donate.

John C. Mumaw (mumaw.1@osu.edu)

Spirit Day and Chili Challenge

OSU Libraries Spirit Day! The 1st Taste of the Libraries Tailgate Chili Challenge

Friday, November 21, 2003

Support your football team!
Wear your favorite OSU gear!
Join us for a chili tailgate party!

Where: Main Library Staff Lounge

Time: 11:30 - 1:00 (Judges will be tasting at 11:00)

Cost: \$2.00 per person for all you can eat chili, hot dogs,
chips, crackers and sodas until they are gone

Cast a vote for The People's Choice best chili!
All proceeds go to the Community Charitable Drive)

GO BUCKS!

Sponsored by the Libraries Administration and the Staff Advisory Council

Akua Bandele (bandele.1@osu.edu)

Awards, Acknowledgments, Fellowships, Grants, and Publications





Share your good news with the University and the entire community. Please send information about your recent accomplishments to Lila Carpenter at carpenter.143@osu.edu or the LibNews account at libnews@osu.edu. Libraries' faculty and staff are engaged in exciting work and we want to make it known.

Awards

Achievements



Training Opportunities & Tips

Presented by the OSUL Training Advisory Council

Workshop Opportunity: How to Give Sizzling Presentations!

When: Tuesday, December 2, 8:30am-4:30pm

Where: 099 Pressey Hall

When you just think about giving a presentation, do your knees go weak and does your voice get shaky? If that is the case, this is the workshop for you. You will learn how to become a more confident presenter. Many components go into making a presentation effective. In this workshop, participants will learn more about:

- Analyzing the audience
- Knowing the presentation environment
- Developing organized content
- Developing great delivery skills
- Creating effective visuals
- Running a question and answer session
- Practicing, practicing, practicing. We will be practicing our skills in the workshop.

Register online at <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/home.htm> or by phone at (614)292-4500.

This workshop is sponsored by the OSU Organization and Human Resource Development Office.

Brian Miller (miller.2507@osu.edu)

Training Calendars - Calendars for the current and two future months, showing training opportunities available from the Libraries, the Office of Human Resources, OhioLINK, OHIONET, and the Computer Workshop.

Send comments and questions to **Training Advisory Council**

Visit the **TAC Web site**.

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Border Battles

100th Anniversary Of The UM - OSU Game

Clashes between Wolverines and Buckeyes are nothing new. Dating back to the early 1800s, Michigan Territory and the State of Ohio fought for three decades over the proper boundary line between them. For the past century, instead of armed militia and politicians skirmishing over the boundary line, college students in football uniforms have battled mightily over a line of scrimmage, seeking victory in an annual event simply called "The Game."

On November 22, the Michigan Wolverines and the Ohio State University Buckeyes will meet in Ann Arbor for their 100th football game, an annual event rated as "the greatest sports rivalry" by an ESPN poll. In honor of the centennial game, curators from the University of Michigan have joined forces with their counterparts at Ohio State to develop online exhibits highlighting both the athletic rivalry and the academic collaboration between the two institutions.

Focusing on the athletic rivalry, archivists at the Bentley Historical Library of the University of Michigan and the Ohio State University Archives have created an online exhibit comparing the two schools' football programs side-by-side, including historical statistics, photographs from early games, and webpages about the intense coaching match-ups between Bo and Woody, the stadiums known as "The Big House" and "The Horseshoe," and the schools' All-Americans and Heisman Trophy winners. The website also includes little-known information on players, mascots, marching bands, and a comparison over 100 years of post-game articles in OSU and U-M student and alumni publications. The homepage for the joint site is at: www.lib.ohio-state.edu/arvweb/OSUvsMichigan/osuvsMichigan.htm

But rivalry isn't the whole story. These institutions also cooperate and collaborate closely in many

academic areas. This side of their relationship is demonstrated in exhibits from the University of Michigan's Special Collections Library and Ohio State's Rare Books and Manuscripts Division. These exhibits highlight rare and unusual items each institution owns which originated in the other state. "Ohio at Michigan," created by the Michigan curators, includes such items as a railroad guide printed in Columbus in 1854 and a photograph of a steamship being launched in Cleveland in 1886. "Michigan at Ohio," from the Ohio State curators, features historical maps and images of Michigan. The linked exhibits can be found at: www.lib.umich.edu/spec-coll/ohio-mich/

The University of Michigan and Ohio State University are each listed among the top 25 public universities nationwide in the annual rankings of *U.S. News & World Report* and both are the premier universities in their respective states. Their prestigious research libraries are among the largest in the country, with Michigan's holdings approaching 8 million volumes and Ohio State's collection numbering close to 6 million volumes.

For additional information, visit the websites at Ohio State University www.lib.ohio-state.edu/libs/index.php and the University of Michigan www.lib.umich.edu/spec-coll/ and www.umich.edu/~bhl/ To contact the exhibit curators, phone or e-mail:

Greg Kinney, Bentley Historical Library, U-M: phone: (734) 764-3482; or e-mail gkinney@umich.edu.

Tamar Chute, Ohio State University Archives: phone: (614) 292-3271; or e-mail chute.6@osu.edu.

Peggy Daub, U-M Special Collections Library: phone: (734) 764-9377; or e-mail pdaub@umich.edu.

Award Winning Library Staff

Pat Wood and Crystal Jennings received the ALAO Support Staff Presenter's Grant, the first one given out, to help with their program preparation: "Student Assistants: Hired, Trained, Retained." The presentation was given at the Academic Library Association of Ohio 29th annual conference. Please join me in congratulating them for their outstanding representation of our campus and for giving a very professional program. Many people commented throughout the conference on the quality of their work and program. Crystal, who created and compiled many of the training tips, deserves kudos for her outstanding work.

But the best news of all is, Pat was selected as the **first ever recipient of the 2003 Ohio Library Outstanding Support Staff Award**. Her name will now be submitted for consideration for two national awards: Library Journal's Paraprofessional of the Year Award 2004 and the COLT/Library Mosaics Outstanding Support Staff for 2004.



Pat Wood, Library Associate I and **Crystal Jennings**, Student Library Assistant were selected as the first recipients of the ALAO Support Staff Presenter's Grant at the 29th Annual ALAO Conference. Also presented "Student Assistants: Hired, Trained, Retained" at conference.



Pat Wood, Library Associate I was the first ever recipient of the Ohio Library Outstanding Support Staff Award on November 14, 2003 from the Academic Library Association of Ohio. Nominated for her "Information, Innovation and Inspiration" in library service and teamwork, Pat received a certificate, free registration to a workshop of her choice, and paid registration to an ALAO conference.

WAY TO GO!

Academic Library Association of Ohio 29th Annual Conference
November 14, 2003

Pat Wood, Library Associate I
Crystal Jennings, Student Library Assistant
"Student Assistants: Hired, Trained, Retained"



Pat wows the crowd as she talks about student hiring, training and reward methods



A large crowd listens enthusiastically and asks lots of questions (the room was nearly full!)



Crystal gives them an excellent student point of view as she fields more questions

Both gave an outstanding presentation and we heard raves about it all through the conference! I am proud of their excellence! Please congratulate them when you see them!

Betsy Blankenship (blankenship.5@osu.edu)

Students Helpers On The Spot

Have you seen these faces? These are the faces of SHOTS, otherwise known as: Jessica Belser, Mina Son, Meghan Hian, Brooke Brown, (and Lisa Whalen, supervisor). SHOTS or "Students Helpers On The Spot," is a grant supported, collaborative project between the Circulation Department, which employs the students, and ISD's Lisa Whalen, who provides training and supervision.



Meghan Hian and Brooke Brown



Lisa Whalen

SHOTS came about through a Student Impact Grant written by Nancy Courtney and Fred Roecker. These grants are awarded to OSU projects and programs created to benefit and enhance OSU student experience. The project began the second week of Fall quarter, 2003, with plans to continue into Winter quarter as funds last. The project's aim is to make Main Library a more welcoming and accessible place for students by making available friendly, approachable help in key areas of the building.

SHOTS students were selected for their interest in the project, enthusiasm for the library, and their very helpful attitudes. The SHOTS work 2-4 hour shifts, Monday through Thursday, covering peak hours of student traffic in Main Library. SHOTS field questions to service points; provide general library and campus directions; help users find materials in the stacks or locate available computers, copy machines, and other equipment or services; and answer general questions about Main Library and the OSUL system. Anecdotes of SHOTS helpfulness are heard throughout the Library, as Lisa Whalen reports "I have had a number of library employees come up to me, reporting that they saw one of the SHOTS girls helping a patron, and that they were pleased with what they saw."



Mina Son and Jessica Belser

It is hoped that funds will continue for the project as Main Library moves further into planned phases of renovation. For more information, contact: Lisa Whalen, whalen.61@osu.edu or Kathy Dean, dean.202@osu.edu.

Jennifer Kuehn's visit to London

Jennifer Kuehn recently toured the British Library in Boston Spa near York, England. Although the British Library has a new building in central London at St. Pancras which she also briefly visited, the Boston Spa location is where BLDSC (British Library Document Supply Centre) is headquartered. Jennifer toured with Andrew Ballinger and went through acquisitions and cataloging units there as well as document supply areas. Since material goes to the London facility from there as well as out to Document Supply customers, there were lots of bins, totes, cubbies and conveyors for material that is on the move. The complex employs over 1,000 people and is housed in a set of old ordnance factories as well as buildings from the 1970s and is very different than the new St. Pancras British Library complex.



Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry; "lallation" is defined as "infant's talk, or speech similar to it; pronunciation of r as l." This week's entry is "enneed."

Online resources for this question are available:

- [Merriam-Webster OnLine](#) - brief definitions
- [The Oxford English Dictionary](#) - lengthy, historical entries
- [The Dictionary of Difficult Words](#) - rarely used, archaic, and difficult words

Laughs

- [Calvin & Hobbes Daily Comics](#)
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Renovation Open Meeting Presentation Slides

A series of open meetings were held last week to enable the architects to discuss the Main Library renovation with the campus community. The discussions ended Thursday, November 13 with a Library Faculty and Staff only forum. Graham Gund presented three conceptual schemes showing possible changes to the Library. Individual schemes addressed a western entrance to the building, potential skylights bringing more natural light into the interior of the building, and the possible removal or major renovation to the stacks tower. The \$99 million dollar renovation is planned to begin Summer 2005 with the shifting of Library operations to the ABB Building on Ackerman Road. After a brief description of each scheme and presentation of model representations, the meeting was opened for questions, concerns, and ideas. The conceptual plans can be viewed through the following link and comments and questions can be sent to Wes Boomgaarden at boomgaarden.1@osu.edu.

- [Open Meeting Presentation Slides](#)
- [Main Library Renovation web site](#)

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Vacancies

===Administrative and Professional===

Health Sciences Library - Program Assistant - replacing Meredith

Information Technology Division - SR Systems Dev/Eng (Not Sap) - New Position - 2nd Listing

Information Technology Division - Systems Manager (Not Sap) - 50% - replacing Frazee - 2nd Listing

===Staff===

Music/Dance Library - Library Associate 2 (replacing Taylor) - 1st Listing

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 (morrison-smith.1@osu.edu)

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

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