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Dear Friends

The Grand Reading Room of the Thompson Library featured on this page will regain its former status as a result of a generous gift of \$3 million to the Library's renovation fund by the Cohen Family Foundation, to which we all owe our warm thanks. Restoration of that extraordinary room has been a major part in every phase of planning, and assuring it will give a strong impetus to the support of the whole project.

Recognizing this undertaking as its highest priority in the next years the Friends Board has agreed to another payment of \$25,000 toward its total pledge of \$250,000. Toward that end it is a pleasure to report that the Friends' fall books sale, which brought visitors from as far as New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, brought in over \$10,500. Two long-time members of the Board, Charles Cole and Paul Watkins, have been indefatigable organizers and supervisors of the sales, with hours of sorting, pricing and arranging the books, an enormous task and a selfless service deserving of the gratitude of all who use the libraries.

Please note the plural on that word 'libraries'. It serves to remind us that we are Friends of the OSU Libraries, which extend throughout the colleges, schools and institutes of the University. In order better to know and understand the special nature of these units, the Board has begun to hold its meetings in these varied settings. Librarian Sarah Murphy gave a splendid introduction to the new Veterinary Medicine Library at our first such meeting.

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\$3.85 Million Cohen Foundation Gift Supports Library Renovation, Diversity Initiative



Architectural rendering of restored Grand Reading Room

The Ohio State University has announced gifts totaling \$3.85 million, made through the A.B., Dolly, and Ralph Cohen Foundation of Cincinnati. The gifts were made on behalf of the estate of the late Julia Winter Cohen and the Cohen family. Julia's daughters—Susan Winter Ward of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Marilyn Winter-Tamkin of Santa Fe, N.M.—had the pleasure of announcing how the Cohen Foundation gift would be allocated.

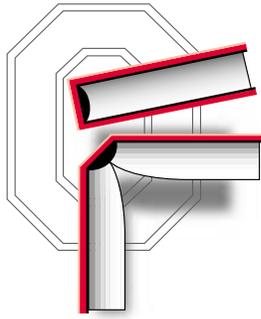
Of the total gift amount, \$3 million was designated to support the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library Renovation Fund, for restoration of the Grand Reading Room. In recognition of the gift, the room will be named the Cohen Family Grand Reading Room.*

"The restoration of the grand reading room has been one of the top priorities in the remaking of the Main Library at Ohio State," said University Libraries Director Joseph Branin. "This generous gift from the Cohen family makes this goal a reality."

The remaining \$851,000 will establish the Ralph Irwin and Julia Winter Cohen Critical Difference for Women Re-Entry Scholarship Fund, named for the late mother and stepfather of Ms. Winter-Tamkin and Ms. Winter Ward.* The annual interest income from this endowed fund will provide scholarships to qualified applicants, with special preference given to women who are considering careers in education and have children at home.

"Our Academic Plan calls for Ohio State to join the nation's top 10 public teaching and research institutions by 2010. To achieve this goal, our libraries must become a leading information center for the 21st century. And we must continue to provide access to a quality education for deserving students, including those returning to college while continuing to fulfill family obligations," said Jerry A. May, vice president for development and presi-

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Thomas Nast: A Celebration of His Contribution to American Culture

The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library, Department of History and School of Journalism and Communications are co-sponsors of a symposium on December 7, 2002, to mark the centennial of Thomas Nast's death. Known as the Father of American Political Cartooning, Nast's contributions to the history and culture of this adopted country were many, yet he died near obscurity. Two leading Nast scholars, Morton Keller and Draper Hill, will speak at the one-day conference to be held on the Ohio State campus on Saturday, December 7, 2002. The conference will be free and open to the public, with pre-registration required. In addition, a web site highlighting a sampling of Nast's most influential cartoons with a companion teacher's guide is available at <http://www.lib.ohiostate.edu/cga/web/nast/> to assist educators in using Nast as a part of their American history and culture curriculum.

Thomas Nast: Prince of Caricaturists, an exhibition on Nast's work, is scheduled for the ReadingRoom Gallery of

the Cartoon Research Library from September 9, 2002 through January 24, 2003. The exhibit is free and open to the public during the library's regular hours. The conference registration information is available on the Nast web site. For additional information, please contact The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library (614/292-0538 or cartoons@osu.edu).



[Self caricature] detail, Harper's Weekly, December 2, 1876, cover.

OSU Authors Present

Thanks to those Friends who attended the October presentation by Dr. William Malarkey. A lovely dinner was held at the university's Faculty Club. Everyone came away with some thoughtful ways to take control of their aging.

The next two presentations are set for January and April 2003. January 21st at the new Blackwell Inn, Professor Allan Millett will introduce his new book *Their War for Korea* and open the discussion to the audience regard-

ing the war and today's situation in the Middle East. For our April program, Professor Ann Hamilton will join us to discuss her recent biography and world-renowned installations, — showing slides of her work from around the world.

Please join us this thought-provoking dinner event. For tickets call the Friends Office (614) 292-3387 or visit us online at <http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/frnweb/news/>.

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Please note that on January 21st the second of our *OSU Authors Present* series will be given at the Blackwell Inn by Dr. Allan Millett, the Maj. Gen. Raymond E. Mason, Jr. Professor of Military History, who will discuss his recent book *Their War for Korea*. This will be a very special evening of dining, learning and discussion, and we encourage you to come. Tickets are available by calling the Friends Office.

The Friends exist in support of the Libraries that make this one of the great educational and research institutions in the country. We hope to continue to grow in numbers and in the degree of that support. Thank you all again for your participation in our efforts.

Charles L. Babcock
*President, Board of Directors
 Friends of the OSU Libraries*

Renovation Update for the Thompson (Main) Library

Earlier this year a *Feasibility Study for The William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library* was completed and made available. The Study, the full text of which can be found on the Libraries' site on the World-Wide Web at <http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/Renovation/>, shows clearly that the renovation of our Main Library is indeed "feasible" at stated estimated costs. The Study identified four (4) broad options or "schemes" for the renovation effort, each of which provides a full and complete renovation of Main Library, but varying, of course, in size, scope, and cost for the changes to the building's existing structure and footprint. The architects and the Libraries' administration pointed to Scheme "C"—a full renovation of the existing building, with a modest addition—as the preferred option among the four outlined in the Study.

In a very significant move for this project, in early September the Board of Trustees authorized the process to seek architectural, engineering and construction management firms for the renovation of Main Library. The project will embark upon Scheme "C", which will also include the construction of a new module to the Book Depository, sufficient swing space during the renovation, and re-landscaping of the portion of the Oval near the Main Library. The total project cost is estimated at \$99 million in 2006 dollars. Funding is anticipated by future capital appropriations of about

\$69 million, and an additional \$30 million sought from private gifts.

The process is already begun to secure the Architect of Record, the Ohio firm to be selected to lead this large, complex and important renovation project. A Request-for- Qualifications call was issued on October 1 by the University's Facilities Planning & Development. Qualifications statements were due from interested firms by the end of October. The University expects to have selected the project's Architect of Record by the end of 2002.

Almost concurrently the University will seek an architect of national reputation, skill and experience to work with the Ohio firm on the design of the new Main Library. This selection process will begin in December, with selection expected by February 2003. Also, engineering and construction management firms will be sought in a parallel process with final selection made by the end of February 2003.

With the team of architects, construction managers and engineers in place by March 2003, the design phase of the project may begin in the spring. This phase may require more than two years to complete, as many librarians, staff, library users, and architects work out the thousands of details to create a program of requirements for a renewed Main Library. If all goes according to plan, and with funding forthcoming, construction

could begin in mid-2005; it is expected to require two to three years to complete the full renovation project.

For swing space for the book collections during the renovation, and for future growth of the collections, a third module is planned for our Book Depository facility on Kenny Road. This is being handled as a separate project, but it is expected to be completed prior to the beginning of the renovation of Main in mid-2005.

Among the librarians and staff, there is growing excitement about coming renovation of Main Library. Students and faculty have noticed the short-term improvements that have made to the facility, improvements that have made the building a popular destination this year. Greater things are yet to come.

Libraries welcome new Library Campaign Director

On November 4th, the Libraries welcomed Gay Jackson as the new Campaign Director to spearhead the \$30 million fund raising campaign for the renovation and restoration of the Thompson (Main) Library. Ms. Jackson joins the library staff after five successful years as Development Director at Ohio State's Newark Campus.

Former Campaign Director, Kaye Madden, was promoted to Assistant Vice President of University Development within Ohio State. As part of her new responsibilities, she will oversee the capital campaign. Shannon Tippie will continue her work with the fund raising campaign as well as maintain her role as Director of the Friends of the OSU Libraries.

The University Libraries continue to build a strong development staff with expertise and experience to address the needs of the libraries and bring into the fold friends new and old to help champion our efforts.

If you have any questions regarding the campaign, please feel welcome to call Gay Jackson or Shannon Tippie in the Library Development Office at (614) 247-6828.



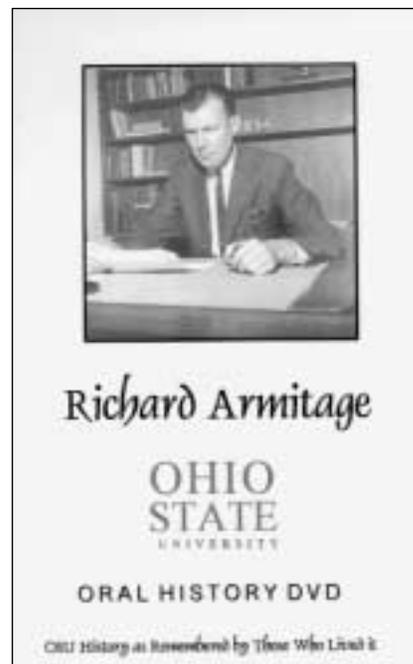
Ohio State Pioneers Oral History DVD

The Ohio State University has recently released an oral history digital video disk (DVD) showcasing two hours of documentation pertaining to the remembrances and views of Dr. Richard Armitage during his multiple careers (1939-1978) as student, professor, Dean of the Graduate School, Chairman of the Athletic Council, Vice President Student Affairs, and university ombudsman. This DVD appears to be the first use of this technology in an oral history project.

The DVD is part of the oral history program of University Archives to interview people, most of whom are retired and were in positions to observe or participate in the development of Ohio State. Volunteers, many from the OSU Retirees Association, have worked with the University Archives to plan and conduct the interviews. More than 50 persons have been interviewed including former presidents, administrators, faculty and staff. These interviews have resulted in conventional audiocassettes and transcripts. Dr. William Studer, emeritus professor and former director of University Libraries, coordinates the program.

As a concept and as a product, the oral history DVD developed from the initiative of a special group of volunteers, who are alumni or friends of the University: William M. Moore, M.D. and two OSU alumni, Richard K. Patterson (Engineering) and Robert W. Butche, (Business) who is the historian-producer. The producers used digital cameras and editing equipment and software to capture the interview with Dr. Armitage and publish the DVD. ImageStream Studios USA provided the principal funding and production support.

These volunteers and ImageStream Studios are already at work developing another oral history DVD, which will focus on Professor Charles Csuri. As the pioneer in computer-based imaging and animation, Csuri has had an extra-ordinary impact on the use of computers in communication and art. This will be an intellectually and technologically challenging project and will include computer specific features such as still images, documents, tables, and audio only streams.



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dent of The Ohio State University Foundation. "We are extremely grateful to Susan Winter Ward and Marilyn Winter-Tamkin for embracing our vision and helping to make it a reality with their generous gift to support the libraries and Critical Difference for Women scholarships."

Originally built in 1913, the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library (also known as the Main Library) has served the university well for nearly 100 years, but it is now in serious need of renovation. The restoration/renovation process began in 2000 and is expected to take 8-10 years. Of total project costs, estimated at \$99 million, Ohio State has raised approximately \$11 million from private sources thus far—including the Cohen Foundation gift—and plans to raise another \$19 million.

* All namings are subject to approval by The Ohio State University Board of Trustees.

Critical Difference for Women (CDW) was developed in 1986 to identify and fund, at an institutional level, the needs of women seeking advanced education and enhanced professional lives. In addition to re-entry scholarships—for non-traditional women students who have interrupted their education due to financial limitations and family obligations—CDW provides grants supporting research on gender and gender equity; professional development grants assisting women seeking career and scholarly advancement; and Women of Color Grants, available to full-time minority faculty and staff members.

"We wanted to do what we believe our parents would do if they had been able to determine the use of this gift themselves," Susan said, on a recent visit to campus. "They were both generously supportive of those who wanted to pursue their dreams and would have been proud to help to create a beautiful community space for students to gather and study. We wanted to perpetuate their

pride in Ohio State and their belief in what it provides to students and the community."

"We were impressed by the stature and importance of the library, and also with Critical Difference for Women, the opportunities it offers women to better their lives, and the impact it has on not just students, but on their families, communities, and beyond," added Marilyn. "We hope that our gift will help both programs to have a real impact on the lives and education of Ohio State students."

Past gifts from the Cohen Foundation include support for scholarships and the Department of Athletics. The foundation's recent gift to Ohio State is part of Ohio State's ongoing fund-raising efforts in support of the Academic Plan.



Thurber Collection Benefits from Save America's Treasures Grant

The Ohio State University Libraries received a grant of \$58,000 from the Save America's Treasures program of the National Endowment for the Arts/National Parks Service; the focus of this work will be the conservation of the Libraries' James Thurber Collection.

The Thurber Collection at Ohio State is the primary resource for the manuscripts, letters, drawings, published works, scrapbooks, and other supporting materials of this great American humorist. Established in 1962 by an arrangement with Thurber's widow, Helen, the collection is housed at University Libraries' Division of Rare Books & Manuscripts in the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library. The collection also contains news clippings and reviews, tear sheets, adaptations, and exhibitions; issues of the serial publications, such as *The New Yorker*, in which Thurber works first appeared; and Thurber's drawings, all in their original format.

The primary threat to the materials in the Thurber Collection is the inherently acidic nature of the papers used by Thurber and others. The Save America's Treasures grant will enable the Libraries to stabilize the chemistry of those papers through an outside firm that specializes in the "deacidification" of library and archival materials. To provide a security copy of these unique manuscript materials, the papers will also be microfilmed.

The Libraries' conservation staff will treat 57 of Thurber's original drawings, and many in the collection of published works, which total over 650 volumes in variant editions and translations, many of which include inscriptions and drawings by Thurber. Conservators will also treat the nine scrapbook volumes from the collection.

The collection contains over 400 Thurber photographs, most of which are unique. These photographic materials will be reproduced to provide

security and reference copies for those 400 images.

Save America's Treasures <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/treasures> provides background information about this program and the 80 projects supported in this round, including the Thurber project.

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BOOK SALE

May 7-9, 2003

Whatever your
interest, you'll find a
book on it in
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of the Main Library
1858 Neil Avenue Mall
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Friends Award 2002 Rudolph Student Book Collector Contest Scholarships

A bi-annual competition administered by the Friends of the OSU Libraries, the Rudolph Student Book Collector Contest awarded scholarships to three Columbus area high school seniors in spring 2002. The competition's committee (Charles Babcock, Susan Hatten, Fred Pfening, Carol Diedrichs, and Robert McCormick) read the submitted essays and selected the following winners.

First place winner, Melissa Mundy, was a senior at Northland High School. She was awarded copies of the two books about which she wrote along with a \$1,000 scholarship towards the college of her choosing. Miss Mundy's essay covered two treasured novels *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens and Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. We are pleased to say that she was accepted to The Ohio State University.

Amber Burton, second place winner, also from Northland High School

received \$500 towards her secondary education at the University of Toledo. Miss Burton also received copies of the books in her essay, three autobiographies by David Pelzer, *A Child Called 'It'*, *The Lost Boy*, and *A Man Named Dave*.

Souraphinh Koulabdara from Independence High School received the third place prize of \$250 to be used towards her school of choice, The Ohio State University. Miss Koulabdara's essay was unique as she discussed growing up very poor in Paske, Laos. It was not until her family fled to the United States in 1990 that she attended school and learned how to read. Hers was a touching story about the importance of books in her life.

The next Rudolph Student Book Collector Scholarship Contest is slated for Spring 2004.

A Wonderful Holiday Gift!

The University Libraries Special Collections have brought together 13 images of Ohio and Ohioans in this limited edition 2003 calendar. The full color calendar highlights the unique and beautiful collections at Ohio State. To order yours, send your name and address and a check or money order for \$12.00 per calendar to the Friends of the OSU Libraries, 112 Main Library, 1858 Neil Avenue, Columbus Ohio 43210. If you have any questions, please call the Friends Office at (614) 292-3387.



Calendar of Events

September 7–December 13, 2002

A Walk in Our 'Shoe: The History of the Ohio Stadium Exhibition

Presented by the University Archives
Philip Sills Exhibit Hall, Thompson (Main) Library

September 9, 2002–January 24, 2003

Thomas Nast: Prince of Caricaturists Exhibition

Presented by the Cartoon Research Library
27 West 17th Avenue Mall

December 7, 2002

Celebrating Thomas Nast's Contributions to American History and Culture Symposium

Presented by the Cartoon Research Library, Department of History, and the School of Journalism and Communication

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Grand Lounge, OSU Faculty Club,
181 South Oval Drive

For more information: <http://www.lib.ohio-state.edu/cgaweb/nast/symposium.htm>

January 6–April 14, 2003

Some Sort of Somebody: Ohian Elsie Janis on the Stage and in the Trenches

Presented by the Theatre Research Institute
Philip Sills Exhibit Hall, Thompson (Main) Library

January 21, 2003

Friends of the OSU Libraries' OSU Authors Present Dr. Allan Millett and his book *Their War for Korea*

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. The Blackwell Inn
Please call for tickets (614) 292-3387

April 2003

Friends of the OSU Libraries' OSU Authors Present Professor of Fine Art Ann Hamilton

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Campus date and location to be determined

Please call for tickets (614) 292-3387

May 1–August 29, 2003

Ohio Cartoonists

Presented by the Cartoon Research Library
Philip Sills Exhibit Hall, Thompson (Main) Library

May 7–9, 2003

Friends of the OSU Libraries' Spring Book Sale

Thompson (Main) Library rooms 122 and 001

For more information about these events, please contact Library Development at (614) 292-3387.



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