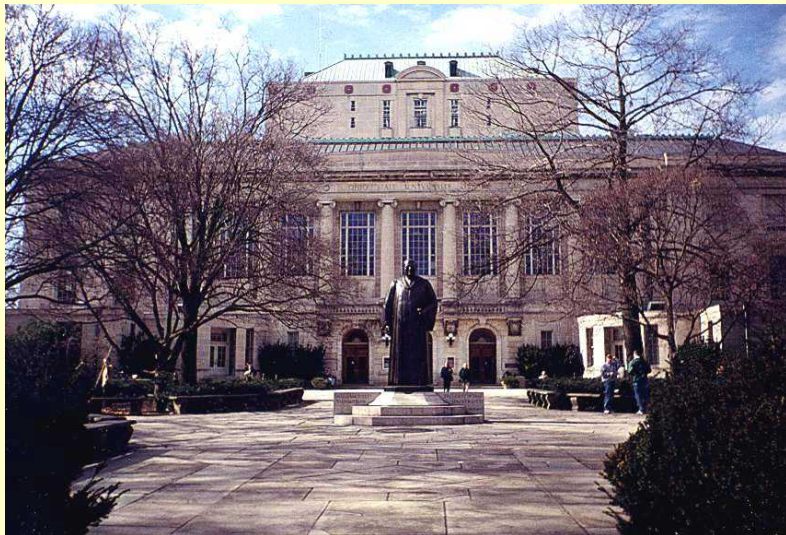

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William Oxley Thompson
Memorial Library

Honest books are not
impudently certain of all
things.... They are not written
for the side of us that talks but
for the silent side that keeps
wondering at the lies we tell.

Frank Moore Colby,
The Colby Essays, Vol. 1

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the Libraries' Homepage.

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Greene](#) by Friday noon
for publication the
following week.

Calendar of Events

Faculty Meeting

June 10, 1999 3:00pm in 122 Main Library. Agenda items may be submitted to [Betty Sawyers](#), faculty secretary, no later than noon, June 4, 1999.

Exhibits

Billy Ireland: Self-Taught Artist

February 22 - June 11, 1999. OSU Cartoon Research Library Reading Room Gallery, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday.

For other University events, see [OSU Electronic Calendars](#)

Announcements

In Memory Of

Bob Thorson, retired head of the History, Political Science, and Philosophy Library and former head of Circulation, passed away last week. Visitation is today at the Weir Arend Funeral Home, 4221 North High Street in Clintonville from 2:00 - 4:00pm and 7:00 - 9:00pm. There will be a memorial service on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:30pm at the Oakland Park United Methodist Church, 994 Oakland Park Avenue.

Remarks Available

The remarks made at Jay Ladd's memorial services in August 1997 have now been prepared in booklet form and a limited number of copies are available. If you simply want to look over a copy, there will be one at the ISD receptionist desk. If you want to have a personal copy, please ask [Marilyn Orlando](#) (4-6487)

William J. Studer, Director of Libraries

From the Director's Office

Spec Kits #238 "The ARL Geographic Information Systems Literacy Project," #239 "Mentoring Programs in ARL Libraries," and #241 "The Gifts and Exchange Function in ARL Libraries" have just been received in the Director's office for anyone wishing to see them.

Computer Workshop Classes

Information concerning classes available for the remainder of May and the month of June at the Computer Workshop has been added to the Staff Information portion of the Libraries' web site. The direct address is as follows:

</Staff/tcwjun99.html>

After obtaining your supervisor's approval, contact me at sawyers.1@osu.edu or by phone at 2-4491 to register you to attend the

class.

Betty Sawyers, Assistant to the Director

Free Health Screening

Dear Faculty and Staff,

The Office of Human Resources Faculty and Staff Wellness Program's Campus Neighborhood Screening Event is being brought to you in appreciation of your service to the University Community.

You are cordially invited to receive a Free Health Screening Wednesday, May 26 in Humanities, 156 University Hall 230 North Oval Mall.

Screening Appointments last approximately 20 minutes and are available between 8:30am - 2:45pm.

You will need to fast 2 hours prior to your appointment.

You will have your cholesterol, blood pressure, and other health measurements checked. You will have the option for a free percent body fat composition measurement (which uses infrared technology light wand place on your arm) and receive a customized four page report with fitness recommendations.

Also, a massage therapist will be available.

To participate please call: Barry Zvolenski at 8-4366 to register.

OSU faculty and staff who are eligible for medical benefits but have not elected coverage are also welcome to participate in this free health screening.

Activities

John M. Bennett, Rare Books and Special Collections Cataloging, University Libraries, has published an electronic chapbook of poetry,

COATLICUE, [Elmwood, CT]: Potes & Poets Press, 1999
(Potepoettext, 22}.

Thank you!

In Honor Of

The Ohio State University Libraries' Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee has extended an invitation to all Libraries faculty and staff to attend the second annual reception celebrating faculty promotions* on Thursday, June 3, 1999 at 4:00-6:00pm at the Medical Heritage Room, 5th Floor Health Sciences Library.

RSVP to [Marilyn Orlando](#), 106 Main Library

Honorees:

- Edward A. Riedinger, Promoted to Professor
- Geoffrey D. Smith, Promoted to Professor
- Trisha L. Davis, Promoted to Associate Professor
- Magda A. El-Sherbini, Promoted to Associate Professor
- Martin P. Jamison, Promoted to Associate Professor
- Barbara A. Van Brimmer, Promoted to Associate Professor

*Pending official approval of the Board of Trustees

The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus Schottenstein Center, June 2 - 6, 1999.

Ohio State University faculty and staff have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for three of the performances:

Thursday, June 3 -- 7:30pm
Friday, June 4 -- 7:30pm
Saturday, June 5 -- 11:30am

Tickets must be ordered by May 19, 1999 (3:00pm.) through the Schottenstein Center Ticket Office by mail or FAX only. Discounted tickets may not be purchased by going directly to the Schottenstein Center Ticket Office.

The Libraries Human Resources Department has several copies of this special promotion and order form.

Three ALAO Regional Workshops Available

The Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO)/Support Staff Interest Group announces the presentation of three regional workshops entitled, "Rekindle the Flame: Fire Up for the New Millennium." These workshops will be held in the following locations and dates:

June 16, 1999 -- Ohio Wesleyan University

June 17, 1999 -- Southern State Community College

June 18, 1999 -- University of Toledo

The registration cost for attendance of the workshop at any location will be \$35.00 per person for members of ALAO and OCLIS. Non-Members will pay an additional \$12.00 fee that can be put towards membership within ALAO, a state chapter of The Association of College and Research Libraries.

The workshop is sponsored by ALAO's Support Staff Interest Group. For more information contact Douglas Morrison at dmorri1@uakron.edu, or contact me directly using the phone or fax numbers located in the signature at the end of this message. Messages sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to:

University of Akron/Wayne College Library
c/o Douglas Morrison
1901 Smucker Road
Orrville, OH 44667

[Douglas Morrison](#)

Univ. of Akron/Wayne College

or

[Cheryl Grossman](#)

Features

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry, "regnant," means "reigning; ruling." This week's entry is "somniafacient."

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](#)
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Meeting Notes

Administrative Staff Conference Minutes

May 17, 1999

Dr. William Studer, director of Libraries, reported that an average 4% salary increase has been approved for faculty and staff. Salary recommendations are due by June 23, 1999.

The ARL meeting he attended last week in Kansas City dealt with special collections. The keynote speaker was the head of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. The Folger collection is not restricted to Shakespeare's works, but contains information on anything happening during the Renaissance or in Elizabethan England.

ARL attendees also heard a report from Kevin Guthrie from the JSTOR project. By the end of the calendar year, the 117 Phase I titles should be

completed. There are over five million pages in the database, and 55% of all articles have been accessed at least once. Links to current issues are beginning to be made. [A time table for retiring print volumes to storage for those covered in electronic form needs to be discussed by OSUL.]

Planning is needed concerning the impact that Commencement will have on Main Library and other libraries located adjacent to the Oval. Ryan Langhurst has already begun talks with Physical Facilities.

Marsha Hamilton (Monographs) reported that the GOBI-SELECT workshops are in progress. Using GOBI (YBP's online database) saves time in the selection/ordering process; it is hoped that notification "slips" could be online at some point in the future.

Training of the new employees in the Monographs Department is progressing, and they are gearing up for end-of-year processing.

Sally Rogers (Information Technology) reported that Ken Cherrington is evaluating two brands of PC's in preparation for placing an order for 250 this summer. The new computers will use Windows 95.

The University has signed a four year contract with MicroSoft which is targeted for implementation on July 1.

Pat McCandless, assistant director for Public Services, reported that OSUL received a certificate of appreciation at the recent Office of Disability Services' recognition session.

The preliminary paperwork for recarpeting Main Library is underway, but it is still anticipated that the actual work will not be done until the December break.

Spencer and Spencer has been selected as the architect for the Depository expansion; it may be possible to begin construction this fall.

As grant proposals are reviewed by the TELR Coordinating Council, the information will be shared with appropriate library managers.

Mary Scott (Science and Engineering Library) reported that SEL is almost ready to begin providing service for Patents.

There have been seven candidates for the Systems Manager position; three individuals will be interviewed. The vacant weekend position at SEL will be filled by Abigail Jones, who is scheduled to begin work on May 25.

Tony Maniaci (Circulation) reminded the attendees that the impending end of the quarter activity has book trucks in short supply again.

Security problems on the ground floor relating to elevator malfunction and weekend traffic are being studied.

The vacant weekend position in the Circulation Department has been filled by Anna Kaper.

Wes Boomgaarden (Preservation) reported on the status of the recently water-damaged books. Collection Maintenance staff have air-dried about 1,300 volumes, and those have been reshelfed in the Main stacks; about 30 are being rebound or replaced. There are 744 volumes in ICS; each of them has been examined and their OSCAR status has been or will be up-to-date very soon thanks to the efforts of the Circulation Department; only one third of these volumes had barcode labels; another 37 volumes are in the freezer here. Serials make up 80% of the titles in the freezers; many are of coated stock and require replacement consideration since the pages have been fused together; others must be considered due to their brittle and broken condition; a small percentage (20-40%) will require freeze drying. The drinking fountain issue is still pending with Physical Facilities.

Two representatives from the Library of Congress's Motion Picture, Broadcast and Recorded Sound Division will be here June 21 or 22 to examine the John Flory Collection of Cinema Literature's manuscript and records collection for possible accession by LC.

Renovation of 011 Main Library in the Collection Maintenance/Conservation work area is underway. Disruptions in services will be held to a minimum, but they have asked public service units to hold off sending materials for repair/wrapping/etc. for a couple of weeks.

Trisha Davis (Planning and Policy Committee) reported that the Planning and Policy Committee will be discussing the issue of the use of t-shirts to identify Work Pool members, rather than the need for them to wear badges. [Tony Maniaci reported that this matter has

already been discussed by the Staff Advisory Committee.]

Trisha Davis (Serials and Electronic Resources Department) reported that interviews for two of the three candidates being interviewed for the Serials Coordinator position have been completed.

Linda Gonzalez (Human Resources) reported that two internal candidates have been interviewed for the vacancy in the Human Resources Office, and they will now be interviewing external candidates.

A request has been submitted to have workplace violence workshops presented on site in the Libraries, but a reply has not yet been received.

It is still unknown as to when leave balances will disappear from pay stubs.

Two candidates for the Non-Roman Cataloging position have been interviewed--the third candidate has withdrawn. Recruitment for the redefined Web Librarian position is in process.

Carol Diedrichs, assistant director for Technical Service, reiterated the information concerning fiscal closing activities in the technical services departments.

Technical services personnel from Main Library will assist HEA with their closing, after completing OSUL's, as Pat Pillitteri is retiring from the Health Sciences Library at the end of May.

Gay Dannelly, assistant director for Collections, reminded the attendees that both OhioLINK and CIC are actively soliciting suggestions for databases that should be added.

Nancy Courtney (Information Services Department) reported that videotapes that formerly needed to be requested from Information Services personnel, are to be placed on open shelving. It was suggested that tapes that had been assigned for classes, as well as others that are heavily used, should be placed on Closed Reserve. A list of these high risk tapes will be prepared and given to Pat McCandless.

Human Resources

Resignation

===Faculty===

Special Collections Cataloging: Hannah Thomas has resigned her position as Head, Special Collections Cataloging, effective July 2, 1999.

Vacancies

===Faculty===

ASD: Resident Librarian (replacing Young) 2nd listing

Cataloging: Coordinator Non-Roman Cataloging Section (new position)

EHS Library: Information Services Librarian and Collection Manager (replacing Gouke)

Information Technology Department: Digital Resource Systems Administrator (replacing Diaz) 1st listing

Serials & Electronic Resources: Serials Coordinator (replacing Rider)

===Administrative and Professional===

Archives: Librarian 1 (new position) 1st listing

Law Library: Law Librarian (new position)

Law Library: Law Librarian (new position)

Science & Engineering Library: SEL Systems Manager (new position)

===Staff===

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

Health Sciences Library: Library Associate 2 1st listing

Human Resources: Personnel Technician 1 (replacing Caslin)

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 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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