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You're a hero when you win and a bum when you lose. That's the game. They pay their money and they can boo if they feel like it.

Johnny Unitas,
quoted in *Quarterbacks Have All the Fun*
by Dick Schaap

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Calendar of Events

Exhibits

Peanuts

An Exhibition at The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library
September 18, 2000 - January 19, 2001
Reading Room Gallery

"A cartoonist is someone who has to draw the same thing every day without repeating himself." Charles M. Schulz 1984

Echoes in the Ice: Exploration and Science in Antarctica

September 15 - December 15, 2000
Sills Exhibit Hall, Main Library, Sunday through Saturday during open hours.

The 9th Annual Ohio State University Staff Arts & Crafts Exhibit

September 11 - October 13, 2000
Bricker Hall, 1st and 2nd floor lobbies, 190 North Oval Mall

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

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Announcements

Library People in Print and Video

A story about Geoff Smith (Rare Books) and a photo appeared in the October issue of *Columbus Monthly* (p. 13, "Book Lovers Unite.") The article concerns the Aldus Society, a Columbus organization for the edification and continuing education of those interested in books. Geoff is president of this organization, which has approximately 90 members.

Lucy Caswell and the Cartoon Research Library were featured in a new WOSU production entitled "Drawing Opinion" which was broadcast on October 5.

Videotapes are available for sale from WOSU. A re-broadcast date has not yet been scheduled.

Peanuts

There is an new exhibition at The Ohio State University Cartoon Research Library. The purpose of this exhibition is to salute Charles Schulz and his contributions to his profession on the fiftieth year of Peanuts. After beginning in seven U. S. newspapers on October 2, 1950, Peanuts grew to be distributed in more than 2,600 newspapers around the world, and it is consistently at the top of reader popularity polls. Because Peanuts is character-based rather than gag-driven, Schulz created a distinct universe within his comic strip using a deceptive simplicity. He is credited with reinventing his medium fifty years ago at a time when many were predicting its demise because of television and changes in the newspaper business.



Snoopy, Joe Branin, and Friends

Through the use of "slight incidents" and incongruous metaphors, Charles Schulz developed a narrative that delighted readers worldwide. This exhibit highlights selected examples of many of the favorite characters, settings, and themes of Peanuts such as the kite-eating tree, Linus and his blanket, Lucy's psychiatry booth, the Charlie Brown's struggles with the football. Also included are examples of Peanuts books, and samples of the comic strip in several translations used to distribute it worldwide as well as selected Peanuts products.



President and Mrs. Kirwan with Snoopy

The exhibit is free and open to the public during the Cartoon Research Library's regular operating hours. A free exhibition brochure will be available. The catalogue, including an essay on Peanuts and American culture by Professor M. Thomas Inge, will be available for a modest charge.



Upper right: Charles Schultz

A birthday party celebrating Peanuts' fiftieth year is planned for the afternoon of October 1, 2000 on the Ohio State campus. At Weigel Hall, students from the Department of Theatre will be performing excerpts from *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and a jazz trio will perform the music of Vince Guaraldi from several of the animated Peanuts television specials. Screenings of selected Peanuts programs, the exhibition at the Cartoon Research Library Reading Room Gallery, and birthday cake will complete the event. The birthday party is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. The exhibit is underwritten in part by a grant from United Media.

University Libraries' Residency

Position: Mary P. Key Diversity Resident Librarian

PROGRAM The Ohio State University Libraries, one of the nation's largest academic research library systems, has the resources and commitment to introduce and orient a recent graduate to the complexities of librarianship in a highly diverse environment. The two year residency is designed to assist a recent graduate in making a successful transition to academic research librarianship and provides the opportunity for hands-on experience in most areas of the University Libraries' operations, including the workings of public and technical services as well as administration. The first year includes an introduction/orientation to the various departments and operations, while the second year of the internship emphasizes one or more areas of special interest to the resident. Additional information about the Libraries and the Diversity Program are available at

<http://www.osu.edu./index.htmlresidency.html>

The Ohio State University has a strong commitment to diversity and is actively seeking qualified applicants. The University Libraries' Mary P. Key Diversity Residency Program is one component of the Libraries' commitment to diversity and is intended to increase the diversity of librarians at Ohio State and to further the growth and development of junior librarians. The residency will begin no later than March, 2001.

QUALIFICATIONS Recent master's degree from an ALA-accredited program (degree requirement must be fulfilled by December 2000).

SALARY \$32,500 per year, which includes an allowance for benefits.

ENVIRONMENT Founded in 1870, The Ohio State University is a comprehensive, state-assisted university offering a complete environment for learning for its ca. 3,100 faculty and 48,000 students at the Columbus campus. The University Libraries system is composed of the Main Library, ten department libraries, the University Archives, five special collections, the Law Library and the Health Sciences Library on the Columbus campus; four regional campus libraries; and the libraries of the Agricultural Technical Institute and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster. The Libraries have a staff of 250 of which approximately 80 are library faculty. Its collection of over five million volumes makes it one of the nation's largest research libraries.

The Ohio State University Libraries is a leader in library user education with a program that reaches all entering freshmen students and a developing program of course-related instruction for upper level undergraduate and graduate students, as

well as a program of online, self-paced tutorials. It is also a leader in the development and use of library-related computer technology and is a charter member of OCLC, Inc. and OhioLINK, a shared central catalog and a statewide circulation and delivery network.

APPLICATION Position available until filled; review of applications will begin in early January. Applicants should submit resume; undergraduate and graduate transcripts; and names and addresses and telephone numbers of three references to Linda S. Gonzalez, manager, Libraries Administrative Services, The Ohio State University Libraries, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus OH 43210. Telephone: (614) 292-5863; Fax: (614) 292-7859; email gonzalez.107@osu.edu

The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

ALAO Conference

The annual conference of the Academic Library Association of Ohio is nearly here. "Four Walls and Beyond: Libraries in the New Millennium" is the theme of the conference, to be held November 3 at Ashland University in Ohio. The conference offers a mix of presentations, poster sessions, vendor exhibits, and networking opportunities. Keynote speaker John Berry, editor-in-chief of *Library Journal*, will kick off the day with a dynamic presentation. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the low registration fee of \$5. The ALAO Support Staff Interest Group is sponsoring a day-long pre-conference on November 2 at the same location. "Seeing the Library through the Patron's Eyes" features Marcia King-Blandford, interim assistant dean for Information Services at the University of Toledo.

Registration for the pre-conference is \$35.

Please join us at the beautiful Convocation Center at Ashland University, 80 miles north of Columbus. The registration deadline is Friday, October 13. For more information about ALAO and the conference, including a printable registration form, please connect to ALAO's web site:

<http://alaoweb.org/00conf>

Training Sessions for New Student Employees

Training sessions for new student employees will be held again this fall beginning on Friday, September 29, and continuing through the month of October. There will be five sessions each of the General Library Orientation and the Personal Interactions/

Customer Service. The schedule of sessions is as follows:

General Library Orientation

Friday, September 29, 2:30-3:30pm, 122 Main Library

Friday, September 29, 3:30-4:30pm, 122 Main Library

Tuesday, October 3, 3:30-4:30pm, 122 Main Library Wednesday, October 4, 5:30-6:30pm, 090 SEL

Tuesday, October 24, 5:30-6:30pm, 122 Main Library

Personal Interactions/Customer Service

Tuesday, October 3, 5:30-7:30pm, 122 Main Library

Friday, October 6, 2:30-4:30pm, 122 Main Library

Wednesday, October 11, 5:30-7:30pm, 090 SEL

Friday, October 13, 2:30-4:30pm, 122 Main Library

Friday, October 27, 2:30-4:30pm, 122 Main Library

A calendar showing when the sessions will be given is available at the following URL:

</Staff/training/trngcalS.html>

Also available are the online training sessions for LC Call Numbers (Choose PROGRAMS from the Windows START menu and then select LC EASY) and OSCAR (<http://gateway.lib.ohio-state.edu/training/>). The quizzes for the OSCAR sessions are no longer online, but are available in paper form; please contact the Training Advisory Council (<mailto:libtrng@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu>) if you wish to have a copy of the quizzes.

Features

Lou Joseph's interview regarding Community Care Day was unintentionally omitted from last week's NEWS NOTES Online.

Lou volunteered at Indianola Alternative School on Community Care Day because "I've been looking to do more community service type work, and when this came along, it seemed like a good opportunity." One of the projects at the school was to paint a mural in the library, which he had fun doing. At the same time, he was able to meet other people who work at Ohio State, as well as the teachers at Indianola Alternative. He definitely recommends participation in volunteer projects in the community.

Luminous Lucubrations

Last week's entry was "nimiety" which means, "excess." This week's entry is "pastille."

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

Administrative Staff Conference

October 2, 2000 Minutes

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Joe Branin, director of Libraries, welcomed everyone to the "new and improved" ASC and indicated that he would be scheduling a break during each ASC meeting to provide an opportunity for the attendees to socialize and network with their colleagues.

2. Director's Report.

Assessment Committee—A call has been issued for individuals who would be interested in membership on the new standing committee which will be formed to provide continuous assessment of the Libraries' services and programs. This is an important activity at any time, but is particularly needed as we are involved in determining usage patterns for the restored/renovated Main Library.

ColumbusReads—The ColumbusReads program is a particularly appropriate outreach activity for the involvement of Libraries' personnel. Joe plans to participate himself and encourages others to participate, with the approval of their supervisors. Released time will be granted for this activity, which requires a commitment of two hours per week, which can be scheduled on a yearly or quarterly basis; "as needed" participation as a substitute is also possible. Interested individuals should contact Linda Gonzalez (Human Resources).

Main Library Restoration/Renovation—The next step in the project to restore/renovate the Main Library building has been taken with the appointment of a University committee to oversee an architectural feasibility study. Wes Boomgaarden (Preservation) and Joe Branin are the Libraries' representatives on the committee, which also has representation from the Office of Information Technology, Academic Affairs, the teaching faculty, Physical Facilities, and is chaired by a representative of the University Architect's Office. The committee's first duty is the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) which will be issued to select an architectural firm to perform the study. It is hoped to issue the RFP by the first of November, with proposals being received and reviewed during December. Three to six firms who submit the most promising proposals will be identified and interviewed; the hope is to have a firm selected and on board by January. A capital request for \$60-100 million has been submitted for the 2003-2004 biennium, and prospects for raising significant private funds in the range of \$20-30 million remain optimistic.

3. Budget Report.

Linda Gonzalez provided an overview of the Libraries' budget for the 2000/2001 fiscal year. The amount of funding provided by the University for the year is \$22,792,696; added to this is \$900,000 in carryover from the previous year and an anticipated \$369,000 in revenues for a total of \$24,061,696. Anticipated expenses are \$23,704,758--\$12,441,100 for salaries and benefits (54% of the total budget), \$1,616,769 for supplies and services (7% of the total), \$771,390 for equipment (4% of the total), and \$8,875,499 for library materials (35% of the total)--leaving a surplus of \$356,938 to be carried over to the following year. Sheets detailing breakdowns of the budget categories were distributed to attendees; additional copies are available from Linda Gonzalez.

4. Library Development.

Kaye Madden was introduced to the group as the new senior development officer for the Libraries. Kaye spoke about the planning phase of the major campaign which will take place over the next year in preparation for launching a major campaign which will hopefully bring in \$20-30 million in support of the restoration/renovation of the Main Library. She asks for suggestions of individuals or organizations that might be good prospects as potential donors; anyone with suggestions should contact her (mailto:madden.66@osu.edu or 2-5128) or Shannon Tippie (mailto:tippie.13@osu.edu or 2-3387) .

5. Student Employee Training Program.

Betty Sawyers, assistant to the director, presented an overview of the student employee training program that is sponsored by the Libraries' Training Advisory Council. Since the beginning of the program, more than 1,200 students have attended one or more of the workshops that are offered. Two workshops are presented by volunteer trainers who follow scripts developed by the council. The General Library Orientation workshop covers the following topics: the Libraries' vision/mission

statement; introduction to library locations and materials; library terminology; accessing information; proper handling of library materials; and the Libraries' *Emergency Manual*.

The second workshop is on personal interaction/customer service; this workshop combines some of the aspects of the personal interaction workshops that have been provided for the Libraries' faculty and staff with topics covered in the customer service workshop that had formerly been provided by the council. Online instruction is also available for OSCAR searching and circulation (developed by the council), as well as LC Easy, which provides an introduction to LC call numbers. She also demonstrated a new set of 70 slides used in the General Library Orientation PowerPoint presentation that provides an introduction to the Libraries' locations, materials, and activities.

6. UVC Program.

Fred Roecker (User Education) and Gerry Greenberg (Education, Human Ecology, Psychology, Social Work Library) talked to the group about the bibliographic instruction component of the University College (UVC) program, which has been provided by University Libraries for more than 22 years. Under this program, Libraries' faculty make class presentations to incoming freshmen and transferring sophomores--approximately 9,000 per year.

Two assignments have been developed which are designed to provide a positive research experience, introduce the students to search strategy, and provide an in person interaction with a librarian. In the earlier years it was necessary for the students to complete the assignments on site in a library; the assignments are now online and can be completed from any location that has an Internet connection. Approximately 70 classroom sessions are currently conducted by a total of ca. 30 volunteers.

Gerry Greenberg is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the program, including distribution and grading of the assignments. Samples of the assignments were handed out; anyone having suggestions for improvements to the assignments should contact Gerry (mailto:greenberg.3@osu.edu; 4-8572) or Fred (mailto:roecker.1@osu.edu; 2-5172).

Betty Sawyers October 5, 2000

Human Resources

Resignation

Book Depository: Paul Rodgers has resigned the position of Library Media Technical Assistant 1, effective October 18, 2000.

Vacancies

===Faculty===

OSU Mansfield: Librarian 2 -new position

===A&P===

Law Library: Electronic Services/Reference Librarian (replacing Davidson)

===Staff===

Book Depository: Library Media Technical Assistant 1- 75%- (replacing Gleim) -
Reposted - 1st listing

Cataloging: Library Associate 1 (replacing Patterson)

Circulation: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Imelda) - 1st listing

Health Sciences Library: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 (replacing Seedhouse)
1st listing

History, Political Science, and Philosophy Reading Room: Library Media Technical
Assistant 2 (replacing Ives)

Interlibrary Loan Department: Library Media Technical Assistant 2 - 50% -
(replacing Lawyer)

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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