

News Notes

Less Funding Forces Renovation Delay

Executive Vice President and Provost Barbara R. Snyder and Senior Vice President for Business and Finance William J. Shkurti have given a set of recommendations to President Holbrook about how the university should deal with a 20 percent reduction by the state in the amount approved for capital projects at the Columbus campus.

The recommendations call for delaying the start of construction for the renovation of the Thompson Library for one year. Other projects that are already under construction -- including the Robinson Lab replacement, Psychology Building replacement, and Larkins rehabilitation -- will continued uninterrupted, but the benefiting units will be asked to help share in identifying alternative funding sources.

"The Thompson Library Renovation was the only capital project specifically mentioned

in the Academic Plan and is highest on the university's priority list," Snyder said. "Weighing all the various considerations, we have reluctantly concluded that the best option is to complete the design as planned, but delay the start of construction for one year, to fall 2006."

Shkurti estimates that by delaying the project by one year, inflation will increase construction costs by about \$3.3 million, but said the increased amount will be added to a later capital allocation. "The primary issue involving the library project is when to start construction, because once that process begins, stopping or modifying the project becomes very difficult," Shkurti said. "Costs can mount at the rate of \$2.5 million a month."

"We recognize this is not an ideal solution," Snyder said. "However, we feel that under the circumstances imposed upon us, this option

offers the best chance to successfully complete this project while minimizing financial risk to the university and staying faithful to the remaining goals of the Academic Plan."

The state's long-delayed Capital Appropriations bill was passed by the General Assembly and signed by the governor earlier this month. The bill provided Ohio State \$89 million for construction and renovation projects, which is \$14 million less than the university had sought.

University Libraries Director Joseph Branin said that the Libraries' Executive Committee would meet next week to review the various elements of the project, and how the delay would impact planned reorganizations and move dates. Libraries' staff should look for more details in an upcoming issue of *News Notes*.

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Task Group Studying Time Card Process

A task group has been set up to review the Libraries' time card process and look at options for automating them.

Linda Gonzalez, (the Libraries' head of Human Resources), said that the advisory group would look at the Libraries' time card processes in light of recommendations from University Payroll that OSUL consider moving to an automated timekeeping system. Several other OSU departments have moved to automated systems of timekeeping, including Athletics and Residence & Dining.

In addition to University recommendations, Gonzalez emphasized to the group that the Libraries' must adhere to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), which governs overtime rules and recordkeeping requirements. All U.S. employers are required to follow FLSA provisions.

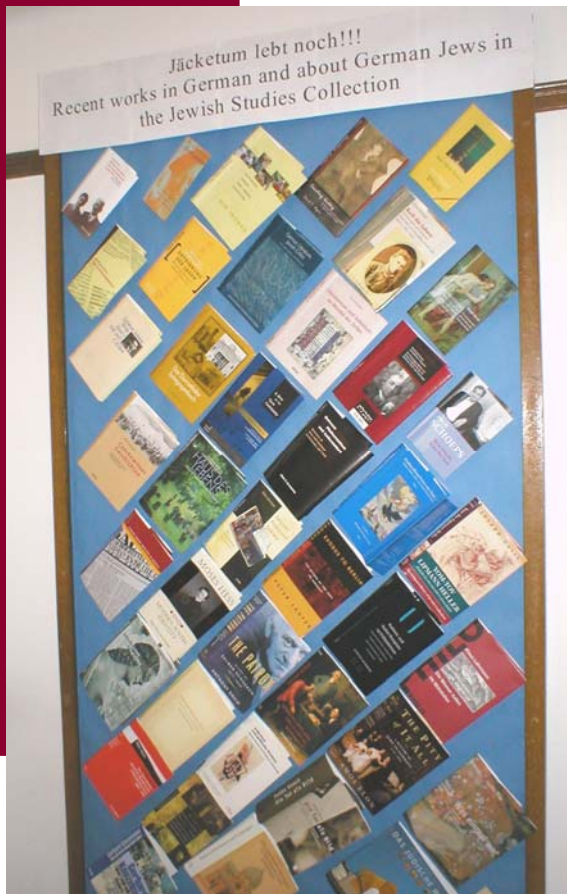
The Task Group will be reviewing information on timekeeping processes, considering options for streamlining the process, and providing information to the Libraries' staff on the progress of the group.

Gonzalez said that

there were a number of factors that would determine if the Libraries moved ahead with some type of automated timekeeping process.

"We have not made any decisions about this," Gonzalez said. "We will only move forward with automated timekeeping if it is affordable, makes sense for us to do, and ultimately streamlines the process."

Watch for updates on the work of the task group in future issues of *News Notes*.



Timekeeping Task Group

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| Larry Allen | Maureen Meck |
| Rick Brown | Toni Morrison-Smith |
| Terry Camelford | Sally Muster |
| Nancy Courtney | Cheryl Obong |
| Gary Cox | Bill Opperman |
| Donna Distel | Charles Smith |
| Patti Dittoe | Loretta Smith |
| Maureen Donovan | Jeff Thomas |
| Linda Gonzalez | Dennis Toth |
| Andy Hang | Joan Wells |
| Cheryl Mason | |
| Middleton | |

On display at the Main Library: Recent works in German and about German Jews in the Jewish Studies Collection

Training Opportunity: "About Discrimination"

What Supervisors Need to Know about Discrimination

Wednesday, March 9, 8:30 a.m.-Noon
or Thursday, March 10, 1:30-5 p.m.

Location: 099 Pressey Hall
1070 Carmack Rd., Columbus

Do you know the laws preventing discrimination in the workplace? Do you understand your role as a supervisor insuring compliance with these laws? Are you uncertain how to handle allegations of discrimination in your workplace?

In this workshop, participants will:

- Learn the legal foundation of discrimination laws

- Participate in interactive case studies to examine issues of discrimination in the workplace
- Learn university procedures to respond to issues of discrimination when they arise

Register online at <http://hr.osu.edu/ohrd/home.htm> or by phone at (614) 292-4500. The workshop is sponsored by the OSU Organization and Human Resource Development Office.



New form for P-Cards

The university has created a new and improved Pro-card transaction form. You can access this via the Library's web site under Business Office forms or at <http://www.osupcard.com/forms/TransForm.doc>. The form can be completed on the web and then printed, or you can print and complete it manually.

Alcohol purchases must be pre-approved. The new form has a place for this approval, but any documentation you have with the pre-approval can be attached in lieu of obtaining a second signature.

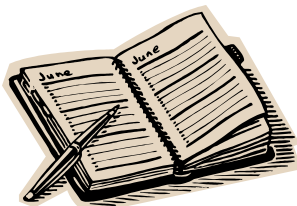
Please note that **prior approval is required before using the p-card**. This step insures that the budget is available before a purchase is made.

Contact Diane Sliemers in Business Services at 7-6833 if you have questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday,
May 12

9 a.m. -
4:30 p.m.



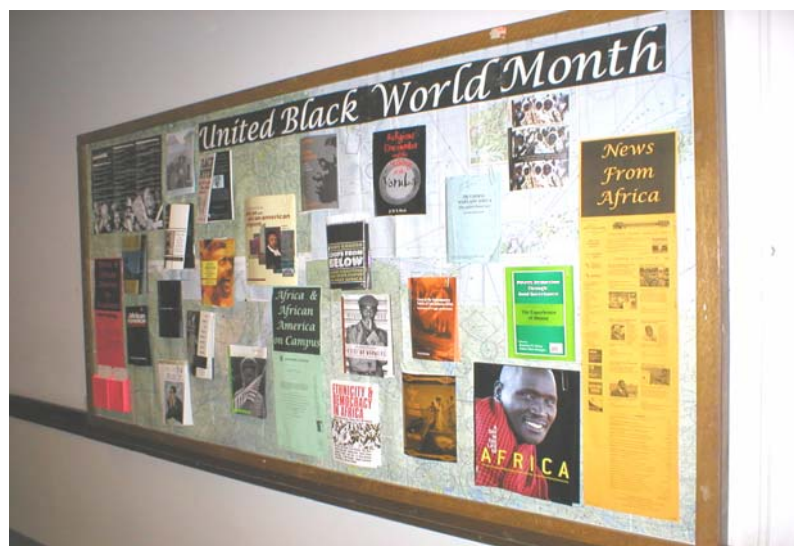
OSU's Knowledge Bank

Collection managers and other interested library personnel should make plans now to attend this upcoming session on the Knowledge Bank. A number of speakers will discuss the current status, prospects and uses for the Knowledge Bank.

Library Director Joe Branin will also review the Expertise System, along with plans to promote the Knowledge Bank, the Expertise System and OhioLINK's Digital Resource Center. Hands-on sessions on the Knowledge Bank and the Expertise System are scheduled for the afternoon.

Details will be available in the next few weeks.

On display at the Main Library:
United Black History Month materials



National Library Week
April 10-16, 2005

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

APPOINTMENTS

Book Depository – David Morneau accepted the position of Library Associate 2 – 75% - replacing Johnson – effective 14 February 2005

Circulation (Main Library) – Jessica Adelia has accepted the position of Library Associate 2 – 100% - replacing Fung – effective 08 February 2005

VACANCIES/FACULTY

Science and Engineering Library – Assistant Professor (Physics/Astronomy Librarian) – 100% - replacing Duffy

Serials/Electronic Resources – Assistant Professor (Electronic Resources Coordinator) –100% - New Position

VACANCIES/STAFF

Book Depository – Library Media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Morneau

Business Office (Main Library) – Account Clerk 3 – 100% - replacing Carpenter – 1st Listing

Circulation (Main Library) – Library Associate 1 – 75% - replacing Adelia

Friends of the Library – Office Associate -100% - replacing Bussard – REPOSTED – 1st Listing



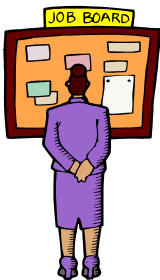
Health Sciences Library – Library Media Technical Assistant – 75% - replacing Behring

Marion Campus – Library Media Technical Assistant – 50%

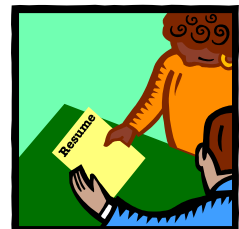
Science and Engineering Library – Library Media Technical Assistant –50% - replacing Wilkenson – REPOSTED

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 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.

Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:



<http://www.jobs.osu.edu>



Exhibits

The Sting of *The Wasp* Through April 15

Guest curator Richard Samuel West will speak at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 3, at the Cartoon Research Library.



A reception honoring Mr. West will begin at 5:30 p.m. on March 3. This free event is open to the public and co-sponsored by the Aldus Society.

For most of the 19th century, American magazines were vast monochromatic fields of black on white. Beginning in the 1830s, a few magazines featured small hand-colored plates, but they were meager exceptions. Then, in the 1870s, thanks to the perfection of the chromolithographic process, a new breed of magazine exploding with color came to the fore. Outside of the famous New York weeklies, *Puck* and *Judge*, though, none lasted more than a year or two, except for one--*The San Francisco Wasp*.

The Wasp was the colorful chronicler of one of the most exciting periods in the history of San Francisco. This show presents some of *The Wasp's* most powerful and representative cartoons from the private collection of guest curator Richard Samuel West. The exhibit is supported in part by the Mark Cohen and Rose Marie McDaniel Endowment and Milton Caniff Endowment of the Cartoon Research Library.

Richard Samuel West is an independent scholar and historian of American political cartooning. He edited two periodicals, *The Puck Papers* and *Target*, and is the author of the outstanding biography of Joseph Keppler, *Satire on Stone*. He currently is the owner of Periodyssey, the largest company in New England specializing in rare and out-of-print magazines. West's most recent book is *The San Francisco Wasp: An Illustrated History*.

Parking is available in the Ohio Union and Arps garages. Due to the Wexner Center renovation, access to the Cartoon Research Library is limited to walkways on the east and the north.

"Male and Female Body Images,"
with Leigh Cohn, M.A.T.
Wednesday, March 2,
7-8:30 p.m.
University Hall,
230 N. Oval Mall, Room 14



This fast moving multi-media talk is an eye opener for men and women. Cohn will address conflicts with food, weight, shape, and appearance. He uses lots of TV and movie clips. His talk will be both entertaining and motivational. About 80% of women have dieted, and Cohn explains why an equal amount of men want to lose weight or put on pounds of muscle. He will also provide solutions and explain the influences of heredity, healthy eating, exercise, and more. Sponsored by Counseling & Consultation Services, Student Athletic Support Services, and The Body Image & Health Task Force.

Lectures/Programs



Brown Bag Discussion:
"Blogging and public services in the evolving virtual library"

Friday, March 4, 11:30-1pm
Room 124
Main Library

Japanese Studies Librarian Maureen Donovan and Yuji Tosaka, a Kent State library science practicum student will preview their upcoming presentation being given at the Council on East Asian Libraries later this month. The presentation will include setting up a blog, a discussion of blogs vs. home-pages, and a conversation on the usefulness of this technology in communications with library users.

Please join them for this Brown Bag; Maureen and Yuji are interested in your feedback!

News from the Profession

Kate Corby, reference librarian and education and psychology bibliographer at Michigan State University, has received the 2005 ACRL Education and Behavioral Sciences Section (EBSS) Distinguished Education & Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award.

The Library Prize for Undergraduate Research at the University of California, Berkeley, has been chosen to receive the **2005 ACRL Instruction Section (IS) Innovation in Instruction** award. Sponsored by Lexis-Nexis, the annual award recognizes a project that demonstrates creative, innovative, or unique approaches to information literacy instruction.

Trudi E. Jacobson, coordinator of User Education Programs at the University at Albany, and **Lijuan Xu**, instruction coordinator at Lafayette College, have been chosen as winners of the ACRL Instruction Section (IS) Publication Award for their book, "Motivating Students in Information Literacy Classes."

Paul M. Gherman, university librarian at Vanderbilt University, has been named the 2005 winner of the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award. Gherman will receive \$2,000 and a citation during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago this June.

Service Values of

The Ohio State University Libraries

In addition to supporting the University's Academic Plan, The Ohio State University Libraries commits to the following service values:

Learning: Advocate learning as a primary library principle in all interactions, including support of decision making at all levels and encouragement of professional growth and development.

Meeting Needs: Assess needs and provide service and/or needed resources accurately in a timely manner.

Respectful Interactions: Exercise a positive attitude, appreciate differences, maintain confidentiality, and provide a supportive atmosphere for inquiry and effective dialogue/communication.

Stewardship: Acquire, preserve, and protect human and information resources and maintain physical facilities to enhance the learning environment.

Creativity: Take the initiative; be dynamic and innovative in meeting people's needs, being willing to take risks and maintaining the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances.

Interdependence: Collaborate within and among library units, and foster partnerships and outreach to the larger community to ensure/enhance successful operations and accountability.

Mission Statement

The Ohio State University Libraries are committed to meeting the diverse and changing information needs of the University's students, faculty, and staff, and to participating in resource sharing programs throughout Ohio and the world.

The Libraries' facilities, collections, services, instruction, and scholarship contribute to the University's attainment of excellence in teaching, research and service.

To these ends, the Libraries collect, create, organize, manage, preserve and provide access to information sources, and foster an environment conducive to academic inquiry, scholarly communication, creative achievement, and lifelong learning.

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