



The Owl

"The Owl of Minerva takes flight only as the dusk begins to fall, but got stuck in the tar on the roof." —Bagel



Libraries Dean to Take Phased-in Retirement

In 50% cutback, Dean Rader trims work schedule to 95 hours per week.

High-Kickin' Librarians Show School Spirit!



Super-boosters Michel Atlas and Glenda Neely hit the floor with the Senior Birds



LAND SWAP

UPS to use Ekstrom for Sorting Center; Library moves to vacant Bashford Manor Mall

Automated Retrieval System Robot Frightens Library Patrons

As it speeds away to get their books, it shouts in a strangely familiar voice, "I'll be back..."

Skylight Falls at Kornhauser

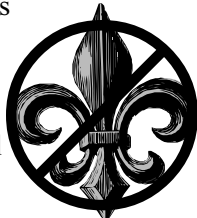
Neal Nixon vows not to use Chicken Little brand next time

Francophobia Sweeps the Nation... and the Libraries

At Ritazza, French Roast is out, Freedom Roast is in!

Kersey Electronic Resources Librarian now known as Cathi TheValley-Welch

Mayor Jerry says, "Anyone pronouncing it Looey-ville will be escorted to the Louahvul metro limits."



Legislature revokes Lt. Governor Steve Henry's Community Borrowing Card at Library

"We thought losing the limo was bad but this really hurts!" says Henry's wife, Heather Freedom Henry

Supplemental Insurance Plan Upgraded

Now includes optional "Irritating Insurance Salesmen" rider

Lewis & Clark in the Library Locust Grove donates old chicken bones to UARC

"Evidence indicates Meriwether Lewis gnawed on these bones," says Archivist Bill Morison.

NCAA Investigates Circulation Dept.

"They wanted to know if Marvin paid his fines with money orders," says a puzzled Bettie Lewis.



Dean Rader negotiates for Hard Rock Ritazza

Karen Little complains: "But we have all the music memorabilia!"

Suburbia's Loss Is Library's Gain

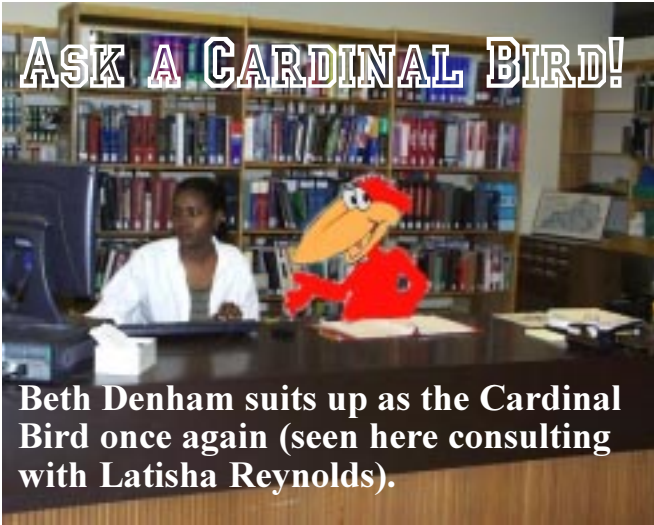
Tyler Goldberg boosts library numbers once again with a major acquisition from recently closed XXX bookstores.

Kersey's New Location To Be Grawemeyer Hall Basement

Due to 50% budget cuts, Kersey can move only half-way to Ekstrom Library

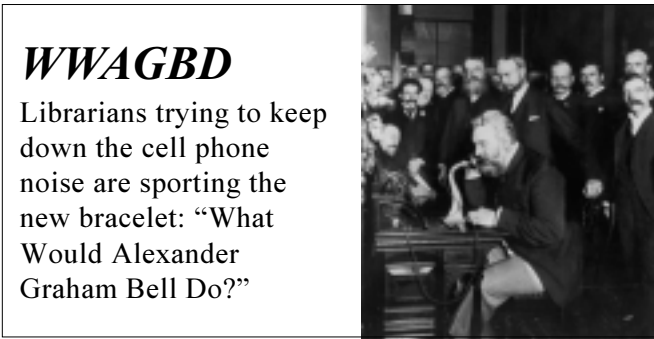
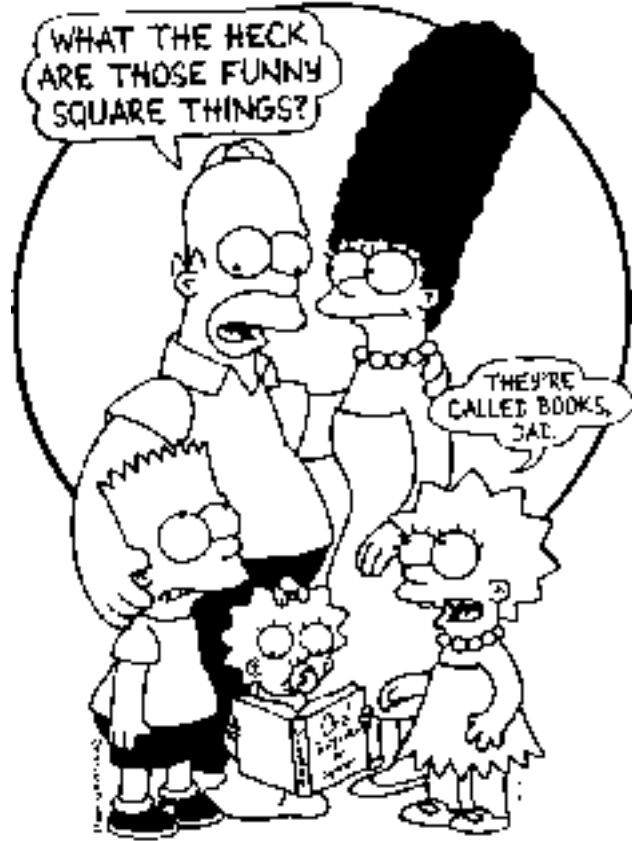
Architect's rendering of new library wing





ASK A CARDINAL BIRD!

Beth Denham suits up as the Cardinal Bird once again (seen here consulting with Latisha Reynolds).



WWAGBD

Librarians trying to keep down the cell phone noise are sporting the new bracelet: "What Would Alexander Graham Bell Do?"

Team News

March Madness is here. It's time to start filling in your brackets to predict this year's winning Library Teams. Contact Sherri Pawson in UARC if you haven't received yet your THIRTIETH ANNUAL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES APPRAISAL OF LIBRARY TEAMS TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS.

Marketing Team

In something of a coup, the Libraries Marketing Team has made a deal with Yum! Brands to use University Librarian Hannelore Rader in ads for Kentucky Fried Chicken. Team Leader Elizabeth Smigielski said, "This is just the first step in a multitude of co-branding opportunities for the Libraries." Commented an anonymous KFC executive, "We've never done this before, but she's got to be better than Jason Alexander."

State-of-the-Art Robot in Ekstrom Library's New Wing Stuck Again

The Tobor SFNF keeps delivering *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov.

**DARE TO SAY
THANK YOU!**

—The Libraries Staff

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From the Dean of Libraries . . .

THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST RESEARCH LIBRARIES (ASERL) met in Charleston, South Carolina March 1 to March 3. The meeting began with a special workshop on “development programs in research libraries” featuring: four development officers from Georgia State University; Kimberly Constantine from the University of South Florida; Beth Denham from the University of Louisville; and Catherine Fraser from the College of William and Mary. The workshop addressed such topics as career paths for development officers, identifying potential donors, working within the university, and stewardship. It was a very informative and dynamic workshop and Beth represented UofL very well.

March 2 and 3 the ASERL members discussed institutional repositories, the AmericanSouth.Org project, which we joined during this meeting, and improved article delivery. The group also reviewed strategic programming and priorities and heard an excellent report on virtual reference, “A Model for ASERL,” presented by Sarah Watstein. Also discussed were Kudzu, ASERL competencies, and digitization. (For more information:

<http://www.americansouth.org/>)



On March 6 a group of our library staff watched a presentation on ENCompass, provided by personnel from Endeavor. Staff gathered to discuss ENCompass on March 21.

The Kentucky Virtual Library Steering Committee met on March 7 in Frankfort. The collection group is working on database use assessment and hopes to have some results

available in a month. The Kentucky Virtual University has an enrollment of 11,000 students: 72% from community colleges, 12% adult education, 12% from the universities and 4-5% from K-12. The



group is working on updating the bylaws and the mission and goal statement for KYVL. The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education will hold its next conference on “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Engaging the Learner” in Lexington May 19-20.

The SAALCK (State-Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky) met on March 11 in Louisville. Kandace Rogers from the UK libraries presented a report of the Virtual Reference Taskforce. Four institutions, including UofL, have already decided to go with OCLC’s QuestionPoint, a collaborative reference service.

On March 7 I gave a short presentation about the libraries’ five-year achievements and future plans to the Board of Overseers. As usual people were quite impressed.

On March 20 the University Libraries hosted a reception honoring Mr. Thomas Crider, who plans to leave his home to the libraries. He received several gifts and a plaque was placed on the first floor of the Ekstrom Library to commemorate his gift.

—Hannelore Rader, Dean of University Libraries

Thank You

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- Bill Carner
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- Carolyn Gettler
- Gail Gilbert
- Marcia Kotlinski
- Hannelore Rader
- Elizabeth Smigielski
- Angel Smith
- Mike Smith



A note from The Owl Board

The Owl Board has decided to publish nine issues per year rather than ten. Now instead of both a June/July and an August issue, we will publish one “summer issue” that will come out in late July.

Read *The Owl* on the Web
at <http://owl.library.louisville.edu>



Note: The web sites cited in this issue are active at the time of publication but may not be available at later dates.

Library Dept. & Team News

Art Library

Association of Architecture School Librarians

The Association of Architecture School Librarians was in Louisville recently in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. They spent one day on Belknap Campus, holding their morning meetings in the art galleries in Schneider, touring the Art Library and then going to the Speed Museum. The librarians were impressed with the exhibits in the galleries and with our collection of books in architectural history. At 9000 volumes, it is nearly double the minimum number required in the NA classification for architecture school libraries.



Alam Lesch

On April 1, *Southern Gothic* (above), a fabric collage by Alma Lesch, will be hung in the Art Library to celebrate the recent gift from the Lesch estate to the Art Library and the Department of Fine Arts. Alma was an extraordinary textile artist whose work influenced many artists both local and national. A short dedication ceremony in the Art Library at 5:30 p.m. will be followed by a reception. Please join us.

Ekstrom Library

Circulation & Interlibrary Loan

So long to Student Assistant James Tolle, who has worked closely with Mike Smith and the Course Reserves operation since August 2002. James will be installing sump pumps over the summer, but will be

returning to us in the fall.

Student Assistants Zachery Wood and Lessa Wilson will be celebrating their 21st birthdays on April 1. Student Assistant Ja'mea Pressley will be celebrating her birthday on April 15. Congratulations to them and everyone else celebrating birthdays this month.

Content Access

With only about five weeks left until the end of the term, Stacks Maintenance is starting to gear up for the end-of-school flood of books from term papers and room cleanings! They continue to work away in the stacks at shifting and trying to find room for all the new books that keep coming in. Also, the new Stacks Maintenance subteam web page should be up and running in just a few days. It's looking really good so please stop by the Content Access intranet page and take a look!

Stacks Maintenance bids a sad farewell this month to assistant supervisor Vicki Niehaus. Everyone is happy, though, that she didn't go far. Vicki accepted the position of online records cataloger in Content Access.

On a personal note, Martha Parry is happy to report that her husband is recovering from his surgery (which was a complete success!) very nicely - although she thinks he's getting a little too used to her getting his tea for him. Its time for him to get back to work!

Special Collections

Special Collections Student Assistants – Past and Present

Deirdre Skaggs: Deirdre was a Fine Arts (photography) major when she worked as a student assistant in Special Collections, graduating in 1999. The strength of her photographic work landed her a fellowship at Ohio State University, where she received a Masters in Fine Arts. Returning to her Special Collections roots, she is now enrolled in the Masters program in Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh. She paid a visit to the University Libraries in early March to gather information for a paper about Special Collections.

David Tong: David worked in Photographic Archives in the early 1980's. He is now a teacher at Highland Middle School. He and his students were in a *Courier-Journal* article on February 17. Having read about the plight of the failing Bashford Manor Mall, David gave his classes a series of assignments and took them on field trips which



Photo by Bill Carner

Francesca Reggiani at work in Special Collections

resulted in redesign proposals submitted by the students to the mall's management.

Kimberley Powers: Kimberley, a 2002 graduate of duPont Manual High School is currently working as a student assistant in Special Collections. As a high school senior, Kimberly received the Stern J. Bramson Memorial Award given annually by Special Collections to a student demonstrating high achievement in photography.

Italian Graduate Student

At Work in Special Collections

Although Special Collections frequently sends information and resources to researchers on all continents, early this spring we had an opportunity to meet one of our long distance researchers in person. An invitation to chair a session of University of Louisville's Twentieth Century Literature Conference brought Francesca Reggiani, a graduate student from University of Parma, to Louisville at the end of February, but the Libraries' resources kept her here for a month of research. Francesca, who is completing an MA degree in French and English literature later this year, chose the poems of Hortense Flexner as the topic of her thesis.

Hortense Flexner (1885-1973) was a Louisville poet who found her work much translated and celebrated in France during the mid twentieth century. In fact, it was Francesca's French professor who introduced her to the poems. Upon completing the biographical and critical work of her thesis, Francesca aspires to translate Hortense Flexner's poems into Italian. "It will be very difficult to capture the meaning, as well as the subtleties and meter."

In addition to the Flexner papers in the Department of Special Collections, Francesca has found the Libraries' general collections, and the staff in Special Collections and the Reference Department, very helpful. Francesca

appreciates Ekstrom as "a wonderful library, and a friendly atmosphere." She also finds the U.S. "very open to all kinds of people; very generous."

We look forward to receiving a copy of Francesca's thesis as an addition to the Hortense Flexner collection.

Kersey Library

Spring Break (March 16 - 22)

It's that time of the year again! Spring is in the air and students took off to enjoy a week of fun! Bryson Lewis went home to Virginia Beach to spend time with his family and fiancé. Elizabeth Ssebayingga went to New York to visit family and friends, and Anthony Harper is also enjoying a week off. We were still fortunate enough to have student assistants willing to work during the break. Our thanks to Matt Kokas, My Lam, Joanne Lau, Adam Lawrence, My Hanh Nguyen, and Melissa Wheeler.

Women's History Month

Among the exhibits for Engineering Days 2003 is "Women in Engineering and Physical Science." This is the exhibit Kersey is displaying in recognition of Women's History Month. The materials were collected and mounted by Steve Whiteside and Carol Brinkman with the assistance of Matt Kokas, one of our student assistants. What makes this exhibit unique is the recognition of our own women in Engineering and Physical Science here at the University of Louisville. Please come see our displays.

April Birthdays

Our very own Elizabeth Ssebayingga will be celebrating her birthday this month. We wish Elizabeth and the rest of you celebrating your birthday in April a very Happy Birthday.

Kornhauser Library

LibQual+

Kornhauser Library is participating in an international library quality of service assessment, known as LibQual+ (<http://www.libqual.org/>). Over 400 libraries, including over 100 health sciences libraries are participating. This online survey uses the "gap theory" of assessment. What that really means is that users are asked what they think of library services, what they would really like, and what they would reasonably settle for. The idea is that we will learn about the gaps in our service. One of the most important aspects of LibQual+ is that it will allow us to compare our level of service to other health sciences libraries in the U.S. and Canada.

Invasion from Simon Space

Yep, he's here. Matt Simon led the Kornhauser personnel in a "blue sky" space planning session for Kornhauser. Primary concerns centered on the physical limitations and wear of the building.

Music Library

In February, student cellist Whitney Allen won College First Prize in the Macauley Chamber Music Competition with her PDW Trio, which featured former student worker David Ballena on piano. This was Whitney's third consecutive, shared first prize in the Chamber competition.

During Jazz Week 2003, Don Dean met the Dave Brubeck Quartet as well as jazz vocalist Gail Wynter and witnessed their signatures in our Guest Book. He was also privileged to meet and witness signatures of Chamber Music Society guests The Chicago Chamber Musicians and cellist Alisa Weilerstein.

Student workers Kate Foley, Rebecca Frank, and Angela Slaughter performed with the University Concert Band in March. Also in March, students Rachel Blanton, Whitney Allen, and Emily Noble performed the *Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto in D Major* with the University Symphony Orchestra and faculty violinist Peter McHugh. Emily Noble also performed her senior flute recital at the School of Music.

DARE TO SAY THANK YOU!

(the real one)

"I want to thank the entire student staff for the circulation department. They have worked extremely hard this semester and deserve some recognition." —*Jami McCoy Allen*

I'd like to thank Erea Marshall for helping with the Alma Lesch bibliography which was prepared for guests attending the dedication of a Lesch collage in the Art Library. Erea tweaked the format, made adjustments, improved the look of the document and printed it on the color printer, all in record time. Thanks Erea! —*Gail Gilbert*

"Ekstrom Reference Librarians appreciate all our volunteer desk staffers: Allen Ashman, Fannie Cox, Susan Knoer, Melissa Laning, Suzy Palmer, Mark Paul, Latisha Reynolds, Angel Smith, and Margo Smith. Because of your time at the reference desk we have knowledgeable, professional assistance available to our users all day, every day! THANK YOU!" —*Mildred Franks*

Exhibits

Art Library Belknap & Covi Galleries

Annual Student Exhibition
March 20 – April 13, 2003

Bachelor of Fine Arts Candidates Exhibition
April 17 – May 19, 2003

Gallery X

John Zimmerman – Recent Clay Sculpture
Ceramic Studio Artist-in-Residence Exhibition
March 20 – April 13, 2003

Writ Large: Relief Prints from the University Collection
Curatorial Studies Course Practicum Exhibition
April 17 – May 19, 2003

Ekstrom Library

Lobby

Reflections: Body Image and American Women
Through April, 2003

Special Collections

Photographic Archives Gallery

Frames from the Heart: Photographs by Bill Luster
A thirty-year retrospective of *Courier-Journal* news photographer Bill Luster.
March 31 - June 20, 2003

Rare Books Gallery

Three Louisville Poets: Madison Cawein, Hortense Flexner and Madeline Covi
March - April 2003

Kersey Library

Data Mining & Data Warehousing
and
Women in Science & Engineering
March - April 2003

Kornhauser Library

Take the LibQual+ survey
Are we doing our jobs? Tell us what you think of library services.
Through May 2003

Music Library

First Floor

Kaija Saariaho
Recipient of the 2003 Grawemeyer Award for Music
Composition
April, 2003

Second Floor

New Books

Third Floor

New CDs

