The Owl

“The Dodo of Minerva takes flight only as the ducks begin to fall.” — Bagel

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Windmills Installed on Roof to Generate Power

Related story … Public PCs working only on windy days. Weiling Liu consulting with meteorologist John Belski to figure out reason why.

Retired Faculty News:

Mildred Franks begins second career as NASCAR driver. Dean of Libraries says, “If we had money, we’d sponsor her!” Reference Department quits en masse to work as pit crew.

RIAA Targets Music Library Downloads

“It was the only cost-effective way to build the collection,” explained Karen Little.

Cloned Staff to Fill Empty Jobs

“If it weren’t for President Obama lifting the stem cell research ban, we could never have filled the positions,” says Melissa Laning.

Art Library staff first to be cloned: “It’s the only way to manage the Speed Museum library,” says Gail Gilbert.

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Former librarian—now matador—Mark Paul takes his work home with him
For more on this breaking story, see page 4

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Library Flash Mob Rave

During spring break, University of Louisville students descended on the Kornhauser Library with their mp3 players and conducted an impromptu rave in the new Learning Commons. On-duty security guards stood by in amazement while the library’s student workers and reference librarians joined in the fun.
Mayor Abramson & President Ramsey announce librarians to lose their take-home book truck privileges

“If you want a truck, now you have to pay for it,” says Ramsey.

2000 line up outside library for last remaining student assistant position

“GENERATING” REVENUE:

Ekstrom Technical Services in negotiations with LG&E to sell excess heat to Metro Louisville

New U of L Major Offered

Bachelor of Facebook (BFa) program already has enrolled 400 friends.

Plan to Make Library More Appealing:

All books to be reduced to 147-character Tweets

New Books in the Browsing Collection:

Investing Wisely by Bernard Madoff

Teach Your Children Abstinence? You Betcha! By Sarah Palin

Prohibition Re-enacted!

Ekstrom patrons protest coffee tax in library

“Psych! We’ve had millions all along,” says Collection Development Head James Manasco.

Development Director Cheryl Crane unable to be reached for comment in Cayman Islands.

Journalism cutbacks force Owl Board to take furlough without pay, effective April, 2009

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From the Dean of Libraries . . .

By Hannelore Rader, Dean, University Libraries

March 6, I attended the first University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science Board meeting this year as a member of the Board. Jeff Huber, the school’s new dean, chaired the meeting. Currently, 214 students are enrolled, 32 courses are offered as part of the curriculum, and 42 hours are required for the MLS. Courses are no longer offered on other campuses. Discussion topics included the school’s 2009-2012 Strategic Plan and the schedule for its next accreditation process which occurs in 2010-2011.

From March 12-14 I along with 3,000 other librarians attended the Association of College and Research Libraries Conference in Seattle. The conference theme was “Pushing the Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend.” Featured programs and discussion sessions included three keynote speakers: author Rushworth Kidder, writer Sherman Alexie and National Public Radio producer Ira Glass. Hundreds of exhibits proved very informative and helpful for collection questions.

SOLINET and PALINET merges into LYRASIS on April 1, 2009 both in the Atlanta and the Philadelphia locations.

Kornhauser Library received very positive feedback from Jewish Hospital and St. Mary’s HealthCare regarding its excellent support services to these medical institutions.

OCLC recently began to advertise WorldCat Local to SAALCK members. We will be part of a trial in April and May.

In February more than 500,000 visits to the Libraries’ digital website were recorded.

Our new Reference/Instruction Librarian, Robert Detmering, starts on April 1.

THANK YOU

Gwen Oliver Chenault
Sarah Frankel   Terri Holtze
Melissa Laning   Mark Paul
Hannelore Rader
Jamie Saunders
Miriam Schauslervilliams
Virginia Smith
And members of the Owl Board . . .

... for contributing to this issue of The Owl
**The University of St. Martin Library**

*Here’s the real story from Mark Paul…*

“I was driving down the road in the capitol of the French side, Marigot, when these cows came out of nowhere and started walking toward my car. These are not just ordinary cows. They were big and had horns. I had to pull over on the side of the road and let them pass before I could go on. So, I timidly got out of my car and took some pictures, but jumped back in when they got too close. Not that my little Flintstone-mobile I have would have done any good at protecting me!”

**Ekstrom Library**

Participating in this year’s St. Baldrick’s Foundation fund raiser on Sunday, March 15 to support childhood cancer research were Rachael Elrod, current periodicals, and Laura Robinson, circulation student assistant, whose team raised $530; and John Burton (pictured before and after) whose team raised $1,641 for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation.

**Office of the Dean**

*New Hires*

**Robert Detmering** begins work on April 1, 2009 as Teaching & Reference Librarian in Ekstrom. He is a recent graduate of the MLS program at UK. In addition, Rob has an MA in English Literature from Ohio University and received his BA in English and History from Northern Kentucky University. Rob’s previous positions include serving as an adjunct in the UofL, NKU and Xavier English Departments, and a graduate assistantship in the libraries at NKU.

**Destiny Minton**, Kornhauser Library Assistant, accepted the position of Library Specialist effective March 13, 2009. Destiny reports to Judy Wulff.

**Joshua Whitacre** accepted the position of Program Assistant Senior, Information Literacy effective March 9, 2009. Josh was a student assistant with Media Resources and previously worked with Information Literacy. He reports to Anna Marie Johnson. Josh will be doing the scheduling for the five instructional labs: 254, 117A, 102, 103, 104. If you have need of those rooms, please send Josh an e-mail at jlwhit35@louisville.edu or call him at 852-8699.

**Reference**

*New Databases*

We now have subscriptions to the following databases. The online version is a replacement of the print version. See [http://database.library.louisville.edu/](http://database.library.louisville.edu/).

**Race Relations Abstracts** includes records covering essential areas related to race relations, including ethnic studies, discrimination, immigration studies, and other areas of key relevance to the discipline. (EBSCOhost)

**Urban Studies Abstracts** includes records covering essential areas related to urban studies, including urban affairs, community development, urban history, and other areas of key relevance to the discipline. (EBSCOhost)
Law Library

Congratulations, Jerome!


Jerome has a long history with the University of Louisville Libraries, including stints at the Kornhauser Library, Ekstrom Circulation Department, Reference Department, Media & Current Periodicals, Shipping and Receiving, and Special Collections. Jerome also designed an Owl logo back in 1998 which is still used on the web page index!

Contra Dance Weekend in North and South Carolina

Dance Gypsies Miriam Schusler Williams and girlfriend Jamie Hounchell traveled to Camp Thunderbird YMCA, in Clover, South Carolina, for a contra dance weekend. On the way down south they visited the Berea Folk Art Center (coffee pit stop) and the Museum of Appalachia in Norris, Tennessee (www.museumofappalachia.org). Here’s their report:

“Our first dance was in Asheville, North Carolina, with a stay at the guest house at Warren Wilson College. We spent the next day driving south through Charlotte to Camp Thunderbird-YWCA in Clover, South Carolina, for the weekend dance Gypsy Meltdown. We stayed in bunkhouses where the atmosphere was much like a sleepover, full of joy and positive energy. After four full days of dancing, community and good spirit, we drove back north for the night and stayed at the Highland Lake Inn in Flat Rock, North Carolina (www.hlinn.com). There we had a wonderful dinner at a Thai restaurant and capped the night off with a well-deserved soak in our own whirlpool bath. We drove home through some very misty rainy weather, with some very scenic landscapes.

Come join the Louisville Contra Dancers (http://www.louisvillecontradancers.org/) Monday nights and every third Saturday at the Church of the Advent on Bardstown Road. See us dance on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uDh-AKdsfI Hope to see you there!”

April, 2009
“Fool” yourself to get more veggies

Most of us grew up with a mother, grandmother, or other relative who insisted that we could not leave the dinner table until we finished our vegetables. Unfortunately, these negative memories can transfer over to adulthood, where even just the thought of Brussels sprouts makes you queasy (except for me, I actually love them, but that’s because I never had to eat them growing up).

It is very important to get a good number of vegetables in our diet every day, yet a lot of adults in America are not meeting the standard. The American Dietetic Association (www.eatright.org) declares that “7 out of 10 Americans still do not meet the daily recommendations for vegetables.” They state the main reasons people are not getting enough veggies are: they do not like the taste, inconvenience, high cost, and low availability in their area.

Most adults need at least 2 ½ - 3 cups (or 5-6 servings) of vegetables per day in a variety of colors to get the most health benefits. These include disease prevention (heart disease, diabetes, cancer), reduction in cholesterol, weight management, strong immune system functioning and maintenance of digestive health. Most half-cup servings of vegetables are really equal to a half cup, except for leafy greens (spinach, salad greens, etc). For these, 1 cup would equal 1/2 cup.

Here are some ways (sneaky and not so sneaky) you can “fool” yourself into getting your required vegetable servings:

- Drink a glass of low sodium V8 juice with your breakfast or lunch (1 cup = 2 vegetable servings)
- Use canned pumpkin (equal parts) or black beans (1 whole can pureed) in place of eggs and oil with baking mixes or in recipes. The best is black bean brownies, you can’t taste the beans, plus you added fiber!
- Use the insides of a spaghetti squash instead of pasta and/or add frozen veggies (peppers, broccoli, etc.) to your pasta sauce and heat (1/2 cup sauce + 1/2 cup veggies = 2 vegetable servings).
- Use 1/4-1/2 cup canned pumpkin in your oatmeal (add some pumpkin pie spice too).
- Add hummus (made from chickpeas) and/or spinach leaves to your turkey sandwich.
- Two words: Zucchini bread!
- Try a “green monster”: 1 cup milk (I use skim or soy), handful of fresh spinach, fruit of your choice (my favorite is banana). Blend well for 3-5 minutes with a few cubes of ice (I also add some ground flaxseed for some Omega-3’s). I promise you don’t taste the spinach!
- Load up your Subway sandwich with all their veggie choices; don’t limit yourself to the traditional lettuce and tomato.
- Puree cooked cauliflower and eat in place of mashed potatoes (there is a slight difference in texture but
it does taste very similar).

• Have raw, crunchy veggies (celery, broccoli, carrots) in place of chips. Also use salsa or hummus as a dip, both of which are made from vegetables.
• Make “fries” by slicing a sweet potato and baking it in the oven.
• Add veggies to your omelets (such as green peppers, mushrooms, spinach, and onion).
• Use veggies for pizza toppings.
• Experiment! You don’t really know what veggies you don’t like unless you try them, right?

Frozen vegetables are almost always a good option, just be careful with added sauces. Green Giant has some really good mixes that you can just pop in the microwave, as does Steam Fresh and a few others. Also, your supermarket brand (Kroger, Meijer, etc.) of vegetables are usually quite cheap per bag, so grab a few the next time you are there and make a goal to incorporate them into your weekly meals.

I hope these tips will help you reach your vegetable intake goals. They are so important for our health and the proper functioning of our bodies and we shouldn’t have to think of eating them as a chore or eat the ones we don’t like. So, have some fun and try some new products or recipes and find what really works for you. The only vegetables I used to eat were French fries and ketchup (neither of which count), so if I can do it, anyone can.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Margarita A. Rodriguez

Preferred nickname: “Ania”
U of L position and dept: Dean’s Office Secretary II
Hometown: Artemisa, Habana, Cuba
Schools Attended: U.S. Army Education Dept.
Significant Other/Family Members: One son, Eric Viel, living in Dallas, Ft. Worth.
Zodiac sign: Leo
Favorite Book: Battlefield of the Mind by Joyce Meyer
Favorite Movie: Loves Comes Softly
Favorite Music: Christian Music and Gospel
Favorite Food: Mediterranean
Favorite Vacation Spot: Florida Keys
Favorite Quote: “I Know the price of success; dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen.” — Frank Lloyd Wright
Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself: I love people and culture from everywhere and every background, but have also found very friendly and warm people here in Louisville, KY that have impacted my life and have also changed it. Thank you !!!

Josh Whitacre

UofL position and dept: Program Assistant Senior, Information Literacy
Hometown: Radcliff, Kentucky
Pets: One, a cat that I rescued from outside the library this winter.
Favorite Food: Italian!
“I’d like to thank the editors of The Owl, Robin and Amy, for their hard work. They rarely get enough credit. Also Bob Roehm for his format. Cheers!” – George McWhorter

“Thanks to Karen Nalley, Erea Marshall, Weiling Liu and Diane Nichols for helping me with the very important Ekstrom BEAP 2009.” – Andy Clark

“I would like to send out kudos to Ben’s student, Emily, for being so good at her job.” – B. Joyce Graves

“I would like to “Thank” all the wonderful people in the Dean’s Office and this University for giving me an opportunity to come on board and be part of an ‘Awesome Team’!!!” – Margarita Ania Rodriguez

“I’d like to thank Jodi Duce, Law Library, for her patience and perseverance in the pursuit of my reimbursement for the SLA Leadership Conference that I attended in January.” – Virginia Smith

“I would like to thank Adam Lawrence, Trish Blair and Anna Marie Johnson for helping me attend a video-conference meeting. It took a small village to get this arranged and set up. I really appreciate it.

“Thanks also go out to the Rewards & Recognition Committee for completing the first six months of the new program and successfully identifying colleagues to honor with the R&R award. The outgoing members are John Spivey, Mary K. Marlatt, Emily Symonds and Jan Kulkarni. Melissa Crain chaired the group and will remain on the committee for another six months for continuity.” – Melissa Laning

“Thank you to Michel Atlas from the Ekstrom Reference Dept. for her helpful and informative presentation on Evidence-Based Medicine databases! We learned a lot!

“Thank you to the Ekstrom Media staff for all their help with the instructional labs while the Information Literacy Program Asst. Senior position was vacant. You guys are great!” – Anna-Marie Johnson

“I’d like to thank Michel Atlas at Kornhauser Library for her proficiency in helping with a medical reference problem and following up on subsequent questions. She’s great to work with!” – Glenda Neely

“My thanks to the Circulation Department for looking after my babies (the RRS cranes) and filling in on my desk hours while I was out last week. I really appreciate their help!!” – Alice Abbott-Moore
Ekstrom Library
East Lobby – Media Resources
Tarzan Around the World
Seven posters from various Tarzan movies, 1936-1957
Courtesy of the Burroughs Memorial Collection

Lower Level Lobby
Special Collections
Photographic Archives Gallery
First Exposure
A selection of acquisitions made within the last ten years to the Photo Archives’ Fine Print collection.
March 1 - May 15, 2009

Rare Books Kain Gallery
The Robert and Diane Miller Collection
An exhibition drawn from the collection’s more than 400 volumes, including rare first editions, proof copies, and first appearances in print of modern authors and poets such as Shirley Jackson, Sarah Orne Jewett, Marianne Moore, and Richard Wilbur. Professor Emeritus of English Robert H. Miller also formed the Libraries’ Graham Greene collection, and taught the art of descriptive bibliography to several generations of scholars.
February 25 – May 29, 2009

Ekstrom Browsing
The Devil’s Highway
The 2009 Book-in-Common selection by Luis Urrea, a 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist for nonfiction and member of the Latino Literature Hall of Fame. Urrea uses his dual-culture life experiences to explore greater themes of love, loss and triumph.
March - April 2009

Kentucky Women’s Book Festival
Books by Kentucky women authors presenting in this year’s festival May 16, 2009.
May 1 – 19, 2009

Law Library
Reading Room
Sisters in Struggle: Women in the Louisville Civil Rights Movement, 1945-1975
This exhibit showcases several Louisville women who played a vital role in the local civil rights movement. For more information, see http://www.law.louisville.edu/node/2086.

Music Library
First Floor
Works of Brett Dean
Winning composer of the 2009 Grawemeyer Award for Music Composition
Through Mid-April 2009