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# The Owl

*"The Owl of Minerva takes flight only as the dusk begins to fall." —Hegel*

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## *Waverly Hills Sanitarium Revisited*

*By Tom Owen,  
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Last Halloween, I hit the low spot in my professional career as a community historian. My home phone started ringing moments after my cameo appearance on the Fox Family Network's *The Scariest Places On Earth*. The popular nationally televised show put its spooky spotlight on Louisville's abandoned Waverly Hills Sanitarium with its gaunt main building (1926) still standing high on a ridge overlooking the intersection of Dixie Highway and Pages Lane. Former patients at Waverly and their families called to complain that *Scariest Places* turned the sanitarium and its committed staff into surreal caricature. They were shocked that I was associated with such a travesty. (The show was rerun last month reminding me that it is my destiny to be embarrassed by my role in it until the end of time.)

The *Scariest Places* producers interviewed me on tape for at least fifteen minutes. I carefully focused on Waverly's distinguished history as a tuberculosis hospital from 1910 to 1961, emphasizing the cold horror of the

"white death" and the loving care that convalescent patients received. I also spoke of the Geriatric Center that followed the TB facility and the tragic decline and destruction of most of the buildings. When the show was aired, my detailed history was cropped to seventy seconds that spotlighted the underground supply tunnel that connected the sanitarium to the valley below. "Yes, in addition to supplies and hospital staff," I explained over a background of ghoulish music, "the tunnel was used to wheel deceased patients to hearses waiting below!"

Well! You mix those observations — provided by a "well-known local authority" — with Waverly Hills' "tortured spirits of the dead" and you've got one contrived scary show! Paranormal experts were called in with "evidence" of spirit activity that could not be explained away. At one point, as a ghost-spotter toured the hospital's morgue, the door of a cadaver storage unit inexplicably crashed to the floor. The show even had "reality" TV — à la *Survivor* — when four young women agreed to spend the night in the silent derelict of a sanitarium. Before many hours passed, haunted by loud



banging and screams, the women ran from the empty building in total panic. Of course, all the faux-hysteria was carefully recorded before lights, mikes, and cameras.

When I visited late last summer, I found Waverly Hills plenty scary. It wasn't the "spirits of the dead" that I feared but the isolation and emptiness of that giant, hollow-eyed building, rising out of a temperate jungle of undergrowth. That bright afternoon, I would have turned to stone if I had encountered even the most harmless individual. In my mind only an axe murderer — despite their pretense — would wander that God-forsaken site alone!

Professionally, I learned that you need to be more careful about where and how you sow seeds of historical insight and information. Video-editing, shadowy lighting, and spooky music can quickly transform you into a Transylvanian groupie. No wonder, both



TB survivors and the loved ones of those less fortunate protested that the show was a desecration. Waverly Hills' committed physicians and staff were not remembered as healers but as denizens of a 21<sup>st</sup> century sideshow spook house.



The good news is that both the University Archives and Photographic Archives in Special Collections continue to collect documentation on the Waverly Hills Sanitarium. While the institution's administrative and patient records are lost, UofL houses reference files, annual reports, and photos from the old facility. And, since *The Scariest Places* aired, I have collected written descriptions by former patients and their families on what it was really like at that old tuberculosis sanitarium on the hill overlooking Pleasure Ridge Park.

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# From the Dean of Libraries...

The Libraries' 2001-2002 Progress Report is on its way to many groups on campus and to library groups in Kentucky and around the nation. Everyone should be very proud of the many wonderful accomplishments summarized in this report. More people used the libraries than ever before and the use of electronic resources increased at a phenomenal rate. Librarians taught nine hundred instructional sessions to 11,310 students, reflecting more than double the sessions taught the previous year. Reaching a volume count of 1,833,386 places us well on the way toward our goal of two million volumes by 2006. We are now working on a five-year summary of accomplishments in the form of a brochure/pamphlet, to let not only the campus but also the community know what rich informational resources the University of Louisville Libraries provide.



On October 9 we will hold our first diversity-training workshop for library faculty and staff. Alvin Herring, Executive Director of the Counseling and Career Centers, will be the trainer. The participatory workshop will include diversity issues and problems, and the skills to deal with them. Additional diversity training will follow in the future.

On September 3 the Deans and Vice Presidents held a retreat to address planning and budgeting issues for the next several years related to possible funding reductions. The major themes revolved around how to become more productive in teaching and research, how to generate new income, and how to address important issues strategically. The Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) is undergoing some changes due to budget reductions. There are two

librarian vacancies, which will be combined to hire a new Director of KYVL since Miko Pattie will dedicate herself full time to her other major responsibility of being Chief Information Officer of the Kentucky Virtual University.



Minerva Books, the third enterprise of Minerva Ventures, has begun operation in Ekstrom Library, Room 267. Bill Butler is in charge of this enterprise, which identifies national authors to write coffee-table books related to the University of Louisville on a variety of subjects for local and national distribution. Three books are in process so far and may be published by the end of year. Eventually, some of the Libraries' archives and special collections may serve as resources for future publications. Mr. Butler will also bring nationally recognized authors to the campus for exciting programs to be co-sponsored by Minerva Books and the University Libraries.

We are working cooperatively with the University of Kentucky Libraries on a number of interesting ventures and we are planning another joint retreat in Lexington with emphases on development activities, digitizing, and preservation, areas in which UK librarians excel. Recently Mary Molinaro, Acting Dean, and I met with Duane Webster, Executive Director of ARL (Association of Research Libraries) and others in Lexington to finalize arrangements for the spring ARL meeting in Lexington. UofL Libraries will co-sponsor the meeting. This will be the first time ARL has ever met in Kentucky.

—Hannelore Rader, Dean of University Libraries

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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.*

## ***Kentucky Archives Week Proclaimed***

This week is Kentucky Archives Week, so proclaimed by the governor and celebrated in observances from Ashland to Fulton. The University Archives and Records Center is marking the event with an open house Thursday, October 10, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Whether or not you've had occasion to visit the UofL Archives yet, you are invited to drop in. Come to the fourth floor of the Ekstrom Library and follow the signs.



## ***Library Dept. & Team News***

### **Assessment Team**

#### *WWW: Worthwhile Web Workshop Coming Soon*

On October 11, UofL Libraries is hosting a workshop entitled "Increasing Student Success with Your Web Site" conducted by Jerilyn Veldof from the University of Minnesota Libraries. She is a lively speaker with extensive experience in this area.

In the morning, Ms. Veldof will provide an overview of user-centered web site design and several methods of achieving it. She will include a demo of a usability test. This portion is scheduled for 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Bigelow Hall, and is open to anyone who would like to attend. The afternoon portion will run from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m., but will be limited to around ten people. This session will focus on actively designing a usability test for a particular page. No knowledge of HTML is required. If you are interested in attending the afternoon session, please contact Mark Paul (852-5743) as soon as possible. If there is overwhelming interest in the afternoon session, preference will be given to individuals or groups who are actively working on a libraries' web page revision project. Please make plans to attend, if only for the informative morning session. The entire event is free.

#### *Minerva has moved into her new house!*

The Assessment and Resource Planning Team feels that the new Library Homepage is wonderful and worth bragging about! It is important that the word gets out not only to the library community, but the entire University community as well! Karen Hild and Jill Sherman have put together electronic "publicity packets" and sent these to the different libraries. Staff may choose what they wish to post. Postcards will be sent to University faculty advertising the slogan "Research Made Easier" (in hopes that the professors will pass this tidbit onto the students in class). Fliers and information are to be sent to many recognized student organizations as well. There will be a table set up in the SAC and Quad areas where Karen and Jill plan to pass out treats and advertise the site and the



Libraries in general. The biggest advertisement however is a full-page *Cardinal* ad that will be in an upcoming October issue, featuring the Minerva graphic and library information. This publicity campaign is designed to bring attention to the Libraries' new web page, which makes research of the Libraries' electronic resources more effective. We also wish to publicize the libraries as a whole.

#### *New Survey Software Available for Use: SurveyMonkey*

The Assessment and Resource Planning Team (ARPT) is pleased to announce that a new online survey software package has been chosen for use of Library Staff. SurveyMonkey is versatile software that costs the Libraries only \$19.95 per month! It allows easy online survey creation and distribution, along with effective result tabulation. Time consuming survey procedures can be attained with this great little package. This allows the Libraries to receive up to 1000 survey responses per month (this is for all concurrent surveys, not 1000 each). A survey has already been created with SurveyMonkey, and has gone "live." This software is available for library purposes, and is open to others outside of ARPT. We have high hopes for this exciting new survey package! Several members of the Library faculty have already expressed interest in this software. Anyone who has interest or have questions should contact Melissa at 852-8726.



### **Information Literacy**

Latisha Reynolds and her husband are happy to announce that they are officially homeowners! The home is located in Old Louisville just a few minutes away. They're still getting settled and trying to decide how to decorate. Latisha is open to any quick and easy gardening ideas. Right now she's considering a rock garden.

### **Ekstrom Library Circulation and Interlibrary Loan**

Mike Smith, Course & Electronic Reserves Supervisor, will be presenting a paper on high school web writing vs. traditional writing. This presentation will be part of a panel at the Thomas R. Watson Conference on Saturday, October 12 at 2:30 in the Humanities Building.

Sriram Srirangaram, one of our student assistants, will be

leaving us soon. He has secured employment in a position related to his degree field in Engineering. We wish him all the best and hope he stops by to visit us soon!

Congratulations to Katrina Rowe Butcher, Circulation Supervisor, on a job well done at Ekstrom's "Coffee House Days." Katrina read her poetry aloud for the Coffee House Days audience on Friday, September 20.

## Office of Libraries Technology

### *Technology Update*

#### **PC Upgrade Status**

Forty-four of the fifty new PCs have been installed; six have been sent to Kornhauser.

#### **New Public PCs Installation Image**

All the public PCs (in Art, Ekstrom, Kersey and Music) have been updated with the new image. In Ekstrom, where there are multiple release stations, users can pick up their printouts from any of the UnipriNT printers.

#### **SerialsSolutions**

SerialsSolutions is the new interface for electronic journal and electronic book lists. Due to the wording and some related issues, the new interface deployment has been delayed. Once the updated list from SerialsSolutions is received, the new interface will be online.

#### **Windows 2000 Operating System Upgrade**

All PCs (with a few exceptions) have been upgraded to Windows 2000.

#### **Kersey Lab Upgrade**

All the PCs in Kersey Computer Lab (except instructor workstation) have been upgraded to Windows 2000.

#### **Backup Server**

The new backup server is in production. This means data files on the Libraries' servers are backed up periodically.

#### **Voyager Upgrade**

The Voyager software version 2001 upgrade has been postponed to summer 2003.

## Office of the Dean of Libraries

### *UofL Libraries' New Employees*

**Nanda Perez** will join the Ekstrom Library Content Access Department as a Library Assistant effective October 14, 2002. Nanda was previously employed at the Doe Library, University of California, Berkeley. Welcome to

Louisville and the University Libraries.

**Callista Meyer**, currently a Library Technician at Kornhauser, will join the Ekstrom Circulation Department effective October 18, 2002. Callista was previously employed as a student assistant in Circulation and likes to be called Katie. Welcome back, Katie!

## Reference Department

Sarah Jent and her husband Steven recently returned from a wonderful vacation to Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. They took a seven day cruise to Alaska where they saw whales, bald eagles, sea lions, seals, the Hubbard Glacier, and the Northern Lights. After the cruise they spent a few days visiting with friends and seeing the sights in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington before coming back to reality.

## Special Collections

### *KYVL Update*

Amy Purcell attended her first Kentuckiana Digital Work Group meeting in Frankfort on September 25. Amy has replaced Mary Margaret Bell as the University Libraries' representative. The group meets once or twice a year and maintains a listserv for easy communication in between.

KYVL has received two IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) grants. One grant is a brittle book project. Over the next two years, the grant will allow us to digitize and provide online access to approximately 150,000 pages worth of Kentuckiana texts. The second grant is a partnership with the University of Tennessee entitled, "Digital Access for WPA Photographs." For more information, see the IMLS press release at <http://www.imls.gov/whatsnew/current/092402-6.htm>. KYVL is listed on a link in the Preservation or Digitization section.



Amy Purcell enjoyed the flora and fauna of the Pleasant Valley of the Green Mountains in Vermont on her recent weekend jaunt with her old Junior High School buddies.

Other big news is the migration to new, more effective software. KYVL will be going to the University of Michigan's DLXS XML/SGML publishing and data retrieval system. This new software will improve the web interface. It is OAI (Open Archives Initiative) compliant and more ADA compliant. The new system will be in full production by Fall 2003.

### *Farm Week*

Bill Carner talked to nearly 1000 Floyd County fourth graders about farming methods 100 years ago, on September 11 and 12 as part of Farm Week. Bill has been participating in the Floyd County Schools Farm Week program for six years, playing the part of a farmer from the days of animal-powered farming at the beginning of the 20th century. The program helps teach the kids that there are links in the food chain before the supermarket, with about twelve different demonstrations and talks about modern farm practices. This year's best question came after Bill talked about how different farming was 100 years ago and how much the yields have been increased by modern agriculture technology. One young fellow asked, "If it's so much better with tractors and chemicals, why didn't you use them 100 years ago?"

### *Welcome, New Student Assistant*

Kent Getsinger is the most recent addition to the Special Collections student worker staff. He's a junior in the Art Department majoring in photography. Kent transferred to UofL from Centre College.

## **Kersey Library**

### *New Students*

Kersey is very happy to announce the hiring of the following new students. Scott Lange, who is an Engineering major, hails from Ohio. His older brothers, Tim and Chris, both of whom were Engineering majors, worked for us when they were students at UofL. It's become a tradition! Matt Kokas is a native of Kentucky coming from Flatwoods. He is also an Engineering major. And Souvanh Khaykeo, who is a resident here in Louisville, is also majoring in engineering. We're proud to have them aboard!

### *October Birthdays*

Our very own Patricia Waters and Bryson Lewis celebrate their birthdays this month. Kersey Library extends birthday wishes to the rest of you on your very special day in October.

## **Kornhauser Library**

Kornhauser unveils its hot new look for fall: full-color,

swingy, with just the right drape, in a sturdy, yet soft, cotton, plastic, safety pin composite material. Get the must-have fashion accessory: your new ID badge on a strap. Create a daring custom look with your very own wide-angle headshot, each one uniquely yours and yours only. The edgy "staff" or "librarian" label in sizzling red will make people come begging for you.

### *Classes*

Crowds continue to clamor for our cordless (er...wireless, rather) library classes: Ovid Tips & Tricks, Current Awareness Services, Library 101, and Reference Management Software. Two new classes have been added in October and November. Catherine Lavallée-Welch will teach SciFinder Scholar, and Peggy Muller, from the HSC Delphi Center, will teach PowerPoint I and II. Belknap Campus folks are welcome. See the 'Library Classes' link on the Kornhauser home page for details.

### *Reference Manager Software*

Through the aforementioned classes, we're promoting the use of ISI's Reference Manager. The UofL Office of Research requires all departments to report faculty research publications using Reference Manager, but there isn't a whole lot of help available to learn how to use it.

Reference Manager allows you to download bibliographic citations automatically from library catalogs and online databases and to output citations in over 700 citation style formats. The "CiteWhileYouWrite" feature automatically inserts in-text references and formats reference lists as you type your text in Microsoft Word and WordPerfect. To boot, you can then change the citation format to whatever format style you need.

Kornhauser offers classes on Reference Manager. Feel free to attend a scheduled class or we can offer a class in your library. All ISI products are available free to libraries for instructional purposes and for use by librarians on their office computers, but the license restrictions do not permit the software to be used on lab computers. Contact Don Gould for further information.

## **UARC**

Bill Morison's a grandpa again. His daughter Julie's first child, Emma Susana Martinez-Morison, was born Aug. 28.

Kathie Johnson is back at work after six weeks of recuperating from open-heart surgery on August 6. She wants to thank everyone at the University Libraries for the cards, flowers, and kind thoughts that were sent her way while she was out.

# LIFEstyle

**Opening the Doors to Healthier  
and Stress-Free Living**  
A column by Alice Abbott-Moore,  
Ekstrom Library

## When things get rough ... Laugh! *Or the Observations of a Gym & Swim Rat*

During the onset of some big event or when a lot is happening, a good laugh can be just what the doctor ordered. Last week I had a headache that lasted for about two days. I feel lucky in that I rarely get headaches — unless I am coming down with something or I am too stressed. During the second evening of my headache, I was talking with a friend on the phone and she shared some funny events that had happened in her life. We laughed and cackled quite a bit and, later when I got off the phone, I realized that my headache was gone. It was definitely a stress, or tension, headache. I was so grateful for her humor and wit.

So with the Book Sale behind me, and school, work, and life in general ahead of me, I offer this light article with humor and reflection. For over eight years I have haunted a few workout rooms and some pools. I am so grateful for the other users and staff of such facilities. I have received advice, encouragement, hope, and wisdom from these people in these places, and these experiences have helped me to live a far healthier lifestyle. Words cannot do such persons justice.

Here are some observations of a “Gym & Swim Rat.” These observations are merely mine and are not the least bit academic.

### *Gym Life*

- Drinking water is always good.
- Makeup runs after one breaks a sweat.
- There are those who go to the gym to workout.
- There are those who go to the gym to find a romantic interest.
- People do find love in the gym.
- Too much of one exercise can be a not so good thing...
- Elliptical machines and treadmills are very loved by the people.
- Showering after exercise is good.
- Deodorant makes all things better
- Athlete's foot can occur if one walks around in contaminated areas.
- One occasionally meets another athlete who has a huge ego.
- Intimidation can occur.
- If one goes regularly enough, one becomes a “regular” and is missed by others when absent.
- Lots of great conversations occur while working out.
- Lots of great ideas are born while working out.
- Lots of anger is filtered and released while working out.
- One can work out no matter what the weather is doing outside.
- Nothing like a good pair of well fitting exercise shoes.
- Nothing like fresh socks.
- Renting a locker is a great deal.
- Renting towels is even a better deal.
- Spandex comes in all sizes.



### *Swim Life*

- Drinking water is always good.
- Makeup runs as soon as one hits the water.
- There are those who go to the pool to swim laps.
- There are those who go to the pool to find a romantic interest.
- People do find love at the pool.
- Too much of one stroke can be a not so good thing...
- Free style and breaststroke are very loved by the people.
- Showering before swimming is recommended.
- Showering after swimming is good.
- If one does not rinse out after swimming in a chemically treated pool, one can dry up.
- There are people who scope at indoor pools: just with goggles and while underwater.
- Goggles make all things better.
- A well-fitting suit is truly a blessing.
- Swim caps do prevent hair tangles.
- Fin fungus (athlete's foot) can occur if one borrows items from the lost and found or the common water equipment bin, or if one walks around in contaminated areas.
- Swimming with fins can become addictive.
- Shampoo and GOOD conditioner make all things better.
- There are large egos in the water, too.
- Intimidation can occur.
- It is a myth that swim caps are ONE SIZE FITS ALL.
- Not all goggles are created equal.
- Renting a locker is a great deal.
- Renting towels is even a better deal.
- Speedos come in all sizes.



# Exhibits

## Art Library

### *Hite Vision*

Work by Hite Art Institute studio faculty

October 3 - November 11  
Belknap, Covi & X Galleries



## Ekstrom Library Lobby

### *The Clays of Kentucky*

Images and documents relating to the influential Kentucky Clay Family. The Clays have made important contributions in business, politics, agriculture and women's rights.  
October 7 - November 30,

### *Project Vote Smart*

Including the free "2002 Voter's Self-Defense Manual."  
For more information [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)  
Through Election Day, 2002

## Special Collections Photographic Archives Gallery

*Kentucky in Focus: A Celebration of the State's Best Photojournalism*

October 7, 2002 – January 10, 2003

## Rare Books Gallery

*Thea Stein Lewinson Graphology Collection*

October 7 – December 2002

## Music Library First Floor

*Selected Accomplishments of School of Music Faculty*  
September 1 – October 31, 2002

## Second Floor

*New Books*

## Third Floor

*New CDs*



*A Hand for the Little Lady.* Photo by Bill Luster, *Courier-Journal*, Kentucky News Photographers Assn., 1996

# DARE TO SAY THANK YOU!

"I want to thank the whole Reference Department for helping me when needed and just making the job interesting from day to day. Every single day I learn something from the day before. THANKS from BEAU." —*Beau Beauchamp*



"I would like to thank Raymond Slaughter for tracking down a rogue order and making it right with Central Receiving. His attention and tenacity were greatly appreciated."

—*Trish Blair*



"I want to thank Karen Hild for helping us with the hiring process in Circulation as a member of the Interview Team. It took a lot of time and tedious effort to review all the hiring procedures and associated paperwork. She was a real trooper. Thanks a lot, Karen!"

—*Katrina Rowe Butcher*



"Special thanks and all admiration to Mark Dickson for taking the initiative and designing a customized parts list for jazz pieces as well as revising the parts list for orchestral pieces. Now the latter is more detailed and easier to use.

"Thanks also to Mark for showing me how to save this for future use! This is not the first time he has done that something extra to facilitate work in the Music Library."

—*Carolyn Gettler*



When we enjoy the smoothly running systems, please remember that our satisfactions came from those who worked very hard to keep the systems in the best condition—OLT and PC Support Team. Please give them a big hand for the great job they have done!

—*Weiling Liu*

