

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Theresa Byrd, Director of Libraries
cc: Public Services Staff

From: Tom Green, Associate Director of Libraries and Head of Public Services

Date: December 16, 2005

Re: **FALL 2005 PUBLIC SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS**

In an effort to better meet the needs of first year students, Danielle Clarke and Lisa Hoops greeted students outside the front doors of Beeghly Library on the first day of classes. They handed out campus maps and answered questions about the location of campus buildings. They also distributed yellow highlighters imprinted with "OWU Libraries & Information Services" to both new and returning students. Additionally, a first-year student FAQ (frequently asked questions) flyer was distributed to students and in English 105 classes throughout the semester.

Student response to the "Information Commons" has been gratifying. The 34 computers on Beeghly's main floor (equipped with access to the Internet, library resources, course-related software, word processing and other office productivity software) are in constant demand. The circulating wireless computers have been very popular and we continue to register more and more students who have their own notebook computers. A third access point was added on the third floor of Beeghly to better serve wireless users. The Computer Help Desk moved from the basement of CORNS to the Information Commons. Patty Bisker has been training students to not only answer student help desk calls and e-mails, but also to troubleshoot the printers and computer workstations in the Information Commons. After some delays, the all-night study in the Beeghly MicroLab became operational and was well used. We continue to plan for the makeover of the Beeghly MicroLab into an Internet café. We closed access to this space at the end of fall semester and look forward to opening the Internet café near the middle of March.

At this fall's Ohio GODORT (Government Documents Round Table) meeting, we celebrated 160 years as a Federal Depository Library. Ohio Wesleyan University's Beeghly Library was designated a selective depository for U. S. Government documents in 1845 and continues as one of the longest running continuous members of the Federal Depository Library system. We have a rich and historical collection of government documents and currently receive about 27% of everything the federal government publishes. At the anniversary celebration, Dr. Theresa S. Byrd welcomed guests. Jon M. Peterson, Ohio State Representative from the Second District, offered brief remarks. John Spencer Walters, the Regional Depository Librarian at Utah State University, was the keynote speaker. In addition to serving the curricular and research needs of the University, we are also dedicated to providing free and unrestricted access to government information for Delaware County citizens.

Dr. Jim Peoples, professor of Sociology/Anthropology and director of the East Asian Studies program, is the on-campus coordinator for an "Asian Art in the Undergraduate Curriculum Grant." The ASIANetwork received a \$370,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to help

institutions like Ohio Wesleyan identify and make instructional use of Asian art and visual culture. Hilda Wick has taken an inventory of artifacts from China, India, Japan, and Korea in Special Collections. Jennifer Friedman took digital pictures of these items. Xudong Jin researched the importance of selected Chinese artifacts and translated Chinese inscriptions. If this grant proposal is funded, a consultant will visit campus for two or three days to view and evaluate our collection. It is anticipated that a book and DVD will result from this grant.

Seven faculty workshops (84 participants) were offered this semester. Bernard Derr introduced “The New ERes.” Barry Bandstra, Hope College, demonstrated “Moodle: What Is It and How Can It Help Me?” Alex Wirth-Cauchon, MITC’s (Midwest Instructional Technology Center) Associate Director, provided two half-day workshops on “Extending Classroom Discussion with Electronic Tools.” Chuck Della Lana gave a hands-on demonstration of “Scanning Basics.” Paul Burnam and Danielle Clarke led a discussion on “The Specter of Plagiarism: Exorcising Ghost Writers.” Marsha Zavar and Chuck Della Lana provided an update on “Copyright Issues.” Patty Bisker showed “Cool Tools” in a presentation on blogs, wikis, surveys and more.

Four student workshops (23 participants) were offered during the semester. Tom Green and Jason LaMar registered notebook computers for wireless access. Patty Bisker offered “Introduction to Excel” in two sessions and taught another session on “Large Format Printing.” Paul Burnam and Danielle Clarke led a workshop on “Databases Demystified.”

Library staff members provided tours for area schools. Danielle Clarke provided an orientation session for AP students from Big Walnut High School. Jennifer Friedman led a tour for 7th grade students from Olentangy’s Shanahan Middle School.

Public services library staff members are involved in many professional activities. Some activities within the University community included:

- Dr. Theresa Byrd, Tom Green, and Carol Holliger attended the semi-annual meeting of the Joint Archives of Ohio United Methodism.
- Dr. Theresa Byrd and Tom Green met with other campus administrators and representatives of the Class of 2004 to plan for their class gift of a café in Beeghly Library.
- Paul Burnam is serving on the Development Research Associate search committee.
- Danielle Clarke received Sexual Assault Board training from Brett Sokalov, founder and president of the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management.
- Chuck Della Lana co-taught the Visual Anthropology course.
- Jennifer Friedman is the co-advisor of the Anime Club. She presented “To Google or Not to Google: That’s the Question” for a Greek Week event.
- Tom Green served as chair of the Executive Committee of the Faculty, continued as co-advisor of the Bishops Chess Club, and was appointed as the administrative representative to the University Appeals Board. He provided a tour of Beeghly Library for Office of Admission staff members.
- Carol Holliger provided a tour of Special Collections for visitors from Kwassui University in Nagasaki, Japan.

- Peter Szabo taught a section of Music Appreciation.

Consortia activities included:

- Paul Burnam joined the OhioLINK Digital Resource Center Steering Committee.
- Tom Green and Xudong Jin attended a Five Colleges of Ohio Collection Development & Management Subcommittee meeting.
- Joy Gao attended Five Colleges of Ohio CONSORT Cataloging and Government Documents Subcommittee meetings.
- Deb Peoples attended the annual meeting of the OhioLINK Chemistry Collection Managers.

Professional meetings and workshops included:

- Paul Burnam attended Geoff Payne's OCLC presentation "Institutional Repositories Down Under: The Arrow Project Revisited" and Microsoft Senior Researcher Cathy Marshall's OCLC seminar "A Personal Digital Dark Ages: Assessing the Fate of Our Digital Belongings." He attended the Ohio Theological Library Association's workshop on "Plagiarism Challenges, Strategies, Policies and Practice." He participates in the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) board meetings as the representative of the Government Relations Team.
- Paul Burnam, Danielle Clarke, Joy Gao, Deb Peoples, Peter Szabo, and Marsha Zavar attended the ALAO Annual Conference "Setting the Stage: New Roles in the Library."
- Dr. Theresa Byrd, Tom Green, and Jason LaMar attended the EDUCAUSE Annual Conference "Transforming the Academy: Dreams and Reality" in Orlando, Florida.
- Jennifer Friedman attended the MITC workshop "State of Art History" at Grinnell College. She is the membership chair of the American Library Association's New Members Roundtable.
- Tom Green attended the OhioLINK subject group meeting for Philosophy and Religion.
- Joy Gao hosted the Ohio GODORT meeting.
- Carol Holliger hosted the East Ohio Archives and History Committee and the West Ohio Archives and History Committee meetings. She also presented a program on "Using the Archives of Ohio United Methodism" for the Marion County Genealogical and Historical Societies.
- Deb Peoples serves on the Chemical Abstract Services Academic Advisory Committee and the Central Ohio Special Libraries Association Board.
- Peter Szabo attended the Midwest Chapter of the Music Library Association's Annual Conference in Lexington, Kentucky.
- Marsha Zavar had three OCLC staff members observe her resource sharing work flow as they revise protocols that interface circulation and interlibrary loan functions.