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Electronic and manual stacks added

Jerome Library saves space with compact shelving

There's something unusual about the new shelving at Jerome Library — its aisles completely disappear.

A magic act? No, call it compact shelving and one solution to a library's space problems.

Funded as a capital improvement project, the new, innovative shelving is currently being installed in the Music Library and Sound Recordings Archives and the Popular Culture Library. The shelves save space because they are made of metal and require aisles between each section. When a patron wants to look for a book in a certain area, the stacks are moved apart to create an aisle there while the other sections are pushed against each other.

Dennis East, assistant dean of libraries and learning resources, said the library has installed both manual and electric compact shelving. The electric stacks will be used in the areas open to patrons, while the manual ones will be in areas accessed only by staff.

"The electric shelving has a fail-safe floor in the aisle so when someone is standing there, the shelves can't be moved," East said. "We put the shelves that have to be moved manually in the staff areas because they're cheaper and the staff will be educated to look before they move a stack."

The shelving is the result of the library's never ending search to accommodate its growing collections. When the Ohio Board of Regents announced a couple years ago that it would not be providing additional support to build any new libraries, library administrators had to begin looking for other alternatives. East said. Three solutions that received the most attention were Ohio Link, which is a resource sharing program among libraries throughout the state, a regional storage facility, and compact shelving.

University library administrators already knew the advantages of compact shelving having installed it at a new library in Columbus in 1984. "By adding more, our projections are that we will go from 40 to 50 percent greater capacity for storage and growth than with the present system," East said.

However, before the shelving could be installed, an engineering study was required to determine if the library's third and fourth floors could handle the high density weight.

"The study showed that we could go ahead with the shelving as long as we removed a range on the third floor," East said. "But we discovered that we won't be able to put compact shelving in the Science Library because the building can't handle it. Instead, the old shelving from Jerome will go there."

While the current installation of the shelving could meet the library's need for the next five to six years, there are some disadvantages. It can be an inconvenience for patrons who may have to wait for someone else to finish researching in one aisle before another aisle can be opened. Also, the addition of the shelves usually means a reduction in study space. If we ever have to go to compact shelving on the first, seventh or eighth floors, it will have a serious effect on the amount of room left for studying," East said.

But administrators have some other space saving ideas. A joint proposal with the University of Toledo has been developed to create a regional storage facility to be shared by the two institutions. Patrons could make requests for materials and then would be daily run to bring them to Jerome Library, or the patron could go to the facility. The proposal has been presented to the University of Toledo Library.

The combination of both compact shelving and a regional storage facility could relieve the library of its space problems for the next 10 years.

Board approves tentative tuition raise, forgoes salary increases

At its June 28 meeting the Board of Trustees approved a 1991-1992 budget that calls for a tentative 2.97 percent increase in revenue and no pay raises for faculty and staff.

Recognizing the uncertainty surrounding the state budget, which has yet to be adopted by the legislature, Richard L. Wills, board chairman, said the University budget was based upon the House version of the state budget. House version it number of the state budget. That version recommends nearly $4 million less in subsidies for Bowling Green than a year ago and a nine percent cap on fees.

The tuition increase is subject to revision, depending upon the final budget approved by the state legislature.

The fee increase was part of a $121.1 million budget approved by the trustees, only $484,192 more than the previous year's educational budget. It is one of the smallest annual budget hikes in University history.

University officials also announced nearly $2.7 million in budget reductions. These cuts will be in addition to the nearly 26 percent made from University budgets following Governor George Vovovich's February order to reduce state spending.

As in February, the non-academic budgets will bear the brunt of the latest round of reductions. About three percent will be cut from these budgets and 1.5 percent from academic areas.

President Olscamp expressed concern about the current budget.

"This is certainly the most depressing series of exercises I have been through," he said. "It is hard to ask students to pay higher tuition and also ask employees to have no raises and contribute more money to health care," he said.

Olscamp said during the meeting that he would recommend for trustee approval faculty and staff pay raises as soon as funds become available to the University.

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Erekson has been a professor and department chair at the University of Maryland since 1989. The industrial, technological and occupational education department is located in the university's College of Education.

Prior to Maryland, he was an associate professor of technology education and chair of the College of Technology and Occupational Education at the University of Illinois. While there, he developed an experimental technology teacher preparation program and coordi-
**Trustees from the front**

Osclamp expressed deep consternation and concern at this process of having students share notes reliably.

"We were making progress toward reducing the student share of education in Ohio, and now we are looking to be where we were 10 years ago," Osclamp said.

Dr. Leigh Chiarello, Faculty Senate chair, said that the university was "having a moment that may well be a turning point. He said this suggests the need for planning in a systematic, clear-headed fashion, and for a rarefied approach to economic changes and budget decisions in the state.

Also at the meeting, the trustees gave final approval to a plan that will have employees sharing more in the cost of their health care.

Effective in June 1, employees will pay $635 to $1,579 annually to cover a projected 16 percent increase in health care costs. In addition to the rising health insurance costs, the decrease in state funding promised the need for larger employee contributions.

The trustees approved changes in the classified staff plan. The changes, originated by the Classified Staff Council and voted upon by the staff, depart from the present state pay schedules by eliminating the step system while better recognizing long term service to the University.

Effective with the pay period beginning June 24, classified staff members will have until June 20, 1994 to advance toward the top step of their prescribed pay range and will continue to receive annual longevity pay.

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Datebook

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EDAS 10:15 a.m., 113 Horizon Suite, Education Building.

Concert, Summer Music Institute guest recital by University alumnus Thomas Scott Price, piano. 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

**Tuesday, July 9**

UAD Summer Films, "Meatballs," 1 p.m. matinee, Eva Marie Saint Theatre, University Hall.

**Wednesday, July 10**

Concert, Summer Music Institute guest recital by Ernie Krivda Jazz Quartet, 8 p.m., Moore Center Courtyard (rainsite: 1040 Moore Center).

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**Friday, July 12**

Summer Musical Theater, "Okayama," 8 p.m., Kabacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Also runs July 13, 19 and 20.

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**Faculty/Staff positions**

The following faculty position is available:

Technology Systems: Assistant professor - manufacturing technology (full-time, tenure track).

Contact Anthony Palumbo (2-2439). Deadline: Aug. 19 or until filled.

**Watch your weight**

The next six-week Weight Watchers program will be offered starting July 18 and will run through August 22. Each session will be held at noon in Room 1, College Hall. For more information, register, please call Karol Heckman, 372-2225, or Ruth Millennials, 372-2237.