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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 movable and don't 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.

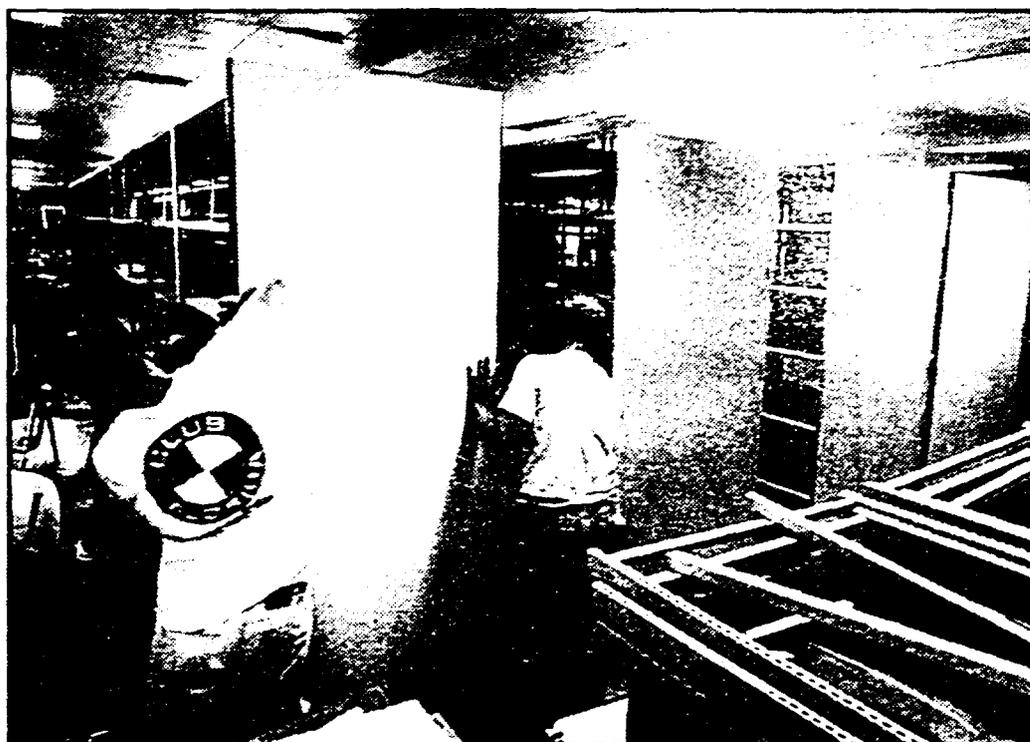
Dennis East, assistant dean of libraries and learning resources, said the library has installed both manual and electric compact shelving. The electric stacks will be used in the areas open to patrons, while the manual ones will be in areas accessed only by staff.

"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 financial 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 a small number of the unique stacks in 1984. "By adding more, our projections are that this will give us 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



It's in with the new and out with the old as workers from the Robert Madsen Company of Cleveland install new compact shelving at Jerome Library. The shelves save space by sliding against one another, creating only one aisle at a time.

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 there would be daily runs 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, foregoes salary increases

At its June 28 meeting the Board of Trustees approved a 1991-1992 budget that calls for a tentative 8.97 percent tuition increase 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 Newlove, board chairman, said the University budget was based upon the House version 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 last 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 \$2 million trimmed from University budgets following Governor George Voinovich'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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Thomas Erektion is named new dean of College of Technology

Dr. Thomas L. Erektion, chair of the industrial, technological and occupational education department at the University of Maryland at College Park, has been named dean of the College of Technology, President Olscamp announced last week.

He succeeds Dr. Jerry Streichler who stepped down from the post in January. Erektion will begin his duties on the Bowling Green campus effective Aug. 1.

Erektion has been a professor and department chair at the University of Maryland since July 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 division of technology education in the Department of Vocational and Technical Education at the University of Illinois. While there, he developed an experimental technology teacher preparation program and coordi-

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Datebook

Monday, July 8

Ph.D. Final Exam, "A Longitudinal Equity Study of Ohio's Public School Finance System, 1980-1989," by M. George Pillainayagam, 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

UAO 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). Free.

Concert, Summer Music Institute guest recital by Daniel Coats, piano, 8 p.m., Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Free.

Friday, July 12

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

Small appointed as Honors Program director

Dr. Larry H. Small, communication disorders, has been named director of the University's Honors Program.

He will begin his duties Aug. 1, replacing Dr. Paul Haas, who is taking a faculty improvement leave during the fall semester and will return to full-time teaching and research in the spring.

Small joined the University's staff in 1984, specializing in audiology. He previously was employed as a clinical supervisor of audiology in the communication disorders department at Ohio University, and as an assistant instructor and clinical audiologist in the Division of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Kent State University and his



Larry Small

Shawn Brady wins Emmy for documentary

Shawn Brady, a producer at WBGU-TV, has won an Emmy Award for his work on the documentary presentation "Breathe On Me, Breath of God."

Brady won the Emmy for outstanding individual achievement in non-news programs for his post-production work on the documentary at the 22nd annual Cleveland Emmy Awards held June 8. The ceremony was sponsored by the Cleveland chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The Emmy is considered one of the most prestigious awards in the television industry.

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God," which chronicles a trip to the Soviet Union by the Madrigal Singers of Bowling Green High School, was nominated for an Emmy in three categories: cultural affairs programming; field producer and directing, post-production. They are the first three Emmy nominations Channel 27 has ever received.

Brady won the Emmy within a week after winning an OEBIE Award from the Ohio Educational Broadcasting Association. He

Trustees from the front

Oiscamp expressed deep consternation and concern at this process of having students share more costs.

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

Dr. Leigh Chiarelott, Faculty Senate chair, said that the University is facing a moment that may well be a turning point. He said this suggests the need for planning in a systematic, clear-headed fashion and brainstorming strategies regarding 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 July 1, employees will pay \$315 to \$1,579 annually to cover a projected 16 percent increase in health care plan costs. In addition to the rising health insurance costs, the decrease in state funding prompted the need for larger employee contributions.

The trustees approved changes in the classified staff pay plan. The changes, originated by the Classified Staff Council and voted upon by the staff, departs 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, existing classified staff members will have until June 20, 1994 to advance toward the top step in their assigned pay range and will continue to receive annual longevity pay

doctorate from Ohio University.

Since 1987, Small has served as the graduate coordinator of his department and he has been a member of the Honors Advisory Council for five years, serving as chair from 1988-90.

"Larry has significant knowledge about the program having served on the Honors Advisory Council for five years, and having chaired the council for two years," said Dr. Peter Hutchinson, associate vice president for academic affairs. "He is committed to the goals of honors education and will continue to build on the strong tradition established by Paul Haas during the past decade."

Small also has been active on other committees including Program Council, the Student Health Center Advisory Committee and the Committee on Academic Affairs.

He has served as a consultant to the Ohio Pediatric Audiologic Diagnostic Clinics; been a reviewer of audiology texts for *Hearsay*, the journal of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association; and a member of the board of trustees for the Toledo Hearing and Speech Center.

He also is the recipient of numerous grants and is the author of many journal articles.

received the Producer of the Year OEBIE for his overall body of work.

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" won an OEBIE Award in the Arts and Cultural Affairs Special category.

Brady has been a producer at the station since April 1988. He has a master's degree in communications from the University.

Obituary

Lucille Hagman

Dr. Lucille Hagman, 74, a professor emerita of educational curriculum and instruction, died in Wood County Hospital June 30.

She retired from the University July 23, 1982, after 18 years as a faculty member. She was particularly active in the planning and implementation of the College of Education's field experience programs for teacher education, primarily the Methods Experience Project for elementary education majors.

supplement increases. After June 20, 1994, each individual's hourly rate will be the sum of his/her assigned pay rate and step plus longevity pay supplement. The annual percentage increase approved by the trustees subsequent to that time will be applied to the total rate of pay rather than to the base rate as is presently done.

Trustee Nick Mileti said he believed this action by classified staff emphasized their strength as a group and their loyalty to the University.

The board also approved a personal leave policy for administrative and classified staff allowing substitutions of personal leave for sick leave on a graduated basis of accumulated sick leave balances.

Full-time and permanent part-time administrative and classified staff, during the calendar year, may convert up to 24 hours of sick leave for personal leave on a prorated basis.

In other business, the Trustees:

— Approved deletion of per-credit-hour pay rates for overload and part-time teaching by University faculty in the Academic Charter. Since the charter is a governing document not subject to frequent change and pay rates are changed often, Faculty Senate recommended to the Board that specific pay rates be removed.

— Approved a motion reaffirming the University's current affirmative action policy and its desire to increase monies used to recruit minority faculty.

— Approved changes in the Student Code regarding summary suspension. The changes remove the University president from the suspension process until the final appeal level.

— Approved \$1.5 million be sequestered from the internal endowment fund principal to create an International Education Fund Endowment. The income from the sequestered dollars is to be used annually to fund efforts in the development of international education.

Prior to the meeting, the trustees held a informal retreat for a day and a half. A variety of University areas were discussed and emphasis was given to the topics of minorities at BGSU and efforts to provide more international perspectives for University students, Newlove said.

He said the trustees felt reassured that the University is a vigorous, developing academic institution, one which is excellently managed with fine faculty, staff, students and service units students.

Erekson from the front

nated the vocational administrator certification program.

He also has been an associate professor and department head in the vocational education department at the University of Wyoming, and an assistant professor of industry and technology at Northern Illinois University.

He earned his bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University, and his master's and doctorate at the University of Illinois.

In addition to his teaching, Erekson has been involved in numerous professional organizations. He has acted as a consultant to the U.S. Department of Education in the Office of Vocational and Adult Education for the development of the Rules and Regulations for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1990. He also served as vice president of the technology education division of the American Vocational Association's board of directors, of which he is a member.

In 1990 Erekson received the Distinguished Technology Educator award from the International Technology Education Association.

The recipient of numerous grants, he had a major role in establishing the Education for Technology Employment initiative in Illinois in the amount of a \$1 million first-year appropriation to revitalize curriculum and staff development for vocational education to effectively prepare people for high technology employment.

Erekson is a frequent contributing writer to journals, monographs and books, and has co-authored three books.

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 Park Office Building.

To register, please call Karol Heckman, 372-2225, or Ruth Milliron, 372-2237.

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.