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Wichita State University Libraries

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Student Appreciation

Student Appreciation was Monday, December 10 and Tuesday, December 11. Monday happened to be the coldest day so far this winter. Students turned out in droves to get something hot to drink. They were very happy that we were also giving the goodies. We handed out 276 donuts, 96 muffins and about 1,440 cookies. We also gave away 735 cups of coffee, hot cocoa and hot tea, plus 13 gallons of ice tea and water. Once again, Dining Services donated a full size sheet cake for Monday evening. Thanks to Dean Gilstrap, the University Libraries provided 24 dozen cookies and the iced tea for Tuesday night.

Student Appreciation would not be possible without the generous help of the libraries staff. This year we baked about 1,200 cookies and had generous donations of coffee, cocoa, tea, creamer, sugar and various other supplies. A big "Thank You" goes to all who helped!



Faculty Searches

Applicants for the Metadata and Digital Initiatives Librarian will come for interviews in January.

Elizabeth Walker—January 10-11

John Clark—January 14-15

Matthew Sherman—January 17-18

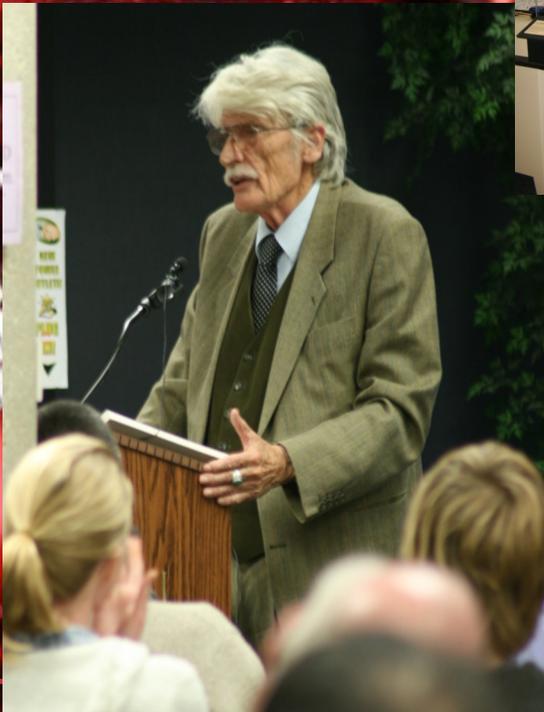
Full schedules and the applicants resumes will be available on the libraries' shared drive at a later date.

The deadline for priority review of the Instruction and Research Services Librarian position applications was December 10. The search committee is currently reviewing applications. Skype interviews will be conducted after the holiday shutdown to narrow the pool down to three candidates to bring to campus for interviews.

Dr. Schuyler Jones on China and Tibet Travels

The WSU Library Associates recently joined the Lowell D. Holmes Museum of Anthropology and WSU Department of Anthropology in hosting a very exciting event. On November 28th, over 120 attendees including faculty, staff, and students as well as members of the Wichita community enjoyed a talk by Dr. Schuyler Jones on his travels in China and Tibet thirty years ago. Dr. Jones is a retired professor of anthropology from Oxford University where he also served as Curator of the Pitt Rivers Museum, one of the most prestigious anthropology museums in the world. On a local note, Dr. Jones is a native of Wichita and grandson of one of Wichita's founders, J.R. Mead. During his presentation, Dr. Jones also read excerpts from his fascinating memoir, *Stranger Abroad*, a collection of stories from his life and travels all over the

world. His talk was followed by a reception and very successful book signing. Dr. Jones was the featured speaker in conjunction with "The Many Faces of China: An Exhibit of Photographs and Cultural Objects" - a popular and colorful Holmes Museum exhibit on display in Ablah Library from Nov. 9- Dec. 7. This exhibit was the fourth in a series of museum exhibits hosted by Ablah Library over the past two years.



News from Access Services

A Day in the Library Life...

Even though the Fall 2012 semester is wrapping up, Ablah Library remains plenty busy during December. As part of their Finals Frenzy event, Student Activities Council provided supplies and refreshments for Survival Kits on Wednesday, December 5 in the Ablah lobby. The items



disappeared quickly, giving Circulation staff a chance to invite those that missed out to our Student Appreciation days during finals week.

Another surprise was in store for library patrons as shortly after SAC dispersed, Dr. Tom Wine and his WSU Madrigals popped in for a few Christmas carols. The Learning Commons filled with applause as students enjoyed this musical study break.



If that weren't enough, also on Dec 5. Ablah Library welcomed Sasaki and their Wichita State University Campus mapping tool. In addition to the interactive map sent via email link by President Bardo to all WSU faculty, staff, and students,



Sasaki displayed a poster board that allows patrons to add their comments on a small sticky note. Though many of the notes predictably mention parking and football, library related

comments addressing operating hours, study rooms, the need for a back door, and an increase in food service were also included.

That time of year again

Ablah Library is staying open until 1am the last two weeks of the semester to accommodate students as they prepare for final exams. Ruth Harries, Evening Supervisor for



Circulation, reports that though not many patrons are entering the library during the extended hours, the building is still full of students that have remained from earlier in the day.

Getting into the Holiday Spirit

Thanks to a myriad of secret helpers, two Holiday Trees have been assembled and decorated in Ablah Library. Another library tradition, the Annual Holiday Dinner, will take place on Wednesday, December 19th to allow library staff, faculty, and students a chance to celebrate and socialize before the Winter Break.



Faculty News

As the new Academic Advisor for the Greek sorority Delta Delta Delta, Angela Paul spoke about leadership and teamwork for about 30 minutes the evening of Sunday, Dec. 2. Tri-Deltas have a change of officers in January, and this was a training for new officers. Angie started with a discussion about personal leadership qualities and helped the girls identify a few opportunities for teams and committees they will have through Tri-Delta and professionally. The girls also heard about Angie's experiences as president of WALA, chair of the WSU Woman's Association book club, and various other committee and leadership work. For information about how faculty and staff may become an academic advisor for a student group, please ask Angie or contact Lyston Skerritt, Coordinator Student Organizations and Civic Engagement at 978-3022.

From the Archives

Newlywed Eugene M. Hughes began his nearly five-year term as Wichita State University's 11th president on July 1, 1993. He came to WSU from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff with his wife and NAU colleague, Dr. Margaret Ann Romeo Hughes, whom he married the previous September.

Hughes, a native of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, was a mathematician. Encouraged by his mother and his ninth grade teacher to excel in the subject, he earned his bachelor's in math at northwest Nebraska's Chadron State College, his master's at Kansas State University and his doctorate at Vanderbilt University. He first taught at his undergraduate alma mater, eventually chairing its math department. He next joined the faculty at Northern Arizona University and moved into university administration. His accomplishments in 14 years as president of NAU include increasing enrollment and moving the school from a teacher's college to a comprehensive university.

Just days after taking office, Gene and Margaret Ann Hughes were first publicly introduced as the new WSU president and first lady at an annual July 4th celebration held in Cessna Stadium.

President Hughes quickly moved to renew the ties between the university and the larger community. He placed WSU students into community-based organizations working in northeast Wichita. He coined the slogan "The Metropolitan Advantage" to promote WSU's unique opportunities and strengths arising from its big-city setting. He also strongly emphasized "bringing the product closer to the customer" through the establishment of three satellite

campuses. At the same time, he endeavored to restore a workable relationship with the faculty.

The other Dr. Hughes in the family, Margaret Ann, made an impact as well. Her previous career as a university administrator included admissions and recruitment responsibilities. After initially volunteering at WSU, she put her experience to use as executive director of enrollment services, becoming the first First Lady to hold an administrative position and also fill the traditional role of the president's spouse. President Hughes credited his wife with the gains made in enrollment. She pushed for stronger recruitment of local high school students and helped WSU develop a comprehensive recruitment plan. By the fall of 1997, enrollment showed significant improvement with a three percent increase, the largest growth among state universities.

Building additions or openings during the Hughes years included the Coleman Tennis Complex, Elliott Hall, Intensive English Center, Wilkins Softball Stadium, and the Metropolitan Complex, later renamed in his honor. Building expansions or renovations included Wheatshocker Apartments, Ulrich Museum, Human Resources Center, Brennan Hall, Fairmount Towers and the football-less Cessna Stadium. Plans to renovate Eck Stadium were announced in President Hughes' final year.



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Tech Corner

A new folder has been added to the Library Drive (L:) called Statistical Reports - Blackburn. Currently this folder contains an Access database with many pre-made Voyager reports. Additional reports, instructions for creating Voyager and ILLiad reports, and other training material will be added to the folder soon.

If you wish to use the Voyager reports you will need to have ODBC drivers installed on your computer. Gemma, Harper, and Divya can install these drivers for anyone interested.



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