

Library Collection to Move During Break

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Shill has also received an offer of support from University Park should faculty or students want reference help during the library move.

Moving company William B. Meyer, Inc. is hiring a small army of temporary employees to move the more than 200,000 volumes in the collection.

Meyer, Inc. specializes in moving libraries. Their resume is impressive. Since 1995, according to the company's web site, they have moved such prestigious institutions as the Yale Law School Library and the Cleveland Public Library, among many others.

According to Shill, the plan includes a goal of moving 32,000 volumes a day. Specially designed book trucks will be stacked, rolled to the Library of the Future, and then unstacked in the books' new location.

The "fill ratio" for each part of the collection is another part of the plan. For example, the "H's" will be 65 percent full on the middle five shelves. The top and bottom shelves will be left empty

to allow for growth of the collection.

The massive task actually starts with staff office moving on Dec. 9. The collection move is scheduled to begin Dec. 13. The 17,000 bound periodicals currently stored at Meade Heights and other low-use collections will be moved first. The majority of the collection will be moved between Dec. 13 and Dec. 30.

The new library building is ready, more or less. According to Shill, the state has given the contractor more time. The construction was scheduled to be complete in an optimistic 420 days.

On the list of incomplete tasks are the building's security system and some network connections. Also noticeably incomplete is the promised regrading to prevent puddles on the sidewalks, Shill noted.

There will be 190 computers in the new library on opening day. Of those, 153 will be new. Shill is planning a three-year life cycle for the library computers. He hopes to replace 63 computers each year.

The number of available data ports will increase after opening day. On opening day, all public workstations, offices and a few public seats will have network connections. All 927 data ports are scheduled to be active by March.

Also pending is some furniture delivery and window treatments. Shill seemed optimistic.

Tours of the new facility begin Jan. 6 and full operation is scheduled for Jan. 10, the first day of PSH classes.

It's possible the projection system in the classrooms will be incomplete, but otherwise classes, and the opening of the library, are on schedule.

Orientation materials and signs will assist the campus community in adapting to the new facility. The adjustment should be painless.

According to Shill, the symmetry of the building will help patrons find their way around.

Among other things, Shill noted, "The bathrooms, water fountains and telephones are in the same place on each floor."

Evening Students Mingle with Interim Provost



Photo by Cathie McCormick Musser

Interim Provost and Dean Dr. John Leathers speaks with students Lisa Nagele and Jessica Crum.

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Students on campus the evening of Nov. 16 were invited to a party.

It would've been hard to miss. Flyers hung on every door. The word "TONIGHT!" was scrawled across the page for emphasis. Tables of finger food surrounded the Nittany Lion in the lobby of the Olmsted Building.

Lots of students got the message. They poured into the lobby during the break and devoured the food. A handful mingled with hosts Dr. John Leathers, Interim Provost and Dean, and Roderick Lee, SGA President.

The event was a joint effort of the Provost's Office and the Student Government Association. According to Leathers, the event offered evening students the opportunity to attach a name to a face. "There's no real agenda," he added.

SGA Committee Secretary, Jessica Crum, and Senior Senator at Large, Lisa Nagele, agreed with

Leather's assessment.

Crum, an Applied Behavioral Science major, said the event was a social for Leathers, Lee and other SGA members to greet evening students. This is the first time either woman had met Leathers.

Lee, on the other hand, is in frequent contact with Leathers. According to Leathers, he and Lee email or speak on a regular basis.

The focus of their contact is the application of Leather's philosophy of "Students come first," Leathers said. Lee and Leathers agreed that the philosophy is used as a checkpoint in their evaluation of campus policies and programs.

It didn't take long for the food to disappear. By 7:30, the cookies had vanished. The vegetables and dip were eaten last.

But, Senior Senator at Large Nagele now has a face to attach to the name "Dr. Leathers." She added, "If you need him, [now] you know who he is."

Glassberg Lecture

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the United States where settlers practiced similar tactics.

Glassberg also included his thoughts on preserving history. He commented that Americans spend too much time trying to preserve what is no longer in existence.

He does believe in preservation, however, he stressed the importance of acknowledging our current surroundings.

For instance, the local mall may be a hideously designed building, but it is still a staple of

the social life for many suburbanites. That mall will eventually be a part of history.

Glassberg concluded that Americans need to find a balance between nature, history, and current place, rather than continually trying to separate the three. These elements are all part of the term he referred to as "place."

Following the lecture, Glassberg was eager to answer questions. The discussion sparked several lively debates. The crowd of people that filled the Gallery Lounge seemed to enjoy the lecture.

National Geography Week

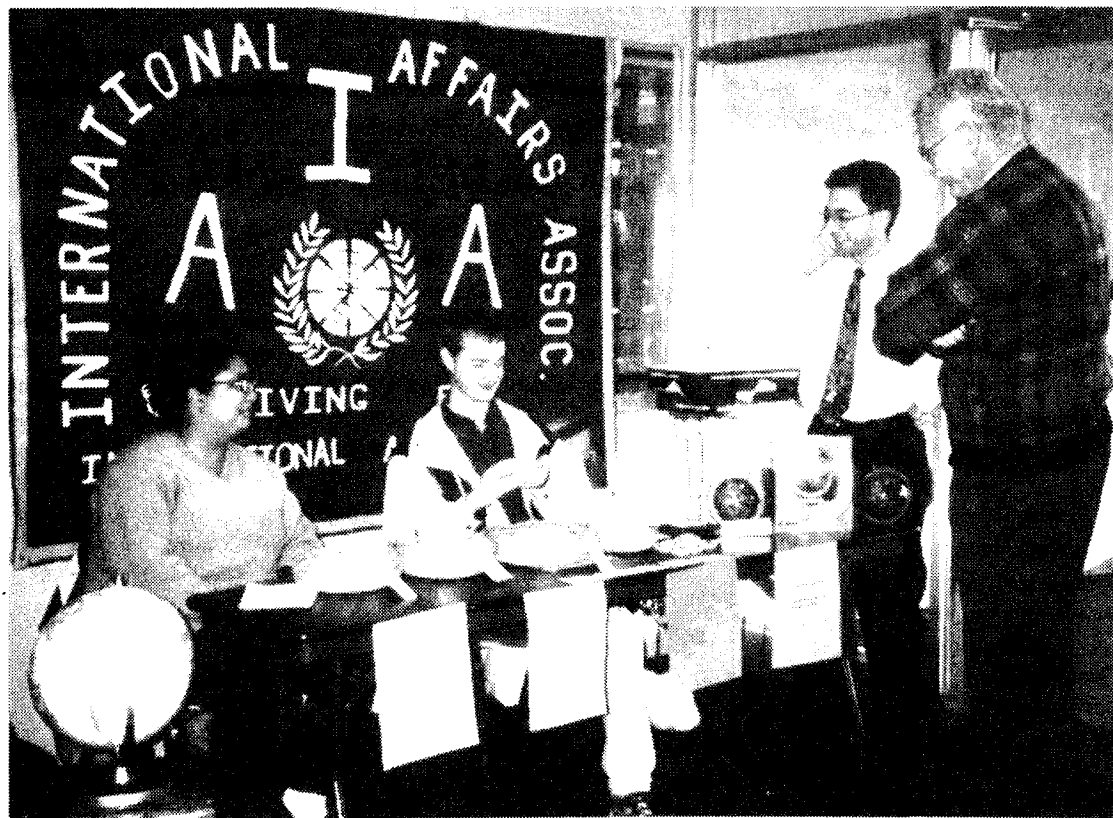


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The International Affairs Association recently held their National Geography Week Trivial Pursuit Game in the Olmsted Main Lobby. The group raised \$100 which will be donated to the Red Cross to aid disaster relief programs. Participants had the chance to win prizes by correctly answering questions. Allen Hushon won the globe bookends, Robin Rissmiller won the computer program and Don McCrone won the globe.