The GREEN BEAN

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Did you know that in May you can find...

- May Day, 5/1/99
- Loyalty Day, 5/1/99
- Bird Day (Oklahoma), 5/1/99
- Constitution Day (Japan), 5/3/99
- Windmill Day (Netherlands), 5/8/99
- Mothers Day, 5/9/99
- National Maritime Day, 5/22/99
- Gabrovo's Biannual Comedic Extravaganza (Bulgaria), mid-May (odd years)

Happy, Happy Birthday

- Ann Howell, 3/14
- Nancy Walker, 3/22
- Raina Dawsey, 3/18
- Dawn Lewis, 3/25
- Paula Pope, 3/ 31
- John Quinn, 4/11
- Esther Edwards, 4/18
- Laura Hall, 4/24
- Alison Thielmeier, 5/20
- Miranda McKinney, 5/24
- Karen Cline-Soper, 5/25
- Heather Harbett, 5/ 31

Staff Spotlight: Benita Clarke

written by Terri Brown

Each month the Green Bean will "spotlight" a different library staff member. Our first spotlight finds Benita Clarke center stage.

Benita comes to us from Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She has a Masters degree in Spanish from UNC Greensboro. After several of the Spanish faculty migrated from UNC to UK, Benita felt that UK was the place to come to continue her studies. She wrote her thesis and taught her first year at UK.

Benita's interest in Spanish began when she was 11 years old. Her cousin married a man from Costa Rica and she was fascinated with his native language. In 1991, Benita received a Summer Travel Fellowship and went to Costa Rica to do research on her thesis. While in Costa Rica she was able to visit the library and meet local authors. Benita presented a paper in the Dominican Republic for the Association for Caribbean Studies. She is currently still working on her dissertation and would like to teach in a university some day.

Benita has worked at the library since 1994. Her current title is Staff Support Associate in Processing Services at Young Library. In October, Benita graduated from the Ukadvance Program. "It was a wonderful experience," she said, and encourages others to apply for Ukadvance 2000. She is also the Library System's Wellness Program Advocate.

Benita likes reading—she has a penchant for mysteries—and Sue Grafton, a Louisville native, is one of her favorite authors. She also likes movies, working out, and is learning to play the guitar. She and Cheryl Jonas made their musical debut at the LSO Christmas Luncheon.

Benita's workstation is located right outside the Staff Lounge. Be sure and say hello next time you are passing through.

We Virtually Had A "Town Meeting" In February

written by Terri Brown

On February 12 the ACTS Committee held a Town Meeting with Miko Pattie, who came to let us know what the Commonwealth Virtual Library is all about. It was very exciting to know that UK will be a part of this virtual adventure. A portion of their mission that seems to sum up the whole idea of the CVU reads:

"to prepare students, faculty and staff of Kentucky's educational institutions and the citizens of the Commonwealth to be full participants in today's information-based global economy and in the life-long learning process by providing services to develop information literacy."

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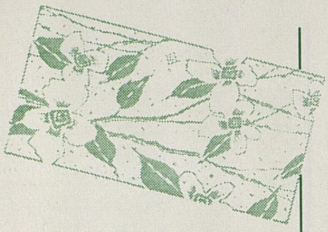
Be sure and visit the CVU web site at http://www.nku.edu/~kycvu/vlibrary.html



Being Springtime with all the beautiful flowers coming out everywhere and with everything turning that wonderful green again I thought I would pass on a little info on how to plant your garden. If you plant this garden your entire life will grow in great bounty.

How To Have a Successful Garden

Plant three rows of peas:
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden without turnips:
Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden
because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden
We must have thyme:
Thyme for God
Thyme for study
Thyme for prayer

I thought this was very poignant considering the great tragedies that this spring has brought to all Americans. Perhaps it is time to reflect a moment on what we can do to improve that great bounty we all so much cherish...

...Our Children.

Celebrating Teams: Interview with the Monograph Processing Team

written by Cheryl Jonas

Staff Team Members
Karen Cline-Soper • Sharon Clark
Benita Clarke • Joe Phillips • Laura Douglas
Team leader: As of December, Kate Seago became team leader for MPT. She replaced Mary McLaren.

TEAM FACTS
MPT team has existed as a team for 3 years. They are part of a much larger team which consists of:
Processing Services, Acquisitions, Preservation and Serials; Joyce Taylor is also part of the team acting on budget matters.
The other teams which comprise the group are: Cataloging, Collection Development, and Catalog quality.

WHAT DO THEY DO?
Karen Cline-Soper (Acquisitions Coordinator) Responsibilities: Ordering, paying for and receiving monographs; processing approval plans. She also assists with MSS books, helps coordinate the AG/Biological Sciences titles and assists CSR.

Joe Phillips Responsibilities: Mailroom/Gopher. Joe unpacks all shipments and matches shipments received with invoices. He also stripes the books, and mails the form selections.

Sharon Clark Responsibilities: placing of orders for two teams (Social Sciences and Fine Arts). She is also the Social Sciences Team Liaison for MPT. She receives books ordered through Yankee Book Peddler and Emery-Prepp.

Benita Clark Responsibilities: payroll/vacation-sick leave/supplies for all of the Processing Services team She also works with Kate Seago with registrations for the SOLINET workshops. Benita also assists with Young Library tours and acts as a backup for Joe when he is not here.

Laura Douglas Responsibilities: Rush and Regular orders; processing all language orders and the orders for Science and Engineering, and Humanities. She receives books and pays what Sharon orders from all other vendors. She and Sharon also exchange many duties. For example, Laura receives the CD's that Sharon orders. They also help Karen with approval plans.

THE MOVE
I asked them what have been the best and worse aspects about moving to Young. The responses were eager and for the most part very positive. They all liked the facilities they have to work in. Joe likes being in Young because he is closer to work from home. He also likes the open space, and the convenient access to the mailroom and work stations.

Everyone agreed they loved having their own computer-especially the CD (this has created a new humming problem-Laura loves to hum to her music).
Disadvantages cited were varied. The biggest problem was the distance from the rest of campus, like the Student Center, and parking isn't as good. The open space is good, but, the down side is there are too many workstations creating excessive noise. Also those walking through don't respect the work spaces. This is mainly because they are new and it is hard to know where to walk.

ANYTHING CHANGED?
Since the move to Young, many of the MPT duties have changed.
* Now Biological Sciences/Ag order their own materials, but MPT pays and receives them and then sends to Cataloging. This has created an increase in workload and necessitated having to learn new procedures.
* Returns: MPT processes the incorrect pieces when Vendors send wrong materials.

Other lesser known facts about MPT and their work
* Deadlines: All too often, patrons do not realize the amount of time that is involved in the entire process. It could take two days for a Rush book to 30 days for a normal order. Then, if that order is placed overseas, say, to India, it could be six months to allow for ship transportation.

MEMBER FOCUS

Karen Cline-Soper
Birthday: May 25
Born: Addison, New York.
Married: 8 years to Tom Soper
Children: 2 step children–Brandy, 26 and Tom, 28
Pets: 2 Dobermans – named Storm and Tess, and an Old English Sheep dog named Benson.
Hobbies: both Karen and Tom enjoy working out at World Gym; Karen loves working in the yard and planting flowers in her yard.
Books: Karen likes to read romance/fiction books.
Travel: Wants to go to San Antonio, Texas.
Movies: LOVES THEM! Karen's fav: "Lethal Weapon 3" (she declares it is better than 4) and thinks René Russo kicks butt!!!
Music: Fav: 50's/60's tunes

Work Facts:
How long at UK: 11 years, started in Serials ordering, moved to supervisor

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The Best Norm Quotes From "Cheers":

"Whatcha up to Norm?"
"My ideal weight, if I were eleven feet tall."

"How's it Going Mr. Peterson?"
"Like a "dog-eat-dog world", Woody, and I'm wearing Milk Bone underwear."

"What's shaking Norm?"
"All four cheeks and a couple of chins."

The Library Mushroom Society will be meeting in June to elect new non-officers. There will also be an outing planned for members only. Again, please watch for the society news for details in the upcoming society newsletter.

Monograph Processing Team

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Joe Phillips
Birthday: Feb 13
Born: England
Divorced
Children: none
Pets: dog, mixed breed, named Tar Baby
Hobbies: Refinishing furniture
Books: Likes to keep up with current events–reading the newspaper
Music Fav: loves 94.5
Food: LOVES Cheeseburgers. I have heard Joe is a cheeseburger connoisseur.
Interesting facts about Joe:
Joe graduated from Law school in 1983. While working in a law firm in Louisville and awaiting his Bar results, Joe had a heart attack and was in a coma until 1985. He has had to basically relearn his whole life over again, how to walk, talk, and deal with the memory loss that the heart attack took from him.
Joe is an amazing person.

Work Facts:
How long at UK: Been here since 1987, in Acquisitions.

Laura Douglas
Birthday: April 26th
Born: Hardinsburg, KY
Single mom; foster parent
Children: adopted a brother/sister group on July 2, 1998. DaQuanna, 4 1/2; Brandon, 3
Foster child, Nicholas, 4, still in home; waiting to file adoption papers for him also.
Pets: none
Hobbies: Quiet time when she can find it!!
Books: the Bible
Travel: Looking forward to family vacation to Disney World on April 4th.
Laura's dream vacation without kids would be to go to Australia.
Movies: Disney movies
Music: Gospel
Food: A good Steak!!!
Interesting facts about Laura:
Laura, in addition to being a single mom and a Foster parent, attends Foster parenting classes, assists in teacher/foster parent meetings for Fayette County schools. She is available for respite care for other foster parents who need help. Laura also is a Sunday School teacher and assistant in children's church

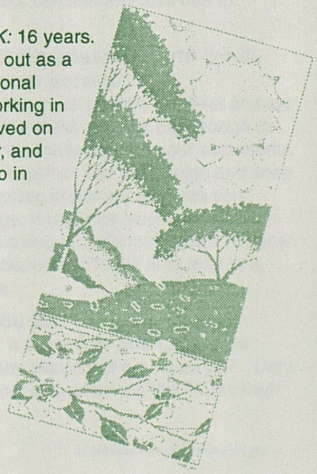
Work Facts:
How long at UK: 16 years. Started as an Education major/student working in Food Services; then moved to the Library.

Benita Clarke
Birthday: Sept 30
Born: Winston-Salem, NC
Single
Children: none
Pets: none
Hobbies: Taking classical guitar lessons
Books: romance, mysteries, psychological thrillers
Travel: loves to travel; at this writing was off to Atlanta for the weekend!!!
Movies: Fav; "Central Station"
Music: Lauryn Hill
Food/Restaurant: Durangos
Interesting facts about Benita: Benita is also a teaching assistant at UK. She was approached by the Spanish department for this position. She teaches Graduate Spanish Reading and Conversation classes, as well as labs.

Work Facts:
How long at UK: 4 years. Before UK Benita worked at Good Samaritan hospital in Purchasing, processing OR materials, and the mailroom. She also worked as a temp for 6 months at Bank One.

Sharon Clark
Birthday: August 5
Born: Texas
Single
Children: none
Pets: none
Hobbies: Crafts, cross-stitch
Books: Romance
Movies: Sci-fi and action movies; Fav last movie seen: "The Postman"
Music: loves 98.1, and Celtic music
Food/Restaurant: Olive Garden
Interesting facts about Sharon: Sharon has a part-time job with Service Merchandise. She has been there in the Jewelry Department for 3 years. Also, Sharon grew up in a military family. Her father was stationed in Kentucky, Texas, France, and then back in Kentucky.

Work Facts:
How long at UK: 16 years. Sharon started out as a student (Vocational Economics) working in PNM, then moved on the CSR router, and finally ended up in Acquisitions.



The Month of May is also...

- National Arthritis Month
- National Barbecue Month *(com'on, let's fire them suckers up!)*
- Bike Safety Month

The birthstone for May is the emerald, and the flower is the lily of the valley, or hawthorn.

Hey, The Sprouting of a New Bean!

Our congratulations go out to...

Stacey & Steve Stone for the birth of their daughter Miranda Grace Stone, 4/29/99 at 12:17 p.m., weighting 7 pounds, 12 oz at birth, and 20 1/2 inches long.

Baby and mother are both healthy *(but Steve doesn't look so darn good).*

Brother Max has said that his baby sister is "pretty neat".

As of May 10th, Phyllis Johnson will be leaving the W.T.Young Copy Center. She will now be managing the Medical Center Duplicating. *It's our loss and their gain. Congratulations Phyllis! May the force be with you.*

Calling all Young Staff Lounge Users

written by the Lounge Lizards

Please help us to keep the Staff Lounge clean. Posted on our new bulletin board in the lounge is a sign-up list for cleaning "partners." The kitchen is to be cleaned every other Friday and many dates are still available. If everyone pitches in, then the cleaning is not left to just a few bodies who are willing to do their share.

The Staff Lounge is a place for all of us and the responsibilities of using it are few:

Remove your uneaten food before it—becomes a science project.

Clean up after yourself.

Do your share of the bi-weekly cleaning.

...and please don't eat other people's food...

cartoon by Dennis Davenport

Ah Technology...

written by Terri Brown

In the ever-changing world of technology, we must constantly update our skills. Please take a look at the list below and let us know which classes you would like to see offered.

FileMaker Pro_____	PageMaker_____
PhotoShop_____	Windows 95_____
Excel Basics_____	Word 97_____
Excel Advanced____	Other *(please list)*__

And while we are on the subject of training, check out NETg. You can take classes at your own pace from your computer. Anyone who has taken any of these courses, let us know what you thought. *You can check out NETg at wysiwyg:// 13/http://www.uky.edu/IS/Training/*

Just Traveling On...

*Welcome to the new **Green Bean** column dedicated to **Travel.** In future articles we hope you will share your adventures with us by writing about your travels. Whether it be local, national, or international, we are interested and want to hear from you.*

A Few Tips to Help Make Your Traveling Adventure a Pleasent One

Decorate your luggage

Beautiful, matching black leather bags are to baggage handlers what a new rug is to your cat or dog. An opportunity. And despite the fact that in the Sharper Image catalog they stood out like a Mercedes parked in a poor neighborhood, in the baggage carousel they will strangely blend in with every other piece of luggage. For maximum success and easy spotting travel with study luggage wrapped in duct tape, preferably with a bumper sticker along the side that says something like, "I'd rather be square dancing." Bags bundled in bailing twine and electrical tape will be treated with kid gloves by handlers who fear the damn things will spill their guts at any moment.

Dress as if you were fleeing the country

There is no such thing as a "friendly sky". The seats in your average airplane are half the width they were when your parents took you to Disney World. Calling the two-inch adjustment "recline" is like saying airline food is "nutritious." Sweat pants, a T-shirt, a flannel overshirt, old sneakers and a light cotton jacket festooned with pockets allow you to layer and unlayer with the spastic air-conditioning, run from gate to gate, sit comfortably, and, as an added bonus, scare the other travelers just enough to keep them from engaging you in conversation.

While you are in the air, have the flight attendant verify the gate and departure times of your next flight.

Yes, they will! If they look annoyed, fake some general handicap, like memory loss due to lightning strike

Keep your tickets, passport, birth certificate, etc. on your person.

Jackets favored by duck hunters are best and are loaded with inside mesh pockets big enough to accommodate two mallards. Slip your documents rubber-banded together into this pocket and snap it shut. Never place important stuff into your carry-on luggage. It could be stolen or forgotten on the plane. Losing your Gameboy is a bummer. Losing your passport in Croatia may lead to a lifestyle change.

Buy before you fly.

Two ibuprofen, a panty liner and 13 Tic Tacs purchased at any airport will run about $37. Only, they will not have ibuprofen and the TicTacs will

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In The News...

Mike Howard (Library Administrative Services) was recently quoted in an article in the Kernel regarding the demise of Arapaho, a black Labrador known and loved by many in the College of Architecture.

Our Nancy Walker?

Nancy Walker promises that her boyfriend did not kill the Hope Center "friend" she was sleeping around with, nor was she wounded. In fact, her sleepover "friend" has been the same for the last thirty-two years...her husband. But she does appreciate all of your inquiries as to her health. Apparently there is more than one "Nancy Walker" in this town.

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(You too can be a "ace reporter" by just sending us your article.)

be some horrific flavor (mango-mint) of which you have never heard. Strangely, airports seem to prefer to stock up on such items as yogurt-covered peanuts, which are available in huge bins every 200 feet. Before you travel, assemble a quick emergency kit: chapstick, ibuprofen, Tic-Tacs, Puffs, chewing gum, a phone card, something for your sinuses, a lemon Thera-Flu, and ear plugs for the cabin pressure.

Do not eat the food
Just because lunch comes with your flight does not mean you have to eat it. The only worse thing than airline food. Is airport food. If you really can't go 3000 miles without eating, sneak a bagel or some Ding Dongs. When the cocktail tray comes around remember, somewhere in the world it is noon.!!!

Move through the airport as if you were being chased by the police.
Navigating a busy airport is similar to navigating a holiday crowd at a large shopping mall. Keep your eyes fixed on some distant object and walk with purpose. People will get out of your way. Once you start making eye contact and saying, "excuse me," you will become the equivalent of the slow car in the passing lane.

From the Web Lovers Guide to Travel
http://www.webloversguide.com/

Arts and Crafts Exhibit

written by John W. Quinn

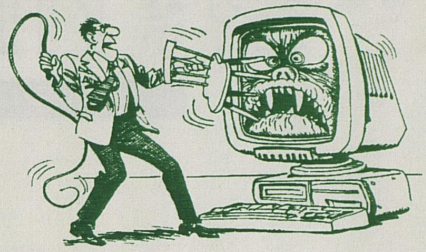
It has come to our attention, that there are a large number of creative folks within the library, so we have decided it would be fun to share these talents with one another. The ACTS Committee will sponsor an Arts and Crafts exhibit, of staff employees' creations, sometime this summer. It is just for fun, and time to show off your other side.

(Watch for a flyer coming to you soon!)

ACTS Will Display New Power in May

written by John W. Quinn

On May 19, the ACTS Committee will host Tony De Lucia, Manager, Desktop Training–Information Systems, with a two-hour-thirty minute demonstration/class on PowerPoint on Wednesday, May 19th from 9:00 til 11:30. If you haven't ever used this PowerPoint software program before, you will be in for a treat.



Because of the hands on method that Mr. De Lucia will use to demonstrate, this class will be limited to the first twenty staff members. This is pretty nifty stuff that everyone could find a use for.

Look for a flyer coming to you soon! *(Or, of course, you could contact one of your favorite friendly ACTS Committee members for more details.)*

Dear John

An often comical and slightly irreverent view of the library life we live in, as seen through the eyes of an artist, known as, Dear John.

Dear John,

I noticed that most articles have been written by the same people. I thought this was going to be a newsletter written not only for the staff, but by them as well. What gives?

Oh, and by-the-way, your looking exceptionally well, these days.

Dear Trusted Employee With Exceptional Taste,

You are so right, and on both counts!

On the first: We need the participation of all staff members. That will be essential to being able to maintain the Green Bean newsletter. Since there is no real staff for this, it will take all the staff to make the Beanie work! ALL... Every sorry one of 'em.

Now, get to work, write something! (Is there not one poet among thee?)

On the second: Oh gosh, you jest. Go ahead, tease me, beat me, I'm yours!

Thanks
John

(The views expressed here in are not necessarily those of the Library, the University, or anyone else left on earth, other than ***Dear John****.)*

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