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## E. S. Bird Expansion Process Begins

On February 16, Peter Graham presented the latest draft of the expanded E.S. Bird building program statement to the University's Academic Space Planning Committee, where it was positively received. The statement was produced with valuable help from the Library's Building Program Action Team (BPAT), Cabinet, and from several people outside the Library, including members of the Senate Committee on the Library

The statement has been distributed to Cabinet and others on campus and is now a public document. It is available from any Cabinet member or can be read and a copy downloaded from the News/Events pages of the SUL Web pages at <http://libwww.syr.edu>. It is still a living document, since another revision will take place as it is prepared for the architect selection process. Further suggestions, refinements, or comments are welcome.

We are already starting on the next step - the search for an architect. An architect selection committee will shortly be formed. It will be comprised of several Library representatives, with faculty and administration representatives as well, probably 10 to 12 people. The Office of Design and Construction will shortly send out an RFP to potential architects. The committee will review the responses and select several firms to visit campus and make presentations to the committee, which will then make final recommendations.

We hope to conclude this search by late spring or early summer. Broadly speaking, we have been told to allow about 18 months for the design phase, and about the same length of time for the building phase. Look for the next expansion update as it happens.

*Peter Graham, Administration*



## SUL Loses Larry Bartlow

We are so very sad to report that late Friday afternoon, we received word that Larry Bartlow, SU Library's shelving supervisor, had passed away the previous evening. This news has saddened and shocked his co-workers and Library staff.

Larry received his Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from the University of Rochester in 1974 and subsequently pursued coursework in library science at Syracuse University.

Prior to working at Syracuse University, Larry worked as a library assistant at the University of Rochester for twelve years. He then spent some time as a self-employed commission agent for a manufacturer's representative in commercial and industrial radiant heating. The recession in the 80's forced Larry to discontinue his self-employment and he became an assistant manager for Marion Simon Research Corporation. Larry joined Syracuse University in 1986 as a security checker for the University's bookstore. In October of 1987, he became the shelving supervisor for Bird Library.

Larry received the Library's Distinguished Service Award last spring. Larry was loved by staff and students alike. He is remembered as a warm, kind person, and a fair and gentle supervisor for his students. He cultivated many special relationships with his students and often talked about how he truly loved his job.

Larry had many outside interests. He loved the outdoors and his colleagues enjoyed his accounts of hikes through the woods near his home in Fabius. Larry was an excellent photographer and wild flowers were one of his favorite subjects. He was an avid reader who had great respect for the Library's collections and encouraged a love of learning in his students.

Larry described himself as "an intelligent, adaptable, self-motivated person whose diverse background and education combine to offer immediate value to an organization in a wide range of capacities." Truer words could not be said. We will forever feel the loss of Larry in our hearts.

We plan to make a donation in Larry Bartlow's memory to the Derby Hill Bird Sanctuary. If you would like to contribute, please stop by the circulation desk.

*Compiled from contributions by Cindy Cost, Administration and Eileen DeRycke, Circulation*

## In Brief

... news about our staff



Congratulations to Media Services work study student, **Andrew Benson**, one of ten SU football players named recently to the 2000 Big East All-Academic Team. Andrew, a senior in the Information Studies program, played defensive back for the Orangemen. This past season, Andrew nabbed one of the team's seven pass interceptions, returning the ball for 20 yards - the longest return on an interception recorded by any Orangeman in the 2000 season.

**Janet Coombs**, Preservation Department, is currently the production chair of the Baldwinsville Theatre Guild which proudly presents *Nunsense II*. The little sisters of Hoboken are back. You don't need to have seen the first production to enjoy the second because there is a hilarious high-speed recap that starts off the play. There's a lot of fun for the audience - sing along at one point, play Bingo. Come see for yourself.

Our hard-working members, cast, and crew have transformed one of the large empty stores into a lovely stage and dining area. The show runs on Fridays and Saturdays, March 2 and 3, 9 and 10, and 16 and 17. The dinner buffet begins at 6:30 p.m. There are also two Sunday performances on March 11 and 18. The brunch buffet begins at 1:30 p.m. Dinner Theatre at Tri County Mall is catered by Vicky's Cozy Corner

Tickets are \$27 per person and include the meal, show, tax and gratuity. For tickets, call 638-2377, visit our website at [www.baldwinsvilletheatreguild.org](http://www.baldwinsvilletheatreguild.org), or contact Jan in Preservation who can arrange to bring in tickets.

**Angela Laiosa** began working in the Maps and Government Information Department on February 15. Angela is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a B.S. in broad-field natural science. She worked as a student assistant in the Interlibrary Loan Department at UW-Stevens Point. She recently moved to Syracuse because her husband is a graduate assistant at Upstate Medical University. Angela enjoys hiking, reading, sketching and teaching children.

## Staffing Changes in Media Services Department

With the increased emphasis on multimedia and digital activities in the Media Services Department, the following staff changes are being made to better serve our users and further develop our resources.

**Ron Bouverat** is now Multimedia Computer Consultant I. He will focus on assisting students and other patrons in the use of our multimedia facilities. Ron will also develop and present multimedia training sessions for staff and users, assist with the testing and introduction of new multimedia and digital services, and provide back up support at the Media Desk and in Copy Services.

**Charlie Russo** is now Media Supervisor handling the general supervision, work flow, and scheduling for the department.

*George Abbott, Media Services Department*

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## Correction to Search Committee

The members of the search committee for the Business/Management Librarian were incorrectly listed in the last issue of *Staff News*. The corrected list of members follows:

Elaine Coppola, Chair  
John Olson  
Bonnie Ryan  
Brian McLaughlin  
Suzanne Preate



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## Mark Your Calendar

On February 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. in E. S. Bird Library room 045, the Media Services Department will present the second "Getting to Know Us" session. This session, entitled *Television History Archive*, will be led by Melanie Atkinson who will show clips from interviews with Joan Gantz Cooney, the founder of *Sesame Street*; Norman Lloyd, star of *St. Elsewhere* and guest star on *The Practice*; and Pat Robertson, religious broadcaster and host of *The 700 Club*.

The third session, *Introduction to Multimedia for the Web*, will be presented by Kannan AMR on March 6. It will also be held in room 045 from 1 until 2 p.m. Using Dreamweaver software, Kannan will briefly describe and demonstrate how to incorporate QuickTime video and the Real Media format for audio and video into a web page.

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## Craft of Bookbinding to be Explored

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Peter D. Verheyen, preservation and access librarian for the SU Library, will speak on "Bookbinding: A Thriving Craft" at 4 p.m. March 1 in the Hillyer Room of Bird Library. The event is sponsored by SU Library Associates.

Bookbinding, a centuries-old craft, and the book arts have a new vitality, in part because of the use that practitioners are making of the World Wide Web. Verheyen will discuss the recent past and anticipated future of bookbinding. He will review the skills one must acquire to become a bookbinder, showing examples of the binding process and its results. Examples of bookbinding are shown in "The Best of the Best," the Guild of Book Workers traveling exhibition now on display in the Department of Special Collections, located on the sixth floor of Bird Library. Verheyen will provide background on the exhibition during his lecture.

At SU, Verheyen is responsible for the preservation and treatment of items from the Department of Special Collections. He is also involved in the creation of book arts-related Web sites and listservs. He holds a bachelor's degree from Johns Hopkins University and an M.L.S. from SU. He previously worked as rare book conservator for Cornell University and as assistant conservator at Yale University. He also worked with conservators in private practice. As part of his own training, he was traditionally apprenticed in Germany, where he learned hand bookbinding, and studied book conservation in Ascona, Switzerland. His creative work has been exhibited with the Guild of Book Workers and other organizations on the regional, national and international levels.

The event is free and open to the public.

*Jonathan Hay, SU News Services*

## Punny ... or Not

- Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
- Did you hear that NASA recently put a bunch of Holsteins into low earth orbit? They called it the herd shot 'round the world.
- Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.
- Two paddlers sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank - proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.
- A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."
- And finally, there was a man who sent ten different puns to friends, in the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.



# Library Staff Calendar

## Feb. 27 – March 12, 2001

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### Tuesday, February 27

University Librarian's Cabinet  
9 - 10:30 a.m., Spector Room

Collection Development Committee  
2 p.m., Room 219

Hazardous Materials Communication  
7 - 8 p.m., 1916 Room

### Wednesday, February 28

Administrative Committee  
8:30 - 10 a.m., Room 219

SULA Business Meeting  
3 p.m., 1916 Room

Martin Luther King Jr. Library Video Series  
"The Language You Cry In"  
7 p.m., Kittredge Auditorium

### Thursday, March 1

Due date for Renewal Applications  
for Dependent Tuition

Hazardous Materials Communication  
10 - 11 a.m., 1916 Room

Public Services Department Heads  
10 - 11:30 a.m., Spector Room

Library Associates Presents  
"Bookbinding: A Thriving Craft"  
Peter Verheyen  
4 p.m., Hillyer Room

### Monday, March 5

Books 24x7 Trial ends  
Feedback is welcome to Pamela  
McLaughlin

Administrative Committee  
10 a.m. - noon, Room 219

### Wednesday, March 7

Drop off material in Preservation  
for Ridley Book Bindery

Raymond Carver Reading Series  
Denis Johnson, Fiction  
5:45 p.m., Gifford Auditorium

### Thursday, March 8

Hazardous Materials Communication  
7 - 8 p.m., 1916 Room

### Friday, March 9

Deadline for supervisors to submit  
performance evaluations to  
division head or AUL

Hazardous Communication  
2 - 3 p.m., 1916 Room

### Saturday, March 10

CLOSED - Spring Break

### Monday, March 12

Administrative Committee  
10 - noon, Room 219

The **deadline** for submitting items  
for the March 12 newsletter cal-  
endar is Wednesday, March 7.

**Appropriate items** include  
meetings of professional associ-  
ations, meetings within the Library,  
training sessions, lectures, demon-  
strations, receptions, and  
SUMMIT downtimes. For each  
event, send the following inform-  
ation: date, time, place, and event.  
For special events, please include  
the name of the presenter. Send  
items to **Nancy Cohen**, Room  
219, [njcohen@library.syr.edu](mailto:njcohen@library.syr.edu)

## Memorial Services Scheduled

Two memorial services for Larry Bartlow will be held in the coming weeks. The Bartlow family service will be held in Webster, New York (near Rochester) on Saturday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m.. Larry's sister Barbara, has extended an invitation to anyone from the Library who would like to attend. Larry's family would be pleased to meet his co-workers and to hear about his life here at SU. The address and directions are available in Administration.

An on-campus memorial service will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at 4:00 PM at Hendricks Chapel, with a reception to follow in the Noble Room. Further details will be provided when available.

*Lisa Moeckel, Administration*