

# Weakly Agenda

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## My God!

### Keeping The Creditors At Bay

The announcement of an impending cut in Library funds has understandably raised some concerns. Certainly the loss of 36% of our projected budget is a serious blow to our long-range plan to achieve excellence. But a number of concrete steps have already been taken to ensure that the Libraries maintain the level of mediocrity which we have already attained. Rather than dwelling on the "downside" of the cuts (who's really going to miss the Entomology Library anyway?), let's focus on some of the positive steps:

- The Douglass Library bake sale raised more than \$43 to be applied toward the Serial Subscription Maintenance Fund.
- Peter Graham has announced the sale of Alexander Library's card catalog to Cook College, where it will be used to house laboratory animals.
- The "All You Can Carry" Sale, which allowed bibliophiles to remove all the books which they could fit in a brown shopping bag from Alexander Library for a flat fee of \$5, netted \$340. In addition, it cleared an estimated 13,000 square feet of stack space which is presently being converted to condominiums.
- Weather permitting, Friends of the Libraries will hold their Carwash/Phonothon on April 1st. The Friends will be calling Rutgers alumni, urging them to wash their cars themselves and mail a check for the amount which they would have otherwise donated to the Libraries.


Through efforts such as these, we are confident that we shall prevail even in the face of adversity, and remain one of the premier Library systems in Middlesex County.



\*With thanks to John Walz.

## ALA Announcement

In response to member demand the American Library Association is now making available conference badges and ribbons at a small charge. Badges come in all colors to match your conference clothing and make the appropriate fashion statement. Ribbons are available for all sections, round tables, discussion groups, bus tours, and shopping seminars. Cost is \$1.00; 15% discount for members.



**Build Your Status  
Buy Early!**

Send all orders to:

Badges To The People  
American Library Association  
50 East Heron Street  
Windy City, IL

## In Memoriam

Kenneth W. Kuehl, beloved secretary of the Administrative Offices, met his untimely demise on Wednesday, March 22. Ken was rushed to the Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center to be treated for an axe which had accidentally become lodged in his cranium.

*Weakly Agenda* Editor Jan Leavitt alleges that the accident occurred while trying to remove a staple from a copy of the *Agenda*. "It was just one of those unfortunate accidents that happen," Jan intoned when questioned about the incident, "though I think Ken would have no complaints about how he went... doing the job he loved best -- the *Agenda*."

A memorial service for Mr. Kuehl will be held in the library parking lot on Friday, April 13th at 3:00 a.m.





## Food For Thought

In a stunning reversal of policy, the Rutgers University Library System has announced that as of April 1, 1990, food and beverages will be permitted in all 18 libraries. The decision, which was based on the severe budget crisis gripping the University, will provide for the relocation of student dining halls to library buildings, thus consolidating services and manpower. The Media Departments in Kilmer and Douglass Libraries will be disbanded to allow for the installation of cafeterias, and the infamous College Avenue "grease trucks" will be allowed to station themselves outside the smaller libraries (e.g., Chemistry, Physics). While some concern has been voiced over possible damage to library furnishings and books, University Librarian, Joanne Euster is confident the change will help popularize the libraries. "After all," she stated recently, "students are afraid to enter the libraries with food in hand or to eat at the study carrels. Now they won't have to hide, the libraries will be used more, and the University will save money."

*Bon appetit!*

## New Support Group

Do you find yourself making acronyms out of any name longer than one word? Do you try to pronounce abbreviations like real words? Have you only recently found out that IRIS is also a flower? Do outsiders look confused when you talk about your work? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, then perhaps you should think about joining Acronymiacs Anonymous.

Acronymiacs Anonymous is a support group designed to help library personnel who compulsively make acronyms out of everything they can. Here, in a safe setting, you can hear about others in the same plight, discuss some fascinating case studies and learn how to break your addiction to the world of initials. The first meeting will be held on April 16, 1990 at 7:00 p.m. at SCILS.

Please call ACR-ANON and ask for JA for more details.

## Grant Writers Corner

### Proposal Writing Tip

Do you want to write a proposal, but can't seem to get started? A new publication entitled, *The Proposal Writer's Swipe File: 101 Winning Fund Raising Proposals For Today's Libraries* may be just what you need.

In this new publication, professional proposal writers invite you to steal ideas from their grant-getting works. Choose from many outstanding examples in library automation, cataloging, circulation, collection development, preservation, capital equipment needs, and funding for personnel. Each proposal presented just as they were submitted to corporate and foundation funding officers. Ready to photocopy onto your letterhead!

"I use this manual again and again. It never seems to lose its value." -- said Marty Kesselman.

To order, send \$39.95 to Winning Proposals, ALA (American Liars Anonymous) 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ or call the Development Office at extension 7505.

## Material Delivery Expands

In a move designed to avoid charging patrons for photocopying, and journal articles, the circulation subcommittee has decided to expand Materials Delivery to include food delivery service. This decision is a direct result of the University's decision to relocate cafeteria dining halls into our 18 libraries.

The service will specialize in pizza and deli items. Two special phone numbers have been set up for this new service. Simply dial:

B-U-Y P-I-Z-A  
Fax # 1234

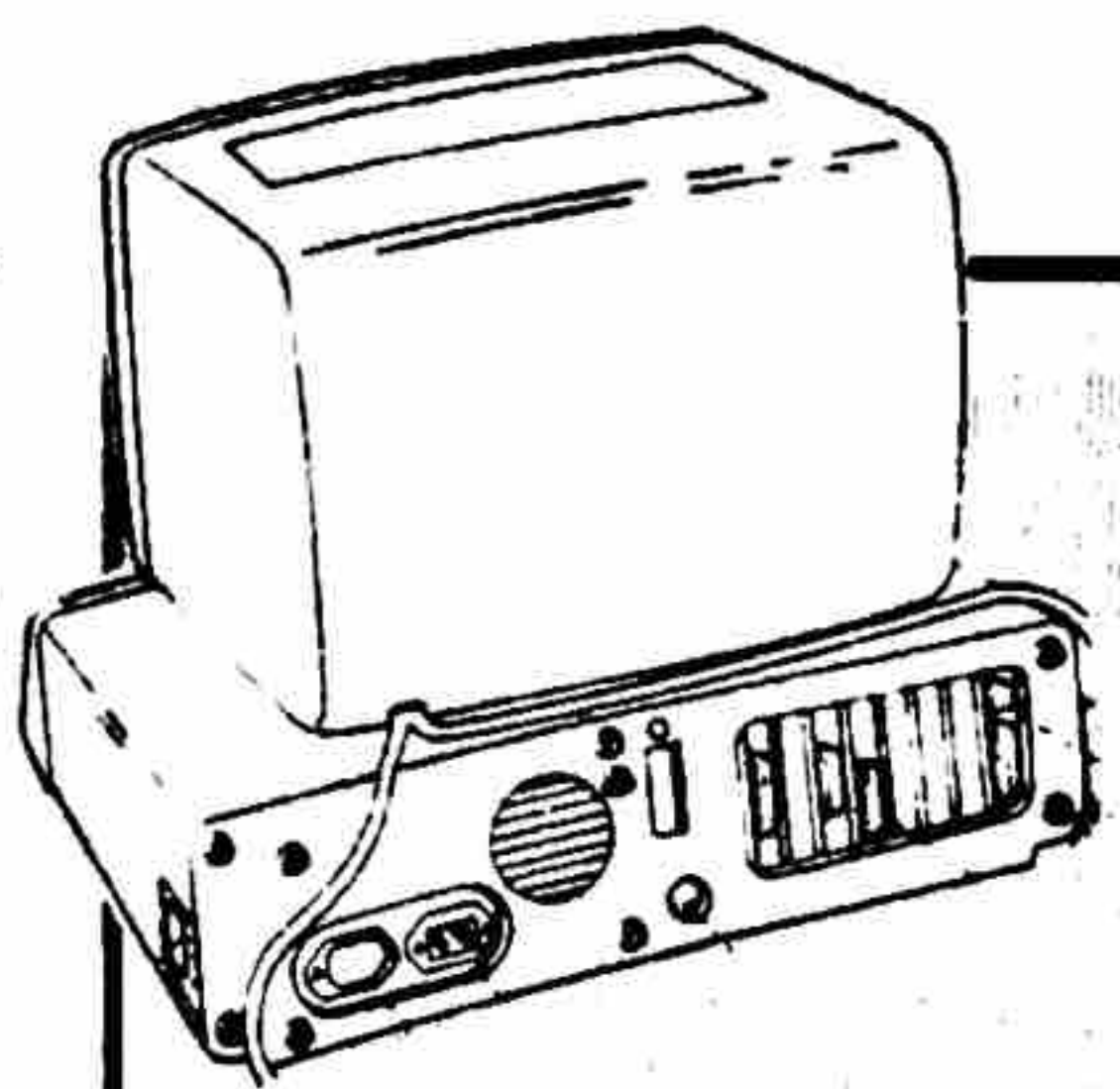
E-A-T D-E-L-I  
Fax # 4321

Students will be able to order edibles in two ways. They can either use the Food Fone or the Food Fax. Both of these will be located at the Circulation Desk in all 18 libraries. To avoid confusion with non-food communication devices (FCD), the Food Fones and Faxes will be designed to look like actual food items.

## Correction

The Libraries regrets a recent typographical error requesting individuals to enroll as members of the Fiends of the Rutgers University Libraries. However, due to the overwhelming response, a preliminary meeting of the Fiends Advisory Board has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, in the Pane Bibliographic Instruction Room, Alexander Library.





## PC Tip #007

### Correction

Whoops! Last week's tip on moving blocks of text within your document (PC Tip #41 -- "Moving Blocks of Text Within Your Documentary") contained an error. Instead of typing <Ctrl> <Alt> <Del> in step #13, type <Del> only. Our thanks to those who brought this error to our attention, so that others might avoid the inconvenience of losing their documents. To those who did lose their documents -- better luck next time!

This week's PC Tip was sent in by Joanne Euster, who has "discovered a practical use for all those worn-out floppies you hate to throw away. Use them as coasters! Floppies make wonderful coasters with the added advantage of having disposable jackets -- simply remove the old jacket and replace with a new, easy-to-make jacket that matches your decor or fits into your party's theme."

Thanks to Joanne for a terrific PC Tip!

## Staff Depreciation Day

Sandra Troy has announced that the annual Staff Appreciation Day will have a new look this year. Because of the budget crisis, the program will be renamed Staff Depreciation Day. Everyone attending will be asked to bring his or her own refreshments. Also, the Above & Beyond Awards will now be given to those staff members who have saved the University the most money. Accordingly, this popular event will now be called the Below & Beyond Awards. Last year's Above & Beyond winners are being asked to return their tote bags to Sandra Troy's office (by campus mail) so that they may be recycled and presented to this year's recipients. To nominate a staff member or to get more details on the festivities, please contact Sandra Troy at extension 7505.

## IRIS Does Double-Duty

As of April 7, coin boxes will be installed on all IRIS terminals in the Rutgers University Libraries. This is the final phase of the implementation of the new video game service offered by Geac.

Students will not only be able to search for books, but also, by inserting \$.25 or copy card in the coinbox and pressing the F12 key, they will be able to access the video game catalog. This way, when they get bored with looking for books they can have some fun.



## New Funds For RUL



As part of its continuing efforts to deal with the budget crisis, the Rutgers University Library System has reached a funding agreement with major companies near three Rutgers campuses. Johnson & Johnson (in New Brunswick), Campbell Soup (Camden), and Prudential (in Newark) will each donate a "humongous" amount of money to the library system. In exchange, Alexander Library will be renamed, "The Powder Can," Camden Library will become "The Soup Bowl," and Dana Library will be christened "The Rock." Additionally, each library will be equipped with vending machines stocked with each company's major products.



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## New Journal

Publication of a major new journal has just been announced -- *Tenure Track: The Journal For Assistant Professors*. Published by CARIT (The Center for the Analysis of Really Important Things), *Tenure Track* is expected to have a significant impact on American intellectual life in the waning years of this century. *Tenure Track* will specialize in publishing articles written by assistant professors -- especially articles overlooked by reputable journals. If you are looking for clear, elegant writing, if you are seeking challenging and innovative approaches to the critical issues of our time, if you are tired of sterile polemics over obscure questions, we suggest you try another journal. But if you are interested in academic writing at its best -- dense, jargon-laden prose, pointless fights over irrelevant issues, and desperate attempts to achieve a national reputation by scurrilous attacks on the integrity of other professors -- then *Tenure Track* is for you.

Subscriptions to *Tenure Track* are \$25.00 per year for individuals and \$5,320.95 for institutions. The CD-ROM version will be available in 1992.

Submissions should be sent to CARIT. Be sure to include two copies of your article, plus at least three rejection notices from other journals, and the date of your tenure action. There is currently a twelve year backlog of articles slated for publication, but the editors will be happy to send a glowing letter of recommendation to your promotion committee, for a small consideration.

**Remember** -- no prose is too turgid, no idea too hackneyed, no methodology too flawed, for *Tenure Track: The Journal For Assistant Professors*.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1, 1990 - April 29, 1990

## LIBRARY DATES

Sunday, April 1	Friends' Carwash/Phonothon
Tuesday, April 3	Kitchen Cabinet, University Librarian's Office, 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 5	Standing Advisory Committee On Collection Development, Paris, France, under the Eiffel Tower (Bring cameras and binoculars), 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 10	Fiends Of The Library Meeting, (Bring a fiend with you), Pane Bibliographic Instruction Room, Powder Can Library.
Friday, April 13	Memorial Service For Ken Kuehl, Library Parking Lot, 3:30 a.m.
Sunday, April 15	Last Day To File Income Tax With IRS, (no fooling!).
Monday, April 16	Acronymiacs Anonymous Meeting, Sponsored by Association of Concerned Library Faculty and Staff Against the Excessive Use of Acronyms, SCILS, Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18	Deadline For Submission To <i>Tenure Track: The Journal For Assistant Professors</i> .
Tuesday, April 24	Staff Depreciation Day!
Wednesday, April 25	Wine Sampling Day.
Thursday, April 26	Standing Advisory Committee On Public Services, Oxford University, Oxford, England, 4:00 p.m.

## EXHIBITS

May 25 - August 1	"Asbestos: What It Can Do For You," Gallery '50, Powder Can Library, College Avenue Campus.
April 1 - May 15	"The Ghost Of Mabel Smith Douglass: Here Today - Gone Tomorrow," Women Artists Series, Douglass Library, Douglass Campus.
April 3 - May 5	"From Soup To Nuts," The Soup Bowl Library, Camden Campus.



## Professional Vacancies

For a listing of professional vacancies at other institutions, please contact those institutions.

The *Weakly Agenda* is published from the office of the University Librarian and is intended to provide information about library activities and other things that no one really wants to read about. Included are such items as: announcements, pronouncements, and denouncements; truths, half-truths, innuendo, and hearsay; lies, damned lies, and statistics; retractions, corrections and recriminations; and more meetings than you can shake a stick at. "People in the Library," a supplement to the *Weakly Agenda* is published two or more times year and notes briefly such information as marriages, divorces, affairs, births, deaths, deportations, arraignments, indictments and incarcerations; lacerations, bumps, bruises and scrapes; and addictions, afflictions and other fictions.

The *Weakly Agenda* is published more than it is read From September to May and read more than it is published during June, July, and August. It's also nice to wrap fish in. The deadline for submitting articles and calendar events is noon. Copy should be sent to Jan Leavitt, Editor, *Weakly Agenda*, Library Administration.

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