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**OSCHE Spring Conference at
Sinclair Community College**
by Ken Collins

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On Friday, April 5, seven members (Ken Collins, Tim Howard, Andrea Lyndes, Saundra Daniels, Miguel Rivera, Cheryl Miltner, and Dan Carrero) of the Executive Staff Council attended the Ohio Staff Councils of Higher Education (OSCHE) spring conference at Sinclair Community College in Dayton. Staff council representatives from the Ohio State University, Ohio University, Bowling Green University, Columbus State Community College, and Akron University were also in attendance. One of the highlights of this trip was the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Eric Fingerhut to talk with him about the University System of Ohio plan that was unveiled on March 31. Other items that were discussed at the conference included the



payment of an annual \$250 membership for each participating institution to help the organization get financially established. LCCC has agreed to become the fiscal agent for the organization and will hold funding in an account here on campus. Also discussed was the progress made on unveiling a new website for the OSCE organization. Lastly, there was talk about the upcoming summer conference that will be hosted here at LCCC on June 19-20. LCCC hosted the conference in 2005 and it was a great success. There will be time on Friday, June 20 for all LCCC staff to attend the "reporting out" sessions. These sessions will be most beneficial to the staff on this campus because they will be able to hear what is happening at our sister colleges and will have the opportunity to ask questions. Please mark your calendars now. Anyone who is interested in joining OSCE's list serve should submit their name to Ken Collins. The list serve is an email tool created to allow OSCE members to communicate with all representatives in one email. Example: If someone had a question about how many vacation days staff members from other colleges receive, they could send an email to the list serve and all the subscribers would receive the question and have the opportunity to respond.

Photo: Tim Howard LCCC, Lorrie Sawaie, BGSU, Chancellor Eric Fingerhut, Joanna Stolfus OU, Bradley Nicodemus OSU, Tami Smith Wright State Univ.

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Lorain County Community College Staff Council Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Members PRESENT: Ken Collins, Saundra Daniels, Mike Mielcarek, Andrea Lyndes, Fran McCaffrey, Dan Carrero, Miguel Rivera, Miriam Silva, Mike Harmych, Tracey Maxwell, Cheryl Miltner, Theresa Sullinger, Ray Pagan, Connie Hitchens and Gina Maxwell

ALSO PRESENT: Tamara Wright, Ryan Martin, Andy Dovci and Norm Lease

■ President's Report:

Connie Hitchens from Food Services will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kelly Lynch. Connie was sworn into Staff Council.

Tamara Wright has prepared a Power Point Presentation for the cafeteria staff regarding the purpose of Staff Council.

Staff Council open sessions will take place March 25, 9:30-11:00 and 2:30-4:00; March 27, 2:30-4:00 in CC 227B.

■ Old Business:

The AQUIP information session will be held Thursday, March 25th from 1:00-1:45 in CC228.

■ New Business:

FYI is considering changing format to cut down on paper usage. Discussion took place on hard copy versus the online version. Recommendation was made to only send out electronic copies and possibly provide a few hard copies to each organizational unit.

Andy Dovci and Norm Lease spoke regarding the information training sessions being offered by IS&S regarding the cleanup of individuals' mailboxes in Outlook. Andy stated it is important to empty the deleted box after deleting an email and that messages should be archived on your hard drive instead of the server.

Family Fest will be held on October 18th in conjunction with the grand opening of the new Library/Community Resource Center.

Ken reported he will be forwarding via email to all Executive Staff Council members the Bylaws and Constitution so they can review specific areas and make their recommendations for revisions to be put forward to the whole Staff Council in the upcoming elections.

Next Meeting, April 23, 2008; CC 227A – 2:00-3:30.

Follow Up Report on Staff Council Open Sessions by Ken Collins

On Tuesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 27, during the College's spring break, the Staff Council Executive Committee (SCEC) held four open sessions for all support staff and professional/technical employees to meet with their representatives and reconnect. The last time sessions like this were held was in 2005. Some of the questions asked were: What types of issues are affecting all staff? What can Staff Council do to help with these issues? What can Staff Council do to help as a representative body of the staff? What does Staff Council do well? Each session lasted for approximately an hour and a half and a great deal of quality feedback was exchanged. Some of the issues that came up were:

- Staff shortages and lack of advancement within certain positions around campus
- Lack of opportunities to access training funds
- Doing a better job of recognizing and awarding those employees for going above and beyond the scope of their duties
- A review of the current employee appraisal system

There were several more items, but these were issues that repeatedly came to the forefront of each session. The list of items will be presented to the SCEC for review and will be added to the matrix that the executive team works from. Another issue that was mentioned in the sessions was the lack of communication between the SCEC and the constituents it represents. This issue will also be reviewed by the SCEC to explore ideas to rebuild the communication pipeline between the SCEC and the individuals it represents. One way that SCEC will attempt to improve communication with staff is by refocusing the Bell Tower Bulletin, which is the Staff Council sponsored newsletter. As mentioned in the section "From the President's Desk," the Bell Tower Bulletin will start to take on a new tone that is more Staff Council business oriented.

Check it Out!

The webpage below has pictures from the three days of Spring Break as well as other faculty and staff events.

[http://www.lc3net/LCCC/Departments/
ContentManagement/
EventPhoto.Normal.1400.lccc](http://www.lc3net/LCCC/Departments/ContentManagement/EventPhoto.Normal.1400.lccc)

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Report from the National Education Association

by Barb Armstrong

The National Education Association held its 26th annual Higher Education Conference from March 28 - 30, 2008, in Washington, D.C. The purpose of NEA is to further education in the United States. One of their undertakings is to make the average person aware of what our federal representatives are or are not voting for in the way of education legislation. The NEA is concerned with all types of education, including higher education. Some of the higher education issues that are listed in the NEA website that our Congress and Senate are working on are:

1. A Higher Education Act Reauthorization Bill.
 2. Allowing individual states to decide on higher education for immigrants.
 3. Making higher education more affordable for everyone.
- In 2007, the Senate passed the Higher Education Amendment which has some positive effects on higher education, including changes to the definition of "teaching skills" to include a broader range of skills needed, and a focus on training teachers in early childhood education. The Reauthorization Bill will help to ensure equal college opportunities and fair learning environments for students with disabilities, expand college access for low income and minority students, streamline the federal student financial aid application, and provide support to help students transition seamlessly from community colleges to 4-year programs.

The higher education legislation for immigrants allows individual states to decide their own residency requirements regarding tuition and benefits. Current federal law restricts states' ability to provide in-state tuition for students with immigration status who might otherwise have excellent potential and have no means to attend college. The loss to our society is great. Currently there is proposed legislation on the federal level called the American Dream Act which will address the needs of these students.

Over the last 30 years the burden of higher education has fallen from the state level to the individual student level, leaving most college graduates with tremendous student loan debt. The current administration has further added to this problem by raising student loan interest rates and cutting the budget to the Federal Student Aid program. In 2007, Congress approved the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which has yet to be signed into law. If passed, this act will increase the Pell Grant program, cut interest rates on student loans, and create TEACH Grants,

giving financial aid for those entering the teaching profession.

These are just a few of the issues that NEA is supporting. If you want to learn more about NEA, visit their website at <http://www.nea.org/index.html>.

From the President's Desk

Greetings,

As many of you know, Staff Council Executive Committee (SCEC) hosted open sessions during spring break. One of the issues that was mentioned several times was a lack of communication from SCEC on what they are working on, what they have completed, and what direction are we taking the staff of the College. Let me say that as you read through the Bell Tower Bulletin (BTB), you will notice a lot more content from the SCEC. In talking with some of the original founders of the BTB, they explained to me that the intent of the newspaper was to inform staff of things that were going around campus and to keep them "in the loop" of items that SCEC was working on. I hope you'll enjoy the new format of the BTB and if you have any thoughts or suggestions, feel free to drop me an email at kcollins@lorainccc.edu or stop by the Campus Security office so we can chat.

Meeting Dates/Times

Staff Council Executive Committee meetings are open to ALL support staff and professional/technical employees. Those interested in attending can view the schedule below for meeting dates, times and locations. Staff is welcome, but should email Ken Collins if they plan to attend so that arrangements can be made for additional seating if it is needed. Anyone who wishes to forward an agenda item to the Executive Staff Council for consideration should also notify Ken Collins in advance so that it may be added to the agenda.

Schedule through August 2008:

- May 14 CC 227b
- May 28 CC 227a
- June 11 CC 227a
- July 9 CC 227a
- Aug 13 CC 227a

(All meetings are held from 2-3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

Sincerely,
Ken Collins
Executive Staff Council
President

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SPRING BREAK RECAP

By Diane Nott

We held our 4th Annual Staff Council Spring Break on March 24, 26 and 28th. The main theme was to continue our adventures on Route 66 ending in Chicago, Illinois. The event was well attended and everyone looked they totally enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Paul Modic who took pictures all three days of Spring Break. You can see them in pdf format on CampusNet (<http://www.lc3net>) or on the LCCC Intranet). Look under Digital Media Library.

We started our trip on Monday to Oklahoma and Kansas where we met up with Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz. Next our trip on Wednesday continued through Kansas into Missouri where we met up with Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn on the Mississippi River. The Goopy Butter Cake that was served Wednesday will be in The Recipe File in this issue.

The big day was Friday when we drove into Chicago, Illinois during the roaring 20s. We had so many people in costume that it actually felt like we were in a Speakeasy in the 1920s. Gangsters and flappers a-plenty! The costume contest was great. Human Resources won with their unique gangster costumes and mockup of an old car.

The main game for all three days was Jeopardy. Ron Jantz and Keith Brown were Alex Trebeck wannabees. Final jeopardy was on Friday. The big winners were the Data Squad from IS&S.

From all the feedback that the Spring Break Committee received, I think this year was a big success. It was a simple event where staff came to eat food and talk with their fellow co-workers. That was the goal - to be able to take a small break and enjoy the festivities.

This is the final year that Spring Break was held in the CC Mall. Next year, we hope that we can move the event to the Spitzer Conference Center. As to the theme....you will have to wait. But I guarantee you that it will be great!

See all of you next year in March 2009 for our next Spring Break.

I want to give a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped out. The event would not have been a success without you.

THANK YOU

TO THE SPRING BREAK COMMITTEE:

Amanda Nelson, Amanda Sturgeon, Ann Loepp, Janet Mohrman, Joyce Stevenson, Juanita Baker, Kenneth Collins, Linda Senecal, Miguel Rivera, Miriam Silva, Sandra Daniels, Sydney Lancaster, Diane Nott

THANK YOU TO THE CAFETERIA STAFF WHO PROVIDED THE FOOD!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED A DOOR PRIZE

all the baked goodies; the goldfish; candy; t-shirts; Stocker tickets; gasoline cards; the BOOMBOX; travel bag and more.

THE WINNERS FROM THE SPRING BREAK COSTUME CONTEST:

Monday — Linda Senecal, Bookstore
Wednesday — Sarah Nau, Financial Services
Friday — Human Resource Department

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE JEOPARDY CONTEST:

Monday— Stephanie's Angels, Financial Services vs The Book Wyrms, Book Store (Book Wyrms were the winners)

Wednesday — Data Squad, IS&S vs Connect Squad, Connection Center/ Enrollment Services (Data Squad were the winners)

Friday — Data Squad vs The Book Wyrms Final Jeopardy (Data Squad were the winners)

THE WINNER OF THE BOOMBOX:

Sharon Koepf – Health, Physical Education and Recreation/Student Life Division

THE WINNER OF THE UGLY TRAILER CONTEST:

Barb Armstrong - IS&S

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Question of the Month

In honor of the upcoming Memorial Day and Armed Services Holiday, the *Bell Tower Bulletin* would like to recognize those whom are currently in active service.

Tom Herman is a 1st Lieutenant with the United States Army; he is currently deployed to Iraq as a Tank commander/Platoon leader with the 3rd Armor Cavalry Regiment. He deployed in early November 2007 and should return to the US early next year. – (fiancé of) Luciana M. Zolli, Adjunct Instructor, English, Arts and Humanities Department

Sgt. Eric Manicsic, Army, Convoys, Iraq - (Son of) Julie Manicsic, Laboratory Instructional Assistant, Engineering Technologies

Lt. Mark Phillipp, Marines- Reconnaissance, just returned from Iraq - 2nd tour of duty. - (Husband's 1st cousin) Anita Schultz, SkillsMAX Resource Center

Brian Letterle, Army, Sergeant First Class, Military Police, Iraq. - (Brother of) Jennifer McDonough, ILSC

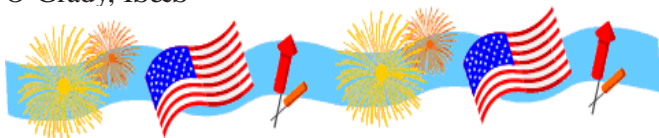
Joseph Bozoksi, Currently serving in Iraq. - (Cousin of) Diane Nott, IS&S

Staff Sergeant Kurt Gibson, USMC, is stationed in Tampa, Florida. He is an Administrative Staff Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge and works with Marine operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East through Africa. – (brother of) Jason Gibson, Student Worker, computer lab aide & SDEV 101 teaching assistant

Erik Halvorson, GSgt in the USMC, is finishing an internship at Ft. Meade, MD. He has been to Iraq two or three times already and Afghanistan at least once. - (Younger son of) Laura Halvorson, Academic Foundations

Todd Black, Sgt., Air Force. His post is unregistered in Spain. - (Cousin of) Janet M. Mohrman, Office Assistant, Connections Center, Enrollment Dept.

Adam Glauner is CW2 (Chief Warrant Officer 2) and is stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. He's a Military Intelligence Imagery Technician. - (Son-in-law of) Larry O'Grady, IS&S



CAMPUS GREEN TASK FORCE COMMITTEE by Barb Armstrong

Recently Lorain County Community College formed an environmental task force committee under the direction of Laura Carisimi. We have met only once, but have been exchanging emails and ideas back and forth. Several subcommittees have formed under the main committee, one of which is the Recycling Subcommittee, headed by Nancy Halbrooks. On Earth Day, April 22, the Recycling Subcommittee introduced **RED** recycling containers in a few high traffic areas of the campus. These areas are Stocker Center Lobby, the LRC building near the library, the CC Mall, Connie's Corner in the Health Science Building, and the Engineering Technology Building near the elevator. The kick off was between 10 am and 2 pm on Earth Day and for every "donation" of a pop or water bottle, or an aluminum can, the donator received a cookie. The cookies were only a one-time deal, to entice students, faculty, and staff to recycle. With this kick-off, the subcommittee hopes to start a serious recycling program at the college. "Right now this is a volunteer effort until LCCC makes the program official," according to the Recycling Subcommittee core group. If you would like to place a **RED** recycling container in your area, call Nancy Halbrooks at ext. 7114 or email her at nhalbroo@lorainccc.edu.

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LCCC Emergency Action Plan—Part 3

This is the final installment of the College's Emergency Action Plan. Outlined below are the responsibilities we all have as employees of the college to our fellow employees, our students, and visitors to the campus. Also included is a chart with specific directions to follow in four different emergency situations.

Employee Responsibility

All employees should review and familiarize themselves with the emergency procedures listed above and on the campus security web page (www.lorainccc.edu/security), and become familiar with the designated evacuation routes for fire and tornado. Faculty and instructors are responsible for accounting for the students that evacuate from their classroom. Evacuation information is conspicuously posted in each classroom.

Organizational Unit Administrator/Dean Responsibility

Directors and Deans must ensure that their staff is familiar with campus emergency procedures. Administrators should review emergency evacuation procedures with their staff every semester and/or as new employees are hired. Supervisors (or the senior-most employee present) must account for staff members during an evacuation from the building.

Campus Security & Physical Plant Responsibility

Campus Security responds to all alarms and is responsible for coordinating all emergency responses on campus. A responding officer will observe the exterior of the building on his/her approach and radio dispatch information on the initial size-up. The first officer on scene will proceed to the area of the building where the incident has occurred. Subsequent responding officers and/or Physical Plant Services (PPS) personnel will assist in any way possible (e.g. evacuating occupants, suppressing fires, assisting responding emergency forces, etc.). The officers and/or PPS personnel will gather information from employees and people exiting the building and report it back to dispatch. Officers, PPS, and recognized college officials will also keep people from re-entering the building. Once the incident is under control, college officials, working in conjunction with senior level administrators and others, will determine the next appropriate course of action and disseminate the information in as quick a manner as possible.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this Emergency Action Plan, please contact Keith Brown at extension 7738 or email him at kbrown@lorainccc.edu. Dial 9-9-1-1 for Police, Fire, or EMS Dial extension 4444 or 4053 for Campus Emergencies

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

- Stay Calm
- Do Not Confront the Individual
- Immediately Contact Campus Security at extension **4444** or **4053**
- If an Immediate Police Presence is Necessary, Dial **9-9-1-1** from a Campus Telephone
- If the Situation Necessitates, Barricade and/or Lock Doors, Stay Low to the Ground, Stay Away from Windows, and Remain Quiet

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- Dial **9-9-1-1** from the Campus Telephone
- Provide Location- Building Name, Room Number, Floor, etc.
- Render First Aid or CPR if Trained
- Call Campus Security at extension **4444** or **4053**
- Do Not Attempt to Move an Injured Person unless an Immediate Threat Exists
- Provide First Responders with all Pertinent Information (victim's name, what happened, etc.)

TORNADO

- Listen for Public Address System Announcement or other Warning Notification
- Check Evacuation Diagram for Designated Tunnel/Shelter Area and Proceed to that Area
- Assist Persons with Disabilities
- If Tunnel/Shelter Area is Not Available, Seek Refuge on the Lowest Level under a Table or Desk
- Remain in a Safe Area until the All Clear has been Given.

FIRE

- All Persons Must Evacuate Immediately
- Close Doors and Take Your Belongings
- Assist Handicapped Persons
- Do Not Use Elevators
- Keep all Students and Staff Together
- Move Away From all Entryways Once Outside
- Stay at Least 200 Feet Away from the Building
- Do Not Re-enter the Building until Directed by College Officials or Emergency Services

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Dear Reader
By Peggy Nesbit

Anthologies to the Rescue

The word anthology literally means “a collection of flowers.” But in the publishing world an anthology is a collection of shorter works collected together into a single volume for publication. The anthology typically has works by a variety of authors and that’s why I’m writing about them here.



How do you find new authors to read? Do you ask friends or family? Do you trust your friends and family to recommend books? (I’m not always sure about that!) I’ve found that a good way to get to know new authors is through anthologies.

The science fiction and fantasy publishing community have been doing anthologies forever. The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers Association (SFWA) gives awards to various-length works. This is their breakdown:

Short Story: 7,500 words or less
Novelette: 7,500 to 17,500 words
Novella: 17,500 to 40,000 words
Novel: 40,000 words or more

Other genres aren’t so specific and may not use terms like novelette or even short story. Over the last couple years, the romance publishing industry has gotten on the anthology bandwagon and begun to publish anthologies of novellas by different authors within the same subgenre. So you might have a paranormal anthology or a historical anthology or a western anthology. They typically have a lead author who is well known in their subgenre to lure in the buyer and then have less well known or first time authors follow after the “star.”

This is truly an excellent way to find new writers. Just recently I read an anthology called *Powers of Detection* edited by Dana Stabenow. I bought the book because I like Anne Perry who writes mysteries and Sharon Shinn who writes fantasies (I found her in a previous anthology!) now I’ve found Charlain Harris and Anne Bishop. I read another called *No Rest for Witches* and found Christine Warren (I already had found Lori Handeland in an earlier one as well.)

So if you’re looking for new authors because none of your regulars have anything new, look for an anthology and try out someone new. You might get lucky!

2008 Tentative Parade and Festival Schedule

<http://www.lorainccc.edu/community+services/festivals.htm>

Go to the site if you are interested in volunteering.

Cinco de Mayo Parade	May 3
Grafton Firemen’s Festival	May 22-26
Grafton Parade	May 26
Elyria Taste of the South	June 7
Juneteenth Festival	June 7
Juneteenth Parade (Lorain)	June 7
Avon Duck Tape Fest	June 13-15
Festival of Fish (Vermilion)	June 13-15
Avon Duck Parade	June 14
Festival of Fish Parade	June 15
International Festival	June 27-29
Columbia Homecoming	June 27-29
International Parade	June 29
Columbia Parade	June 29
Grafton Parade	July 4
Wellington Parade	July 4
Sheffield Lake Community Days Parade	July 10
AAFRO Festival	July 11-12
Sacred Heart Festival	July 11-13
Amherst Jamboree	July 11-13
Sacred Heart Parade	July 12
Amherst Parade	July 13
Lorain Portfest	July 18-20
Wellington Cheese Festival	July 18-20
Wellington Cheese Parade	July 19
Lagrange Lions Festival	July 24-26
Lagrange Parade	July 24
North Ridgeville Corn Festival	August 8-10
Corn Fest Parade	August 10
Elyria End of Summer Blast	August 16
Lorain Back to School Picnic	August 16
Lorain County Fair	August 18-24
Laborfest	August 31
Elyria Apple Festival	Sept. 19-21
Avon Lake Homecoming Festival	Sept. 28-30
Woollybear Festival	September 23
Woollybear Parade	September 23

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Fajitas-On-A-Stick for Cinco de Mayo

submitted by Diane Nott

- 1-1/4 lb. boneless top sirloin steak, cut 1" thick
- 1/3 cup prepared Italian dressing
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 medium green or red bell peppers, quartered
- 2 medium onions, sliced
- Salt to taste
- 8 medium flour tortillas, warmed
- Prepared salsa

Soak eight 9-inch bamboo skewers in enough water to cover; soak for 10 minutes; drain. Trim fat from beef steak. Cut steak crosswise into 1/2-inch thick strips. Thread an equal amount of beef, weaving back and forth, onto each skewer. Do not skewer the vegetables.

In a small bowl, combine dressing and lime juice, mixing well; brush onto beef, peppers and onions.

Place vegetables on grid over medium, ash-covered coals; grill peppers, uncovered, 12 to 15 minutes and onions 15 to 20 minutes or until tender, turning both once. Approximately 10 minutes before vegetables are done, move vegetables to outer edge of grid. Place beef in center of grid; grill 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning once.

Season beef with salt, as desired; remove beef from skewers. Serve beef and vegetables in tortillas with salsa. Makes 4 servings.

Goopy Butter Cake

submitted by Cafeteria Staff

This is more like a bar dessert than a traditional cake, similar to the cream cheese brownies at the Great American Cookie Company... only better!

Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick), melted

Filling

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 16-ounce box confectioner's sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking pan. Combine cake mix, egg and butter and mix well with an electric mixer. Pat into the bottom of the prepared pan and set aside.

With the mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth then add eggs and vanilla. Add confectioner's sugar and beat well. Reduce speed of mixer and slowly pour in butter. Mix well.

Pour filling over cake mixture and spread evenly. Bake for 40-50 minutes. Center of cake should be slightly gooey. Remove from oven, add a little lemon juice to the top, cool completely, and cut into squares.

Quick Movie Review

by Barb Armstrong

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day: A thoroughly delightful story with a good ending, Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) plays a middle aged governess who is down on her luck in England during the 1930's. She manages to "steal" a job as a personal secretary for Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams), an aspiring actress who will give up her own personal happiness to become famous. The movie takes the audience into the dizzying world of Hollywood during its glory days. Miss Pettigrew is the only governess and into the life of her charge. Along the way, she finds love and happiness herself, something she has not experienced in a long time.

Note: This movie is probably not in the theater anymore, however it will make a very good rental.

Nim's Island: This movie is a story told from a 10-year old girl's perspective. The girl is Nim (Abigail Breslin) and she lives on her very own island in the South Pacific with her father (Gerard Butler) who is a research scientist trying to find a new protozoa. Nim's biologist mother, was swallowed boat and all by a whale when Nim was just a baby. Nim loves to read (they get shipments of food, books, and supplies) and her favorite author is Alex Rover, who is also the main character in a popular adventure series. Alex, the author, turns out to be a woman (Jodie Foster) who is obsessive-compulsive and also has been afraid to go beyond her front door for the last 16 years. When it becomes necessary to rescue Nim, Alexandra Rover is pressed into action and the adventure begins.

Hint: This is a great family movie for children 8 and above.