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THE FIRST WORD

by Sue Burkholder, Director

OUR LIBRARY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT is beginning to feel quite real. The Program and Design Committee and library staff members have been working closely with the architectural firm SRG Partnership to decide exactly what will be in the building, how much space it will take, and how to fit everything within our \$20-million budget. By the time you read this, we should have a reasonably definite idea of where things will be located and an outline of the building's footprint. I invite you to check the library's Web site for the latest information.

In one of its earliest meetings with SRG, the Program and Design Committee articulated the following goals for this project:

- ▲ Provide space for collections, technology, library instruction, and people
- ▲ Create a significant center of learning on campus
- ▲ Draw people together for both academic and informal interaction
- ▲ Design a functional, efficient, and easy-to-use building
- ▲ Create long-term value for SOU
- ▲ Be responsive to the unique site, the campus, Ashland, and the region
- ▲ Design an environmentally sustainable building

As a group, the committee has a vision of a library that will encourage students, faculty, and community members to enter the building and use its rich intellectual resources. We hope to create a structure that is both aesthetically pleasing and functional. We expect the facility to help tie the campus together, while also fulfilling aspects of the campus master plan. We would like a building that not only accommodates the technologies of today, but that also provides enough flexibility to incorporate future generations of technologies.

I see a library that is so much the center of the University that it is the first place people think of when they want to get together, whether for intellectual growth or informal social interaction.

THE SOUTHERN OREGON DIGITAL ARCHIVE

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY'S Southern Oregon Digital Archive (SODA) Project began July 1, 2001, with a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. During the initial six months, the library focused on creating an infrastructure that will ensure the project's success, as well as continuing digitization efforts beyond the two-and-a-half years of grant funding.

The Digitization Project Team decided to concentrate initial efforts on the Bioregions Collection, identifying some 400 relevant federal and 100 state publications to be digitized. Among these publications are watershed studies, environmental impact statements, land and resource management plans, and cultural resource surveys. To improve access to future publications, library staff are expanding contacts with the federal and state agencies that publish these documents. The library also hopes to include other materials of historical significance, including Native American materials compiled in consultation and collaboration with the tribes.

The Digitization Project Team has had lively and passionate discussions about how best to provide Web access to these important materials. Led by Teresa Montgomery and Jim Rible, the team has investigated the complexities of scanning and mounting textual materials on the Web, reviewed software and hardware requirements, determined search criteria for each item in the collection, and learned from the experiences of others by consulting people involved in similar projects.

After reviewing the many options and complexities involved in creating a digital archive, the Project Team selected a vendor, Progressive Technology Federal Systems (PTFS), to help us create a complete digitization system. PTFS will configure all of the software and hardware, in addition to training library staff to digitize and catalog our collections.

The next steps include planning workflow, hiring project staff members, and preparing the dedicated workspace. The library staff hope to begin production scanning of documents during spring 2002, placing the first documents on the Web for public use a few months later.



CARTOGRAPHER FEATURED AT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2002

Keynote speaker:

Stuart Allan, Cartographer and Editor of the 2001 edition of the *Atlas of Oregon*

Social with complimentary wine:

6:30 p.m., Stevenson Union Redford Lounge

Dinner: 7 p.m., Stevenson Union Rogue River Room

Registration form enclosed. For more information, please call 552-6848.

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MANY THANKS TO THE THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK:

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The Planning and Oversight Committee: Elisabeth Zinser (Chair), Sara Hopkins-Powell, Ron Bolstad, Jon Mitchell, Sen. Lenn ~~Miano~~ Kirschke, and Sue Burkholder.

FRIENDS CORNER

The Friends of the Library Lecture Series concluded on March 7 with Paul Pitzer's explanation of why the Grand Coulee Dam could not be built today. Pitzer explored the many controversial issues surrounding dam-building. On January 24, 2002, Nicole Toussaint and Dixie Worthington of Portland-based Oregon Uniting discussed "The Changing Complexion of Oregon."

The Friends of the Library contributed \$2,000 toward the purchase of a new database, the *Readers' Guide Retrospective*. This is the online version of the familiar *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*. Students will now be able to search for historical topics from 1890 to the present. This resource is particularly important for history majors and students in fields requiring a historical perspective. The *Readers' Guide Retrospective* is a great addition to the library's reference collection.

The Friends Board has been busy planning the Library Lecture Series for 2002-03. Stay posted for announcements of the new slate!

The Friends Annual Benefit Dinner, scheduled for May 10, 2002, will feature well-known cartographer Stuart Allan of Raven Maps as the keynote speaker. Allan is also a co-author of the new *Atlas of Oregon* (University of Oregon Press, 2001), which has received rave reviews. Call 552-6835 for more information.



The SOU Friends of the Library is a membership organization that was established in 1975. The Friends are committed to improving the University Library collections and sponsoring the Library Lecture Series on a variety of interesting and timely topics. Member benefits include library checkout privileges, participation in a series of evening talks, the opportunity to associate with fellow bibliophiles, and the satisfaction of supporting the University Library. Call 541-552-6835 for information about upcoming events or to become a Friends member.

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