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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.

SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY UNVEILS ELECTRONIC REFERENCE SERVICE

HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED help or advice from a librarian when you weren't in the University Library, or even in Ashland? With the advent of the library's new Ask-a-Librarian service, SOU faculty, staff, and currently enrolled students have the option of asking a reference question using any Web browser. During the academic year, the response will arrive by email within twenty-four to forty-eight hours.

Ask-a-Librarian answers questions with short, factual answers, or questions about how to start researching a project. Below are a few examples of the kinds of information needs met by Ask-a-Librarian:

- ▲ a missing element of a citation for a term paper
- ▲ a needed fact, such as the date or place a treaty was signed
- ▲ advice about which database(s) to search for a specific topic

You may access the Ask-a-Librarian service at www.sou.edu/library/ask. Please call 552-6442 for more information.

ELECTRONIC ARTICLE DELIVERY ARRIVES

THE LIBRARY HAS INITIATED Electronic-Interlibrary Loan (E-ILL), which delivers articles to faculty, staff, and students. Using Prospero and Ariel software, the library can now electronically deliver Interlibrary Loan articles directly to users' desktops. With E-ILL, patrons no longer need to come to the library to pick up articles.

Here's how E-ILL works. After a user asks for an article via Interlibrary Loan, the article is sent to us electronically, and we post it to a secure Web site. We then respond via email to the user who requested the article, providing the link to the Web site and a secure code to open the document. The user may access the article up to ten times, at which point it is deleted to comply with copyright law. E-ILL articles are formatted as PDF files, which may be read in Adobe Acrobat.

If you have any questions or comments about the service, please contact ILL Coordinator Anna Beauchamp at ill@sou.edu or 552-6823.

NEW DATABASES

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has added three new electronic databases to assist researchers. They are available from the library Web site. For more information, stop by the library or contact the Reference Department at 552-6442.

The Readers' Guide Retrospective is an online index to periodicals dating from 1890 to 1982. This online equivalent to the *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature* covers 512 leading general-interest American

THE LIBRARY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

THE NEW LIBRARY WILL SERVE AS THE ACADEMIC HEART OF THE UNIVERSITY AND A WELCOMING SOCIAL HEARTH FOR STUDENTS

THE UNIVERSITY is well on its way to creating a library for the third millennium. Since our last newsletter, the Library Enhancement and Expansion Project has progressed on several fronts. Three campus committees are working simultaneously to make this exciting project a reality.

The Planning and Oversight Committee, chaired by President Elisabeth Zinser, is developing project goals, setting directions, and overseeing all aspects of the project. This group includes Provost Sara Hopkins-Powell, Vice President for Administration and Finance Ron Bolstad, Vice President for University Relations Jon Mitchell, Senator Lenn Hannon (R-Ashland), Chief Development Officer William Kirschke, and Library Director Sue Burkholder.

The Campaign Steering Committee, chaired by William Kirschke and Senator Hannon, includes members from the campus, the University Foundation, and the community. Responsible for raising the \$5 million needed to match the \$15 million state appropriation for the building project, this group has been holding luncheons and other special events for potential donors in the Portland area and Rogue Valley.

Chaired by Ron Bolstad and Sue Burkholder, the Program and Design Committee comprises campus faculty, staff, and one student. The committee is working collaboratively with the architects, SRG Partnership in Portland, to develop the program elements and design.

Since SRG Partnership joined the project in November, the architects have conducted daylong workshops with the Program and Design Committee and library staff to iron out the details of the building program. In January, the Program and Design Committee and SRG architects made a three-day "discovery tour" of six Willamette Valley libraries. During this tour, the group identified which library features they preferred and learned from other libraries' experiences



Library entry. Image reprinted courtesy of the project architects, SRG Partnership (Portland).

about superior library design. SRG staff have also been measuring library spaces, counting furniture, meeting with city planners, and surveying the site.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE FEATURES WE CAN EXPECT IN THE RENOVATED LIBRARY?

The expanded University Library will be 75 percent larger than the current facility. There will be more space for books, classes, new technology, and patrons. The library will have more space devoted to the general collection, reference materials, government publications, maps, periodicals, special collections, and SOU archives.

New space will be added for electronic classrooms, a multimedia playback area, a special collections reading area, and a current periodicals reading area. Library

patrons will also enjoy comfortable laptop-ready reading areas, group-study rooms, seminar rooms, a large meeting room, a main lobby, and a coffee bar. The new state-of-the-art library will serve as the academic heart of the University and a welcoming social hearth for students.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

Due to the requirements of the state appropriation for the Library Enhancement Project, the schedule has been abbreviated. The initial program, site analysis, and schematic design will be completed in April. Between April and August 2002, the schematic design will be refined and there will be a cost review. The contract documents and drawings should be finished by February 2003. If everything goes according to schedule, we will break ground in March 2003. After a sixteen-month construction phase, the project should be completed in August 2004.

IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Please direct ideas, suggestions, and concerns about the Library Enhancement Project to library@sou.edu.

► magazines. When completed, it will contain more than 2.5 million entries. We already had the *Readers' Guide* online from 1983 to the present; with this addition, we now offer the entire content of *Readers' Guide* electronically.

Bibliography of Native North Americans is a subset of the Human Relations Area Files (HRAF). It contains citations from the *Ethnographic Bibliography of North America* and other sources. The database indexes books, journal articles, conference proceedings, and government documents about native peoples of North America from the sixteenth century to the present.

PsycArticles is a full-text database of forty-two psychology journals that can be accessed through *PsycInfo*, an online index to journal and book literature in psychology and related fields.

INSIDE THE LIBRARY:

FOCUS ON CHARLIE SALT

IF YOU'VE CHECKED OUT any books lately, you may have noticed a new face behind the scenes. In January, Charlie Salt became the circulation services supervisor, a position held for many years by Deb Cook, who is now at Georgetown University. A native of Spokane, Washington, Charlie received a BA in business administration/marketing from Eastern Washington University. He came to the Southern Oregon University Library via Portland Community College (PCC) and the Spokane Public Library.

After being employed in the public sector, Charlie accepted a position at the Spokane Public Library in 1985. He felt an immediate kinship with the library, and over the next thirteen years, Charlie served in several capacities in the Reference, Periodicals, and Circulation Departments. In 1998, Charlie moved to Portland, where he worked in Circulation at PCC while completing the first year of his master's in library science degree through Emporia University.

What attracted Charlie to SOU was the community and the pace of life in the Rogue Valley. The climate and landscape remind him of eastern Washington. When not at the library, Charlie often rides his Suzuki GS 850 motorcycle or searches out music for country western dance.

Charlie comes to the University with extensive experience and expertise in various aspects of public service, as well as the technical savvy to assist in areas such as electronic reserves. So, if you need some assistance with your circulation record or a tip or two on the Texas Two-Step, come over to the library and meet Charlie.

MANY THANKS TO THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK:

Campus Steering Committee: Sen. Lenn Hannon (Co-Chair), William Kirschke (Co-Chair), Ed Battistella, Kathryn Bazylewicz, Anne Decker, Bob Kingzett, Ken Kempner, Gary Miller, Jon Mitchell, Steve Vincent, and Nancy Tait

Program and Design Committee: Sue Burkholder (Co-Chair), Ron Bolstad (Co-Chair), Curt Bacon, Mary Jane Cedar Face, Judith Ginsburg, Karen Hill, Deb Hollens, Marianna Joy, Robert Kendrick, Lynn Kirms, Bruce Moats, Teresa Montgomery, and Kevin Talbert.

The Planning and Oversight Committee: Elisabeth Zinser (Chair), Sara Hopkins-Powell, Ron Bolstad, Jon Mitchell, Sen. Lenn Hannon, William 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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