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THE FIRST WORD

by Sue Burkholder, Director

THE WORD of the day lately has been *EXPANSION*. Foremost is our building enhancement project, which is moving ahead on a timely basis. Fixed at \$23.2 million, the project budget will allow us to build a second general campus classroom as part of the expansion. Under our current timeline, you should begin to see construction activity in February or March as contractors erect the fences around the construction area and establish temporary roads for construction vehicles.

Over the next year and a half, you will see many changes—and experience some inconveniences—as we proceed with the Library Enhancement Project. During the summer, the first floor will be closed for remodeling. The main library entrance, Circulation, and Reference will temporarily relocate to the third floor. They will return to their remodeled homes at the beginning of fall term.

After the new addition is completed around April 2004, the third floor will be vacated and remodeled. The second floor will be remodeled in August. During all of these construction phases, the library will be open and providing services while classes are in session. We may need to close the library briefly during some of the intersession periods. But generally—despite noise, dust, temporary entrances, relocations, and all the other inconveniences of construction—the library will continue to serve your needs. You can find the latest news about the building project at www.sou.edu/library/building.

Other expansions are also noteworthy. The very exciting expansion of Orbis through its merger with Washington's Cascade group will create a new alliance, making a total of twenty-six member libraries and more than 22 million items in its collections. The expansion of electronic information available to SOU patrons is highlighted by the Serials Solution statistic that shows we now have approximately 11,900 journals available in our databases. Finally, the expansion of our digital archives, SODA, is an affirmation of the University Library's commitment to providing contemporary services to our students, faculty, and community.

ORBIS MERGES WITH WASHINGTON CONSORTIUM

IN 2003, Orbis, a consortium of twenty academic libraries in Oregon and Washington, and Cascade, a consortium of the six Washington academic libraries, will merge to form a new consortium—the Orbis Cascade Alliance. The merger proposal received unanimous approval by directors and campus administrators from both organizations in November 2002.

The Orbis Cascade Alliance library directors will meet for the first time in spring 2003, with the catalog merger scheduled for summer 2003. Initially, consortium members will draft a new memorandum of understanding and plan for implementation of the merged union catalog.

This alliance will combine the successful services of both organizations to greatly expand the availability of scholarly information to students, faculty, and staff. The Orbis Cascade Alliance will strengthen cooperative purchase programs and provide opportunities for joint conferences and staff training.

The database of library materials will more than double to over 22 million books and other items. The new consortium will serve faculty, staff, and more than 174,000 full-time students enrolled at the member institutions, which comprise:

Central Oregon Community College
Central Washington University
Eastern Oregon University
Eastern Washington University
The Evergreen State College
George Fox University
Lewis and Clark College
Linfield College
Marylhurst University
Oregon Health & Science University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Pacific University

Portland State University
Reed College
Seattle Pacific University
Southern Oregon University
University of Oregon
University of Portland
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington
Washington State University
Western Oregon University
Western Washington University
Whitman College
Willamette University

On February 13, Professor **Tom Nash** will present the third program in the 2002-2003 Library Lecture Series. In his lecture, "**The Works Progress Administration in Oregon,**" Nash will present a program of stories, anecdotes, and songs from the extensive WPA files of legends, photos, documents, maps, articles, and newspaper clippings. This free lecture will take place in SU 330 at 7:30 p.m.



Tom Nash

LIBRARY NEWS

ACCESS TO MORE THAN 11,900 PRINT AND ELECTRONIC JOURNALS!

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has subscribed to a serials management service called Serials Solutions. The new service currently tracks about 19,600 journals for our library. This translates into about 11,900 unique titles, since many titles are in more than one database.

In the past, the growing size, diversity, and constant change in our e-journals and print subscriptions made determining whether a particular title was available at SOU a time-consuming process. Now, Serials Solutions tracks the library's research databases for e-journals and also links to our library catalog to track print subscriptions. The result is a customized, searchable list of all journals that are available at SOU, whether in a print subscription or as part of an online database. It is now easy to determine exactly which journals are available.

If you want to see whether we have a particular journal, magazine, or newspaper, visit the SOU Library's homepage and select "List of Journals at SOU." When you locate a title, you'll be able to link directly to the appropriate database holding the online journal or the SOU Library catalog, where you can see our holdings for the journal in print. If the title is not on the list, then we don't have it; however, students, faculty, and staff can request other journals through Interlibrary Loan.

TEXTBOOK SHARING PROGRAM

THE UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE and Library have formed a partnership to help make expensive textbooks available to students. At no charge to the library, the bookstore is planning to provide 50 to 100 textbooks each term, one per class, to place on reserve. At the end of each term, the books will be returned to the bookstore. Priority will be given to more expensive books that are required reading for larger classes. Lab manuals, activity manuals, CD-ROMs, and course packets from SOU Duplicating will not be included. This collaborative venture will begin in winter 2003, providing a valuable service to financially challenged SOU students.

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DATABASE

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY has added *Lexis-Nexis Environmental* to its growing collection of Lexis-Nexis full-text databases. *Lexis-Nexis Environmental* provides access to journal abstracts, conference papers and proceedings, government reports, newspapers, consumer and trade magazines, newsletters, law reviews, environmental codes, case law, and regulatory agency decisions. *Lexis-Nexis Environmental* is a premiere tool for searches of such global environmental issues as energy, air and water pollution, toxicology, land use, biodiversity, population, sustainable development, global warming, waste management, and agriculture. *Lexis-Nexis Environmental* can be accessed from the library Web site at www.sou.edu/library. ►



AFTER GROUNDBREAKING WHAT TO EXPECT DURING LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

BY KEN WILCOX, PROJECT ENGINEER FOR EMERICK CONSTRUCTION

HELLO SOU STUDENTS, patrons, and library staff! Emerick Construction is pleased to be involved in the Library Enhancement Project. We were selected through an interview and proposal process last year, and we have been working closely with SOU staff and SRG architects to develop budgets, designs, and construction processes that will make the project a success.

We would like to share our preliminary thoughts and plans about the project's schedule and phasing. Please note that this is a "work in process," and we will adjust and improve it in the coming months.

We began the early electrical work during the holiday break in order to clear the way for the excavation on the existing building's east side. SRG architects plan to complete the drawings by the end of January, allowing us the month of February to solicit bids and prepare for construction in March. The following list of construction phases includes major activities and their approximate timing.

Early Electrical Package

December 2002–February 2003: Relocate electrical service to building.

Phase One: New Additions

February–March 2003: Create temporary facilities, fences, and offices.

March–June 2003: Site excavation. Anticipate heavy equipment noise and vibrations. Pile-driving on the north face will include repetitive blows of steel on steel and is likely to take a week or more.

June–October 2003: Structural steel installation. Expect noise from cranes, forklifts, welders, generators, and hammers.

June–November 2003: Concrete work with pump trucks, mixers, back-up horns, and the like.

August 2003–January 2004: New exterior building skin and windows. Anticipate noise from concrete trucks and mixers, powder-activated tools (sound like small gunshots), forklifts, and cranes.

October 2003–April 2004: Interior finishes, including plumbing, electrical systems, sheetrock, paint, cabinets, ceilings, and carpet. Expect noise from saws, drills, powder-activated tools, and forklifts.

April 2004: Move into new addition!

Phase Two: Existing First Floor Remodel

March–April 2003: Install temporary exterior walls on all floors and develop temporary office spaces.

April–October 2003: Remove exterior building skin in two phases. The north, east, and part of the west walls will be removed in April. Remaining (RVTV) walls removed in early October. Expect crane and worker noise.

May–June 2003: Demolish existing finishes. This may result in banging, cutting, and forklift noise.

June–September 2003: Interior finishes, requiring new plumbing, electrical systems, sheetrock, paint, cabinets, ceilings, and carpet installation. Expect noise from saws, drills, powder-activated tools, and forklifts.

September 2003: Move into remodeled first floor!

Phase Three: Existing Third Floor Remodel

April 2004: Vacate existing second floor.

April–May 2004: Demolish existing finishes. This may result in banging, cutting, and forklift noise.

May–July 2004: Interior finishes. Installation of new plumbing, electrical systems, sheetrock, paint, cabinets, ceilings, and carpet. Expect noise from saws, drills, powder-activated tools, and forklifts.

July 2004: Move into remodeled third floor!

Phase Four: Existing Second Floor Remodel

July 2004: Vacate existing third floor.

July–August 2004: Demolish existing finishes with resulting banging, cutting, and forklift noise.

August–November 2004: Install interior finishes, including plumbing, electrical systems, sheetrock, paint, cabinets, ceilings, and carpet.

November 2004: Move into remodeled second floor!

As each phase of work approaches and the project progresses, we will present more specific information to you. We'll try hard to give you ample notice of work that will impact public service.

Construction is a challenging and fascinating process. We hope that you will face these hardships with understanding, and that you remember to look forward to the outcome—a beautiful new facility!



INSIDE THE LIBRARY:

FOCUS ON BILL HERMAN

RESERVES/VIDEO COLLECTION COORDINATOR Bill Herman is responsible for placing materials in the regular and electronic reserves and for organizing the video collection. Bill has been with the library since July 1997, but he first started at the University when he joined Media Services in 1994.

Prior to working at SOU, Bill was a high school English teacher for about twenty years. So it should come as no surprise that what he enjoys most about working at the library is his interactions with the students. His creativity in his work and life are

exemplified by his willingness to try something different, from learning to groom dogs while living on Vashon Island near Seattle to living in a commune when he first moved to Ashland.

Bill still grooms about two dogs a week, plays racquetball, reads, volunteers at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and attends as many plays as he can. He loves to travel—particularly to Paris, where he lived from 1966 to 1967. A native of California, Bill was raised in Ojai when it was still a quiet enough place that he could practice shooting his grandfather's shotgun in the backyard without disturbing anyone. Yet, for Bill, Ashland is a great place to call home. He says every day feels like a vacation when he returns after work to relax on his front porch in the Railroad District.

► RESOURCE SHARING CONFERENCE

THE FIRST ANNUAL Northwest ILL and Resource Sharing Conference was held September 19 and 20 in Portland. Interlibrary Loan Coordinator Anna Beauchamp, a cofounder of the conference, helped bring experts from around the nation to speak about the globalization of ILL and improvements in service. Co-sponsored by OCLC and Orbis, the conference drew an audience from northwest states, British Columbia, and beyond.

SOUTHERN OREGON DIGITAL ARCHIVES GOES PUBLIC!

FINALLY, after more than a year of planning, training, hardware and software installation, selection of documents, scanning, and beta testing, the Southern Oregon Digital Archives (SODA) Web site is fully operational. Funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Service, the objective of the project is to digitize 400 to 600 documents in the public domain dealing with the unique Klamath-Siskiyou-Cascade bioregion, and 100 to 200 documents relating to southern Oregon's Native American tribes.

In addition to fine-tuning the interface, team members have added information and help pages to the Web site. At this time, there are more than 100 documents in the First Nations Tribal Collections and 300 documents in the Bioregion Collection. The library is establishing agreements with agencies in order to receive and digitize future materials on the bioregion as they are published, ensuring that these valuable materials are preserved and made accessible to the public. The SODA Web site, soda.sou.edu, is accessible from the SOU Library's main Web page. We recommend using the following browsers to fully utilize the Web site: Netscape 6.2 or later, Mozilla 1.0, or Internet Explorer 5.0 or later.



NEH CONSULTANT ONSITE VISIT

RANDY SILVERMAN, preservation librarian at the University of Utah, came to SOU in October to conduct a preservation assessment. Funded by a National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant, the assessment will help the library develop a long-range preservation plan incorporating best practices for care of the library's general and special collections and University Archives. Silverman consulted with the SOU Physical Plant, the Library Enhancement Project architects, and the general contractors about the building plans for the library's environmental controls, exhibits, and security, as well as about moving the collections. Due in early 2003, the final report will also address emergency preparedness.

FRIENDS CORNER

FRIENDS CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends have hosted two excellent programs in the 2002-2003 Library Lecture Series. On October 24, 2002, Kay Atwood presented, "Illahe at 25: A New Printing and a Return Visit to the Rogue River Canyon." The fascinating slide presentation and lecture also featured a book signing. On December 5, Tim Bond presented "The Changing Face of Theater: The Changing Face of Ashland." Bond, the associate artistic director at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, discussed his experiences in attempting to bring diversity to local theatre and the Rogue Valley, and the situation in theatre nationally.

The Friends of the Library contributed \$5,000 to the Library Enhancement Project in October. A big thank you to all of the Friends who have actively supported the project!

The Friends also assist the University Library in purchasing materials, which has been especially valuable recently, due to the campuswide budget reductions that also impact the library. In October 2002, the Friends of the Library committed to purchase \$4,000 worth of Shakespeare materials for the Margery Bailey Collection during the 2002-2003 academic year.

The Friends are offering two more programs in the 2002-2003 Library Lecture Series. Free and open to the public, the programs will be held in Stevenson Union 330 at 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Tom Nash, *The Works Progress Administration in Oregon*

MARCH 13, 2003

Dee Southard, *Highway Route 97: A Passage through History*

MAY 16, 2003

Annual Benefit Dinner / Keynote: JoAnne Van Tilburg, Visiting Scholar and author of *Easter Island: Archaeology, Ecology, and Culture*

For more information about the SOU Friends of the Library, call 552-6835 or visit the Friends' Web site: www.sou.edu/library/friends.



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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