First Word
BY JEFFREY GAYTON
LAST AUGUST, Southern Oregon University set aside funds for one-time investments in student success over the next three fiscal years. SOU faculty and staff were encouraged to submit proposals that promote student success; I’m proud to say that of the 29 proposals submitted this year, three came from faculty and staff at Hannon Library. This level of engagement speaks volumes about our commitment to student success. I’m even prouder to report that two of the three proposals were approved. (The third proposal, written by Mary Jane Cedar Face and myself in support of open-access textbooks, is still pending. With luck, I’ll have more to report next time.)

Hannon Library’s Tutoring Center has long offered free tutoring in writing and mathematics. Peer-based tutoring gives students a less formal supplement to what our outstanding SOU faculty provide in the classroom. This service is so highly valued on campus that students and faculty frequently request that the Center offer tutoring in additional subjects. Riah Gooding, our Learning Commons Tutoring Coordinator, submitted a Student Success Proposal for funding to hire tutors in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Her successful proposal enabled the Tutoring Center to hire three new science tutors and offer seventeen hours of science tutoring per week starting in the Spring 2015 term. Congratulations and thank you, Riah!

In 2007, an academic library in Germany held an event it called the Long Night Against Procrastination. Part motivation and part diversion, part inspiration and part relaxation, the purpose of the event was to bring students to the library and help them get started on their research projects. Since then, thousands of Long Night events have been held in campus libraries all over the world. Max Brooks, our Career Preparation Coordinator, Connie Anderson-Cohoon, our Reference Services Coordinator and Business/Economics Librarian, and Riah Gooding thought that SOU students would benefit from a Long Night event at SOU. Their Student Success proposal secured funding for one Long Night each term. Our first Long Night Against Procrastination, on February 25, was a great success, with three times the usual traffic in the library and lots of excitement and energy. We’re hard at work planning our next Long Night Against Procrastination, to be held Tuesday, May 19 from 8 pm to midnight. I hope to see you there!

New Student Laptops and Workstations (Macs too!)
BY HANNAH GOGULSKI (PSYCHOLOGY, 2015)
OVER WINTER BREAK, Learning Commons and IT student staff braved the trenches of dust bunnies and old chewing gum to remove old and outdated computers from the Hannon Learning Commons, electronic classroom 114, and even the Writing and Math Centers. A whopping 94 new computers now take the place of obsolete workstations. For students with Apple product preferences we have even expanded our modest two iMacs to a total of 14 new iMacs. But wait, there’s more! The archaic laptops previously available for student checkout were also replaced. The new laptops provide increased processing power and hopefully will decrease the headache of writing that research paper. With bigger monitors and more powerful computers all over the first floor, doing homework at Hannon Library has never been easier.

Hannah is a senior at SOU who staffs the library’s IT desk. She is entering a doctoral program in experimental psychology at Washington State University (Pullman) in the fall, with a full tuition waiver and assistantship.

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Hannon Library and the Learning Commons hosted its first ever Long Night Against Procrastination on Wednesday, February 25 from 8 pm to midnight. The entire evening was set aside to help students get ahead on projects, assignments, research, and planning for effective time management and future careers. The event included workshops, reference assistance, games, food, and more. Long Night Against Procrastination originated at a German university and has spread around the globe as libraries, writing centers, and tutoring services collaborate to reach students in a new way.

Approximately 330 students came to the library during the event, of which over 200 participated in Long Night activities, staying late into the evening. Librarians were available for research assistance from 8 pm until midnight, as was Learning Commons tutoring in writing, math, and science. Workshops included a “Ready, Set, Write” session to help students get started with their research projects, resume writing, relaxation and stress management, and time management.

For fun, in addition to snacks, the event included video gaming in the Digital Media Gallery, board games, and a “selfie-central” area in which students could take pictures of themselves. It was great to read student comments on the “Statements of Success” white boards where students wrote down their goals and outcomes for the evening.

Feedback, from Statements of Success and other mechanisms, has been extremely positive. Students report that it was helpful to learn that there are many small pieces in a large research project, and that focusing on one of them is a great way to make the endeavor seem less daunting and to build momentum. Utilizing feedback about our first Long Night, we are busily planning the spring term Long Night for Tuesday, May 19.

Hannon Library Ranks 19th Nationally

HANNON LIBRARY made it to College Rank’s annual listing of “The Fifty Most Amazing College Libraries.” In ranking SOU Hannon Library as the 19th academic library nationally, College Rank mentions our collections and new building – putting us ahead of Cornell, Yale, University of Chicago, NYU, Princeton, and other venerable university libraries!

See http://www.collegerank.net/amazing-college-libraries for the full listing.

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Study 24/7: Extended Hours during Quiet and Finals Weeks

Hannon Library continues to provide extended hours during Quiet Week and Finals Week. Assisted with funding from student fees, hours for students are extended until 2 am Monday to Thursday of Quiet Week and until 11 pm over the weekend. During Finals Week, the library is open 24/7 for several days, and until 2 am later in the week. After midnight, the library is only open to students, faculty and staff. No excuses for students not completing that last-minute research!
New Digital Collections with a Regional Focus

SHANA SANDOR, our digitizing technician, has been busily scanning, photographing, and uploading images to our two newest collections, Wine of Southern Oregon and the Jim Rock Historic Can Collection. Items in these collections are freely available to all.

Jim Rock Historic Can Collection
hanlib.sou.edu/cans

This collection contains images of historic cans assembled by Jim Rock (1942-2010) over his career as an archaeologist with the U.S. Forest Service in Yreka, CA. Rock devoted much of his career to documenting the historical value of the tin can. He compiled information and provided typologies and dating techniques, including examination of seams, closures, openings, and materials composition that have enabled archaeologists and historians to better interpret historical archaeological sites. Jim Rock shared his vast knowledge through public presentations and professional lectures and his publications remain an important resource for archaeologists across the nation. The Jim Rock Historic Can Collection continues his legacy of education and outreach by presenting his extensive collection of cans in a digital format easily accessible to researchers and practicing archaeologists.

The Jim Rock Can Collection was donated to the Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Archaeology (SOULA) by Mary Ellen Rock. The digital collection was created by Hannon Library in collaboration with SOULA. Project funding was provided by Sandy J. MacAllister.

Wine of Southern Oregon
hanlib.sou.edu/wine

The growing Wine of Southern Oregon online collection documents and preserves the story of grape growing and wine production in our region. As of April 1, the collection contains more than 500 digital items from nearly 70 Southern Oregon vineyards, wineries, and industry contacts.

Southern Oregon’s rich viticulture tradition began in the 1850s with Peter Britt of Jacksonville and John Beeson of Talent. In the 1970s and 1980s orchards gave way to vineyards. New generations of Southern Oregon grape growers and wine-makers have continued the tradition, firmly establishing the Rogue, Illinois and Applegate valleys as unique terroirs, producing world class wines.

The project was made possible through the generous Erath Family Foundation funding, advocacy of key individuals like Greg Jones, Willard Brown, Porter Lombard, and MJ Daspit, and participation of Southern Oregon’s winemakers and grape growers. We continue to invite wineries and vineyards to contribute content to the Wine of Southern Oregon. We welcome labels, price lists, advertising materials, and photographs.
Southern Oregon University Friends of Hannon Library

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for May 7 and join us! Donnie Maclurcan, SOU economics professor and executive director of the Post-Growth Institute, will talk about his forthcoming book, How on Earth: Flourishing in a Not-for-Profit World by 2050 (Post Growth Publishing, August 2015). At 20, Donnie Maclurcan attained the Guinness World Record for the fastest journey on foot across Australia running from Perth to Sydney in 67 days, raising $30,000 for the Fred Hollows Foundation which restores sight to people in developing countries. Donnie is a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts, the UTS Institute for Nanoscale Technology, and Schumacher Institute. His two previous books have been translated into 20 languages. This free event begins with light refreshments in the Meese Meeting Room at 5:30 pm.

The Friends of Hannon Library Board met monthly all year on the second Monday at 4 pm in Hannon Library Room 329. Current board members are:


This year, the Friends of Hannon Library continued to assist Hannon Library by funding initiatives and purchasing books. This year, the Friends:

- Spent over $5,000 to purchase books and reference sets to support SOU’s academic programs.
- Hosted the excellent Library Lecture Series with free programs throughout the year.
- Provided coffee and cookies for students cramming for exams and writing papers during Quiet Week and Finals Week every term.
- Presented the five-week Summer Film Series, hosted by Marc Ratner and featuring five notable foreign films exemplifying cross cultural experiences.
- Sponsored the annual Ashland Book and Author Festival on September 20. The largest event that the Friends sponsor, this full day event features authors, publishers, book artists, calligraphy, Hannon Library’s Shakespeare folios, and readings and panel discussions.

All Friends members are invited to use Hannon Library’s resources and to attend events. To join the Friends of Hannon Library or renew your membership, use the online form (http://hanlib.sou.edu/friends/becomeafriend.html) or come into the library.

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Friends Corner
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