

# THE HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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## Charting the Library's Future

### A Message from the Dean

Greetings to you all in this first column as Dean of the Library! This has been an exciting year in the Library. There have been changes on many fronts, especially for me, first in my appointment as Interim University Librarian in July 1998, and ultimately as Dean of the University Library in June 1999. Prior to my current appointment I served as Chair of Information Services and Business Librarian here at Humboldt State University.

There are many challenges ahead for us. We continue to work on integrating today's library with tomorrow's vision. We foresee the Library as a place where both print and online technology will co-exist for many years as the Library continues its evolution into a hub of a full-service information and instruction network designed to facilitate the delivery of recorded knowledge and information.


As we all know, technology is becoming more pervasive, but the Library as a physical place remains something our users desire. Last year, as a part of updating the Strategic Plan for the CSU Libraries, focus group sessions were conducted on all campuses, and each of these affirmed the desire to see the library continue as a "place." More specifically, the surveys revealed that users want to see the library remain a place for quiet study, although students would like to see more group study facilities available. In addition, they would like to continue to receive assistance and instruction in using our electronic and print materials.

In order to offer instruction in using our materials, we are continuing to work on infusing information competency into the curriculum by working with faculty in the various disciplines. We have also created online tutorials. These may be found on our web page (<http://library.humboldt.edu>) under Instructional Services.

Other trends that we are currently monitoring include the growth and pattern of electronic publishing as there is a movement by publishers to contain costs by publishing electronically. In certain disciplines papers are being published directly on the web. There are also interesting projects sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries and the Scholarly Societies Project which are trying to circumvent traditional publishers in order to save money by publishing journals whereby faculty would retain copyright and allow libraries less expensive access to their articles.


Book publishing is also being changed. Some publishers are putting chapters up on the web and selling entire copies to people who prefer to read the printed format. Standards are being established for publishing "e-book" devices (or readers) such as the rocket book and Palm Pilot version. With the purchase of some devices you also gain access to an entire group of titles. The CSU libraries are currently investigating offering e-books through a project called Net Library which licenses titles to libraries. Net Library currently offer approximately 9,300 eBook titles from 100 different publishers.

As you can see, these are exciting times in academic libraries and I'm pleased to share in the journey as we chart the path. Look to this column for updates on advances and changes as we continue to adjust to address the needs of our students and faculty.

 Sharmon Kenyon  
Dean, University Library

### *Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century*

*One of the latest and most popular additions to the Library's collection is the Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century. Containing over 87 hours of film footage documenting the social, political and cultural history of the 20th century the Encyclopedia is organized into 2,300 video chapters on 42 laserdiscs, each 60 minutes long. It also includes a four-volume reference set and an index which allows access by date, geographic location, and subject. The laserdiscs can be viewed in the library in the study lab. The Encyclopedia purchase grants the right to use film clips to create educational presentations for classroom use. The Library's Digital Literacy Closet (DLC) provides the equipment and software for HSU faculty, staff and students to capture video clips from the laserdiscs and transfer them to video tape or the web.*

 Quynh Schafer, Reference Librarian

# Special Collections Projects Underway

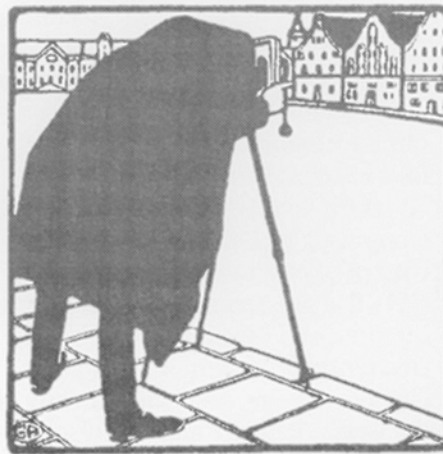
*Don H. Clausen Congressional Papers; Susie Baker Fountain Local History  
Swanlund/Baker & Ericson Photograph Collection*

**J**oan Berman, Special Collections Librarian and Edie Butler, Special Collections Library Assistant, are striving to meet the twin goals of preservation and access for the Library's unpro-cessed special collections. Three major projects are underway with the help of private donations and grant funding. To date they have processed a small portion of the Don H. Clausen Congressional Papers and developed a plan for full processing of the collection, thanks to private and institutional support of approximately \$25,000.

Two major grants totaling \$122,204 from the California State Library are supporting preservation microfilming of the originals of the Susie Baker Fountain local history collection and preservation of two

collections of glass plate negatives, the Ericson and Swanlund/Baker Collections, which provide visual documentation of Humboldt County from the 1890's-1920's.

The Library also provides the web access to part of the collection. As preservation of a collection occurs, the resultant organizational structure is



documented as an index, or finding aid, and entered into the Online Archive of California. A good example of this is the finding aid for the Roberts Photograph Collection which includes online images for about 20% of the collection as well as several related articles; access was made possible through various donations and small grants. This is one of several links provided on the Finding Aids page (<http://library.humboldt.edu/infoservices/humco/links/findingaids.htm>).


The web page is increasingly the primary entry point for using the Humboldt Room. Visit it (<http://library.humboldt.edu/infoservices/humco>) to find descriptions of and indexes to the materials located in the Library as well as links to the many web sites which contain current and historical information - documents, maps, photographs, etc. - about Northwestern California and Humboldt State University.

 **Joan Berman**  
Special Collections Librarian

## Digital Literacy Closet Abounds with Opportunities

**W**ith more than a year's worth of work completed the Library's Digital Literacy Closet (DLC) has proven to be a popular attraction. After a year of evaluation it is evident that the DLC is a facility of great benefit to both faculty and students. The DLC and its team provides facilities, expertise, and encouragement to HSU students and faculty who wish to explore, evaluate, and apply multimedia technologies to their scholarly endeavors. Presentations and team assistance in the classroom are also available at the request of faculty. Last year, besides helping students and faculty individually, the DLC

helped a Spanish class with web page design, an English class with web-based multimedia projects, a music class with audio CD creation and PowerPoint presentations, and a history class with capturing images from the Video Encyclopedia of the 20th Century. Providing access to knowledge through a multitude of media is just one of the many services the Library has to offer. To lend your support to library endeavors such as this contact Kitty Yancheff, Development Officer, (707) 826-5586.

 **Quynh Schafer**  
Reference Librarian

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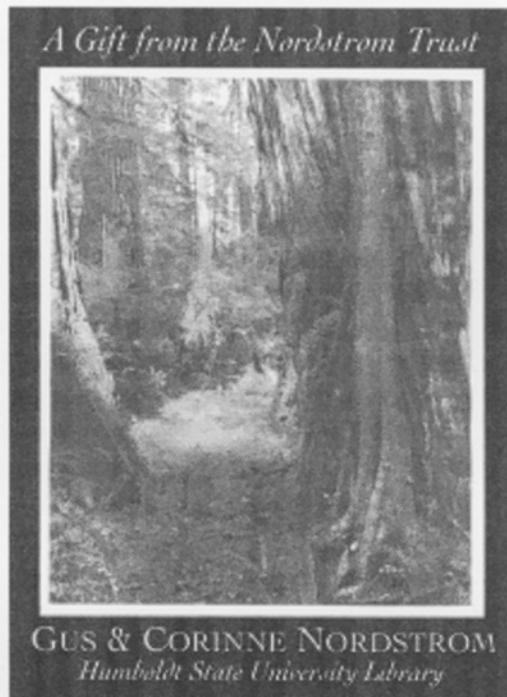
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# Nordstrom Trust Bookplate Complete

In recognition of the generous contributions to the Library book collection from the Gus and Corinne Nordstrom Trust a new bookplate has been designed. The bookplate depicts the majesty of a Redwood grove amidst a winding path much like the path of knowledge which winds through years of great literary work, both ancient and modern, a path to be found through reading.

Corinne "Corkey" Nordstrom explains that they made the charitable gift "because we felt that the Humboldt State University Library maintains resources for academic programs, it would benefit all students attending the University." In honor of their exceptional charitable support of the Library, the Nordstrom Lobby in the Library was dedicated on February 25, 1992. "There is a certain amount of satisfaction," Corkey points out, "for those who have been successful and have taken care of their families, to be able to share with their



community." She hopes other people will do the same.

For more information on establishing a Charitable Trust or endowment contact Mary Wells, Senior Development Officer, (707) 826-5135.

 **Kitty Yancheff**  
Library Development Officer

# Art Work and Exhibitions on Display

Come enjoy the continuing beautification of the Library as the Art Work/Exhibition Committee continues its ongoing efforts to enhance the environment with works of art.. A painting by former Humboldt County artist, George Van Hook, "Still Life with Portrait, Flowers, Pitchers, Fruit" has moved from its familiar location on the 2nd floor to a new location on the 1st floor next to another of his works, "Pasture and Riverbank Alder off North Bank Road". A print by Matthew Sugarman, a former HSU art student, entitled "Muppets in Hawaii" has been added to the first floor displays.

A new cooperative venture with the Art Department has also provided a variety of sculptures designed by Art students. Abstract painting by Glenn Berry, Emeritus Art faculty and three-dimensional works by Cherie Raciti are planned for future display while Rafael Soyer's prints of seamstress also remain on view.

 **Kumi Watanabe-Schock**  
Library Media Coordinator

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# Pharos Project Coming Soon!

In response to the needs of faculty and students and with the aid of advanced technology the California State University Libraries are involved in a project to create a union catalog for all 22 campus libraries. The creation of this catalog would provide user-initiated borrowing of books from the other CSU libraries and create a single easy-to-use interface for searching the online catalogs and a subset of periodical indexes over the web. We are planning on bringing up Pharos by the end of the year. For a preview of Pharos, you can check it out at Sacramento State - <http://pharos.csus.edu/webpac/pharosstart.html>.

 Wayne Perryman  
Chair, AccessServices




## *Traveling the Trinity Highway Spring 2000*

*One day, perhaps while on one of his ten-mile jogs, Geography Professor Ben Bennion had a vision: a place-based guidebook for the scenic, western section of Highway 299. Students from Bennion's "North Coast Places" geography classes would research and write about the areas between Redding and Arcata that are transected by the highway. The U.S. Forest Service would supply grant money to help produce and print the book while Ben and his colleague, Jerry Rohde, would edit the students' projects and weave them into a tapestry of "Place."*

*Now, eight years later, Ben's vision is almost complete. Traveling the Trinity Highway is due to be published soon. The book features walking tours of several communities situated along the highway, trail descriptions, rafting and fishing information as well as photographs from the historical societies of Shasta, Trinity and Humboldt counties. Robin Stocum, a professional photographer, has provided beautiful images of scenes near the highway. The result is a portrait, in pictures and prose, of a trinity of Trinities - the river, the mountain range, and the roadway.*

*On May 5, Professor Bennion and Jerry Rohde presented a preview of their book during a delightful Spring Program sponsored by Friends of the Humboldt State University Library. The duo shared their vision and zest with an eager audience as they "traveled the Trinity" with slides, anecdotes, and readings. Following the presentation, in honor of our own Ben and Jerry," attendees were treated to Ben and Jerry's ice cream courtesy of our local Ray's, Safeway, and Murphy's Markets.*

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