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I think it's a real tribute to the design of Blackboard that I was up and running after a four-hour workshop. I've been impressed from the get-go.

Elizabeth Hoffman - Arts & Administration

As the result of a recent project of the UO Library and Graduate School, graduate students now have the option of submitting their dissertations as electronic documents. Under this new procedure, the Graduate School will accept one of the two required copies of the dissertation in Adobe PDF (Portable Document Format). To ensure that dissertations will continue to be accessible by scholars even as technology changes, the second copy will continue to be submitted on paper.

The electronic copy will go to Bell & Howell Information and Learning (formerly University Microfilms, or UMI). Bell & Howell will eventually make this electronic copy available to purchasers and will use it to print microform copies of the dissertation for long-term archival storage.

The UO Library will continue to obtain and archive a microform copy of all UO dissertations. In addition, for those dissertations submitted electronically, the Library will use the PDF file as the Library's circulating copy. A link to it will appear on the Library's web site and in the catalog, and interested scholars will be able to view the PDF file from their computers anywhere in the world.

For more information about this pilot project, or for a list of UO dissertations already submitted in electronic form, see http://libweb.uoregon.edu/DOTheses/

JQ Johnson - Academic Education Coordinator

Electronic Dissertations

After twenty years of dedicated service to the University of Oregon, George Shipman retired on June 30 as University Librarian. Deborah Carver, Associate University Librarian for Public Services and Collections, has been named interim university librarian.

A committee to undertake a national search for a new university librarian will be named this fall, with the expectation of filling the endowed post by the start of the next fiscal year in July 2001.

During his tenure, Shipman’s leadership, innovation, and vision have led the UO Library System into the ranks of the top research libraries in the nation.

Library Staff

Joanne Halgren, Head of Interlibrary Loan, has been named the first recipient of the Virginia Boucher OCLC Distinguished ILL Librarian Award. The selection committee noted that “her 25-year career best exemplifies the spirit of mutual cooperation and dedication to providing user services that form the very foundation of any successful ILL operation.”

James Fox has been named Director of Special Collections and University Archives. James was previously Curator of Special Collections and University Archives. James can be reached by email at jfox@library.uoregon.edu or by phone at 346-1004.

The University Library Grants and Awards Committee invites nominations for Library Faculty Fellowships. Any member of the UO Community may nominate a Library Faculty member for a fellowship. These newly created fellowships provide, in the amounts of $3,000 per year, support to encourage and support recipients’ continued professional development. Guidelines, further information, and nomination forms are available at: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/library/faculty/grants.html

Nominations are due October 16.

Roxa, a consortium of 18 public and private academic libraries in Oregon and Washington. A librarian who valued traditional print resources as highly as cutting-edge digital resources, Shipman also recently established the Knight Library Press, a fine printing press that produces limited-edition books, brochures, and commemorative pieces.

“George Shipman is a stellar member of a select class of senior research library directors who have made consistently strong contributions over time on a wide range of issues,” commented Dwaukee Webster, executive director of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

Deborah Carver came to the UO Library in 1990 as Assistant Librarian for Public Services. She is an elected member of the American Library Association Council and was honored as the Oregon Library Association Librarian of the Year in 1999.

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Welcome!

George Shipman Retires
Deborah Carver Named Interim University Librarian

Accessing E-Books from the UO Library

The UO community can now participate in one of the most closely watched developments in the publishing industry – e-books. As part of a Northwest library coalition, UO librarians helped to select an initial collection of 1,223 electronic books, representing the Library's first steps toward developing a permanent shared collection of e-books. The coalition intends to increase the number to approximately 2,500 titles by January 2001. The UO Library's participation in the project was made possible by the Richard and Mary Corcoran Solar Library Endowment Fund.

Available from netLibrary, a leading e-book vendor, the collection presently features titles related to the Pacific Northwest, titles that have been selected by Choice magazine as Outstanding Academic Books, reference handbooks and dictionaries, and computer science manuals. Users can preview a title for 15 minutes; if they wish to check it out, they will currently need to establish an account (no charge). The service is available at: http://www.netlibrary.com.

Access to electronic books complements the Library’s growing involvement with providing increased access to electronic journals, as shown by such recent purchases as the JSTOR, Electronic Journals Online, PSTOR, and American Chemical Society Journals online. For convenient entry to the Library’s electronic journals, arranged by subject area, see: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/network/journ.htm.

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FITT Center Completes Successful First Year

Faculty and OTFs from 74 different departments have made more than 720 visits to the Faculty Instructional Technology Training (FITT) Center since it opened in Summer 1999. FITT Center staff offer personal consulting, free of charge, on the design of course websites, classroom technology changes, the second copy will continue to be accessible by scholars even as technology changes, the second copy will continue to be submitted on paper.

The University of Oregon is an equal opportunity, affirmative-action institution committed to cultural diversity and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This publication is also on the Web at: http://libweb.uoregon.edu/fyi/
New Databases!

The UO Library continues to add new databases at a rate daunting even for librarians to keep up with. Below is a list of some of the major databases acquired in recent months.

http://libweb.uoregon.edu/network/indexes-A.html

Interdisciplinary Databases:

• JSTOR is an electronic archive for a collection of over 130 core scholarly journals, starting with the first issues, many of which date from the 1800s. http://www.jstor.org

• ECO: Electronic Collections Online adds approximately 450 titles to the library’s collection of full-text electronic journals.

• Current Research: A Digital Library of Dissertations is a database of dissertations completed at the University of Oregon. The full-text of dissertations published after 1996 may be downloaded.

• Poole’s Plus is the primary index for magazines and periodicals published from 1800 to 1906 and is one of the few electronic databases concentrating on publications from the 19th century.

• Ulrich’s International Periodicals Directory is the standard database for information on consumer and trade magazines, academic and scholarly publications, monographic series, newsletters, and other types of serials published throughout the world on all subjects. http://www.ulrichsweb.com

• RLIN Online Catalog is a comprehensive union catalog for everything from books and journals to audiovisuials and manuscripts whose bibliographic records are contributed by such major research libraries as Harvard and Stanford. http://libweb.uoregon.edu/network/rlin.html

• ArchivesUSA is a directory of over 5,000 repositories and nearly 120,000 collections of primary source material across the United States.

• Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated contains more than 46,000 biographies and obituaries and more than 20,000 photographs of the people they write about.

• Alternative Press Index is a subject index to nearly 250 alternative, radical, and left periodicals, newspapers, and magazines.

• The Oxford English Dictionary, the language’s most exhaustive dictionary, is now available on the Web. http://dictionary.oed.com/

• Choice is a comprehensive database that includes reviews of more than 2,400 English texts by women written before 1830. http://www.wwp.brown.edu/texts/womenslit.html

• ITER Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance is a Web-based bibliography of approximately 210,000 articles and reviews drawn from over 400 medieval and renaissance journal titles.

• Grove Dictionary of Art contains over 45,000 articles on every aspect of the visual arts - painting, sculpture, graphic arts, architecture, decorative arts and photography - from prehistory to the present day. http://www.grovart.com

• CETEDOC Library of Christian Latin Texts is a full-text database of such multi-volume works as Corpus Christianorum and Patrologia Latina. [This database is available only on public workstations in the Knight Library.]

• Middle English Compendium provides access to the Middle English Dictionary, a Hyperbible of Middle English, and A Corpus of Middle English Prose and Verse. http://www.litlt.uvm.edu/memc/

• Art Index Retrospective complements Art Abstracts, including approximately 420 art journals from 1972 - 1984.

Science Databases:

• ScienceFinder Scholar is a desktop research tool for information on chemical and chemistry-related topics and includes the CAS Registry and CAplus databases.

• ACS (American Chemical Society) Journals is the online, full-text version of 44 journals published by the American Chemical Society. http://pubs.acs.org/about.html

• Spare Dystopia indexes and abstracting for approximately 330 exercise and movement science, sport, and physical education periodicals published in English or French.

Social Science Databases:

• CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online includes full-text working papers from university research institutes, NGOs, and think-tanks.

• TableBase provides tabular information on marketing, production, trade, sales, product and brand rankings, health care statistics, and demographics.

• Exceptional Child Education Resources is a bibliographic database on the education and development of individuals who have disabilities or who are gifted.

• Disclosure provides access to a full range of company information – including SEC filings – for both US and international companies.

• Sport Business Network Research provides the full-text of sporting goods market research.

• PPPM Export Projects provides indexing to projects written by graduate students in the Department of Public Policy, Planning and Management at the University of Oregon. http://libweb.uoregon.edu/exports/pppm.html

MAP Library Moves to Knight

The Map and Aerial Photography (MAP) Library’s staff and collections have now joined the Knight Library’s Document Center. Renamed sixteen among academic map and air photo libraries in the United States, the MAP Library was housed until this summer in Condor Hall, where it had outgrown the space available for its expanding collections.

The Map and Aerial Photography Collection, this resource will team up with several other related collections. The Document Center (formerly the Government & Business Information Service) will also include the Government Publications Collection, the Business Information Service, and the Microform Collection. The merger will produce a “super-map collection”, as the other units are already rich in cartographic resources such as land use plans, historic land survey maps in microform, and environmental reports and studies.

In addition, the ability of the library to offer access to digitized cartographic data from government agencies will be enhanced. With more than 250,000 maps and over a million air photos, the Map & Aerial Photography Collection is one of the richest in the Northwest. Among its treasures are 65 years of aerial photography of Oregon, with especially strong coverage of the Willamette Valley and Western Oregon. Its maps include historic and current series of USGS topographic maps for the entire United States, large sets of US Forest Service maps for the Pacific Northwest, national surveys of many foreign countries, and thematic and historic maps covering the entire earth and the cosmos.

For more information on the expanded Document Center see, http://libweb.uoregon.edu/sites/docent.