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Bill Bowerman (1911-1999) was the University of Oregon Track Coach from 1948 to 1972, and the coach of the 1972 United States Olympic Track Team. He is a cofounder of Nike, and the creator of many types of shoes. He also cowrote a short pamphlet, Jogging, which sold more than a million copies and helped ignite the jogging phenomena in the United States.

Last year, the production staff for OPB's Oregon Experience profile of Bowerman spent several days using the collection to research his career and collect documentation on his work at the UO and with the Olympic track team. The collection includes his correspondence, journals, notes, publications, and photographs.

The collection was also used extensively for Kenny Moore’s recently published biography of Bowerman, Bowerman and the Men of Oregon.

Heather Briston, Corrigan Solari University Historian and Archivist, recently oversaw the completion of processing and organizing of the Bowerman Papers for research use. “This is a wonderful resource for anyone looking into the fascinating and complex career of Bill Bowerman, as well as the history of track and field at the UO,” Briston says.

The collection of Bowerman’s papers is organized as a series of eleven topics: Personal, Coaching and Teaching, Track and Field Meets, Committees, Innovations, University of Oregon Administrative, Hayward Field Restoration, Olympics, Writings, Nike, and Rajneesh.

Briston notes that hundreds of photographic images of Bowerman and other UO track and field luminaries are included in an online website recently developed by the UO Libraries: Athletics and the Academy: A History of Sports at the University of Oregon.

For more information on the Bowerman Papers and other related material in Special Collections and University Archives, contact Briston at (541) 346-1899, hbriston@uoregon.edu.
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“While we are substituting electronic versions for the print versions of some of these titles, the e-journals are a safe, more efficient alternative,” says Electronic Resources Librarian David Fowler. “They provide students and faculty with greater access, and through the library’s association with Orbis Cascade Alliance, we will have a far greater number of titles available than before.”

As the academic world moves forward in this increasingly digital age, libraries will replace more and more printed journals with electronic versions, according to Fowler. The UO Libraries is at the forefront of this trend. It is the first member of the Orbis Cascade Alliance to actively replace print journals with electronic ones.

Questions? Contact David Fowler at dcfowler@uoregon.edu.

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An exciting new database will connect archeologists, UO anthropology students, and native groups with ancient pictograph and petroglyph sites throughout Alaska, all without the arduous trek through frozen lands and dark caves.

The Alaskan Rock Art Database (ARAD), developed by the library’s Center for Educational Technologies: Interactive Media unit, facilitates the management, storage, and analysis of information from the ancient sites. It is maintained through a cooperative agreement between the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve and the University of Oregon Department of Anthropology. The project’s principal investigator is Madonna Moss, a professor of anthropology; the project lead is Melissa Baird, a graduate teaching fellow in the Department of Anthropology.

ARAD can be used in two ways: at the data entry stage, to report or update information related to site visits, rock art, material, culture, testing, or
bibliographic materials; and as a knowledge base, providing information for researchers. With this tool, users can access detailed information about these sites, as well as view and compare images within a site. As information is collected from field and archival research it will be added to the database. To date, the greatest concentration of ARAD materials relate to rock art sites from the Outer Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, and Kodiak Island regions.

About the Database Format

Because some of the ARAD materials are located in sensitive areas (for example, on native lands where access is limited), the National Park Service and UO project leads used a managed database to insure that the information remains secure. Baird and Jeanne Schaaf of Lake Clark Katmai Studies Center will upload information into the site’s user-friendly administrative interface where it can subsequently be made available to qualified students and researchers.

For more information on the project, contact Kirstin Hierholzer at kirstinh@uoregon.edu.

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The library will hold drop-in information sessions for students and faculty sponsors to learn more about the program. While attendance is not mandatory for the program’s participants, it is highly recommended. Dates and times for upcoming sessions are:

**Wednesday, January 17, 2007:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
**Thursday, January 18, 2007:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Learning Commons Collaboration Center, 122 Knight Library.

Among the evaluation criteria is the extensive, creative use of library services, resources, and collections in any format, as well as the demonstration of originality of thought, mastery of content appropriate to class level, clear writing, and overall quality of presentation suitable for publication. Because these
projects will be of a publishable quality, they will be posted on the UO Libraries’ online depository of the university’s intellectual output: Scholars’ Bank.

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., January 31, 2007. For more information on eligibility, evaluation criteria, deadlines, and the evaluation committee, please go to http://libweb.uoregon.edu/general/libaward.html.

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Proposals should include a brief description of the course, the teaching problems that need to be addressed, and ideas on how technology can be used to solve them. More information on the course technology program can be found at http://libweb.uoregon.edu/cet/web/rfp-spring2007.html. Submit proposals or direct questions about the program to Kirstin Hierholzer, CET’s assistant director, 346-1995, kirstinh@uoregon.edu.

Visit http://libweb.uoregon.edu/cet/ for complete information on the many forms of technology support CET provides to faculty members across campus.