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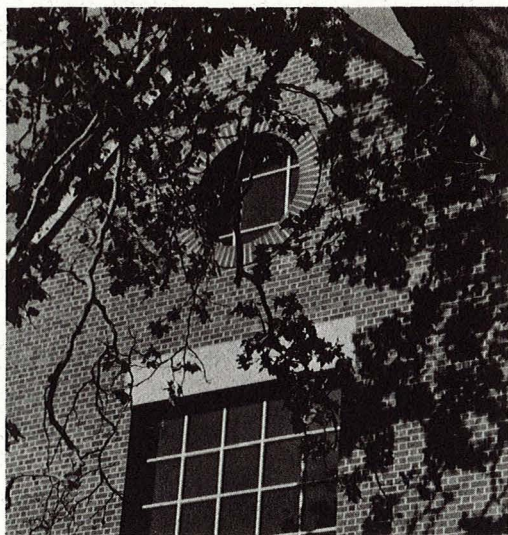
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*"The heart of a university is the library,
not only to collect and preserve the
writings and research of the ages,
but to stimulate reading,
encourage scholarship and to provide
an environment in which
instruction and learning is enhanced."*

Stanley E. McCaffrey
President

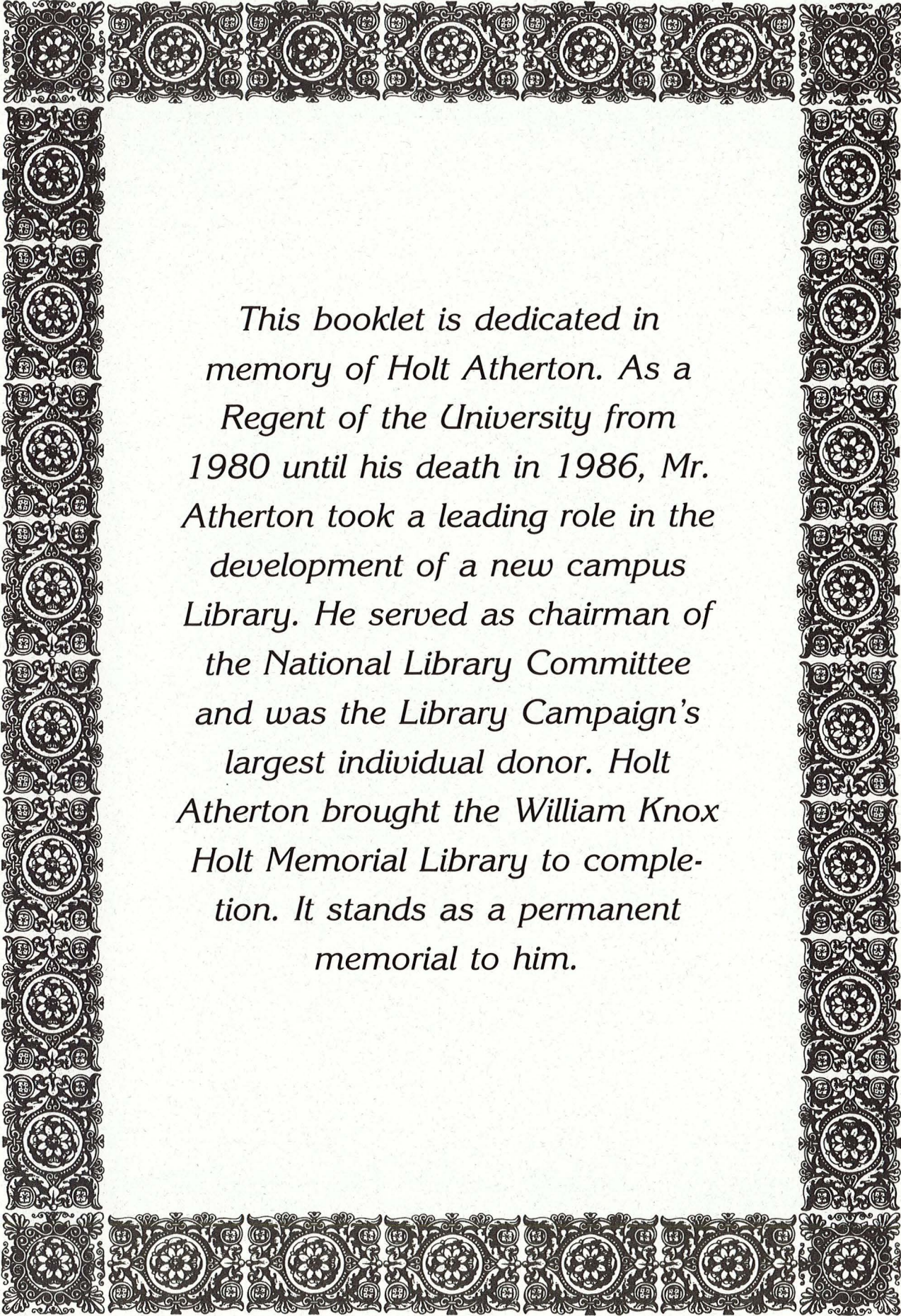


University of the Pacific

WILLIAM KNOX HOLT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Commemorative Booklet

Dedicated October 10, 1986



This booklet is dedicated in memory of Holt Atherton. As a Regent of the University from 1980 until his death in 1986, Mr. Atherton took a leading role in the development of a new campus Library. He served as chairman of the National Library Committee and was the Library Campaign's largest individual donor. Holt Atherton brought the William Knox Holt Memorial Library to completion. It stands as a permanent memorial to him.

UOP's LIBRARY HERITAGE



Library facilities on the San Jose campus in 1907

Early campus literary societies, Archanian and Hesperian, provided the nucleus for the Library's first collection in the 1850s. From that time through the remainder of the 19th century, Library growth depended heavily on gifts from these groups as well as faculty and friends.

With the arrival in 1911 of professional librarian Harriet E. Boss, many improvements began to be made in the San Jose campus Library. These included preparation of a card catalog, organization of a pamphlet file, and the "scientific" arrangement of magazines. At the time, the Library's 10,000 volumes shared space in West Hall with the University's museum, meeting rooms and other facilities.

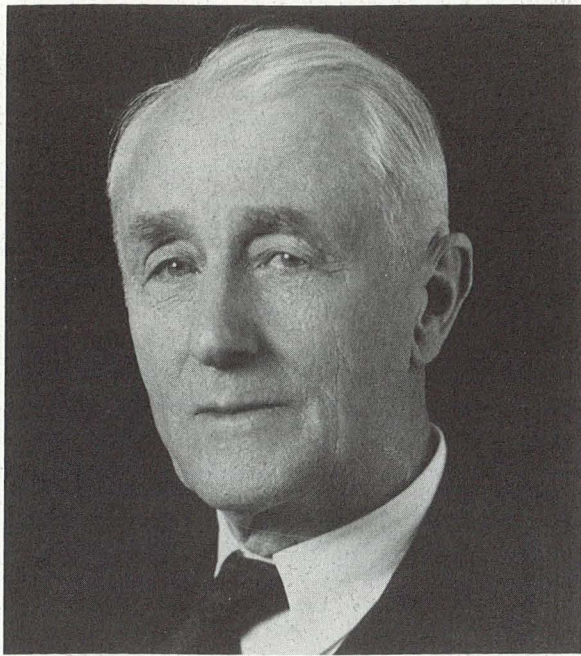
Librarian Boss, however, was to see much of her efforts go up in smoke, literally. Fire destroyed West Hall in June 1915. The cryptic entry in the Library accession book dated August 1 sums up the impact: "379 volumes — rescued from fire," or as the *Naranjado* writer later quipped, "just enough books to load in one Ford . . ." Among the items pulled from the flames was an 11th edition *Encyclopedia Britannica* which still serves in the Reference collection along with its modern counterparts. Steps began immediately to restore the Library. Insurance funds supplemented by generous gifts from many friends enabled the College to provide a new collection of 6,500 volumes in a converted assembly hall by the start of Fall semester.

The Library continued to share space with other departments even after the campus moved to Stockton in 1924. Weber Hall

housed the science and art departments as well as the Library, "several unused classrooms having been turned over for storage of books, for reading and study, and other library uses." But chemistry lab fumes and the studying process did not mix well. Lack of space also plagued the Library as the College continued to grow. In the mid-1930s the Library moved into Baun Hall, previously a boiler plant. The campus architect described the remodeling of the plant for the Library: "We developed a reading room in a new mezzanine floor, put stacks and aisles in the lower floor, enlarged the south end with new entrance facilities and added more office area." This remodeling proved satisfactory for several years. By 1950, however, the collection had grown to nearly 60,000 volumes, straining the capacity of Baun Hall and forcing relocation of books elsewhere on campus.

A 1949 gift of \$125,000 by Irving Martin, Sr. founder and publisher of the *Stockton Record* and a longtime supporter of Pacific, launched a library fund raising drive. Eventually more than 300 donors from throughout California joined with Martin in collecting \$400,000 for the project. The Irving Martin Library, dedicated in 1955, provided the first building designed specifically as a library in the 104-year history of Pacific. President Robert Burns underscored the significance of the event calling it "next in importance to the moving of the College to Stockton."

Librarian Allan R. Laursen organized a novel plan to move books into the new facility. During registration, freshman students participated in "Book Moving



Irving Martin, Sr.

Day," forming a human chain to transfer 10,000 volumes from building to building.

By 1960 the Library again bulged at its seams with over 100,000 volumes, and plans soon developed for an addition to the Martin building. A generous gift by Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Wood of Lodi, California and a grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, made this goal a reality in 1966. In recognition of the Wood's donation and as a tribute to their late son John, the Library addition was named Wood Memorial Hall. The *Pacific Review* noted that the new north wing enlarged the Library to nearly twice its original size and now, for the first time, enough shelf space was available to house the University's entire collection of books and periodicals." Even then, Library Director James Riddles cautioned that "another addition will be needed in the near future to serve the expanding University population."

Speaking at the September 1966 dedication ceremony, Dr. Fay Goleman, Chairman of



Donald B. Wood

the Faculty Library Committee, remarked:

Pleasant though the moment is, however, we cannot tarry. We are this day refreshed. We know the dimensions of our unfinished task: to assemble books, periodicals, information retrieval systems, and staffing equal to our aspirations as a University. . . Let us, therefore, together, gather our energies, our resources, our heightened determination and proceed with renewed heart toward our common goal.

In 1978 an expanded, renovated and modernized Library became the highest priority in the University's campaign For A Greater Pacific. A Library Building Advisory Committee, organized by Dean of Libraries Hiram L. Davis from among University faculty, students and administrators, and community representatives, worked with several nationally known consultants to develop plans for a modern library. The new facility would meet the University's growing library needs while

providing modern technological facilities for future generations of Pacific students. Their plan called for a two-phase project: expansion through new construction followed by renovation and modernization of the Martin and Wood structures.

A pledge of \$2 million from the William Knox Holt Foundation and an additional pledge of \$500,000 by Regent Holt Atherton launched the project. C.O.P. Dean Roy Whiteker coordinated a campus-wide campaign which generated unprecedented enthusiasm. Over 600 faculty, staff, and students responded with gifts and pledges totaling nearly \$85,000. Special events included a "Brick Brigade" campaign and a Library Lover's Weekend fundraiser. The Associates of the University of the Pacific Libraries played an equally important role. Under the leadership of Elliott J. Taylor and Thomas S. Thompson, this dedicated library-support group advanced the overall fund raising effort. Another significant milestone occurred in 1983 when the University received a \$600,000 challenge grant from

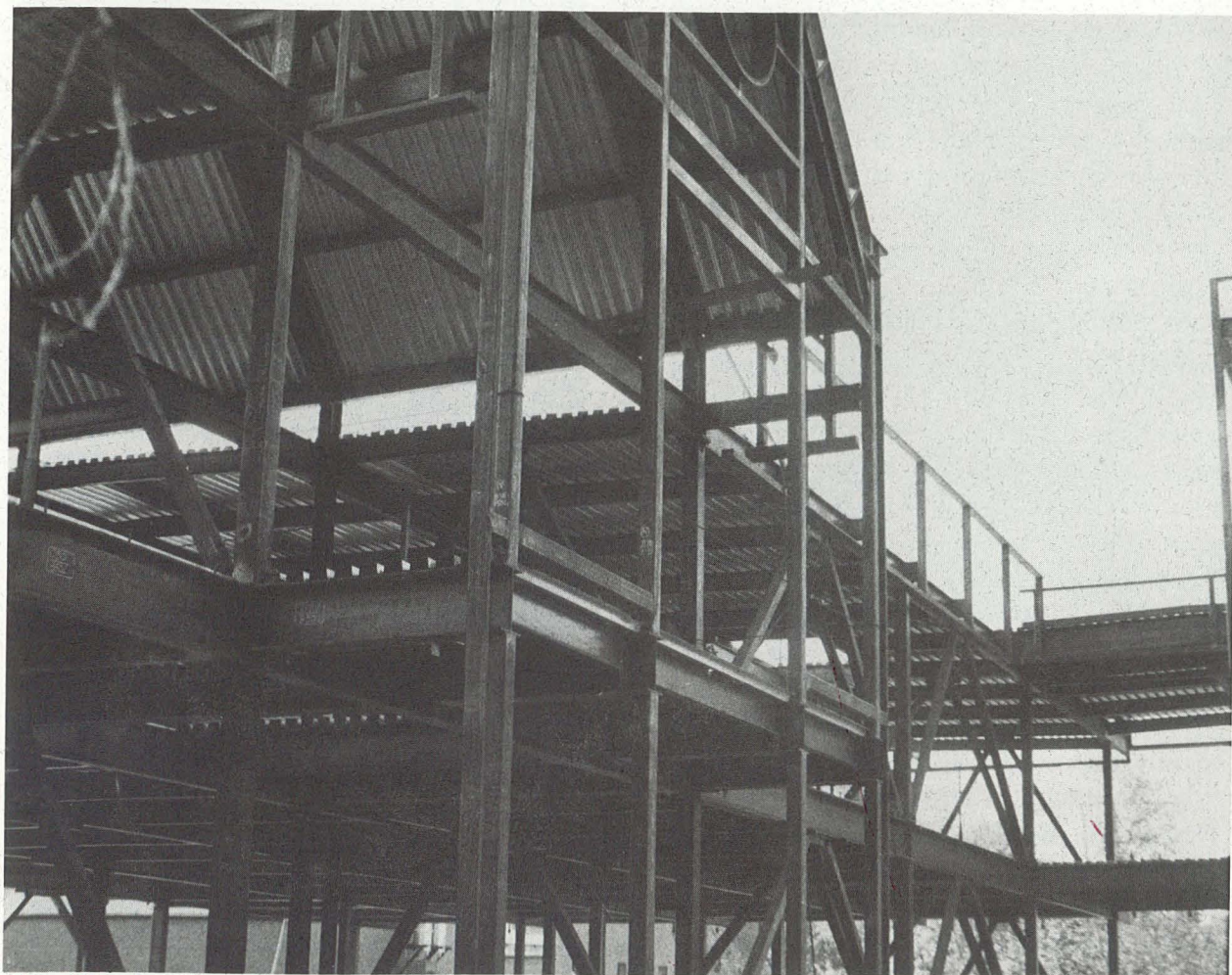
the National Endowment for the Humanities, one of 84 awarded nationally from among 249 applicants and the single largest grant to any university that year.

In the spring of 1984 the largest single alumni solicitation in the history of the University was organized through the Development Office which sent over 22,000 individual letters and coordinated a phone campaign with faculty, alumni, students and administrators making some 5,000 calls. As the project neared culmination a major gift from Regent Ted and Alice Baun enabled the construction and renovation phase to continue. To date, the more than 2,500 contributors to the Library campaign represents the largest number of donors, gifts and dollars ever pledged to a single project in the history of the University.

With the dedication of the William Knox Holt Memorial Library, named in honor of the son of Benjamin Holt, the Stockton industrialist who pioneered development of the Caterpillar tractor, the expansion



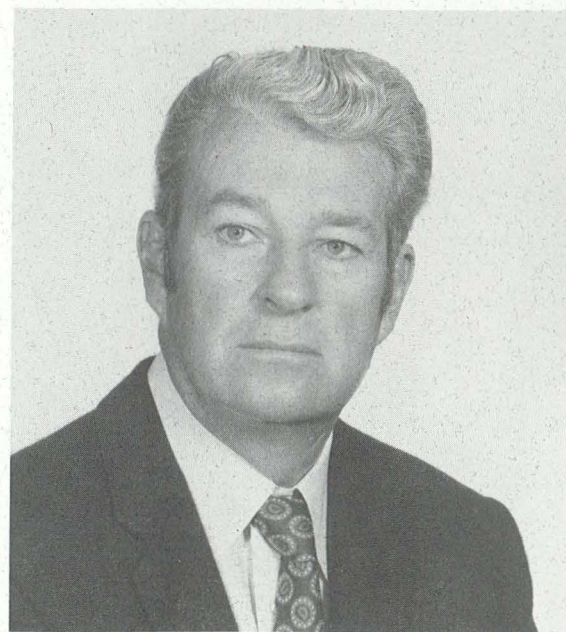
Groundbreaking Ceremony, February 8, 1985



New library under construction

phase of the Library project is complete. The new building consists of three levels.

Focal point for level one is the Holt-Atherton Center for Western Studies, which specializes in California and the Trans-Mississippi West. Over 35,000 volumes, 30,000 historic photographs, 1,500 linear feet of manuscripts plus pamphlets, maps and other research resources, document Western travels and explorations, the mining frontier, trade and commerce, agricultural development and ethnic heritage. The Center also holds the nationally prominent John Muir papers. Scholars from as far away as Europe and Japan come to utilize the Center's unique resources. Exhibits drawn from collections can be viewed in attrac-



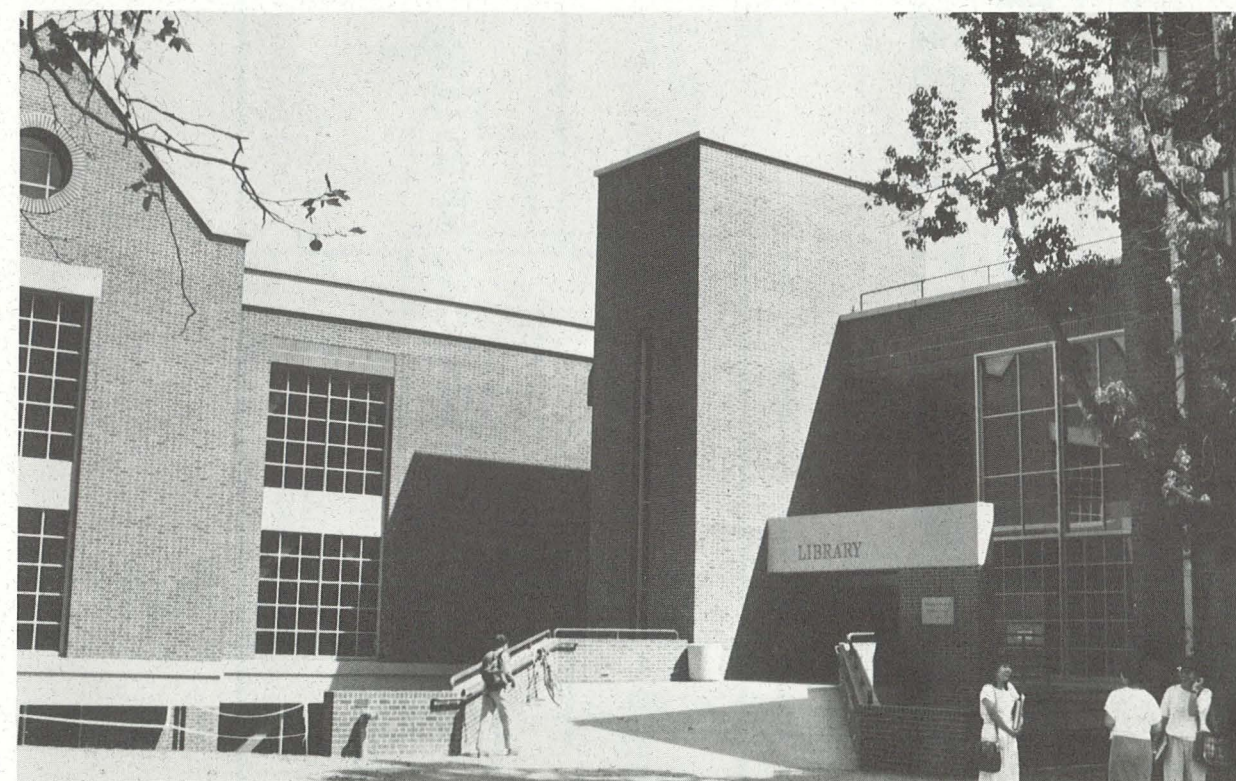
Holt Atherton

tive display areas. Within the Center is the Holt Atherton Room, named in memory of the University Regent who was an avid supporter of the Center's research and publishing mission. Here can be found the personal book collection of John Muir shelved in his own bookcases. Nearby is the secretary from which he wrote many of his classic essays. Study areas and seminar rooms round out the space in the William Knox Holt Memorial Library on level one.

Also on level one, the Technical Services Department offers a preview of the renovation and modernization of the Martin and Wood buildings. This department, which is responsible for ordering, cataloging and processing over 10,000 volumes a year, occupies space in both the new addition and Wood Memorial Hall. The renovation, however, successfully ties the building together without discernable difference.

The second level of the William Knox Holt Memorial Library includes a reference/information center, reference collection, on-line search services and circulation/reserve. The majority of the open stack book collection occupies level three. As the renovation and modernization phase continues, the present Music Library with expanded audiovisual facilities will be incorporated into the main Library.

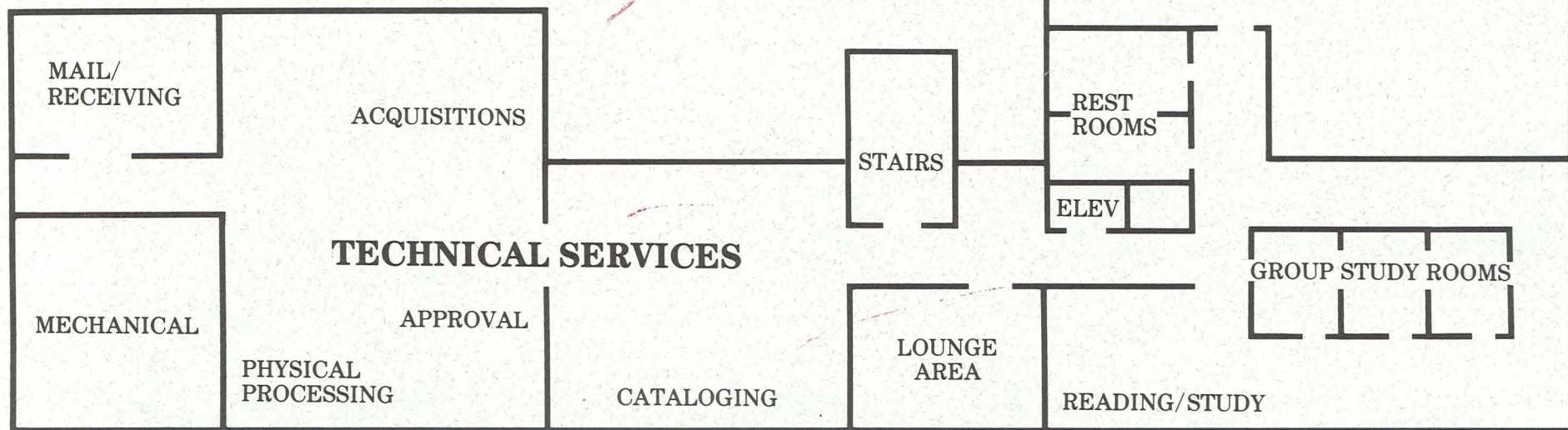
Students are offered a variety of study settings throughout the Library. Individually lighted study carrels line the large window areas on the building's perimeter. Comfortable lounge areas are featured in the corners of the upper floors. Group study rooms are available on the first level. The new addition has also been planned to provide students access to new technology, such as computerized research.



Finished library addition

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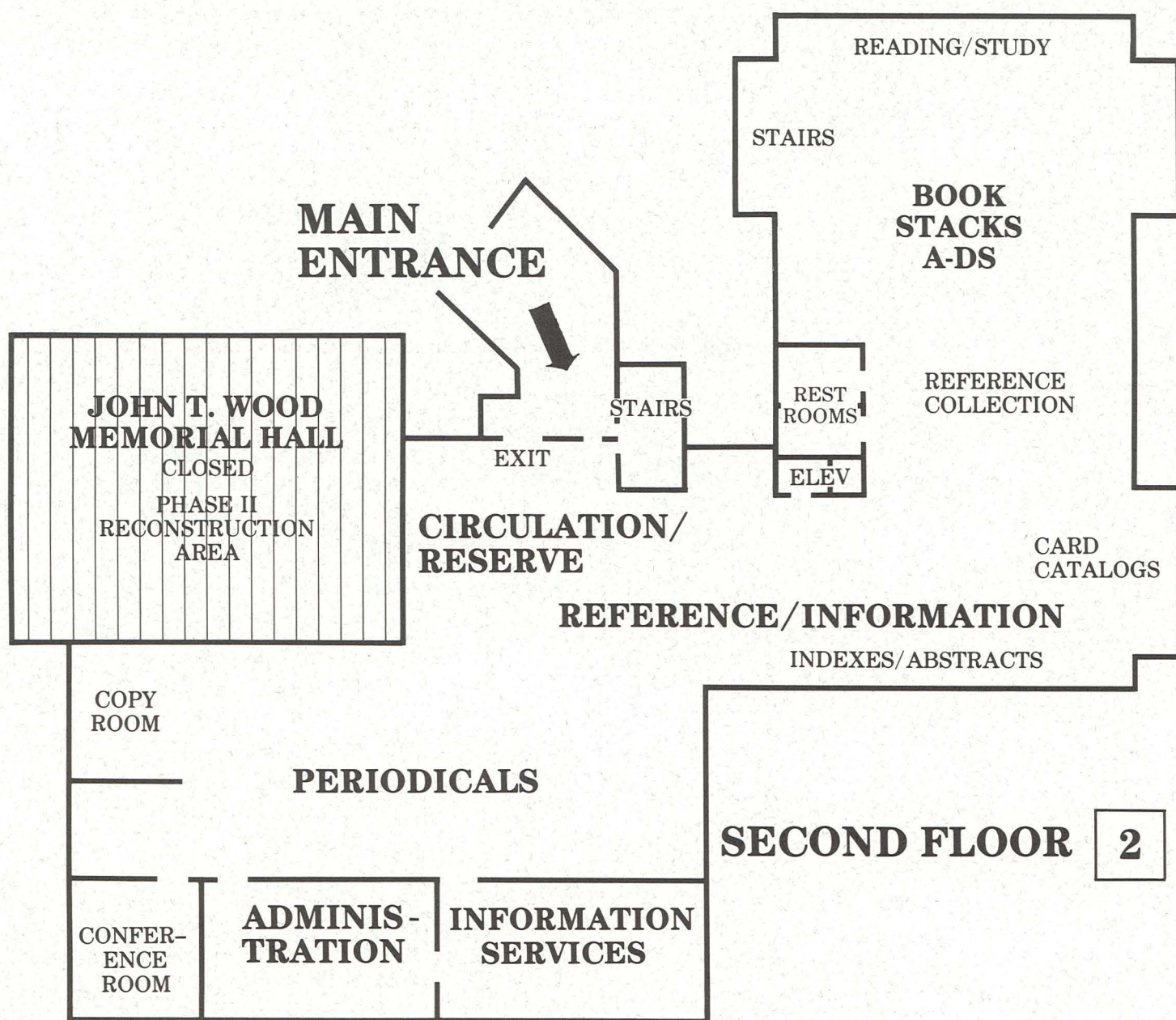
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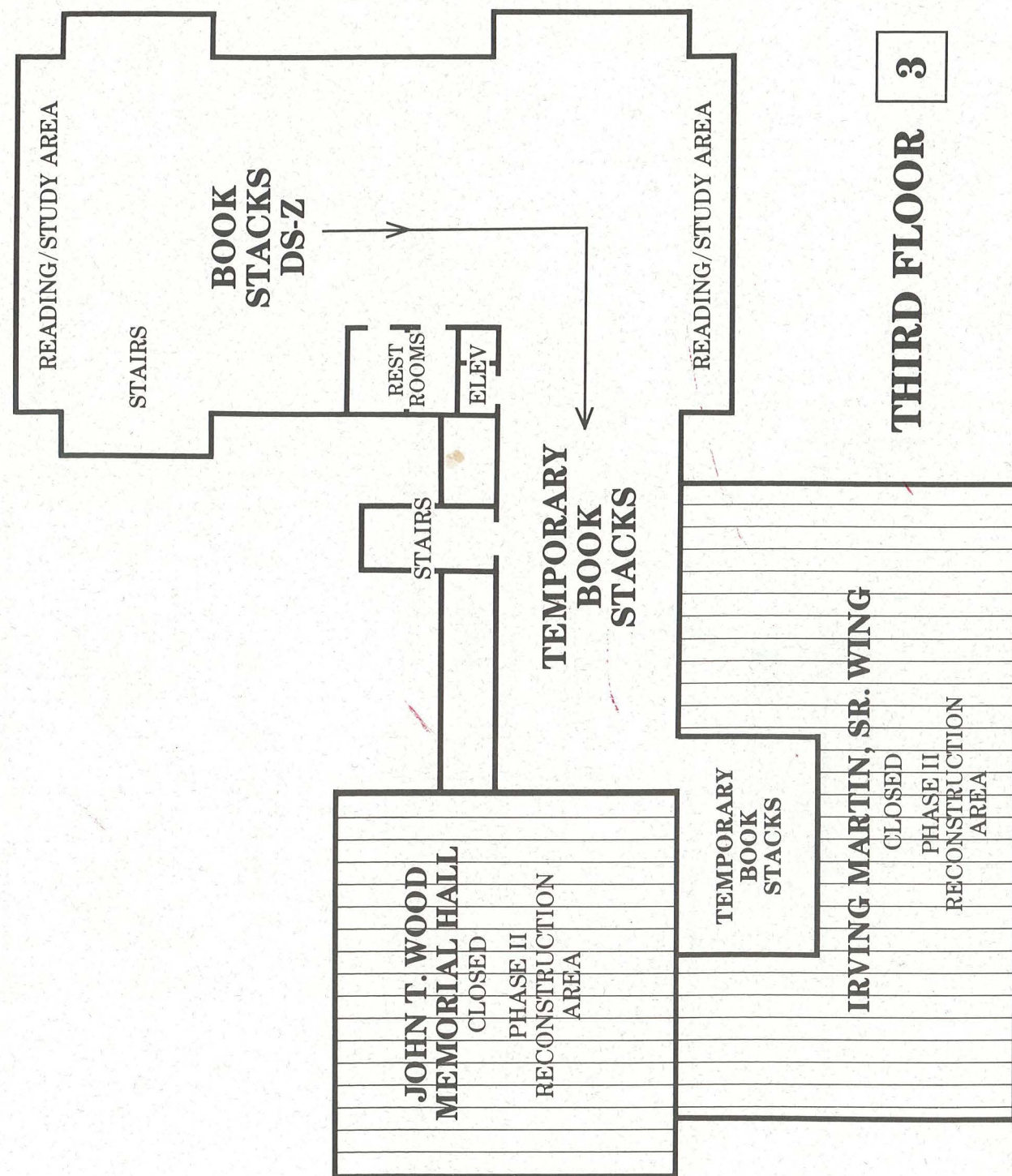
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WILLIAM KNOX HOLT MEMORIAL LIBRARY FACTS

Cost: Phase I/Construction of the new addition, \$4.2 million
Phase II/Renovation of the existing library, \$2.3 million
Total Project, \$6.5 million

Size: 35,000 square feet on three levels (Total project will double available library space.)

Volume Capacity: 500,000 volumes

Seating Capacity: 340 (over 600 in total project)

Construction Time: January 1985 - August 1986 (Phase I)

Special Features:

- Study space in over 200 individual carrels
- Unique lounge areas
- Improved lighting and air conditioning systems
- Electronic security system
- Group study rooms
- Additional shelving space
- Inclusion of the Holt-Atherton Center for Western Studies and other special collections

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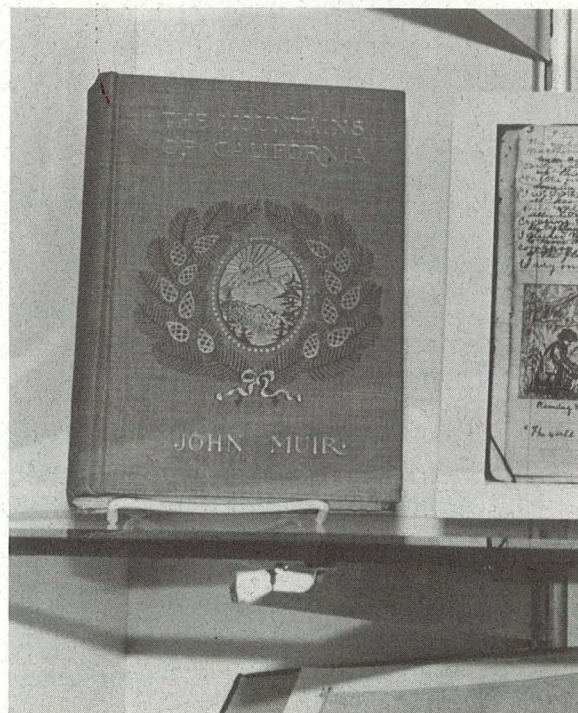
THE HOLT-ATHERTON CENTER FOR WESTERN STUDIES

The Holt-Atherton Center for Western Studies is a special collection branch library of the University as well as the headquarters of the *Pacific Historian*, a scholarly journal of Western history. The Center had its origins in 1947 when Robert E. Burns, newly-inaugurated President of the College of the Pacific and a graduate of the College's history department, established the California History Foundation to encourage public support of historical preservation and scholarly research. He invited California's preeminent regional historian, Dr. Rockwell Hunt, to become its first director. An early UOP graduate who had recently retired as Dean of the USC Graduate School, Hunt was an outstanding scholar whose long list of credits included the title of "Mr. California," bestowed by special resolution of the California State Legislature. Pioneering in the field of public history, Hunt started innovative programs, including the California History Institute, an annual gathering of students and scholars which is still going strong after 40 years; the Conference of California Historical Societies, an umbrella organization which nurtures regional scholarship and historic preservation; and the Spanish mission tour.

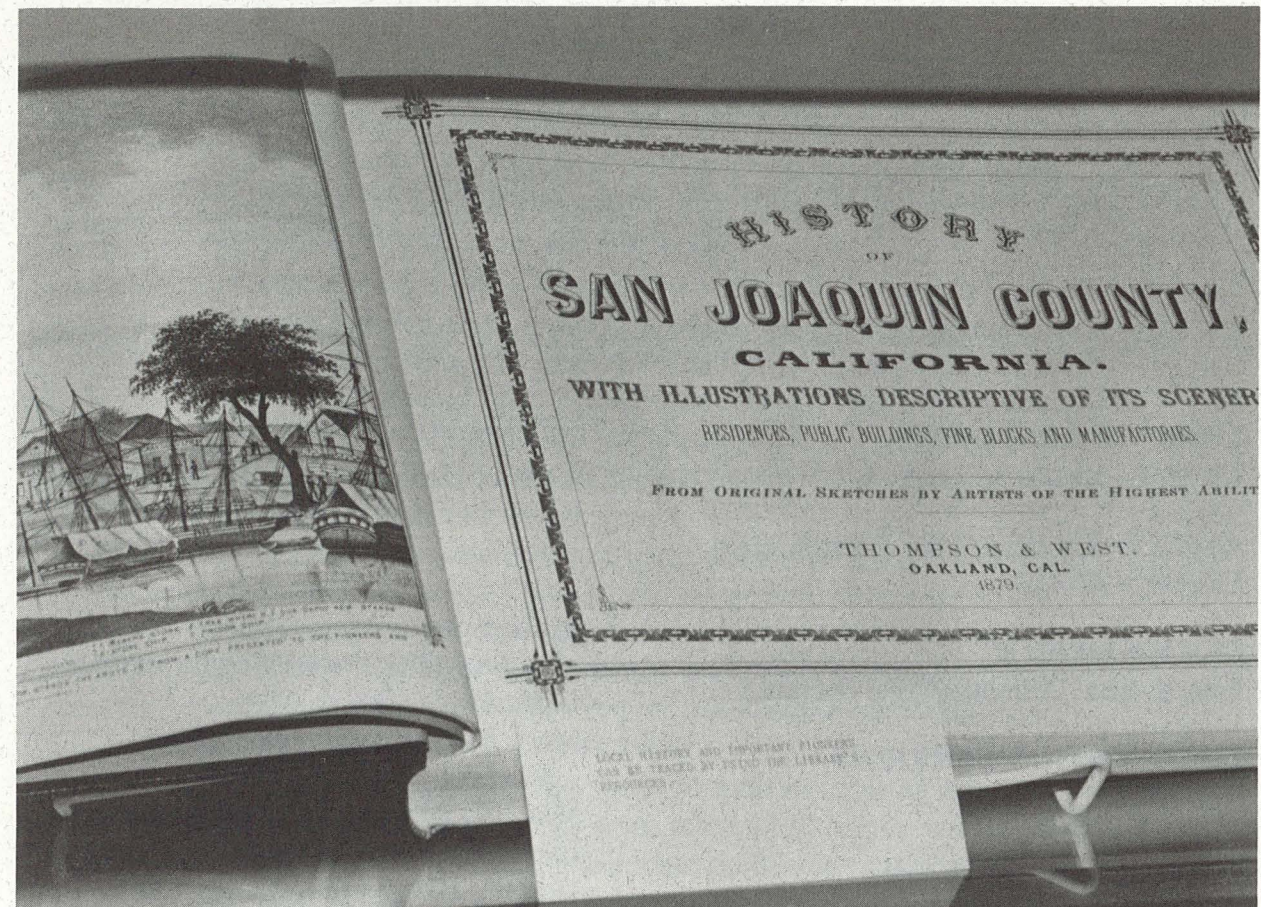
The manuscript and archival resources of the Holt-Atherton Center grew rapidly under the auspices of one of Hunt's successors, Reginald R. Stuart. With his wife Grace he founded the Stuart Library of Western Americana, now a major part of the Center's special collections which include some 30,000 volumes and 1,500 linear feet of manuscripts. Dr. Joseph

Shebl, a Salinas physician and sculptor, added substantially to those resources in the late 1970s by donating a 12,000-volume collection of Western books and periodicals. Another period of substantial growth came in the 1960s under the leadership of Leland Case, one of the co-founders of Westerners International, who became director upon the retirement of the Stuarts. The *Pacific Historian* also matured under the tutelage of this former editor of the *Rotarian Magazine*.

In 1968 Richard Coke Wood, one of California's best-known regional historians, became director of the Center. Another UOP graduate with higher



Portion of the John Muir collection



Display areas showcase items previously inaccessible to the public

degrees from USC, Wood was a popular classroom lecturer and public speaker whose work with the California Bicentennial Commission and the California Landmarks Commission earned him legislative laurels in 1969 as the second official holder of the title "Mr. California." It was under Dr. Wood's leadership that the John Muir Papers came to UOP in 1970.

Buildings as well as personnel have changed in the past 41 years. Once located in the basement of Sears Hall adjacent to Morris Chapel on the UOP campus, the Center later moved to a room in Wood Hall after its completion as part of the Main Library. Acquisition of the former campus of Delta College in the early 1970s provided expanded quarters for the Center until the summer of 1986, when the new William Knox Holt

Memorial Library was completed.

While it was still located on the south campus the Center gained a principal supporter in Mr. Holt Atherton, grandson of Benjamin Holt, famed Stockton inventor, and son of Warren Atherton, a noted regional attorney. Holt took an active interest in the Center's historical collections and publications. In 1977, after the death of his father, the former Pacific Center was renamed the Holt-Atherton Center, signifying in the combined name the heritage of two important California families. Regrettably, Holt died earlier this year after a short illness. By recent action of the Board of Regents, the principal display and meeting room of the new Center has been named the Holt Atherton Room to cherish the memory of this longtime University friend.

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A Response To The Future

With each passing year, the UOP Libraries play an increasingly important role supporting the many diverse academic programs of the University.

Our libraries provide students with the resources to attain exceptional achievement in such highly specialized areas as business and public administration, education, engineering, music, and pharmacy. The strengths of these professional programs and the strong liberal arts programs offered through the College of the Pacific have become the hallmark of the University.

Today, a university library is more than a repository for books. Computerized equipment must link on-campus libraries with each other and with library centers throughout the nation. Libraries are actively and directly involved in implementing the mission of higher education: teaching, research, and community service.

University faculty and students will be able to interact with information resources and services in many new and exciting ways, including expanded computer applications. The new William Knox Holt Memorial Library will enhance the academic and cultural life of the University and its surrounding communities for years to come.

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