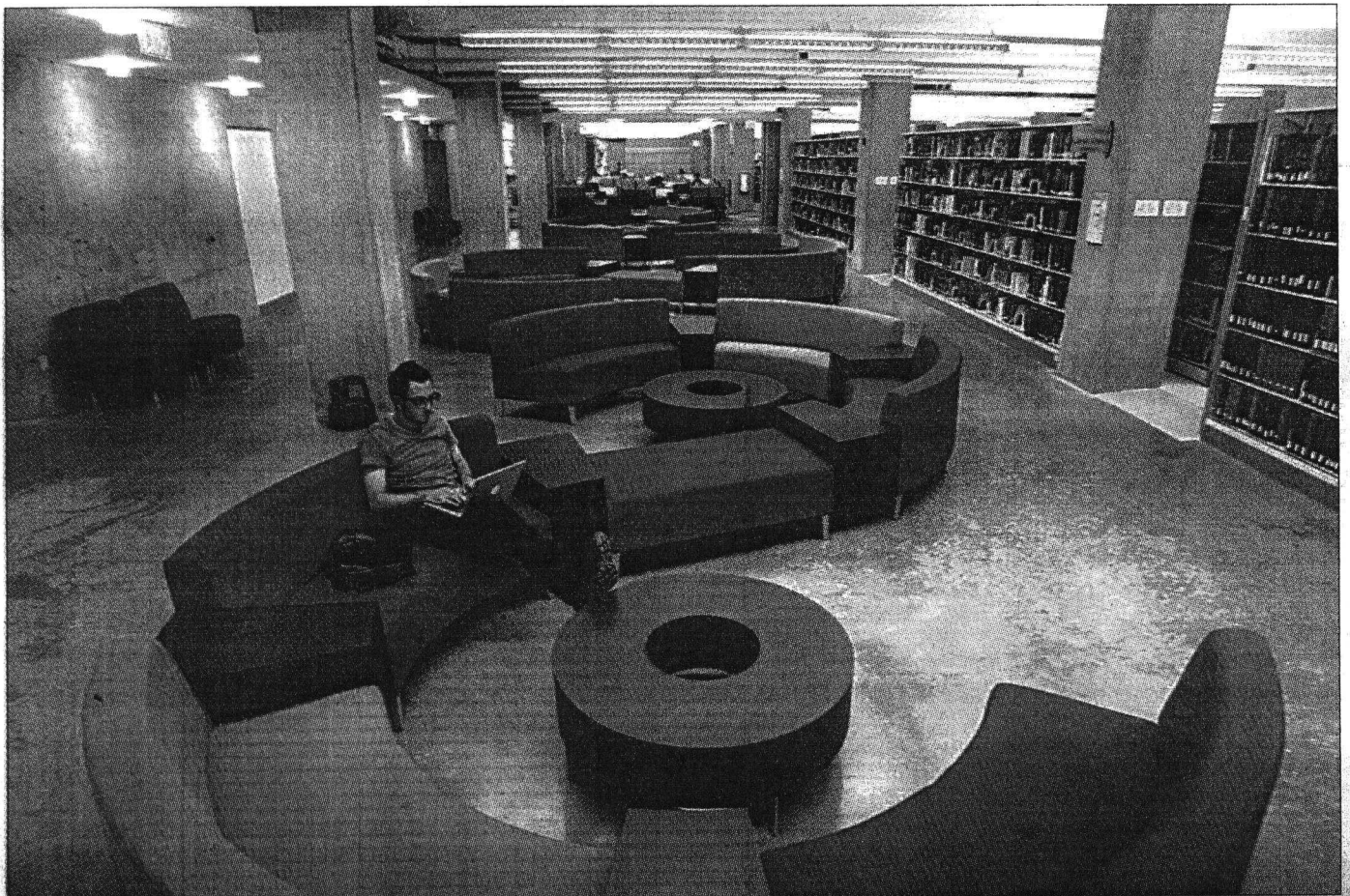


NEW ON CAMPUS

The 10-year, \$100 million expansion of UCSC's library nears completion

Can you digitize that for me?



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The new wing of the McHenry Library on the UC Santa Cruz campus is nearly complete along with the refurbishing of the original library building after a 10-year, \$100 million project.

UCSC Library
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SANTA CRUZ — For years, a running joke among University of California students, tired of roadblocks and building closures from seemingly endless infrastructure projects, was that "UC" really stood for "under construction."

Today, with state funding for the 10-campus system taking large hits during the past four years, construction projects have slowed.

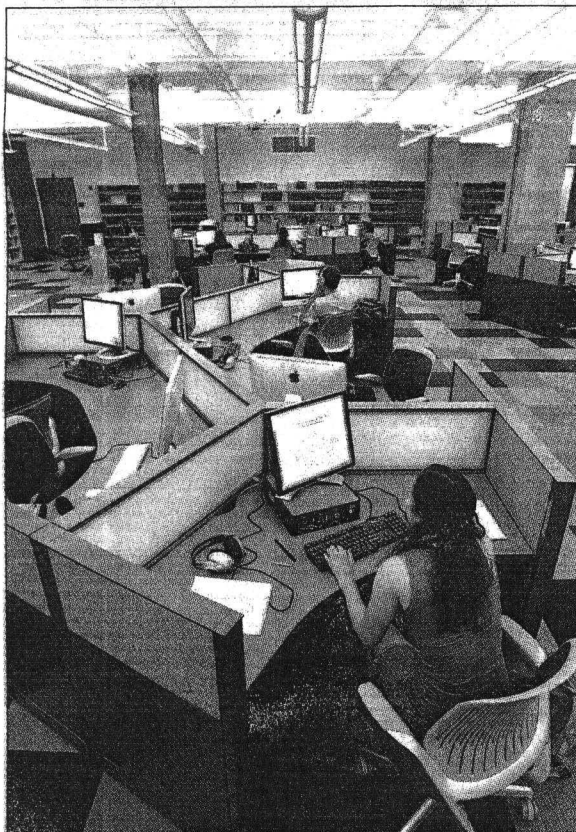
In fact, the recently completed \$100 million expansion and renovation of UC Santa Cruz's 35-year old McHenry Library probably would not have happened in today's budget climate.

"UC construction systemwide has really slowed to a trickle," UCSC Librarian Ginny Steel said. "I feel very fortunate that this project got built when it did."

The state provided the bulk of the funds, while private donors pitched in about \$8 million.

The new wing was completed in 2008, but the renovations to the existing building wrapped up just before students returned to campus for the fall quarter last week.

Classes begin Thursday, the same



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More computers are available to students along with more places for students to plug in their computers in the newly refurbished McHenry Library on the UC Santa Cruz campus.

AT A GLANCE

UC SANTA CRUZ MCHENRY LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

Plans for the \$100 million expansion of UCSC's McHenry Library began 10 years ago, and construction started in 2005.

The majority of work was completed this summer before students arrived for fall term, including a new wing, digital media center and numerous other amenities such as study rooms with flat-screen TVs that can be easily connected to laptop computers.

The second phase involves further work on the Special Collections and the room that will eventually house the Grateful Dead collection, scheduled to open in spring 2012.

The new Global Village Cafe, operated by the family behind Hoffman's Bistro and Patisserie, will hold a grand opening event, with free cookies, on Thursday.



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Passing students take in the new wing of the McHenry Library on the UC Santa Cruz campus Tuesday.

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day students can begin exploring the menu at the new cafe and the various study areas and digital media rooms inside the concrete-and-glass structure tucked into a redwood grove in the heart of campus.

The new library stands as an example of the growth of the 46-year-old campus, how methods of learning and research have changed and how much the economics of a public university can change in 10 years.

A NEW LIBRARY FOR A GROWING CAMPUS

The library, named after UCSC's founding chancellor Dean McHenry, was one of the first buildings to be built on campus, and opened when enrollment was less than 1,000.

More than 16,000 students are expected at UCSC this year, and as the library collection has grown with the student body, the school was forced to put much of the 1.35 million volumes it owns in storage.

"The new building really has an open, casual feel with lots of natural light and places for students to meet," Steel said about the new wing, which increased space 75 percent. "The old building no longer met fire and safety codes."

Planning for library expansion actually began in the 1990s, Steel said, and after it was added to the list of future capital improvements, design-

ing and fundraising began in earnest 10 years ago.

"We tried to be as green as possible," Steel said. "We refurbished chairs, reading tables and other furniture that has been here since 1965."

When the Grateful Dead tapped UCSC in 2008 to house the band's archives, the renovations were in full swing at the library. A room has been set aside for "Dead Central" on the first floor of the building, and the public exhibit is expected to open in spring 2012.

ENTERING THE DIGITAL AGE

The library project also has ushered the UCSC library into the digital age in which students are interacting with data, information and course materials differently than a decade ago.

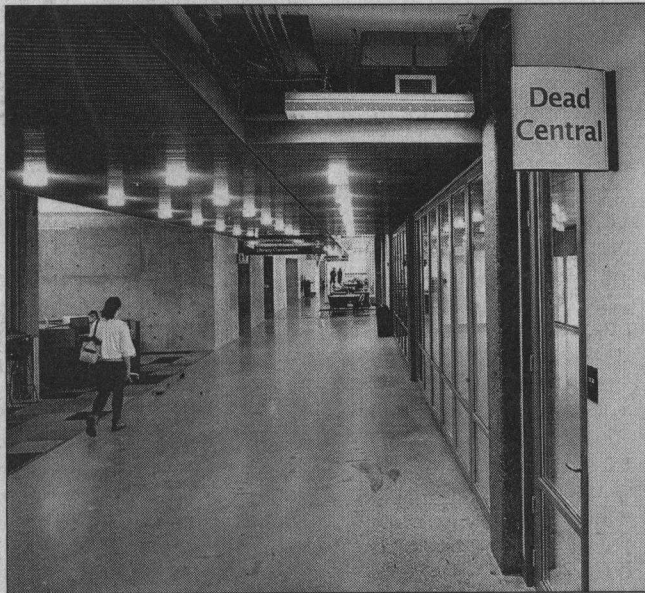
The school is working on digitizing all of its materials that can be feasibly scanned.

The basement houses a digital media center where students can listen to albums for music history class or screen a DVD for a film studies course. Study rooms feature hubs that make plugging a laptop into projectors and mounted TVs a breeze.

The brand new Global Village Cafe — run by UCSC alum Adam Hoffman of the family behind Hoffman's Bistro and Patisserie — sports six TV screens that display the front pages of newspapers from around the world.

A SYMBOL OF TOUGH TIMES AT UC

Since 2008, the UCSC library's budget has been cut by roughly \$3.6 million, a



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McHenry Library's Dead Central will house UC Santa Cruz's Grateful Dead collection.

more than 30 percent reduction from its pre-2008 budget.

The campus as a whole has lost approximately \$50 million in annual state funding during that period.

Two years ago, when budget cuts threatened to force the library to reduce its hours, UCSC students voted to increase their annual fees by \$19.50 per person to maintain the current level of service.

The union that represents all UC librarians, University Council-American Federation of Teachers, is currently in negotiations with UC administration over salaries.

According to the union, UC librarians make about 20 percent less than their California State University counterparts.

"We are having retention and recruitment problems," said UCSC librarian Ken

Lyons, who sent over 600 postcards signed by students, parents and faculty to the UC Office of the President on Tuesday as part of a UC-wide campaign seeking better compensation for librarians.

"Because of the budget issues there are fewer and fewer librarians ... and all of that results in lowering of services for students and faculty in libraries," he said.

Today, excluding management, there are 21 librarians who are available to help with research needs at UCSC, eight fewer than in 2002.

"We have had big budget cuts," Steel said. "We have fewer staff and are buying less for our collections. We are reorganizing and doing things differently, but we are still committed to providing all of the necessary services to students."