

# Foresters to dedicate research laboratory

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Walking on B Street, south of the NR building at HSU, students may have noticed a stairway leading up a vine-covered hill. The stairs lead to the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station (PSW).

This week the station's scientists, technicians and staff will move to a new building above Bayview Street at the edge of the Arcata Community Forest.

The new building, called the Redwood Sciences Laboratory, has won a federal award for design. The building will be officially dedicated Friday. The station has invited students to the dedication ceremony and a tour of the building.

Speakers at the dedication ceremony will include John R. McGuire, chief of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Congressman Donald Clausen, and HSU President Alistair McCrone.

## Donated to HSU

The land for the building was donated to HSU in 1963. Planning for the building began in spring of 1973, and the actual construction began about a year ago.

One of the main goals in the design of the new laboratory is to have the building harmonize with its surroundings.

"We wanted it to blend in with the forest and disturb the site as little as possible," said Raymond M. Rice, project leader and principal research hydrologist. "As far as heavy construction goes, I think we did a pretty good job."

Bumpers were put on trees to keep them from being damaged during the construction and string lines were put up to keep the workers in the smallest possible area.

Research at PSW is directed mainly toward learning how to manage unstable forest lands so timber can be harvested without excessive erosion. The research unit has an experimental forest near Klamath and two experimental watersheds at Caspar Creek, near Ft. Bragg.

## Coop agreement

PSW has a cooperative agreement with HSU. Currently the station is working on two studies with the Cooperative Fisheries Unit on campus and has two students working for the station parttime.

Since coming to the HSU campus in 1963, the research station has been located in three different places.

PSW moved into its present two houses, across from the Cluster houses, in June 1970.