

# MLS and the Mayor's Office: Together Again

Recently DN librarian Buddy Johnson forged a new link with OKC city offices when he was asked to provide information about past OKC mayors. The OKC PIO department

was working on a project to upgrade the City's website with photos of and information about past mayors when they noticed the lack of historical photos available for use on the website. The pictures they have of former mayors are

the formal portraits that hang in City Hall, but are too large to scan using a conventional scanner.

Buddy knew that he and talented DN tech assistant **Chris Larwig** were just the team to help them out. They decided to bring the portraits to the DN Library Oklahoma Room so Chris could take photos of these photos. The originals were in lousy condition and the images were in desperate need of

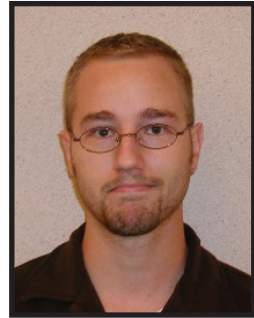
preservation. Chris took the new photos and Buddy went to work on them on the computer.

Enter Mick Cornett. The mayor was so impressed by Buddy's and Chris' work, he decided to commission a time line of the city that would use the scans of the mayors along the line.

As a result of this collaboration, City staff has agreed to allow MLS to scan all of the City's historical photos for preservation and inclusion in our Oklahoma Images collection.

In addition, the city PIO department learned of the Oklahoma Voices project for the first time and now plans to have several long-time City employees sit down for interviews.

And that's how good things begin. Buddy and Chris rock!



*Chris Larwig*



*Buddy Johnson*