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Annual Naval ROTC Ball, 1947 (RG 58-2004:038 1947/48 Scrapbook, OSU Archives)

Student Research Project Brings Unexpected Benefits to the OSU Archives. See Case Study on Page 3.

President's Message

One of Northwest Archivists' greatest assets is the many members willing to work for the improvement of the organization. Much of this effort is behind the scenes and invisible to most of us. So, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of these hard-working individuals and to highlight a few initiatives emerging from various committees and the NWA Board.

First, I would like to thank all of the folks who have volunteered to organize our annual meetings. Although it may seem to just happen flawlessly, it is a huge job each year. I extend many thanks to Terry Badger, Jerry Handfield and the members of their committees for a wonderful meeting in Olympia. I would also like to thank Donna McCrea, Larry Landis, and Sharon Howe for representing NWA at the upcoming joint meeting in Las Vegas in 2005. The Vegas meeting will provide an unprecedented opportunity to mingle with archivists from surrounding regions and a chance to discuss issues unique to our western experience. I hope the membership of NWA is well represented there. The 2006 meeting will be in Butte, Montana and will be hosted by the Silver Bow Archives. I am pleased to announce that Ellen Crain will chair the local arrangements committee and Candace Lein-Hayes will chair the program committee.

NWA is blessed with a vibrant and creative group of officers and board members. The role of the state representatives continues to expand as the organization matures and I would like to acknowledge all the reps for their hard work. In addition, many of the reps are involved in supplemental projects. For example, Arlene Schmuland is assisting with the development of a brochure for the organization and Terry Baxter has created an events calendar for the NWA website. Anne Foster, chair of the Education Committee, has brought several interesting ideas before the board and will continue to expand the role of this committee.

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Reference Service as an Opportunity for Donor Outreach: A Case Study

—Karl McCreary, Oregon State University

Reference activity can sometimes yield unexpected benefits for an archives apart from a smile and grateful handshake from a researcher. For the OSU Archives this past spring term, student research for a history class indirectly resulted in a significant transfer of materials from an office with which we've had nearly no contact in the past. I will frame this article as a case study in illustrating how meeting the researcher needs of this particular class served as an opportunity for outreach to potential donors.

The History 310 reference experience

The reference inquiry at the center of this story assumed the form of an assignment for an undergraduate historiography class known as the "Historian's Craft" during Spring term 2004. A requirement for OSU history majors, History 310 is designed to examine the different perspectives scholars throughout the centuries have brought to the study of history. For this class, Professor Maureen Healy wanted students to have hands-on experience in the use and analysis of primary sources and worked with the Archives to formulate a research project assignment requiring students to write an essay on some aspect of OSU history.

Preparing ourselves for an influx of 35 new users with individual research topics (during the busiest term for student reference activity, no less!) demanded a measure of advanced planning and organization not ordinarily required at the reference desk. Our first step was to orient the students in the use and resources of the Archives in a presentation at their classroom in Milam Hall. After Dr. Healy divided the class into ten groups based on general topic areas (buildings/architecture, women at OSU, student life, rituals/customs, etc.) reference interviews were conducted with these groupings in the reference room.

Once they were registered as researchers and instructed on the handling of the records (cotton gloves and all that), the students pursued the "historian's craft" with relish, discovering their university's past through the use of yearbooks, course catalogs, microfilm of *The Daily Barometer* newspaper, and various collections of institutional records and personal papers. From their research, we began to see an impressive array of topics emerge from the 310 class, ranging from histories of individual structures on campus and the first student publication, to the campus reaction regarding the murder of student Nancy Wyckoff in 1972. Watching these students over a period of six weeks learn to access and approach historical materials, and, in essence, begin to become historians themselves, was an exciting process to witness.

The discovery and transfer of NROTC records

One of the students in the 310 class, Donald Lauderdale, made an additional discovery in the course of his research. Studying the history of the Naval ROTC (NROTC) program at OSU, Donald uncovered a trove of photographs, scrapbooks, and publications in the NROTC office dating to the origins of the program in 1946. A staff member in the NROTC office brought the materials to Donald's attention upon hearing of his research plans. Immediately recognizing the significance of these materials for historical research, Donald informed me of their presence in the campus NROTC office and the willingness of the staff there to transfer them over to the Archives to "free up some space."

Offering a varied and detailed glimpse of the NROTC program at OSU, photographs found by Donald documented nearly every aspect of cadet

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life on campus, from periodic service reviews and inspections, to athletic contests and training exercises, to annual dances and “mess nights”. Correspondence transferred among these records shed light upon the administrative history of the program, including its establishment in 1946. In the scrapbooks, newspaper clippings tracking the activities of NROTC students and faculty revealed subtle changes in NROTC culture over time, especially with regard to the role of women.

For everyone involved, the History 310 class assignment offered an opportunity to learn, grow, and reach out to potential users. For Donald, a history major enrolled in NROTC, the discovery of historical documentation relating to his program lent a stronger sense of relevancy and immediacy to the pursuit of archival research while perhaps also grounding him more firmly in the awareness that as a cadet he was part of a 50-year tradition at the university. The Archives, meanwhile, not only added substantially to the documentation of the NROTC program at OSU, but also created connections with a department with

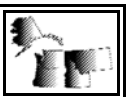


ROTC Training Exercises, 1997 (P 253-2004:047, OSU Archives)

which it had no previous ties. With Donald acting as a bridge between Archives and NROTC, there is now an awareness among the majors and lieutenants on campus that their history is important and should be preserved.

In watching some of the primary source paper presentations at the end of the term, I couldn't help but feel as if we were professors ourselves, showing students a new way to access information and empowering them to be their own historians. The Archives' role in opening up the university's history to the 310 students, however, also acted in a reciprocal manner

to expand our understanding of the NROTC program. This exchange represents how crucial reference activity can be in expanding public awareness of the importance of our role as archivists, as well as in unearthing previously undiscovered treasures.



Northwest Digital Archives (NWDA) Update

— Elizabeth Nielsen, NWDA Consortium Manager

The NWDA has made great strides during the summer of 2004 towards completion of the first phase of this regional grant-funded project to provide enhanced access to archival materials in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

The re-designed website for the NWDA was “quietly” released in early September with a formal, public announcement planned for early October in conjunction with Archives Week. A link to the search page for the finding aids database is available from the NWDA homepage: <http://nwda.wsulibs.wsu.edu/>

Almost 1000 finding aids have been added to the database during the summer of 2004. As of mid-September, the database includes 1817 finding aids (over 80% of the minimum number of 2200 finding aids to be submitted by December). All participating institutions are now represented in the finding aids database. Four institutions have exceeded the number of finding aids they proposed for submission – University of Idaho, Washington State University, the Washington State Archives, and the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at Western Washington University. It is expected that the database will include more than 2500 finding aids by the conclusion of the project in December 2004.

Other accomplishments since June 2004 are moving the project toward completion: The NWDA stylesheet for web presentation of the EAD finding aids was completed by contractor Stephen Yearl in late June 2004 and modified in July 2004 by Mark Carlson at the University of Washington. Additional enhancements will be made during the fall. A print stylesheet is being developed by staff at Oregon State University. Usability testing of the NWDA website and finding aids database has begun. The on-line evaluation instrument is available at: <http://www.cwu.edu/~archives/NWDAevalForm.htm>

NWDA project directors and other key personnel met in Pullman, Washington, on 13-14 September for the final in-person meeting of this 30-month grant project. In addition to institutional updates and reports from working groups, the group discussed enhancements to the searching features of the NWDA database; dissemination activities and plans for a formal public announcement of the NWDA database in early October during Archives week; spending priorities for the remaining 3 months of the project; and expectations for additions to the database and technical support after this grant period. The second day of the meeting was primarily devoted to a discussion of adding digital content to the NWDA site. Representatives from other (non-NWDA) institutions joined the meeting for this discussion.

Dissemination of information about the NWDA continued through the summer. Larry Landis, Consortium Director, was a panelist in a session at the Society of American Archivists annual conference in Boston on vendor outsourcing of EAD encoding; Larry also represented the NWDA at the EAD Roundtable and observed the EAD Working Group meeting. Janet Hauck hosted the NWDA poster presentation at the joint Washington Library Association/Pacific Northwest Library Association conference in Wenatchee, Washington.

The Northwest Digital Archives (NWDA) is an NEH grant-funded project to provide enhanced access to archival and manuscript materials in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington through a union database of Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids. The project began on July 1, 2002 and has been extended from the original ending of June 30, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

Participating institutions are Washington State University, University of Washington, Washington

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NWA Board Meeting Minutes

The NWA board of Northwest Archivists, Inc., met by conference call August 24, 2004.

Those present were: Elizabeth Joffrion, Anne Foster, Terry Badger, Terry Baxter, Diana Shenk, Jodi Allison-Bunnell, Arlene Schmuland, Linda Morton-Keithley, Janette Gomes, Ellen Crain and Diana Banning. Absent: John Bolcer.

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. PDT, with president, Elizabeth Joffrion, presiding.

1. Treasurer's Report (Banning) – no report. Banning will send report to board when completed. Morton-Keithley checked with Idaho and NWA is still listed as a non-profit.
2. Membership Committee (Shenk) – Currently have 162 members on the database, with a successful renewal period. Only 40 members have been deleted for non-renewal but several have renewed and been re-added since.

Mail list distribution policy – since the policy was passed at the annual meeting, we've had two vendors ask and pay for the list.

Scholarship fund – Sixteen individuals have contributed an extra \$10 towards the scholarship fund. Joffrion would like an acknowledgement sent to those contributing and board decided a letter should come from the chair of the Scholarship Committee. Joffrion then inquired about funds and perhaps starting a new scholarship; perhaps having more funding available or additional scholarships. There isn't currently a separate account for the scholarship fund.

3. Bylaws (Joffrion for Cline) – Joffrion had submitted changes to the procedures manual, based on discussion and decisions made by the board. Changes: need for dual-signatures on contracts (president and the lead person on issue needing a contract); clear definition of the responsibilities of the Local Arrangements chair; a form

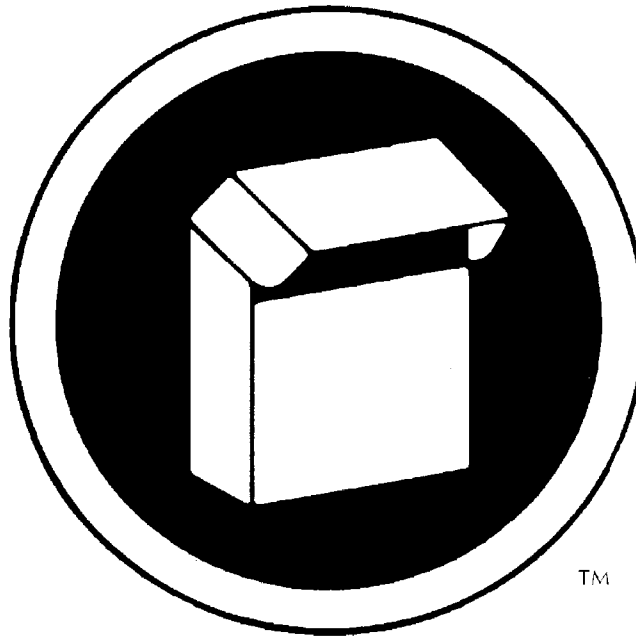
will be sent to vendors with a price list and instructions as part of Local Arrangements and procedures manual; ballots will go to the Nominating Committee chair as long as that position is not running for a board position; define the At Large scholarship – changed wording to “students from the northwest region who are members of NWA and attending programs other than Western Washington University; change deadline for scholarship applications to March 1st; Membership Coordinator duties and added policies and procedures developed by Shenk; Ad-hoc Committee on Advocacy.

4. 2005 Annual Meeting (Joffrion) – There is a link on the NWA website for the Annual Meeting. Meeting is April 14-16th at the Alexis Park Hotel in Las Vegas. Donna McCrea asked that State Reps send out reminders about the proposal deadline. Discussion about possible plenary speakers – no decisions made. Discussion regarding non-SAA workshops – would like more local workshops. Anne Foster will work on the issue.
5. 2006 Annual Meeting (Joffrion) – The site chosen is Butte, Montana – sponsored by the Silver Bow Archives. Ellen Crain is the point person for the conference and will work with the Montana group to help with planning. Currently looking at two proposals. There currently isn't a Program Chair. There's a list of people interested in Program Committee work and one of those may be willing to chair.
6. Nominations and Voting Procedures (Allison-Bunnell) – no report
7. Education Committee report (Foster) – A listserv was created for the Education Committee members; there are four additional members that are spread out around the region. While much has been researched, there probably won't be anything ready for the Vegas meeting because the grant funding cycle doesn't coin-

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National Archives & Records Administration— Pacific Alaska Region (Anchorage)

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Broadcast on S.S. Portland.

On Tuesday, September 7, Public Broadcasting Service broadcast nationwide the *History Detectives* episode called the “Lost Gold Ship” featuring the discovery of the wreck of the S.S. *Portland* in Alaska waters. Earlier this year, a film crew from Oregon Public Broadcasting’s (Portland, OR) *History Detectives* series visited NARA—Pacific Alaska Region (Anchorage) to do research and to do an interview with Mike Burwell, an Alaska shipwreck specialist from the U.S. Minerals Management Service in Anchorage. There was an on-camera interview with Mike Burwell, who helped pinpoint the location of the wreck at the mouth of the Katalla River by using the November 12, 1910, U.S. Customs Service wreck report from NARA—Pacific Alaska Region holdings. There was a longer on-camera interview with Museum of History & Industry (Seattle, WA) historian Dr. Lorraine McConaghy. The film crew, led by on-air personality Elyse Luray, stopped in Seattle and Anchorage on their way to interview environmentalist Gabriel Scott, who was working in the Copper River Delta near Cordova, Alaska, when he came across the wreckage of an old ship that, according to locals, was the remains of the SS *Portland*, the famous steamship that carried 68 miners and nearly two tons of gold from the Klondike to Seattle to start the Gold Rush of 1897.

Recent Microfilm Accession: National Archives Microfilm Publication A3386 *Manifests of Alien and Citizen Arrivals at Babb, Montana, June 1928–October 1956*. 3 rolls (Descriptive Pamphlet). For ordering information, please go to “Microfilm Locator” on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site www.archives.gov.

Alaska State Library Historical Collections (Juneau)

Recent Accessions:

- **Paul Emerson Collection**, ca. 1970s-2004. 8 linear ft. Slides and notes of Juneau-area trails. Albums of trail hikes and celebrations of trail advocates, including several cruises on the *Princeton Hall* to Tracy Arm. Also includes articles, images and memorabilia of a World War II commemorative 50-mile ski trip across the Bay of Mirmansk in Russia. Activities as a labor leader and editor of *People’s Weekly* in Seattle are documented, as are activities as an activist in the Mountain View Senior Center, both as an advisory board member and editor of the *Mountainview News & Views*.
- **Amos Burg Collection**, ca. 1930s-1950s. 16 linear ft. Photographs, films, papers from work for U.S. Dept. of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service in the 1950s, trips on the *North Star* to Point Lay, visit to mink farm in 1936, and trip for *National Geographic* and *Encyclopedia Britannica*. An adventurer, filmmaker, and writer, his dream was to journey down all the great western rivers of North America.
- **Lloyd Spetzman Collection**, ca. 1946-1968. 1200 images (slides, prints). U.S. Geological Survey botanist, documented trips to the Arctic Slope, McKinley, northern interior villages. Includes images of Arctic Slope vegetation with common and scientific identifications. Includes diary titled, *Cook’s Log, Sagavanirktuk River Party, Alaska*, 1946. Author of *Vegetation of the Arctic Slope of Alaska*, Geological Survey Professional Paper 302-B, 1959.

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Just Processed:

- **[Diary of a Trip to Point Barrow], 1936** by Barbara L. Winn. Diary and scrapbook of trip on the *North Star* from Juneau to Point Barrow in August and September 1936 with her friend, Louise Jeschien [or Jeschion]. Includes village descriptions of: Hoonah, Yakutat, Cordova, Tatlikelek [Tatitlek], Valdez, Chanega [Chenega], Seward, Sand Point, Elim, Nome, Teller, Cape Prince of Wales, Kotzebue, Kivalina, Wainwright, Barrow, Golovin, St. Michael, Unalakleet, Shaktolik [Shaktoolik], Point Lay, Point Hope, Cape Thompson, and Eklutna. She escorted students from Eklutna Industrial School on the trip back to Anchorage to pay her fare. MS 4-32-5.
- **Helen Troy Bender Monsen Collection**, ca. (bulk) 1920-1939. 3 linear ft. Personal, political, and business correspondence, clippings, articles, Christmas cards, business cards, memorabilia, and other publications created or collected by Helen Troy Monsen, her father, John Weir Troy, her step-mother Ethel Crocker Forgy Troy, or other family members between the years 1918-1954 and primarily between 1920-1939. Items of special interest include information about Ethel Troy at the Democratic National Conventions in San Francisco in 1920 and 1924; letters of recommendation regarding John Troy's appointment as governor of the Territory of Alaska in 1933; a collection of invitations and tickets to Franklin D. Roosevelt's inauguration in 1933; autographed photo of Alaskan actor, Ray Mala. The collection also reflects her work as journalist for the *Daily Alaska Empire* and her interest in writing stage plays. MS 206.

University of Alaska Anchorage

Recently processed:

- **Alan G. May Papers**, 1902-1990. 10.6 cu. ft. May (1895-1993) was an amateur archaeologist who traveled extensively. He participated in the Smithsonian Institution's Archaeological Expeditions to the Aleutian Islands (1936-1938) that were led by Dr. Ales Hrdlicka. The collection consists primarily of papers concerning Alan May's archaeological activities and travels.
- **Judith and Malcolm McDonald Papers**, 1960-1997. 1.5 cu. ft. The McDonalds were both schoolteachers in Anchorage in the early 1960s. The collection, which consists of the Alaska-related papers of Judith and Malcolm McDonald, is arranged into four series: papers, photographs and slides, motion picture film, and artifacts.
- **Social Transitions in The North: Project Administrative Records**, 1989-2004. 9 cu. ft. Social Transitions in the North (STN) was a project funded by the National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs, and sponsored by the Social Research Institute in Anchorage. The purpose of the project was to investigate sociological questions relating to demographic, epidemiologic, and domestic transition in a sample of Alaskan and Russian Far Eastern communities. Results of the investigation were to form a basis for international collaboration in areas of native health and rapid social change. The collection consists of the unrestricted administrative records of the project.
- **William Asberry (Berry) Gilcrease Color Travel Slides**, 1966. 0.2 cu. ft. William Asberry (1893-1995) visited Alaska and Western

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Canada in the summer of 1966. The collection consists of his personal travel slides.

- **Fred Odlin Letters**, 1934-1937. 0.1 cu. ft. Fred Odlin served on the Alaska Steamship Company's *Curacao* in the mid-1930s. He dealt with freight and steerage passengers headed for work in Alaska canneries. He also sold goods such as candy, newspapers, tobacco, and magazines at ports of call. This collection consists of letters written by Fred Odlin to his family in Seattle.
- **Gordon R. Sterud World War II Photograph Album**, 1941-1942. 0.2 cu. ft. Gordon R. Sterud's (1914-1989) unit, Company E, 1st Battalion, 201st Infantry Regiment, arrived in Seward and then Kodiak in November 1941, serving at Fort Greely through July 1942. The collection consists of Sterud's World War II era photograph album. Subjects of the photographs include: fellow soldiers; training at Camp Roberts, California; Fort Lawton, Washington; transport aboard the S.S. *Chirikof* from Seattle to Seward; the city of Kodiak; a field training exercise at Buskin Lake on Kodiak in the spring of 1942; Fort Greely; and troop competitions and ceremonies for the Kodiak Olympics in July 1942.
- **United States Ship Swallow: Ship's Operating Records**, 1931, 1935-1936. 0.1 cu. ft. The U. S. S. *Swallow* was a Navy minesweeper stationed at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. In the spring of 1934, the Navy dispatched the ship, along with five other minesweepers, to begin an extensive charting expedition in the Aleutian Islands. On February 19, 1938, the ship was stranded on the rocks of Kanaga Island while entering Kanaga Harbor, becoming a total loss. The collection consists of routine ship's operating records for the U. S. S.

Swallow, salvaged from the ship at Kanaga Island.

University of Alaska Fairbanks Alaska and Polar Regions Dept.

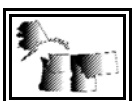
New Exhibit Features Classes

"Treasured Memories" is an exhibit featuring images and objects from the classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1994, & 1999. Curated by Archivist Anne L. Foster, the display features commencement programs from each of the highlighted classes. The exhibit is located on the second floor of the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library and is open during regular library hours through mid-October 2004.

Collection Openings

- **Early Day Alaskans Project Collection**, ca. 1970s. 0.06 cu. ft. The collection consists of synopses of interviews with pioneers from Alaska and the Yukon Territory, photographs of pioneers, and summaries of events, with associated photographs, at several historic Alaskan locations. Most of the interviews were conducted by Kathleen "Mike" Dalton for the Tanana-Yukon Historical Society.
- **Engineer, Alaska Account Ledger**, 1909-1911. 0.05 cu. ft. The ledger contains three sets of accounts. The first consists of accounts with businesses in Fairbanks, Chena, and Fox, Alaska, for merchandise purchases, and accounts with a number of individuals for labor and trips to town. The second set consists of accounts with individual employees of the Union Mining Company of Engineer, Alaska, which worked a claim at 17 [Below?] Goldstream. The third set of accounts documents the

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amounts of berries commercially picked in Washington state, date unknown.

- **R. C. Force Papers**, 1900-1910. 1.5 cu. ft. Consist of four diaries, a memoir, and a photograph album written and compiled by Raymond C. Force. The diaries chronicle Force's leisure activities in Washington state, his voyage from Seattle to St. Michael, and his life in Healy, where he was an employee of the North American Transportation and Trading Company. Force's memoir chronicles his life from his birth in 1880 to ca. 1941. The photograph album contains photos probably taken in Washington; photos taken at stops during the voyage north; images of Healy/St. Michael, the Yukon River, Eagle, Fairbanks, Cleary City, and Chena, Alaska; and a number of photos of life in California. The most striking images in the album are a series of very early panoramic photographs of Fairbanks and Cleary City taken by Lorenzo E. Robertson in 1904 and 1905.
- **Polar Libraries Colloquy Collection [addition]**, 1975-1984. 0.5 cu. ft. Includes audio tapes of proceedings, correspondence, lists of participants, and group photos for the fifth conference in Rovaniemi, Finland; the sixth conference held in Fairbanks, Alaska; and other materials generated during the course of the bi-annual conference.
- **Candace Waugaman Lantern Slide Collection**, 1896-1923. 1.75 cu. ft. Consists of 251 glass lantern slides depicting primarily scenes of Alaska and the Yukon, and digital print copies of the images. It includes images of Chilkoot Pass and the Chilkoot Trail, placer and hydraulic mining operations, the fishing industry, the reindeer industry, Alaskan railroads, a number of Alaskan settlements, Alaska Natives,

and scenery.

- **Mary E. Whalen Photograph Collection [addition]**, 1906-1910. 1 cu. ft. Consists of 32 glass plate positives, 1 film negative, and 33 prints made from glass plates and film. The images are primarily of Valdez, Alaska, and the surrounding region, including Cordova and Copper Center, Alaska. Photographers represented include P. S. Hunt, Guy F. Cameron, Louis C. Larson, and John E. Thwaites.
- **Frederick Wiswell Photograph Collection**, 1943-1945. 0.65 cu. ft. Consists of an album of 186 photographs taken by Frederick Wiswell while he was stationed in Alaska for military service in the years 1943-1945. The collection includes images of Bethel, McGrath, Sitka, and Wasilla, Alaska, and vicinity. Some of the photos have been identified based on brief notes left by Mr. Wiswell.
- **Additions to the records of the University of Alaska Fairbanks:**
 - Chancellor's Office, 1997-2002. 6 cu. ft. Portions restricted.
 - Governance Office, 2001-2003. 1.75 cu. ft.
 - Organizations and Clubs—United World Federalists of the University of Alaska, 1960. 0.1 cu. ft.
 - Summer Fine Arts Camp, 1887-1998. 0.1 cu. ft.



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IDAHO DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE MONTH PRESENTATIONS

Governor Dirk Kempthorne has declared this October as Documentary Heritage Month in Idaho. A photo of the proclamation is at: <http://www.idahohistory.net/shrab.html>

Idaho joins a number of states that celebrate the importance of historical records and those who care for them during October. Celebrations in the past have taken place during the month of October in Arizona, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Alberta, Canada.

A series of public presentations by the State Archivist to help the citizens of Idaho become more aware of the importance of historical documentation and steps they can take to pass our heritage on to future generations are planned for the month of October. An example of the State Archivist's presentation can be found at: <http://www.idahohistory.net/futurerecordaccess.pdf>

Also available for any citizen of Idaho during this month is a web-based training on "Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity." For more information see http://www.idahohistory.net/disaster_recovery_training.pdf

For a listing of upcoming presentations by Idaho State Archivist, Steve Walker, see <http://www.idahohistory.net/documentaryheritagemonthlist.pdf>

The full text of the Idaho Proclamation Follows:

DOCUMENTARY HERITAGE MONTH, OCTOBER 2004

WHEREAS, the historical records of the State of Idaho are crucial to the way we understand our past and plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and availability of these records in all formats have been professionally administered by dedicated, yet often unheralded, archivists, clerks, curators, librarians and records managers with the assistance of numerous volunteers; and

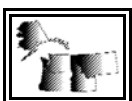
WHEREAS, the work of these people and importance of historical records programs seldom receive the recognition they deserve, and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the period October 1-31, 2004 to be Documentary Heritage Month throughout the State of Idaho, and I urge my fellow citizens to participate in the special activities and learn more about the importance of archives and historical records in our state.

Idaho State Historical Society Library and Archive (Boise)

New Home for the Library and Archives

On Aug. 17, 2004, the Idaho State Historical Society held a unique groundbreaking ceremony for the new Idaho History Center. Using an historic detonation device, plumes of red, white, and blue soared into the sky, followed by fireworks. In the planning stages for eight years, the IHC will be attached to the Merle W. Wells Archives building (completed in 1998) and will include an enlarged and up-to-date reading room; offices for Library and Archives staff; special collection areas such as map and rare book rooms; classroom and several



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smaller meeting rooms; conservation lab; micro-filming room; and administrative suite for ISHS Executive Director Steve Guerber and his staff.

“This is truly an historic day for Idaho. This new center will expand the opportunity for Idahoans to better connect with their past through a much larger and consolidated library and research facility,” said Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, who helped set off the detonation to herald the start of construction of the \$4.5 million facility. Construction for the IHC began on September 7th and is anticipated to take one year for completion.

Staff News. Congratulations to Dylan McDonald, NWA member (formerly) from Idaho, on passing the certified archivist examination administered by the ACA in August. Dylan recently completed a one-year stint with the Library and Archives as archivist for a National Park Services “Saving Amer-

ica’s Treasures” grant to process a large collection of maps and drawings pertaining to the Carey Act in Idaho. (More on that project in an upcoming issue of *Easy Access*.) Dylan and wife Karen have just moved to the Sacramento area, where he accepted a position as archivist with the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center.

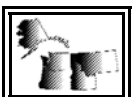
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(above) Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, L&A Administrator Linda Morton-Keithley, and ISHS Board President Max Pavesic set off dynamite charge sending red, white, and blue plumes into the air.



(left) ISHS Board President Max Pavesic, L&A Administrator Linda Morton-Keithley, Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, and ISHS Executive Director Steve Guerber at ground-breaking for new Idaho History Center.



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University of Idaho (Moscow)

New Digital Memories Installment

Special Collections and Archives at the University of Idaho Library announces a new installment in its series of "Digital Memories." Digital Memories focuses on historic artifacts, documents, photographs, and books from the holdings of Special Collections and Archives. This is a changing showcase of highlights from the collections.

In this issue, an illustrated Northern Pacific Railroad publicity brochure praises the climate and educational opportunities at the University of Idaho's summer school in 1928.

The Special Collections Department of the University of Idaho Library includes those materials that, because of subject coverage, rarity, source, condition, or form, are best handled separately from the General Collection. The several "collections" housed in this department include the Day-Northwest Collection of Western Americana, Rare Books, Idaho Documents, Sir Walter Scott Collection, Ezra Pound Collection, Caxton Collection, University of Idaho Theses, Historical Maps, Historical Photograph Collection, and Personal Papers and University Archives.

"Digital Memories" can be accessed on the web at <<http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/special-collections/>>. Previous editions include Senator Borah's bid for the presidency, Sir Walter Scott's *Heart of the Midlothian*, and Idaho's non-laureate Poet. Also at this site is information about Special Collections and its holdings, archival and manuscript descriptions and inventories, and a link to a massive geographical guide to repositories of primary source materials. The latter now contains more than 5,500 entries from around the world.

Oregon Historical Society Research Library (Portland)

Permanent and Traveling Exhibit Openings

Oregon My Oregon, the Historical Society's major permanent multi-media exhibition that opened in July, draws heavily upon the resources of the Research Library, as well as material culture objects from the Museum collections. The most spectacular use of Research Library materials is a massive reproduction of an 1852 Overland Trail map that serves as the "road" for a full-sized covered wagon in the "Lure of the West" section. The opening featured special member events, including a rustic themed gala on July 9 and Trail Breakfast preceding the public ribbon cutting on July 10. The Historical Society exhibits are open to the public 10 am to 5 pm Tuesdays-Saturdays and noon to 5 pm Sundays. Guided tours of *Oregon My Oregon* area available Wednesday through Friday at 10:30 am and noon and Saturday at 11 am and 2 pm.

As the Historical Society awaits the arrival of *Lewis & Clark: The National Bicentennial Exhibition* in November 2005, related exhibits are opening this fall featuring in-depth exploration of topics related to the historic expedition. *Discovering the Rivers of Lewis and Clark* (Sept. 16-Nov. 14) examines the water route of Lewis and Clark, how people altered the rivers they traveled, and the rivers' status today. The exhibit, produced by American Rivers, includes historic paintings, photographs, maps and graphs, as well as a keelboat reproduction, video shorts and touch screen computers with interactive content.

Charles Fritz: An Artist with the Corps of Discovery (Oct. 7, 2004-Jan. 9, 2005) includes 62 original paintings by the Billings, Montana, artist and commentary by the late historian, Stephen Ambrose.

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Fritz thoroughly researched the expedition journals and traveled the route extensively to create the series of paintings. The exhibit was organized and made its debut at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, University of Montana, Missoula.

Maritime Digital Images Available

More than 7,000 images of ships, steamboats, lightships, other types of vessels, and shipbuilding may now be viewed in the Research Library's online catalog. The image information is keyword searchable for vessel names and other information. The digital images were scanned from originals in the library's photograph subject files as part of the institution's Technology Initiative Project.

Archives Week Celebration

The Oregon Historical Society Research Library will celebrate Archives Week with a public open house that will feature advice on identifying and preserving archival treasures and introductory tours of the library Oct. 12 and 13. The public is invited to bring their paper-based materials from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days for advice on identification and preservation. Samples of many kinds of archival storage materials will be displayed, and a variety of handouts and catalogs of archival supplies will be available for those seeking information on preservation of their personal, family, organizational, or business archives. Library tours will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon.

Lewis and Clark Section Added to Oregon History Project

Lewis and Clark: From Expedition to Exposition is the newest addition to the Oregon History Project, the Historical Society's online education resource at www.ohs.org/education/oregonhistory/. The electronic publication includes historical narratives and digitized documents from the Research Library. Written collaboratively by Expedition histo-

rian, William Lang, and Exposition scholar, Carl Abbott, the piece brings together the events of the Corps of Discovery and the 1905 Portland Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Exposition.

Recently Opened and Re-opened Collections

The following collections were newly processed or re-engineered as part of the Northwest Archival Processing Initiative, funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Collection guides were EAD encoded as part of the Northwest Digital Archives, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities:

- **Bud Morriss Photographs Collection** (Org. Lot 90), 1902-1964 (bulk 1908-1934). 4 linear ft. Aviator P.G.B. (Bud) Morriss collected images of the early years of aviation in the United States, as well as aviation highlights from elsewhere, including France, Mexico, Canada, Australia and Great Britain. The collection emphasizes the accomplishments and personalities of pre-World War I civilian aviation, with members of the Early Birds of Aviation and the Ninety-Nines well represented. The collection includes 898 black-and-white photographic prints, 197 lantern slides, approximately 200 nitrate negatives, and a small quantity of related papers.
- **Charles Lindbergh Photographs Collection** (Org. Lot 743), 1927-1977 (bulk 1927-1933). 0.5 linear ft. More than half of the 86 black-and-white images document Charles Lindbergh's 1927 visit to Portland, Or., on the Guggenheim tour. The remainder of the collection consists of images related to Lindbergh's later life as a political and conservation activist and airplane pioneer. Both amateur snapshots and newspaper photographs are represented.
- **Tom Humphrey Photographs Collection**

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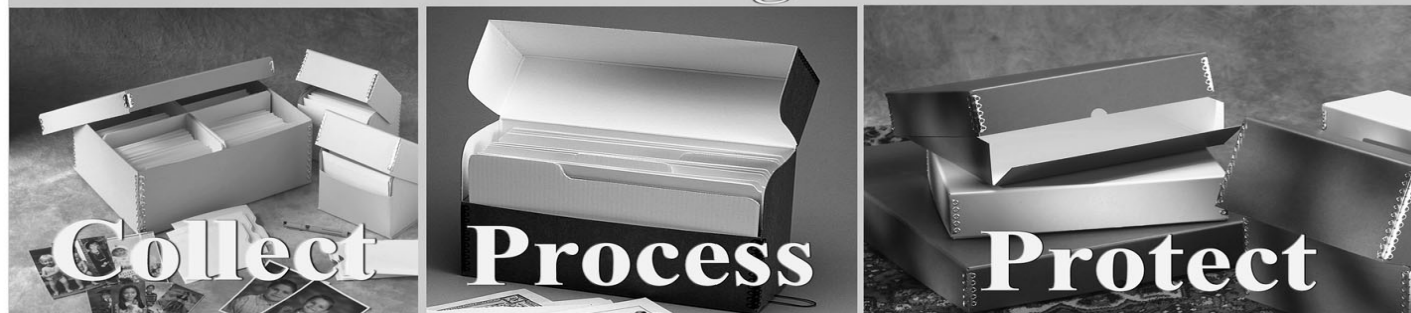
(Coll. 19), 1908-1946; bulk 1941-1945. 1.5 linear ft. The two series of photographs that make up this collection were assembled by Tom Humphrey in the course of his journalistic and public relations work. He worked for several newspapers, including the *Oregon Journal*. During World War II, he served on the President's Committee for Congested Production Areas monitoring war production, and after the war, he worked for the Aircraft Industries Association of America before returning to journalism. The larger series is aviation-related, emphasizing the airplanes of World War II. The other series is related to the shipyards of the Vancouver-Portland area, again during World War II.

- **Marie Holst Pottsmith Photographs** (Org. Lot 460), 1908-ca. 1956 (bulk 1908-1919). Marie Holst Pottsmith made this collection of 117 glass plate negatives, about half of them during the eight months of 1908 that she taught in the remote Finnish community of Hamlet, Or. The images provide good documentation of the people and community life in Hamlet, as well as her studies at the University of Oregon, teaching at Fisher, Wash., and her early married life as a Presbyterian minister's wife in Washington and Oregon. The collection also includes prints made at the Oregon Historical Society Research Library from the original negatives.

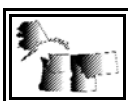
- **Mount St. Helens Eruption Moving Im-**

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age Collection (Mic 1), March-May 1980. 18 videocassettes. Copies of field tapes and studio reporting from KATU television (Portland, Or.) of the series of eruptions at Mount Saint Helens in Washington which began in March and culminated in the eruption of May 18, 1980. The field coverage is unedited and without narration. Aerial views of the mountain and interviews with local residents and government scientists predominate.

Oregon State University Archives (Corvallis)

Staff News

University Archivist Larry Landis has been appointed to the Oregon State Historical Records Advisory Board.

The OSU Archives welcomes to the staff Erika Castaño, who recently graduated with her MLS from the University of Arizona. While at UA, Erika was a Morris K. Udall Foundation Scholar in Special Collections, where she worked extensively with the papers of Stewart L. and Morris K. Udall and co-curated a national traveling exhibit, "The Brothers Udall: Voices for the Environment." Erika is a native of Tucson, where she studied Spanish at the University of Arizona. Beginning her new life as a Beaver this past July, Erika is working on a variety of archival projects for the University Archives and creating digital content for Special Collections.

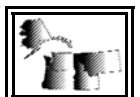
Recent accessions:

- **Richard W. Gilkey Photograph Collection** (P 252), 1948-1951. 0.25 cubic foot, 600 images. Photographs made by alumnus Richard Gilkey as a student were featured in a variety of publications, including the *Oregon Stater*, *Daily Ba-*

rometer, *College of Engineering Record*, and the *Beaver Yearbook*. The images include posed shots of students and various campus activities such as athletic games, dances, a Christmas party at the Memorial Union, commencement ceremonies, homecoming events, students touring the "Freedom Train," a KOAC radio broadcast, and canoeing in the Mary's River. Graduating from Oregon State with a degree in education in 1951, Gilkey worked as a photographer for the Alumni Association magazine, *Oregon Stater*, from 1949 to 1951.

- **Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Records and Photographs** (RG 058 and P 253), 1974-2002. 4.5 cu. ft. Photographs and records from the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program, including newsletters, freshman orientation manuals, and 8 scrapbooks assembled by NROTC students and staff. Primarily made up of newspaper clippings and photographs, the scrapbooks also contain event programs and publications. The images, in addition to portrait shots of student cadets and faculty/staff, depict ROTC physical training exercises, service reviews and inspections, commission ceremonies, dances and "mess nights," athletics, and parades.
- **Clara A. Storvick Papers**, 1939-2001. 0.52 cu. ft. Materials generated by Professor Clara A. Storvick, including article reprints, a book, conference papers, a bibliography of vitamin B6 research articles, membership directories, photographs, research notes, and two copies of Storvick's doctoral thesis. The book and articles feature research by Storvick. Photographs are subjects used in Storvick's doctoral work, as well as that of a colleague in a laboratory. Born in Minnesota in 1906, Clara Storvick came to Oregon State in 1945 as Associate Professor of Foods and Nutrition in the College of Home Economics. Specializing in the study of the ef-

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fects of vitamin B6, Storvick served as Director of the Nutrition Research Institute from 1965 until her retirement in 1972. Storvick died in May 2004.

- **Greek Life Office** (RG 223), 1960-2003. 2.6 cu. ft. Materials generated and collected by the Office of Greek Life, including annual chapter review forms, class materials, constitutions and bylaws, correspondence, manuals, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, publications, statistical information, and a survey of general student attitudes toward fraternity membership and living. Documenting the administration and oversight of OSU's Greek community, these records address a variety of subjects, including: the impact of Title IX, pledge education efforts, leadership class for living groups presidents, national Panhellenic conference participation, minority involvement in the Greek system, and accounting of sorority expenses. Records of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils and their interaction with the Greek Life Office are represented.
- **Office of Student Affairs Photographs** (P 182), 1976-1982. 0.05 cu. ft. A slide presentation organized by Marilyn Johnston and the Handicapped Students Unlimited of OSU, "Trauma or Transition: the Handicapped and the OSU Community." Used by the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, the slides depict students with disabilities navigating throughout campus, using indoor facilities of various types, and involved in meetings. In addition to the slide presentation, there are also other images of students in wheelchairs in campus buildings and the measures implemented to assist them in elevators and restrooms.

OREGON ARCHIVES WEEK EVENTS NEAR

Oregon is celebrating its inaugural Archives Week this Oct. 9 -16. A planning committee has been busy working on a kick-off event to bring archivists together for networking opportunities and to begin planning for next year's celebration.

A variety of institutions are participating primarily through open houses. There is a calendar of events, which is hosted by Northwest Archivists, Inc., and contains activities for the 5 state-region (Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Alaska). You may find the calendar at: <http://my.calendars.net/pnwarchivists>.

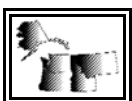
Additional information about Oregon's celebration including posters and Governor Kulongoski's proclamation can be found at: <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/sparc/oaw/>

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University of Washington (Seattle)

Staff News After a long career in the UW Libraries, Karyl Winn is retiring on October 1. She will return to her Political Papers position part-time through the end of 2004, however, to complete or stabilize Congressional Papers projects underway. These include the Mike Lowry and the Miles Poindexter Papers.

As a founding member of NWA, Karyl has enjoyed seeing the organization flourish in recent years. She would like to stay in touch with fellow members and invites you to contact her after January 1 via her home e-mail, karyl15@comcast.net.



NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST . . . *Washington*

Recently processed collections:

➤ **Robert B. Heilman Papers** (RG 19.13.1000), 1907-2001. 18.75 cu. ft. Heilman was chair of the UW English department 1948-1971, and retired as professor emeritus in 1976. The majority of the papers consist of his correspondence (1934-2001) to and from numerous writers, editors, and administrators of other English departments, as well as Heilman's friends and colleagues. An EAD finding aid is posted on the Special Collections website at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/specialcoll/findaids/>

➤ **Zygmunt William Birnbaum Papers** (RG 19.14.5266), 1920-2000. 6.9 cu. ft. Professor of mathematics and statistics at the University of Washington (1939-1974). Major topics documented in his papers include his efforts to assist his family and colleagues with immigration from Nazi Occupied Poland, and his involvement with the Loyalty Oath suit filed against the University in 1964. An exhibit of translated correspondence is online at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/specialcoll/uarchives/artifacts/birnbaum.html>.

➤ **UW. Administrative Procedures Office Records** (RG 16.14.00), 1968-2003. 18 cu. ft. The bulk of the collection is made up of files relating to revisions of the UW Operations Manual, and publications that were part of the Reference Station System. Amendments to Title 478 of the Washington Administrative Code make up another series.

➤ **UW. School of Music Records** (RG 19.15.00), 1912-1977. 36 boxes. Correspondence, administrative records, and an extensive run of concert programs. Major topics include the Moldenhauer Archive, development of the African American Jazz program, Musician's Local 76, and the residency of the Philadelphia String Quartet.

Seattle Municipal Archives

Staff News Seth Dalby, a student from the University of British Columbia Archives Program, worked

with Archives staff as an intern this summer. In addition to participating in all facets of work in the Archives, including reference and field work, Seth processed the papers of City Council member Judy Nicastro.

University of Washington Information School graduate Shannon Lynch joined the Archives in April this year as part of the Northwest Digital Archives project. She is assisting with all aspects of the project, including encoding approximately 100 finding aids.

Recently processed records include:

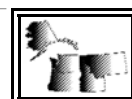
➤ **Fire Station Records 2801-05 6 cu. ft.**

This record series contains information about the physical structures and maintenance of the Seattle Fire Department station houses. Included are correspondence, memoranda, maintenance requests, architectural drawings, and photographs. Although the series deals primarily with the maintenance of the station houses, the records also contain some correspondence related to personnel or community relations issues. Planning for new station houses is included for some stations. Correspondence ranges from issues such as fire horse manure piles to broken windows. A large body of correspondence relates to leaking roofs, living quarters furnishings, and furnaces. Thefts and personnel issues constitute a smaller portion of correspondence. The files are organized by station house number as designated by the Fire Department.

➤ **Judy Nicastro Subject Files, 4661-02. 17 cu. ft.**

The records document Nicastro's term, 2000-2003, on City Council and her committee work with landlord/tenant issues, urban design and land use issues, and quasi-judicial land use issues. Nicastro's interactions with other City departments and King County agencies is also reflected in these records.

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cide with the annual meeting, but may have some educational opportunities ready for the Butte meeting. Looking at a variety of possible funding sources.

The committee would like to create an “experts” list to be used by archivists and other organizations. Perhaps a form to be filled out by people interested in being on the list for various levels of consultation. Questions regarding the list: would this also serve as a list of consultants or would it be “for free” only? Could be both. Need to include some criteria for including paid consultants on the list.

Reports from NFACE and A*Census are anticipated to address the list of needs our region has. There’s a possibility for traveling workshops in conjunction with the 4-state traveling archivist grant.

Discussion regarding the 1 year chair appointment; agreed that 2 year appointment made most sense.

8. Education Committee should have a role in the Program Committee. Add to the draft Education policy and the standing Program Committee description defining the relationship between the two.
8. Advocacy (Allison-Bunnell) – Joined SAA in making a statement on the Weinstein nomination. Allison-Bunnell sought the board’s input on a statement about the funding level for the NHPRC. A letter will be drafted and sent to the board.
9. Other business:
 - a. NWA brochure – we don’t have a brochure; Schmuland will work on a draft. Allison-Bunnell was also working on a version and will send it to Schmuland. Decided to create a generic brochure directed primarily towards potential members. A motion was made and approved

to fund \$800.00 for the brochure.

- b. Calendar (Baxter) – Not many responses from state’s constituents. Baxter will put information on the calendar.
- c. Directory – Linda Long will forward the contract.

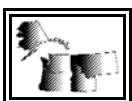
Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Catholic Native American Records Information Sought

With a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI) is preparing to survey institutions that hold Catholic-related records about Native Americans. Focusing on institutions in 14 Western states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming), the survey seeks to identify, describe, and where appropriate, aid in the preservation of Catholic Church-related records about native peoples. The project will culminate in presentation of an online Far West guide featuring institutional entries in portable document format (PDF). In addition to describing holdings of each institution, the entries will include access notes and brief chronologies to illuminate the content of the records.

In early November 2004, project staff will distribute questionnaires via U.S. Mail to all institutions thought to hold targeted records, including Catholic dioceses, archives, parishes, schools, and religious orders; university museums and archives; state and regional museums and archives; local and regional historical societies; and tribal libraries, museums, and archives. Institutions may choose to respond by mail or electronically about their related collections. Institutions that do not receive a survey by the end of November and have targeted records are asked to contact Project Director Mark Thiel (Mark.Thiel@marquette.edu).

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ECURE Conference Wants Proposals

Conference co-chairs are soliciting proposals for sessions, individual presentations and poster sessions at ECURE 2005: Preservation and Access for Electronic College and University Records. ECURE 2005 will be held in the Phoenix metropolitan area in March. Conference papers and materials will be posted to the ECURE Web site, www.asu.edu/ecure, shortly after the conference.

Conference themes include:

- Identifying and managing electronic records
- Metadata and cataloging
- Electronic records issues in designing and implementing portals
- FERPA and privacy issues
- E-mail and original digital records
- Training, education, and user awareness
- Electronic records and distance education
- Search and retrieval of electronic records
- Migration of traditional records to electronic formats
- Managing electronic research data
- Web-based electronic records
- Security of electronic records

ECURE strives to attract proposals that focus upon case studies and presentations of practical solutions to electronic records problems in higher education. A goal of the ECURE conference is to share examples of practical solutions, model policies and procedures, and application development projects in progress. These elements will be emphasized in the evaluation and selection process.

Proposals will be accepted until Nov. 1, 2004. Selected presenters will be notified by Dec. 1, 2004. Presenters will receive admission to the conference. For more information, view the ECURE site at www.asu.edu/ecure or contact rob.spindler@asu.edu or jeremy.rowe@asu.edu.

Pacific Northwest Historians Guild Call For Presentations

Trails, Treaties, and Transitions in the Pacific Northwest: Time for Reconsiderations
20th Annual Conference, Seattle, March 5, 2005

The goal of the Guild is to encourage a diverse group of presentations exploring the history leading up to the treaties as well as the expected and unexpected consequences and repercussions of trail and treaty events up to the present day commemorations.

The Guild encourages the work of independent historians as well as historians affiliated with universities. Presentation topics can include environmental and economic studies of the area, exploration of little known figures in our trail and treaty histories, reconsideration of pivotal events and people, discussion of life ways at the time, and political analysis as well as a focus on new questions. We especially encourage panels or presentations that include representatives from the tribes. Presentations in film, poetry or other media are also encouraged.

Please submit proposals to the Guild for review by the Conference Program Committee by **October 30, 2004**. Proposals should include a title and a 150 to 200 word description. Presentations that include hand-outs for classroom teachers are particularly appreciated. For more information, check the guild website at www.pnwhistorians.org or contact Maria Pascualy at maria2@wshs.wa.gov. The mailing address is PNW Historians Guild, P.O. Box 85457 University Station, Seattle, WA 98145.



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The updated 2003 version of the Midwest guide to Catholic Native American records and further information on the project to document Catholic Native American records in the West is available at <http://www.marquette.edu/library/collections/archives/teaching.html>.

Oral History Program at OHS is Suspended

The Oregon Historical Society announced on July 21, 2004 the suspension of its oral history program, effective August 8, 2004. The oral history program, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2001, is known and respected both regionally and nationally, and has conducted more than 2,100 interviews.

The suspension of the program is the direct result of the dramatic and sudden loss of state and county funding, which has also caused cuts in several other areas of the Society's operations. The Society remains committed to cataloging, maintaining and servicing the existing oral history interviews in its Research Library. The Research Library will also continue to accept and catalog donations of recorded interviews. The suspension is in no way a statement about the importance of oral history or the quality of the work that has been done, and the Society will plan for the program's continuation in future budgets.

The Oregon Historical Society's oral history collections, totaling thousands of hours, have played a major role in documenting many aspects of recent Oregon history, and have been cited in hundreds of articles, books, documentaries, radio broadcasts, and web documents. The Society is aware that oral history is a vital aspect of modern historical methodology, and it deeply regrets the circumstances that have made this action necessary.

Questions about the program should be directed to Ken DuBois, Public Information Officer, Oregon Historical Society, at 503-306-5221 or kend@ohs.org.

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The **Maps Index and Database** now contains over 1,000 maps and over half of the records contain digital reference copies. Topics include south Lake Union Planning, transportation, parks, zoning, and urban design. The Map Index was featured in a talk Anne Frantilla gave to the Western Association of Map Librarians in September.

Archivist's Calendar

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| Oct. 8, 2004 | SAA program proposal deadline |
| Nov. 10-13, 2004 | Assoc. of Moving Image Archivists Conference, Minneapolis, MN |
| Nov. 22, 2004 | <i>Easy Access</i> deadline for submissions |
| January 6-9, 2005 | American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA |
| March 5, 2005 | Pacific NW Historians Guild Conference
Seattle, WA |
| April 14-16, 2005 | Joint Meeting, Northwest Archivists,
Conference of Intermountain Archivists,
Society of California Archivists,
and the Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists,
Las Vegas, NV |
| April 28-30, 2005 | Northwest Oral History Association, Annual Meeting, Boise, ID |
| May 26-28, 2005 | Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA |
| August 15-21, 2005 | SAA Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA |

Visit the new Northwest Archivists online calendar for more events: <http://my.calendars.net/pnwarchivists>



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Brian Johnson, chair of the Awards Committee has suggested that we change the scholarship deadline to March in an effort to recruit additional applicants. We also offered the membership an opportunity to donate to the fund. Through your generosity we raised an additional \$160 for scholarships this year. I extend my thanks to all of you who donated.

Jodi Allison-Bunnell, chair of the Nominations Committee has been tasked with re-evaluating our nominations and elections procedures with the goal of increasing participation in elections. Jodi also chairs the newly formed Advocacy Committee. John Bolcer, chair of the Publications Committee, is responsible for the Herculean task of producing EASY ACCESS quarterly and for maintaining our website. Scott Cline chairs our By-Laws committee and updates the NWA procedures manual found on that site. I would also like to thank Diana Shenk, Membership Coordinator, for her extraordinary work in this newly created position. Diana has updated the membership list, created a list of volunteers for various committees, developed policy for vendors requesting our membership list, and has streamlined the membership renewal process. The organization is more professional for her efforts. She will also assist with the next version of the membership directory which we hope to release during the next year.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Diana Banning, Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. Diana's job is probably the most difficult on the NWA board and requires a great deal of time and effort. We plan to offer an amendment to the by-laws which will split the responsibilities of this position at the next business meeting and will hopefully lessen the demands of this role.

And finally, I would like to thank Linda Long for her work on the Directory Project which will help us better connect to each other, and to Jodie Foley for her work on the SAA A*Census. Of the

NWA's 166 members who received the A*Census Survey, 133 responded. NWA was way above the national curve (the median was just below 50%). I would like to thank Jodie, the state representatives, and the membership for helping to ensure that NWA was heard.

I am sure that these names are familiar to you. It is often the same individuals who are active in many roles in a given profession. I know that each member of NWA appreciates all of these efforts on your behalf. However, NWA can only exist with an active and growing membership. I ask that each of you reflect on the meaning of your relationship with NWA. I encourage each of you to express your vision for the future of this organization and to get involved in the process of making that vision a reality. Our membership has reduced to 162 members. I want to see our ranks swell to 200 by 2006.

So please, get involved! Encourage others in your community to join NWA, volunteer to work on a committee, run for office, and vote in NWA elections. If everyone participates in some way, we will all be the beneficiaries.

—Elizabeth Joffrion, NWA President

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State Archives, Seattle Municipal Archives, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies (Western Washington University), Pacific Lutheran University, Whitworth College, University Montana, Montana Historical Society, University of Idaho, Oregon Historical Society, University of Oregon, and Oregon State University.

Please direct any questions regarding the Northwest Digital Archives to:

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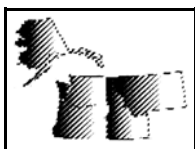
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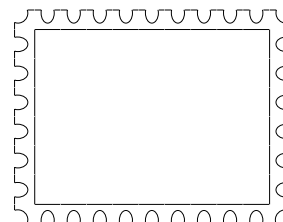
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