

President's Office Motion Picture Film and Videotapes, 1961-1996

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Oregon State University. Office of the President.
Title	President's Office Motion Picture Film and Videotapes
Dates	1961-1996 (inclusive) 1961 1996 1984-1996 (bulk) 1984 1996
Quantity	0.4 cubic foot, including 1 film and 7 videotapes, (3 boxes)
Collection Number	FV P 092
Summary	The President's Office Motion Picture Film and Videotapes consist of recordings of special events and speeches at Oregon State University (OSU) including the retirements of OSU Presidents Robert W. MacVicar in 1984 and John V. Byrne in 1996 and statements by Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield and President A.L. Strand at the signing of the 1961 bill to re-name Oregon State College to Oregon State University.
Repository	Oregon State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives Research Center Special Collections and Archives Research Center 121 The Valley Library Oregon State University Corvallis OR 97331-4501 Telephone: 541-737-2075 Fax: 541-737-8674 scarc@oregonstate.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open for research.
Languages	English

Historical Note

On March 6, 1961, Governor Mark Hatfield signed into law the legislative act which changed the name of the institution from Oregon State College to Oregon State University. A.L. Strand served as president of Oregon State from 1942 until his retirement in 1961.

Robert W. MacVicar came to Oregon State University in 1970 and served as the University President from then until his retirement in 1984. He was followed as President by John V. Byrne who served for 11 years until the end of 1995. Byrne's OSU career began in 1960 as faculty member in the Oceanography Department. He became the first Dean of the School of Oceanography in 1972 and subsequently served as Dean of Research, Acting Dean of the Graduate School, and Vice President for

Research and Graduate Studies between 1976 and 1981. He left OSU in 1981 to head the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a position he held until he returned to OSU in 1984.

Content Description

The President's Office Motion Picture Film and Videotapes consist of recordings of special events and speeches at Oregon State University. The collection includes 7 videotapes (2 VHS and 5 3/4" Umatic) and one motion picture film (16 mm).

The motion picture was filmed on March 6, 1961 at the signing by Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield of the legislative bill that changed the name of Oregon State from "College" to "University" [FV P092:4]. The b/w film (about 4 minutes with sound) includes statements by Hatfield and OSU President A.L. Strand. The footage also includes a statement by Strand on OSU's continuing role as the "agricultural" college of Oregon. A VHS use copy of the film is available in the Archives.

The videotapes include recordings of the retirement reception for Robert W. MacVicar on October 31, 1984 (one 20-min 3/4" Umatic tape) and his retirement dinner on November 17th (two 60-min 3/4" Umatic tapes) [FV P092:1-3]. A video tribute to John Byrne prepared for his retirement celebration in early 1996 is included. The 8-minute video was prepared by Lynn Ketchum of Extension and Experiment Station Communications. The collection includes two 3/4" Umatic SP videotapes [FV P092:6].

The collection includes a VHS videotape recording of President John Byrne's report to the Faculty Senate on February 4, 1993 about the proposed reorganization of the central administration following a review of administrative costs and structure during 1992 [FV P092:5]. The recording is 33 minutes long and was made by the Communication Media Center. The second VHS videotape documents damage to campus sidewalks and structures caused by skateboards; it was used at hearings held by the Legal Advisor for proposed campus regulations on skateboard use. The recording was made in 1990.

Use of the Collection

Preferred Citation

President's Office Motion Picture Film and Videotapes (FV P 092), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The videotapes were transferred from the President's Office in several accessions in the 1980s and 1990s.

Future Additions

Additions to the collection are expected.

Related Materials

The [President's Office Records \(RG 013\)](#) and Photographs (P 092) include extensive documentation of the administration of Oregon State University and additional materials pertaining to the topics in this collection. The Archives' holdings also include the [Robert W. MacVicar Papers](#) and the [Faculty Senate Records \(RG 044\)](#).

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

College presidents--Oregon--Corvallis.

Personal Names :

Byrne, John Vincent, 1928-

MacVicar, Robert William, 1918-

Corporate Names :

Oregon State University--Administration.

Form or Genre Terms :

Motion pictures (visual works)

Videotapes.

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Byrne, John Vincent, 1928-

(creator)

Ketchum, Lynn.

(creator)

Strand, A. L. (August Leroy), 1894-

(creator)

Corporate Names :

Oregon State University. Faculty Senate.

(creator)

Oregon. Governor (1959-1967 : Hatfield)

(creator)

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