Tom McCall Forum Collection, 1982-2007

Overview of the Collection

**Creator**  Tom McCall Forum  
**Title**  Tom McCall Forum Collection  
**Dates**  1982-2007 (inclusive)  
**Quantity**  3.5 cubic feet, (4 boxes and 1 oversize folder)  
**Collection Number**  RG.5.10  
**Summary**  The Tom McCall Forum was an annual political debate series that Pacific University hosted from 1982-2007. The collection includes video recordings, promotional material and photographs documenting the debates.

**Repository**  Pacific University, Archives  
Pacific University Archives  
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**Access Restrictions**  Collection is open for research.  

**Languages**  English  

**Sponsor**  Sponsored by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission  

Content Description

The Tom McCall Forum Collection includes video recordings, promotional material and photographs documenting the series of debates on political topics that were sponsored by Pacific University between 1982-2007. The promotional material, comprising items such as posters and printed programs, often feature illustrated caricatures of the participants and notes about the debate facilitators. The photographs are mostly candid snapshots taken during the debates and related receptions, as well as portraits used for creating promotional material. The video recordings, which make up the bulk of the collection, cover about 80% of the debates, and are a mix of original broadcast tapes (most often in U-matic tape format) and informals tapings from broadcast programs (most in VHS tape format). A selection of the video recordings have been reformatted as DVDs, which serve as access copies. Finally, there is a file of research notes regarding the Forum, which includes a bibliography of known newspaper articles about the debates that were published while it was active.

Historical Note

Pacific University hosted the Tom McCall Forum, an annual political debate series, from 1982-2007. It brought together prominent speakers representing liberal and conservative interests to debate political topics of national interest. Originally called the "Annual Politics and Law Forum," it was renamed in former Oregon Governor Tom Lawson McCall's honor after his death in 1983. Participants included
Robert McNamara, Pat Buchanan, Tom Daschle, Howard Dean, Richard Ralph Nader, Newt Gingrich, Alan Dershowitz, James Carville, Mary Matalin, William Safire, John Sununu, Pierre Salinger, Robert Bork, Jesse Jackson, Mario Cuomo, Dan Quayle, William F. Buckley, and others. A full list of participants and the titles of their debates are listed below.

The forum was a major annual event for students and faculty at Pacific University, and it also had considerable public exposure. The debate originally took place on the Pacific University campus in Forest Grove, Oregon. With its growing popularity, it was moved to Portland in the early 1990s. Local television stations often broadcast the debates, and C-SPAN broadcast several of the later debates to a national audience.

Chronological list of the forum dates, titles and participants:


Note: Tom Lawson McCall dies Jan. 8, 1983, forum renamed in his honor.


1986, March 6 (3rd Annual Tom Lawson McCall Forum) “Reagan’s Stewardship of the Economy.” Arthur Laffer v. Andrew Young


1988, May 1 (5th Annual Tom Lawson McCall Forum) “American Foreign Policy in the 1990s: Who is the Enemy?” Jeane Kirkpatrick v. Patricia Shroeder


1990, March 29 (9th Annual Tom Lawson McCall Forum) “Media in U.S. Politics: Powerbroker or Pawn?” Michael Deaver (originally Lee Atwater) v. Carl Bernstein Note: Atwater canceled due to health reasons relating to a brain tumor


1998, Feb. 18 (16th Annual Tom Lawson McCall Forum) “Money and Politics.” Haley Barbour (originally Mary Matalin) v. Leon Panetta Note: Matalin canceled due to health reasons relating to her second pregnancy.


(CANCELED) 2007, March 8 (25th Annual Tom Lawson Forum) “Reclaiming the American Dream in a Divided Nation.” John Edwards v. Jack Kemp Note: Cause: Edwards withdrew after announcing his candidacy for president due to federal and campaign and finance laws


Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Pacific University owns the copyright to some, but not all, of the materials housed in its archives. Copyright for materials authored or otherwise produced as official business of Pacific University is
Administrative Information

Future Additions

Additional accruals are expected.

Related Materials

Additional printed materials related to the Tom McCall Forum are hanging in a permanent framed display on the second floor of Marsh Hall, next to the Library on the Pacific University Campus. They cover additional years of the forum beyond what exists in this collection.

Acquisition Information

Most of the materials in this collection was transferred to the Archives from various Pacific University offices. Several items were donated by individuals, including Russ Dondero, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Politics and Government, who was instrumental in organizing the forum.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Posters, Brochures and other Printed Material, 1982-2004

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1  2 | 1991: Ferraro vs. Bennett |  
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1  3 | 1994: Sununu vs. Salinger |  
1  3 | 1995: Carville vs. Safire |  
1  3 | 1997: Quayle vs. Kennedy |  
1  3 | 2001: Dershowitz vs. Reed Additional items housed in Oversized Folder 1. |  

**Photographs**

Also includes snapshots of the 2002 and 2004 forums in TIFF format on CD-ROM.

### Container(s) | Description | Dates
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Box  Folder | Prints and Negatives Approximately 50 photographic prints of scattered years of the forum, including snapshots from the events and promotional headshots of the speakers; and 2 negatives. | 1985-1997
1  4 | CD-ROMs (TIFF files) Snapshots of the 2002 and 2004 forums in TIFF format. | 2002-2004

**Research Files, 2011**

### Container(s) | Description | Dates
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Box  Folder | Bibliography of Articles in "The Index," the Pacific University Student Newspaper, 1982-2010 |  
1  6 | Bibliography of Articles in "The Oregonian," 1982-2007 |  

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| 3           | 1990: Deaver vs. Bernstein  
"Full tape." 1 VHS tape. -- 2 copies of the debate on VHS tape. 2 hours. -- "KATU-0-95; Common Ground PII." 1 VHS tape. |
| 3           | 1991: Ferraro vs. Bennett  
"Unedited Master, Tape 1 of 3." Produced by Pacific Productions. 1 U-matic tape. -- "HGW Ch. 8, 11:02 pm, Portland Television News." 1 VHS tape. Approximately 5 minutes. 1 VHS tape. -- 6 copies of the debate on VHS tape. -- DVDs created from the "Dub" VHS tape: 1 master / 2 use copies. Dubbed 2011. In box 2: DVD case. |
| 3           | 1992: Jackson vs. Ueberroth  
"Production c92-012." 1 VHS tape. |
| 3           | 1994: Sununu vs. Salinger  
"Intro: No KEX or KATU. Dub Master." White Horse Studios. 1 VHS tape. 5 minutes; and another copy on 1 VHS tape. -- "Intro: w/ KATU & KEX. Master." White Horse Studios. 1 VHS tape. 5 minutes; and another copy on 1 VHS tape. -- "Intro." White Horse Studios. 1 VHS tape. 5 minutes. -- Introduction. "Produced by Gard Strang Edwards & Aldridge." KATU2. 1 VHS tape. 9:30 minutes. -- "Tom McCall Forum 1995: A Brief History of Debate." 1 VHS tape. 5 minutes. -- 4 copies of the debate on VHS tape. -- DVD dubbed from one of the debate recording on VHS tape: 1 master / 2 use copies. Dubbed 2011. In box 2: DVD case. |
| 4           | 1995: Carville vs. Safire  
Promotional video: "Debate Night: 'Top 10 Oregon Debates.' Video Intro." Produced by Mercury Productions. 2 copies on VHS tape. -- "Master." 1 VHS tape and another copy on 1 VHS tape. -- "CSPAN." 2 copies on VHS tape. |
| 4           | 1996: Cuomo vs. Martin  
"Master." 1 VHS tape. -- Short tape, probably an introduction or promotion. 1 VHS tape. -- 4 additional copies of the debate on VHS tape. |
| 4           | 1997: Quayle vs. Kennedy  
"Duplication Master." Produced by Allied Video Productions. 1 VHS tape. -- "Dub from Master." 1 VHS tape. -- 2 additional VHS tape copies. |
| 4           | 1998: Barbour vs. Panetta  
"Introduction: Marketing 101." Produced by Mercury Productions. 1 VHS tape. 7 minutes. -- "Barbour v. Panetta." 2 copies of 1 VHS tape. |
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| 4           | 1999: Koop vs. Califano  
"Introduction: Preview copy." Produced by Mercury Productions Inc. 1 VHS tape. 14:36 minutes. |
| 4           | 2000: Carville vs. Matalin  
An introduction or advertisement? 2 copies of 1 VHS tape. 8:40 minutes. |
| 4           | 2001: Dershowitz vs. Reed  
"Promo/ad." 1 VHS tape. "Video open." [i.e. Introduction?] Produced by Mercury Productions, Inc. 1 VHS tape. -- Debate. Produced by Mercury Productions, Inc. 1 VHS tape. |
| 4           | 2002: Nader vs. Gingrich  
Produced by Tualatin Valley Community Access. 1 VHS tape. |
| 4           | 2005: Dean vs. Perle  
"American Foreign Policy Post September 11." Produced by C-SPAN. 2 copies of 1 DVD. -- DVD copy dubbed from original: 1 use copy. -- 1 VHS tape. |
| 4           | Unidentified and miscellaneous  

**Oversized Posters**

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Names and Subjects

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Pacific University

**Personal Names:**
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Bennett, William J. (William John), 1943-
Bernstein, Carl, 1944-
Bolton, John R.
Bork, Robert H.
Bradley, Bill, 1943-
Brown, Sam, 1943-
Brzezinski, Zbigniew, 1928-
Buchanan, Patrick J. (Patrick Joseph), 1938-
Buckley, William F. (William Frank), 1925-2008
Califano, Joseph A., 1931-
Carville, James
Clark, Dick, 1928-
Cuomo, Mario Matthew
Daschle, Thomas
Dean, Howard, 1948-
Deaver, Michael K.
Dershowitz, Alan M.
Ferraro, Geraldine
Gayler, Noel, 1914-2011
Gergen, David R. (David Richmond), 1942-
Gingrich, Newt
Hamilton, Lee
Ivins, Molly
Jackson, Jesse, 1941-
Kennedy, Robert Francis, 1954-
Kirkpatrick, Jeane J.
Koop, C. Everett (Charles Everett), 1916-
Kristol, William
Laffer, Arthur B.
Martin, Lynn, 1939-
Matalin, Mary
McGovern, George S. (George Stanley), 1922-
McNamara, Robert S., 1916-2009
Nader, Ralph
Panetta, Leon E., 1938-
Perle, Richard Norman, 1948-
Phillips, Howard, 1941-
Quayle, Dan, 1947-
Reed, Ralph, 1961-
Safire, William, 1929-2009
Salinger, Pierre
Schroeder, Patricia S.
Sibley, Mulford Quickert
Sununu, John E., 1964-
Thomas, Cal
Ueberroth, Peter
Watt, James G., 1938-
Will, George F.
Young, Andrew, 1932-

Form or Genre Terms:
Broadcasts
Debates

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