

# Oregon State University Historical Motion Picture films, 1921-1969

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Oregon State University.
<b>Title</b>	Oregon State University Historical Motion Picture films
<b>Dates</b>	1921-1969 (inclusive) 1921 1969 1921-1939 (bulk) 1921 1939
<b>Quantity</b>	2.5 cubic feet, including 38 motion picture film reels, (3 boxes and 1 film can)
<b>Collection Number</b>	FV P 048
<b>Summary</b>	The Oregon State University Historical Motion Picture Films consist of promotional films produced by Oregon Agricultural College in the 1920s and 1930s as well as several centennial productions made by Oregon State University in the late 1960s. The films depict 4-H programs and activities throughout the state, academic programs at Oregon State, athletics, and student activities.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Oregon State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives Research Center</a> 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 <a href="mailto:scarc@oregonstate.edu">scarc@oregonstate.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Additional Reference Guides</b>	<a href="#">Preliminary container list</a> available online.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Content Description

The Oregon State University Historical Motion Picture Films consist of promotional films produced by Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) in the 1920s and 1930s as well as several centennial productions made by Oregon State University in the late 1960s. The OAC films include 24 reels (FV P048:01 thru FV P048:22 and FV P048:31); these 16 mm prints were made from 35 mm nitrate films in 1966-1967. These films include footage of 4-H youth programs throughout Oregon, especially in Coos, Douglas, Josephine, and Klamath Counties as well as at 4-H Summer School on the OAC campus and at the Oregon State Fair in Salem, Oregon. The films depict various locations in Oregon including Crater Lake, Eugene, St. Paul, and Portland. Various campus activities including the Memorial Union dedication, a May Day pageant, homecoming, commencement, ROTC, and the marching band are

depicted. Athletic events including football, polo, and baseball as well as women's sports and physical training are included in the footage. A 1921 production, *The Romance of Engineering*, promotes the engineering programs and facilities at Oregon Agricultural College. A film on Oregon State Experiment Station research on salmon poisoning in dogs is also included.

The collection also includes two films celebrating the 1968 centennial of Oregon State University (OSU): *The Possible Dream* produced by KGW and Pacific NW Bell and *OSU: The First Hundred Years, 1868-1968* produced by the OSU Centennial Committee. Footage of the 1969 centennial year graduation ceremonies and a 1961 interview with James Jensen, shortly before he became President of OSU are also included in the collection.

*Hail to OSC* was filmed in the late 1930s or early 1940s and includes extensive color footage of Oregon State academic programs as well as student activities. Of special note are construction of the homecoming bonfire, a baseball game, and homecoming house signs for a football game against the University of Oregon.

Duplication masters and use copies (on VHS videotape or DVD) are available for several of the films. One film, *Old Grad Comes Back*, is available [online](#).

## Use of the Collection

### Preferred Citation

Oregon State University Historical Motion Picture Films (FV P 048), Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

The films are arranged in two series: I. Oregon Agricultural College Promotional Films, 1921-1935 and II. Oregon State Centennial and Promotional Films, 1939-1969.

### Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

### Acquisition Information

Most of the films were acquired by the Archives in the 1960s.

### Related Materials

Detailed descriptions and information about some of the 1920s-1930s films are available in the [Memorabilia Collection](#) (MC-Motion Picture Legends). Records of the OSU Centennial Committee documenting the planning and activities of the University's 100th anniversary in 1968-1969 are part of the [Library Records \(RG 009\)](#). Other films documenting 4-H programs and activities are available in the [4-H Moving Images \(FV P 146\)](#) and the [Extension and Experiment Station Communications Moving Images \(FV P 120\)](#).

# Names and Subjects

## **Subject Terms :**

4-H clubs--Oregon.  
Agriculture--Oregon.  
College sports for women--Oregon--Corvallis.  
College sports--Oregon--Corvallis.  
College students--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Commencement ceremonies--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Football--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Universities and colleges--Public relations--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Women--Education (Higher)--Oregon--Corvallis.  
Youth--Oregon--Societies and clubs.

## **Corporate Names :**

Oregon State College--Students.  
Oregon State University--Alumni and alumnae.  
Oregon State University--Anniversaries, etc.  
Oregon State University--Centennial celebrations, etc.  
Oregon State University--Students.  
Oregon Agricultural College--Students.

## **Form or Genre Terms :**

Motion pictures (visual works)  
Silent films.

## **Other Creators :**

### **Corporate Names :**

Oregon State University. University Centennial Committee.  
(creator)

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