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# PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY UPDATE

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# From The Dean's Desk



*Dean Marilyn K. Moody*

There is a continuous stream of students in the PSU Library this time of year. Our hard-working, talented, and innovative students are a joy to work with and are deeply appreciative of the help they receive from library faculty and staff. Undergraduate and graduate students from many disciplines across campus are in the Library for instructional sessions—sessions that help them succeed in their classes. Specialized workshops for graduate students teach students how to collect, organize, and manage research materials; conduct literature reviews for thesis and dissertations; and manage their own research data.

Students study at seats along the iconic curve of glass windows of the Library overlooking the South Park Blocks, work together in our group study rooms, and practice course presentations in our specially equipped technology rooms. Our popular collaborative study spaces are designed for students to use both technology and movable white boards (a favorite!) in creative ways. The energy and enthusiasm of our students as they tackle problems from their courses is amazing!

Some recent initiatives of the PSU Library's Special Collections and Archives are highlighted in this newsletter issue. PSU Viking Yearbooks have been digitized and made available online to PSU alumni everywhere. The Governor Barbara Roberts Video collection gives ready online access to a unique video record of Roberts' term as Governor. A grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust will make historical local Black-owned and published newspapers readily available online and as print facsimiles for classroom and community event use.

Our library supporters and donors help make all of this possible—from student success to special collections and archives. When you give to the Library, you benefit every student at PSU. Every day I see first-hand the positive impact the Library has on our students. I am very grateful to you, our generous donors, who support our PSU students by giving to the Library.

Thank you for making a difference in a PSU student's life!

Marilyn Moody  
Dean, University Library



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# The Viking

## Portland State University Through The Years

Portland State University celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2016. To honor this historic milestone, PSU Library's University Archives have made the complete collection of the Viking yearbooks available online. Students, alumni and the PSU community can experience Portland State history through the Viking.



*Campus publications  
Viking 1958*

### Reflecting Changes on Campus

The Viking began as a traditional school yearbook with photographs of student groups, college-sponsored events, and portraits of the graduating class. Portland State students appeared in the Viking attending semi-formal dances and honoring their Homecoming royalty.

The yearbook's format broke from tradition in the 1960s as PSU's campus and culture diversified and expanded. The Viking's images and features show the campus as a busy and growing place, and later as a site of dialogue, performance, and contemplation in addition to traditional academics.

The yearbook was also a forum for student writing, occasionally with critical views, and always reflecting the college's deepening connection to the city. Current students looking at PSU history in the Viking will find that some things have changed a great deal on the Portland State campus, while others—such as building construction, late nights in the Library, full classes, bicycling, and cafeteria coffee from the Smith Memorial Student Union—remain the same.



*Viking football fans and team  
Viking 1964*



*Students attend a lecture  
Viking 1972*

## Look into the History of PSU

Thanks to the hard work of the PSU Library's University Archives, every volume of the Viking is now available online. Visitors to the website can flip through and read each page online or download and print a full PDF copy. The collection is also fully searchable. By typing in keywords, visitors can home in on campus events or athletics teams. Alumni can look themselves up or find photos of their favorite instructors or departments.

Today, the yearbooks are an invaluable history and entertaining record of daily life at PSU. Through them, students, alumni, the community and anyone anywhere in the world can take part in Portland State University's 70th anniversary. Celebrate history, from academics, sports, politics and recreation, to fashion, food, campus life and popular culture.

The complete collection of the Viking yearbooks is available online at [pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/viking](http://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/viking)

## Your Gift Makes PSU History Come Alive

Gifts to Special Collections and University Archives support acquisition, processing, and physical and digital preservation of rare and unique materials. Funds also support long-term projects to digitize historical documents, images, and videos.

Your support allows the Portland State Library to continue our work in telling these amazing stories to anyone, anywhere in the world. When you support the PSU Library's Special Collections and University Archives you make history - today.

To learn more about giving opportunities at the University Library, please contact Development Officer Gayle Schneider at (503) 725-5032 or [schneiderg@psuf.org](mailto:schneiderg@psuf.org)

# Barbara Roberts Video Gallery

## Celebrating Oregon History

The Barbara Roberts Collection, donated to the PSU Library in 2005, documents Roberts' long career in Oregon as an advocate and a politician. The full collection, a historical treasure trove, includes correspondence, reports, speeches, pamphlets, photos, and hours of video recordings. Now, for the first time ever, those videos are available online.

Access to the videos was originally limited due to their vulnerable VHS format. Playback could damage the magnetic media, or a malfunctioning machine could mangle tapes beyond repair. Special Collections set up an in-house transfer station and converted each tape to digital format. The converted files were then saved to a preservation server, and uploaded to the Library's PDXScholar platform. The videos now can be viewed online anytime, anywhere, and by anyone.

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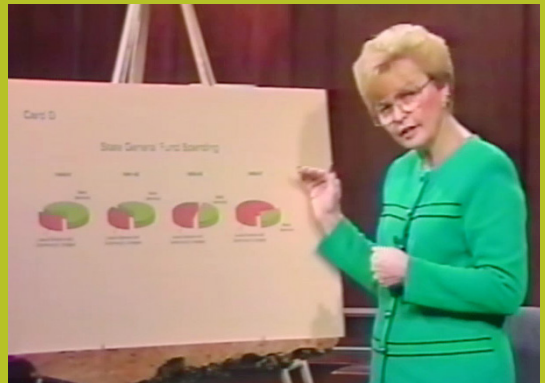
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Barbara Roberts made history when she was the first woman elected to serve as Governor of Oregon from 1991 until 1994. The videos highlight her time in office. Visitors to the gallery can watch campaign spots, the announcement of her candidacy, her pioneering interactive teleforums, "Conversations with Oregon," and her "State of the State" addresses.

Throughout her public appearances, Roberts responded to questions, listened to ideas from all, and spoke directly about the challenges which all Oregonians faced. Her open dialog and her faith in her constituents was exemplary and remains at the heart of her legacy.



Ask the Governor, 1991



Conversation with Oregon, 1991



State of the State Address, 1993

# Oregon Cultural Trust Grant Awarded

## Historic Newspaper Collection To Be Preserved Through Grant Funding

The PSU Library Special Collections received a \$5000 grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust to preserve and make accessible its historical collection of local Black-owned and published newspapers.

The newspapers are part of the Rutherford Family Collection, which documents over one hundred years of Black community history in Oregon. The newspapers date from the 1910s through the 1980s and provide a voice for a community that is often underrepresented in Oregon history. Some may be the last known print copies in existence.

This grant supports the digitization of these fragile papers to preserve them and make them available online. It will also fund the printing of full-size color facsimiles that can be safely shared at community events and in classrooms. Learn more about the grant at [library.pdx.edu/oct\\_grant](http://library.pdx.edu/oct_grant)



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