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Hatfield honors University library Speaks on his collection of Abe Lincoln memorabilia

Oregon Sen: Mark Hatfield commemorated the University library Sunday for serving as a repository of government documents for 100 years.

Speaking at the Valley River Inn to a meeting of The Friends of the Library, Hatfield con-gratulated the library, represented by University Librarian George Shipman, and then shared some documents from his own personal library with the crowd.

Foremost in Hatfield's collection are memorobilia of presidents, most notably Abraham Lincoln, including a commission signed by Lincoln for Oregon's Cape Perpetua.

Hatfield has a copy of the only known photograph of Lincoln from Gettysburg. Also notable is his copy of a Lincoln biography authored by the president's secretary and signed by Lincoln's descendant, Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith.

Beckwith is the sole survivor of the Lincoln line, and Hatfield, a history buff, said he was torn

when Beckwith, now 90 and ailing in a Vermont rest home, was hit by a paternity suit several years ago.

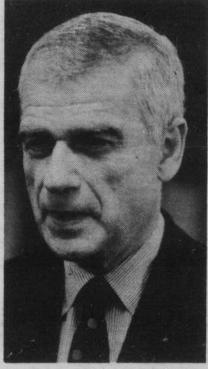
"I had ambivalent feelings about whether he'd win or lose," he said.

Hatfield's collection includes biographies of former Yugoslavian Pres. Marshall Tito and socialist Norman Thomas, who ran for president in 1936. Hatfield's copy of each book respectively contains the last signatures penned by Tito and Thomas, both dead.

"I was aquainted with Norman Thomas," Hatfield said of the renowned U.S. socialist. "Tell my conservative Republican friends that."

Hatfield, in Oregon this week for the Memorial Day recess, said his hobby as a bibliophile is a nice change of pace from the rigors and pressures of being a U.S. senator.

"It's a relaxing sort of excercise I slip into to shift my gears and clear my mind," he said.



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Sen. Mark Hatfield told an audience honoring the University library of his personal collection of Lincoln memorabilia.

State wants to regulate toxic wastes

PORTLAND (AP) - A hearing is scheduled today in Portland on Oregon's plan to ask the government for permission to take over the regulation of hazardous wastes.

The state wants to assume responsibility for regulating waste generation, transport and disposal. The responsibility is now shared between the DEQ and the U.S. Environmental Pro-

A hearing on the takeover plan is scheduled at 9 a.m. at the DEQ headquarters in Portland.





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