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Collection offers rare look at past

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Although many University students spend a great deal of time in the Knight Library, few are familiar with its extensive rare book collection.

The collection includes everything from 12th century manuscripts to hand-drawn sketches of characters in Oregon writer Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. In all, there are about 40,000 volumes of literary first editions, early "imprints" and Western Americana, such as folklore and stories about the Old West.

While the collection has what rare books librarian James Fox refers to as "hot spots" — single books that are highly valued either by collectors or researchers — it also has what Fox calls "streaks," which are collections of related volumes.

One of the rarer pieces in the collection is the Rabanus Maurus, *Expositio Libri Numerorum*, a 12th century French manuscript from the Cistercian Abbey of Pontigny and later part of the celebrated collection of Sir Thomas Phillips.

Some other valuable manuscripts include an 11th century German manuscript of the works of St. Augustine, an early 14th century Bible written on uterine vellum, and a 17th century Persian manuscript formerly in the possession of English writer and artist John Ruskin.

While one single volume might be more valuable to a collector, Fox said that as a university library, it is more important to have large collections which are more valuable to researchers.

"The rare book collection's



Photo by Sean Poston

"We have one of the best Oregon collections in the world" as well as rare manuscripts dating back to the 12th century, says rare books librarian James Fox.

main purpose is to support the overall curricula of the University of Oregon, but these books are also available to any researcher who is interested in our collection," Fox said.

Although rare books cannot be checked out, Fox stressed

that the collection is open to the public.

"University faculty members are not the only people who use our collection," Fox said. "Undergraduate and graduate

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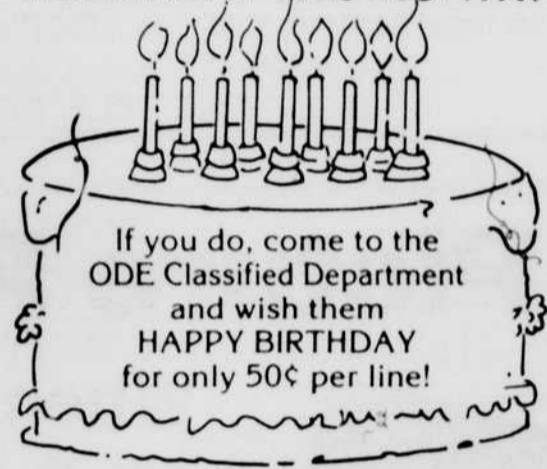
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By GARY LARSON



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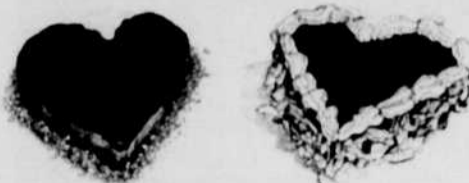
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