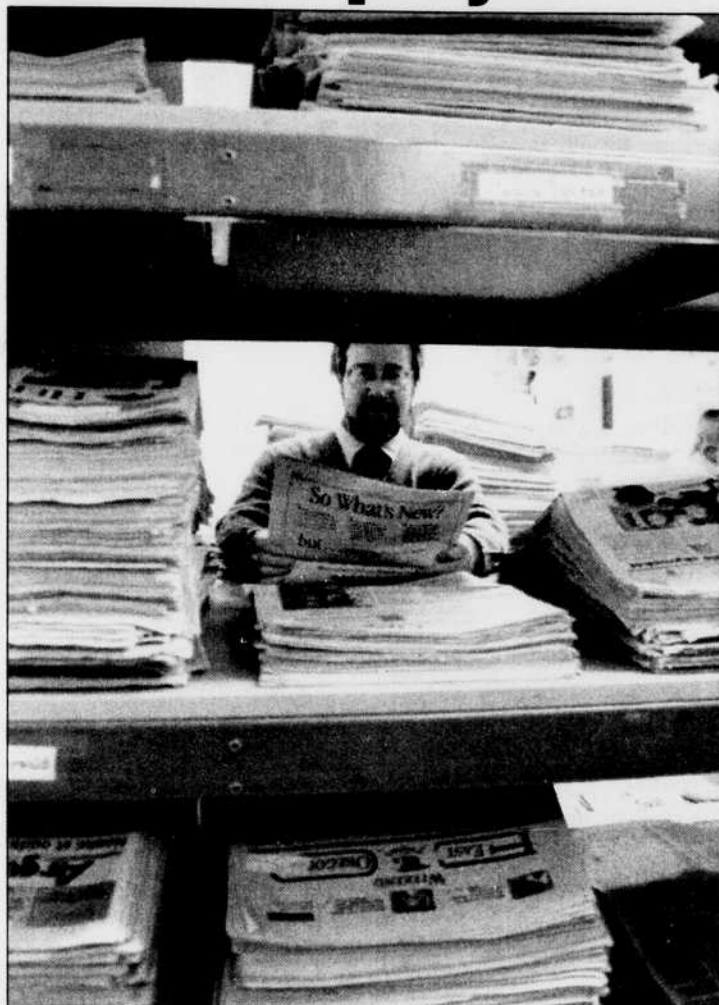


# National project archives Oregon's newspapers



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Ben Farrell browses through some of the hundreds of newspapers in the Knight Library.

*The U.S. Newspaper Project is preserving old issues on microfilm*

**By Teri Meeuwse**  
Higher Education Reporter

Newspapers from all over Oregon are waiting in piles on rows of shelves. Before they turn too yellow, they are photographed onto the microfilm master negatives and then locked away into the humidity- and temperature-controlled vault. The documents are thrown away, but the history will be preserved forever.

The search is on for old newspapers to complete the Oregon component of the U.S. Newspaper Project. Issues of many different newspapers are being photographed and cataloged to create a national database, said Ben Farrell, a newspaper copy cataloger who is working on the project.

Students, historians, scholars, genealogists and other interested individuals will be able to sit down at a computer, log onto the database, search back issues of newspapers and learn how to see copies of them, he said. When the project is complete, it will be the first comprehensive newspaper archive of the nation's history.

"You'll be able to log in at your computer, but also log in from New York, and know what [the University] has," Farrell said.

The project is moving in phas-

es. The first phase included cataloging the University's micro-filmed newspapers. The current phase of the project involves a systematic, comprehensive survey of Oregon's newspapers. The final phase, which will take an additional year or two, will complete the cataloging and micro-filming of titles.

The Oregon component of the project is based at the University, where a large portion of Oregon newspapers are already stored on microfilm. The staff has filmed many of Oregon's older newspapers dating back to the 19th century. This collection has 1,360 titles that range from single issues to runs of many decades for general interest, foreign languages, ethnic and alternative newspapers. Small-town weeklies are also being looked for, Farrell said.

"In the 1890s to the 1940s, practically every single town had a weekly," he said. "It's very interesting. In my opinion, a newspaper helped establish a town.

Back then, a town was established when it had a post office, a newspaper and a doctor. Newspapers didn't make a town, but had a lot of influence."

People are asked to dig through their attics, societies to look through their archives and newspapers to sort through their morgues to help the project, he said.

"Many people have newspapers in their attics as part of their heritage, so they don't want to lose them," he said. "We need them to see the benefit of letting those go to benefit society."

The Oregon project is funded by a \$258,220 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the group that is overseeing the national project.

For more information about the project or to donate newspapers, call 346-1896, send e-mail to [newspapr@oregon.uoregon.edu](mailto:newspapr@oregon.uoregon.edu) or browse [libweb.uoregon.edu/preservn/asnp/usnp.html](http://libweb.uoregon.edu/preservn/asnp/usnp.html) on the Internet.

## Author to speak at law lecture

*Martha Nussbaum will look at feminism as an organized activity*

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Martha Nussbaum will give a free public lecture titled "International Feminism: The Role of Religion" on Friday as part of the University's Ruagh Thomas O'Fallon Memorial Lecture Series.

The lecture series, sponsored by the Oregon Humanities Center, alternates each year between topics of law and art in American culture. It was established by a generous gift from Henry and Betsy Mayer in memory of their nephew, who was the son of law Professor James O'Fallon and his wife, artist Ellen Thomas. Their son, who "spent most of his infancy in a basket in the art department" while Thomas worked, drowned in 1986 when he was 3 years old, O'Fallon said.

He said leading scholars have come the University to focus on law and art issues the last 11 years.

"I find it an intriguing concept to alternate art and law," said Ruthann Maguire, administrative assistant for the Oregon Humanities Center.

Nussbaum will fill this year's law requirement. Last year, Betty LaDuke, an Ashland artist, fulfilled the art requirement.

"In [Nussbaum's] lecture, she's going to look at feminism as an organized activity and the social justice it receives," O'Fallon said.

Nussbaum is the author of dozens of articles, reviews and books, including the recently published "Cultivating Human-

ity: A Classical Defense of Reform in Liberal Education." Her reviews have appeared in publications such as the New York Review of Books, The New Republic and The Boston Globe.

"She's a very important public philosopher and has a contemporary concern to reach people," Maguire said. "She focuses on justice in the legal systems and economics domestically and internationally."

Nussbaum is the Ernst Freund professor of law and ethics at the University of Chicago, and she has been a visiting professor at institutions such as Oxford University, the University of Oslo in Norway and Stanford University. She was also on the faculty at Brown, Harvard and Princeton universities and Wellesley College.

The lecture will take place Friday at 4 p.m. in Room 129 of the Grayson Law Center.



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### Programs Financing

The Programs Finance Committee gave \$103,676 to nine programs for their 1998-99 budgets during hearings on Feb. 12 and 16. The PFC has committed \$853,845 of student fees so far this year, representing an overall increase of 2.53 percent. It had set a benchmark of 2 percent overall.

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Student Bar Association	11,004	10,743	2.43	261
BLSA	2,523	2,398	5.21	125
PFC	9,596	9,950	-3.56	-354
DDS	26,212	25,259	3.77	953
OUTLaws	1,754	1,849	-5.14	-95
PERMIAS	3,411	3,491	-2.29	-80
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