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Manuscripts Librarian Linda Long said. "(Special Collections) really is a goldmine of information."

Special Collections has served as the University's repository for historic and rare materials since 1947. In 1948, its duties were expanded to include University Archives, which houses all official records pertaining to the University.

Since then, the department has amassed a mind-boggling amount of items - most of the inventory consists of donated personal works and effects - into its rare books, photographs and other collections.

Long said there are millions of items in Special Collections.

"In the manuscripts alone, there's about 20,000 linear feet of documents and unpublished writing," she said.

Under each collection is a variety of material, with subjects ranging from politics to entertainment. Within the manuscript collection, one can find a letter written by Thomas Jefferson or piles of scripts from the late 1950s for the "Gunsmoke" and "The Rifleman" television shows.

A collection donated in 1968 by former Sports Illustrated reporter Jack Olsen includes 34 reels of audiotape featuring conversations with a promising young boxer named Cassius Clay, who would later become Muhammad Ali.

As valuable as some of the holdings may seem, Normandy Helmer, coordinator of preservation and digital services, said she sees their most important function as primary resource material in research.

"We have bits and pieces that

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filed as a violation, city prosecutor Liane Richardson said. A first offense at a non-party type situation - such as a 21-year-old giving a beer to an underage roommate - also is likely to mean a violation, she said.

'There are always mitigating circumstances in every case," Nelson said, "and these need to be taken into consideration."

If the furnishing case is filed as a violation, a first-time defendant has the option of pleading guilty and going through the BUSTED diversion program. The program, which was developed by the court, police department and the University's Substance Abuse Prevention Program, includes a 10-hour class and some final paperwork before the case is dismissed. BUSTED is also offered to

would bring us a lot of money individually," she said. "But collections like ours are really priceless, not because of how much you can get for a piece or a document, but because you can sit down and personally examine it."

Erik Loomis, a Ph.D. history student from the University of New Mexico, visited the campus recently, gathering information for a dissertation on the timber industry in the Northwest. He was able to un-

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cover some of the financial records and ledgers of lumber firms from the 1920s in the department's Oregon Collection.

"It has been a positive experience," Loomis said. "(Special Collections) is as good as any archive I've ever seen.'

Director of Special Collections James D. Fox said it is his hope that as more of the listings of the collection are made available on the Web - most are currently not accessible through the library's online catalogue - the facility will begin to entice more visitors.

'What we're trying to do is make Special Collections open to all in the community and even the state," he said. "All of these exhibits and items belong to them."

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those cited for Minor in Possession, which warrants only one chance to participate in the program.

Individuals convicted of a second offense may choose to go to BUSTED II, which would reduce the fine, yet still include a conviction. According to municipal court records for 2002, only six of the 53 defendants opted to go through BUSTED II, which could be attributed to the length of the class, which is 20 hours. But BUSTED II is only available to those who have already taken the BUSTED diversion program or have previously chosen not to attend.

The most important thing to remember when a citation is issued, Fine said, is to show up on or before the assigned court date. A failure to appear is basis for a second citation.

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