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## Oregon Encyclopedia History Nights

This fall the Oregon Encyclopedia (The OE) continues its monthly series of History Nights at McMenamins pubs. At each History Night The OE will look back at the seminal people and events that have shaped our communities. Special guests and historic images are a part of every event. All events are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

7:00 p.m. Presentation by Kerry Eggers

“It’s War! Beavers vs. Ducks: The History of the Longest—and Greatest—Sports Rivalry in Oregon.”

McMenamins Cornelius Pass Roadhouse, 4045 NW Cornelius Pass Road  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

On December 4th the Oregon State Beavers and the University of Oregon Ducks will meet at Reser Stadium in Corvallis to play the 114th renewal of the Civil War, one of the longest-standing rivalries in college football. Sports writer Kerry Eggers traces the annual game to its beginnings (in 1893), looks back at five of the top Civil War games of all time, and talks about how the Civil War has become such an important part of our state’s sporting culture. Historical images of past Civil War match-ups from the U of O and OSU photo archives will be part of the presentation.

Kerry Eggers has been writing sports professionally since he arrived in Portland in 1975. The Corvallis native and Oregon State graduate worked for the *Oregon Journal* from 1975 to 1982, the *Oregonian* from 1982 to 2000, and has been with the *Portland Tribune* since 2001. A four-time Oregon Sports Writer of the Year, he has written four books, including *Wherever You May Be: The Bill Schonely Story*, and *Clyde the Glide*:

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*The Clyde Drexler Story*. He is a former president of the U.S. Track and Field Writers of America.

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

6:30 pm

Dr. William Robbins presents “Finding Monroe Sweetland: ‘one of the original Western Democrats.’ ”

McMenamins Edgefield Theater, 2126 S.W. Halsey Street  
Troutdale, OR 97060

One of the Oregon’s most prominent political actors, Monroe Sweetland wore many hats in his time, including Oregon Democratic National Committeeman, state representative, newspaper publisher, and teacher. Historian Bill Robbins, an expert on the life and career of Sweetland, shares with us his most recent research on the man many consider to be responsible for the remarkable success of the Democratic Party in mid-century Oregon.

William G. Robbins is emeritus distinguished professor at Oregon State University, where he was professor of history from 1971 until 1999. He is the author and editor of books on Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, including *Landscapes of Promise: The Oregon Story, 1800-1940* and *Oregon, This Storied Land*. Since immigrating to Oregon from the East Coast in 1963, Robbins has developed an abiding affection for the state. It has been one of his great joys to have taught Pacific Northwest and Western American history for more than 30 years.

The OE is an online resource for information on the state’s significant people, places, events, institutions, and biota. Over 660 entries and essays have been published online and new entries are added every day. For More Information visit [www.oregonencyclopedia.org](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org)

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