

# Press Release

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## A Special Sports Edition History Night

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.

Thursday, December 2, 2010

7:45 p.m. (doors open at 7:15 p.m.)

Minors allowed if accompanied by an adult

Presentation by Kerry Eggers: "Beavers v. Ducks: Over 100 Years of Civil War"

McMenamins Mission Theater, 1624 NW Glisan Street, Portland, OR 97209

The Oregon Civil War—one of the country's longest-standing rivalries in college football—will rage again on Saturday, December 4th. For over 100 years, the Oregon State Beavers and the University of Oregon Ducks have been meeting on football fields up and down the Willamette Valley, inspiring the unflagging loyalty of generations of Oregonians. Sports writer Kerry Eggers traces the annual game to its beginnings (in 1893), looks back at ten 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.

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

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The OE is an online resource for information on the state's significant people, places, events, institutions, and biota. Over 700 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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