

## *From Ken's Pen:*

*Celebrating the Ken Kesey Collection at the University of Oregon Libraries*

Friday, April 8, 2011

University of Oregon campus, Eugene, Oregon



### 11:00am - 12:00pm: Kesey Exhibit Opening and Discussion

Ed McClanahan, Kesey's friend and fellow Merry Prankster, will discuss Kesey's *Jail Journal*, a series of large-scale literary art productions Kesey created while serving time in the minimum security San Mateo County Honor Camp in 1967. An exhibit of Ken's work will be on display through April 26.

Location: Gilkey Center - Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Lane. Cost: Free

### 1:00pm - 4:00pm: Open House featuring the Ken Kesey Collection

The Ken Kesey Collection is a comprehensive archive of typewritten and handwritten manuscripts, journals, artwork, photographs, and correspondence Kesey amassed during his lifetime. Items from the collection will be on display to raise awareness of the research opportunities it offers Kesey scholars, students, and legions of fans.

Location: Paulson Reading Room, Knight Library, 1501 Kincaid Street. Cost: Free

### 3:00pm - 4:00pm: Readings from Ken Kesey's Unpublished Work

Paul Calandrino, Cai Emmons, Miriam Gershow, Cecelia Hagen and Max Rayneard will read literary gems mined from the Ken Kesey Collection. Improvisational music by saxophonist Charlie Gurke helps set the mood for this wonderful collection of Ken's unpublished words.

Location: Paulson Reading Room, Knight Library, 1501 Kincaid Street. Cost: Free

### 4:00pm - 5:00pm: Reception and Discussion with Ken Kesey Biographer

Robert Faggen, a scholar of American literature from Claremont McKenna College, will speak on the importance of the Kesey Collection for research and scholarship at the UO. Faggen is the author of the forthcoming book *Ken Kesey: An American Life*.

Location: Browsing Room, Knight Library, 1501 Kincaid Street. Cost: Free

### 7:00pm - 1:00am: Film Premiere

#### *Magic Trip: Ken Kesey's Search for a Kool Place* and After-Party

The West Coast premiere of a documentary film co-directed by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Alex Gibney and Alison Ellwood. *Magic Trip* features scenes from forty hours of original films and recordings of Kesey's legendary cross-country road trip with the Merry Pranksters in 1964. The directors, Pranksters, and other special guests will discuss the film after the showing. An after-party will follow the screening and discussion, with live music, a Kesey gallery exhibit, readings, and more.

Location: McDonald Theatre (1010 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR).  
Cost: \$20. Admission includes after-party and a Brian Lanker photograph of Ken and Furthur.

For more information:

<http://libweb.uoregon.edu/index/news-app/story.2182/>

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=206031679412246>

<http://www.mcdonaldtheatre.com/>

<http://cinemapacific.uoregon.edu/>

