New date for summer picnic: Aug. 11

RAPS's annual summer picnic, originally scheduled for Aug. 18, has been changed to **Thursday, Aug. 11**. Time and place remain the same: 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Willamette Park, SW Macadam and Nevada. A flyer with additional information is forthcoming.

Dates, topics set for fall programs

The fall line-up of RAPS programs has been set by President-elect Dave Krug and his Program Committee. Mark your calendars for the third Thursday of each month, and check the list below for times and places.

**Saturday, Sept. 3:** **First Game Football Tickets**
RAPS is in contact with the PSU Athletic Department to obtain free general admission tickets for the Vikings’ home opener of the 2011 season. Contact Dave Krug at davek17@msn.com for details.

**Thursday, Sept. 15:** **Lincoln Hall Restoration Project**
*Barbara Sestak*, Dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts, conducts a guided tour of Lincoln Hall, discussing the intensive restoration and renovation work completed over the past two years. Meet in west foyer of Lincoln Hall at 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, Oct. 20:** **PSU Initiatives/Endowment Giving**
*Catherine Faris*, Associate Vice President for Development, speaks on the expanding world of endowment giving and PSU initiatives. Room 296, Smith Memorial Student Union, 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, Nov. 17:** **Research on Children with Autism**
*Helen Young*, Senior Research Associate in Special Education, presents an update on the four-year $2.4 million federal research grant investigating how young children with autism are faring in public school settings. Room 296, Smith Memorial Student Union, 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, Dec. 15:** **Holiday Party**
Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Party, to be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Details regarding menu and entertainment will follow in a future edition of the RAPS Sheet.
A new 24-page pictorial history booklet chronicling the first 10 years of Portland State's existence is available at the PSU Bookstore beginning September 2011.

Edited by Steve Brannan, professor emeritus of education, and Doug Swanson, former director, Office of Publications, Creating Portland State, 1946-1955, was adapted from the website www.pdx.edu/ourhistory/, which was based primarily on Portland State: A History in Pictures.

RAPS distributed advance copies of the booklet spring term to key administrators across campus. Included with each booklet was a letter from Brannan outlining the reasons behind the new publication:

- Portland State formed a legacy of courage, leadership, dedication, and collaboration during its founding years, 1946-1955. RAPS believes this legacy remains vibrant today and should be recognized for its important and continuing influence in advancing the University.

- Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the Portland urban community are generally uninformed about the history and legacy of Portland State. RAPS believes these audiences and others deserve a unique publication that informs them about the significance of the university’s early history and impact.

- Pride in Portland State is more fully achieved when its students and other constituents understand and appreciate the importance of this institution’s early history. RAPS believes that when alumni and other constituents have pride in Portland State, they are more likely to contribute to its advancement.

- The pictorial history booklet is affordable, serves as a “coffee table book,” is a quick read bolstered by photos, and is lightweight and easily transported. RAPS believes this PSU history booklet is especially appropriate to provide to visitors and guests, incoming personnel, donors, and numerous other groups and individuals interested in Portland State University.