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THE MERRIMON LECTURE  
*Established by the Late Dr. Louise Merrimon Perry*

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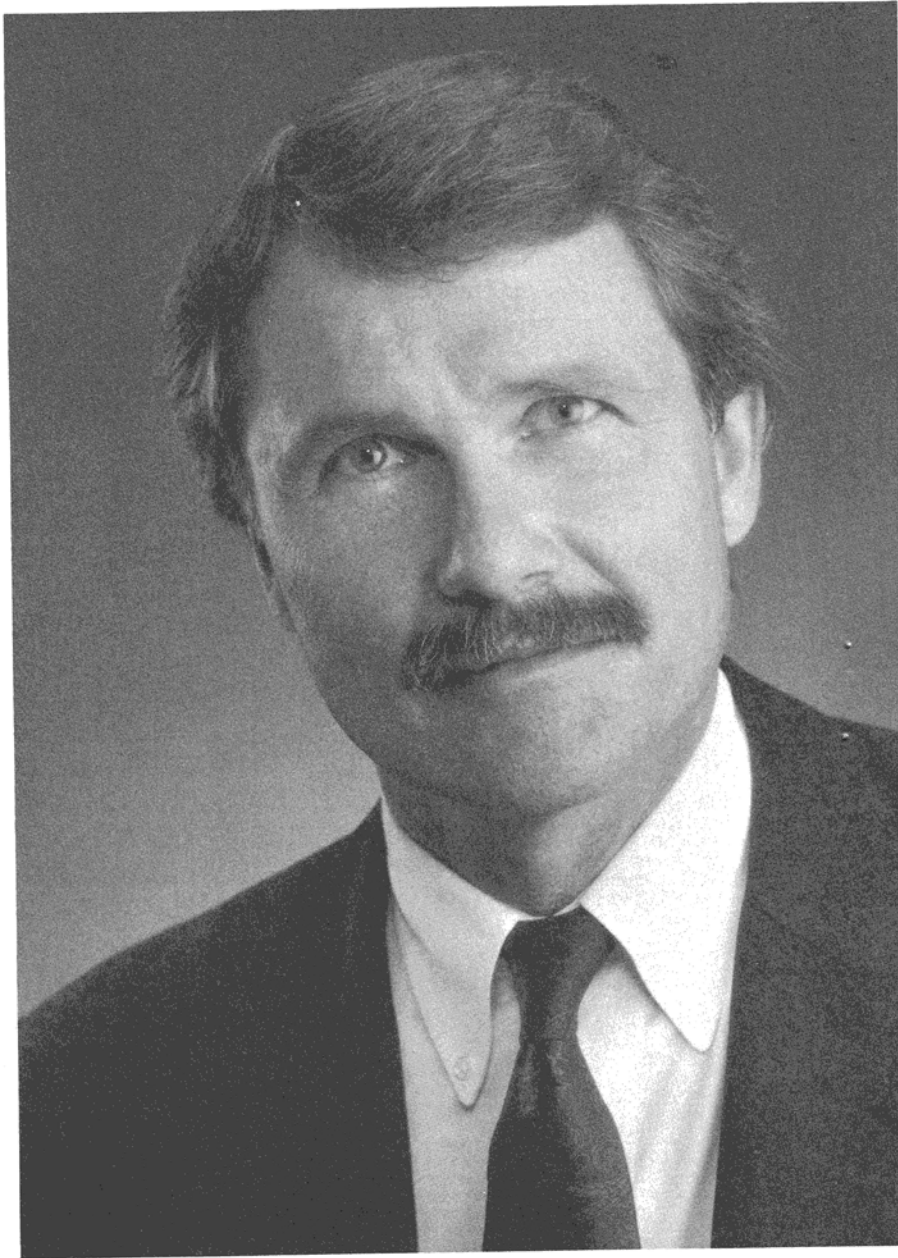
Oregon Senate President **JOHN A. KITZHABER**, was born in Colfax, Washington, in 1947. He attended Dartmouth College receiving a B.A. in biology in 1969, graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1973, and trained in emergency medicine at General Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Kitzhaber returned to Oregon, where he practiced emergency/urgent care medicine until his Senate duties required that he take a leave from practice.

In 1978 Dr. Kitzhaber won a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives where he served one term until his election to the Oregon Senate in 1980. He was reelected in 1984 and 1988. In 1985 his colleagues elected him President of the Senate, a post he still holds as the result of subsequent elections (1987, 1989 and 1991).

Dr. Kitzhaber joined the faculty of the Oregon Health Sciences University in 1986, as a Clinical Associate Professor of Health and Preventive Medicine, where he directed a grant concerning the integration of health research outcomes into health care delivery systems. In 1992 he received a Doctorate of Science Honoris Causa degree from Pacific University. He is involved with "Beyond War" and "Physicians for Social Responsibility".

Senator Kitzhaber's legislative career has been marked by active leadership in the areas of public education, land use planning, water policy and a wide variety of health care issues including uncompensated care and resource allocation. He was one of the major forces behind the Oregon Basic Health Services Act. He has published a number of articles on health care policies and systems and testified in the California and Colorado legislatures and the U.S. House of Representatives. Dr. Kitzhaber relentlessly travels the country carrying his health message to physicians, other health care providers, politicians and the general public; his public appearances are innumerable and always stimulating. He has caught the attention of the national media and has been featured in several television and radio programs including PBS's *The McNeil-Lehrer Report*, CBS's *60 Minutes*, NBC's *Today Show*, and CNN's *Health Week*.

Dr. Kitzhaber's concern with the delivery of medical care and his dedication to making it available to all people led us to invite him to join the roster of distinguished Merrimon Lecturers.



## THE MERRIMON LECTURESHIP IN MEDICINE

*This Lectureship, which was established by the late Dr. Louise Merrimon Perry, was inaugurated in 1966. Dr. Perry's idea was that the lectures be open to all, but that they be concerned with "the Origins, Traditions and History of the Medical Profession and of that Ethical Philosophy which must dominate this Field of Human Endeavor." It was her intention that the Merrimon Lecturers be distinguished both for scientific or clinical skills and a notably humane attitude toward Medicine.*

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