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Dr. Richard Palmer Discusses Post Election Forecasts at Spring Forum

By Carol Kerster

Dr. Richard L. Palmer, CSUDH Professor of Politics, gave his spin on what lies ahead politically for the next four years during the Spring Forum held at the Los Verdes Country Club, May 30th.

Acknowledging his outright prejudice against Texas and Texans, Dr. Palmer quipped, "It's hard to take seriously that being able to carry a gun to protect one's property is a God-given rather than a mandated right."

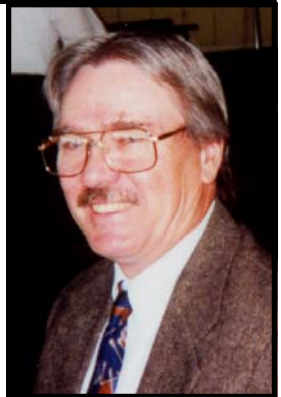
He told his audience of 89 Omniorians that he felt election reform was not a priority with Congress and unlikely to pass. He called reapportionment the next "big battleground" in campaign reform.

Palmer did not neglect tax rebates due to commence in June and July and continue in September. "What will be neglected," he stated, "as a result of these cuts geared to benefit those earning more than \$50,000 per year, will be, at the very least, funding for Medicare drug benefits, and social security reform."

Summarizing the political impact of the change from Republican to Independent made by Senator Jeffords, Palmer made the following assessments:

- ◆ Leadership of the Republican Party will shift to the conservative south and west.
- ◆ Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania will be consulted as the "institutional moderate."
- ◆ Some Democrats will be pressured to bolt their party.
- ◆ President Bush, lacking the political skills to recover from the change in balance of power, will leave the aforementioned tax cut as the high point of his administration.

A brief question and answer session followed his speech.



Guest Speaker Dr. Richard Palmer, CSUDH Political Professor, discussed *What Lies Ahead?*



Conducting May Forum in the absence of President Emil Raulin is Rose Shields (above), Vice President of Academics. Pictured at left are Helen Leven and Carol Kerster.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin

By now I am sure that you have noticed the different table arrangement in our meeting room. Some time ago **Alfred Bernstein** tried a circular type table arrangement at one of the study groups. The members liked it and felt that it encouraged discussion and gave a better feel to the group. **H. E. Kamiya** and **Burt Cutler** discussed making a temporary attachment to the tables. **Walter Skiba** made a sample and now we have the inserts to make a



Mark Your Calendar!



The Summer Forum will take place August 29th at the Los Verdes Country Club at 11:30 a.m. It will feature an exciting presentation by Dr. Susanne Lawrenz-Miller, the Director of the Cabrillo Marine Museum, on the topic *Surviving in an Urban Ocean*.

A mailing will follow with details and a reservation form!

Dr. Susanne Lawrenz-Miller to Address Summer Forum

Dr. Miller has been at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium since 1974, when a new facility was being planned for the Cabrillo Marine Museum which opened originally in 1935. Dr. Miller oversees planning and operations of the Aquarium, a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. As Exhibits Director and museum co-director in the 1970's, she worked with architect Frank O. Gehry to develop the new museum-aquarium which opened in 1981. She is currently working with Aquarium staff, Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, the City, and architects to expand the Aquarium with new exhibit laboratories, a discovery center, and a student library.

Dr. Miller received a Ph.D in Zoology from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1972, following a B.A. in Zoology from UC Berkeley in 1967. Her scientific interests are in the ecology, behavior, and biomechanics of sea-shore animals and in long-term changes in marine populations. Her graduate research focused on locomotion, tenacity, and body form *Continued on page 3)*

Omniorians Attend ALIROW Meeting

By Emil Raulin



Estelle Feinstein is the new ALIROW Region 3 Director and will be working with the LIR's (Learning in Retirement) in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

It was interesting to exchange ideas with other organizations throughout California and several of its neighboring states. While we all have continued learning as a goal, each LIR group has a slightly different organization and different subject matter that it offer to its members.

Many offer various computer training courses and some are more socially oriented with activities such as potlucks, and picnics. Some make much more use of the faculty of their sponsors where the format is more a lecture style led by a current or retired member of the staff. The LIR where the conference was held, CLE (Continued Learning Experience), is a unique organization with over 900 members and their own buildings on the campus. They have some paid staff and some shared exercise and health programs with the university. They have a very diverse program offering different study and learning experiences along with several different art and music groups.

While it was interesting to hear about what other organizations are doing I still have the feeling that **Omniole** is rather special and it was great to share with others our emphasis and method of operation.

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OMNIOLORE PROFILE – Estelle Feinstein, ALIROW DIRECTOR, REGION 3

Omniole member **Estelle Feinstein** was named Director of Region 3 of the Association of Learning in Retirement Organization of the West (ALIROW) at the organization’s biennial meeting held in Fullerton in April.

A 21st century woman, Estelle made her mark in three separate careers – teaching, urban planning and grant writing.

She was born in Brooklyn, NY, in the same hospital that her daughter was born in 23 years later. Brooklyn College, an affiliate of the City University of New York, granted her a Bachelors degree, with honors, in June of 1948. In September of that year she married and taught elementary school as a regular appointee of the New York City Board of Education for two years before moving to Long Island and later giving birth to a son, thus completing their family.

When her husband, Sam, was offered the Directorship of the Research and Development Lab for Servomechanisms in Santa Barbara in January of 1958, they sold their home and moved to Montecito. After years of being a PTA and scout mom, Estelle decided to return to teaching. She substituted in Santa Barbara schools and schools in this area after they moved to Palos Verdes in 1964.

Realizing that teaching was not destined to be her permanent career, Estelle returned to college, taking courses as a non-matriculated student at UCLA, Harbor and Dominguez Hills.

Deciding that it was time for a second career, she studied urban management, planning and environmental science, receiving both a B.S. and a Masters degree in those fields from Dominguez Hills.

While working for her B.S., she served as an administrative intern for the City of Carson. While in the masters program, she had an opportunity to serve for three months as a consultant in urban management and planning for the City of Hermosa Beach. She liked it so well that she stayed for three years.

After conceptualizing, writing and editing a General Plan document for the city, she wrote other planning and environmental documents which were published and accepted. Later, after writing grant proposals for money for parks and beaches, she decided that was an area she wished to excel in. In 1976 she wrote a grant for \$350,000 to purchase the Pier Avenue School, a surplus school site, for conversion to a community center.

After turning down an offer in a planning capacity for the City of Los Angeles and an invitation to become a Fulbright Scholar, she became involved in design for interiors.

Estelle and Sam have lived in the same house in Palos Verdes for 37 years and their children benefited from their attendance at the schools found on the Peninsula. Daughter Susan, awarded two Masters degrees (an MBA and one in Negotiation and Conflict Management), is a senior manager for a

Fortune 500 company. Son Charles, former Peace Corps Volunteer, Fellow and Administrator, returned to school for an advanced degree and is currently involved in environmental assessment for the World Bank. Her grandchildren comprise a granddaughter, 31, a Fellow in Neurology at Johns Hopkins, as well as two grandsons, ages 6 and 10, who yet have to make their marks.

Estelle has been involved with the Palos Verdes Community Art Center for 15 years and served as docent as well as President of the Docent Council. In addition, she has been treasurer of a hospice support group and had trained and served as a long-term care ombudsman for a program run by the State of California.

Besides art, Estelle’s interests include gardening design and travel. Since mastering some of the rudiments of the computer, surfing museum sites and more recently, researching genealogy, keep her busy on the keyboard. In fact, Sam chuckles when he calls her a “computer hacker.” New experiences and activities challenge her. Among them have been hot air ballooning, riding in a helicopter and white-water river rafting on the upper Kern River – a “Class 5” challenge!

Open House Deemed A Success!

An Open House for prospective **Omniole** members held June 13th at the Torrance Civic Center Library, was a huge success, according to **Joanne Page**, Membership Chairman.

Forty-two persons attended, and nine joined **Omniole** at the meeting. Several others took the registration forms home to complete.

Describing the **Omniole** program were: **Emil Raulin, Marge Winston** and **Ralph Brown.**

Dr. Lawrenz-Miller (Continued from page 2)

in marine snails and included studies in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Jamaica, and Costa Rica. She has conducted long-term field studies of intertidal organisms on the Palos Verdes Peninsula since 1974, in collaboration with her husband, Dr. Alan Miller, a professor of biology at California State University, Long Beach, where she is also an adjunct biology professor. She has conducted a study of grunion spawning at Cabrillo Beach with Aquarium staff and volunteers over the past nine years.

* He who is ashamed of asking *
* is ashamed of learning. Danish Proverb *

The Millers reside in San Pedro and have two grown sons.

When Lou Little was coaching football at Georgetown, he had a player who was definitely third rate but had so much spirit he was an inspiration to the team. He rarely saw action except in the last few minutes of a game that was already decided.
One day news came that the boy’s father had died. The youngster came to Little

July	2	Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	4	Independence Day
	10	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	12	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	13	Chess Club – 10 a.m.
	20	Hiking Club – 10 a.m.
	27	Coordinators Appreciation Meeting

August	1	Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	3	Coordinators Training Meeting – 10:30 a.m.
	9	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	10	Chess Club – 10 a.m.
	14	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	15	Input Deadline for September Newsletter
	17	Hiking Club – 10 a.m.
	29	Summer Forum – 11:30 a.m.

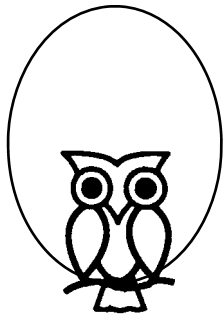
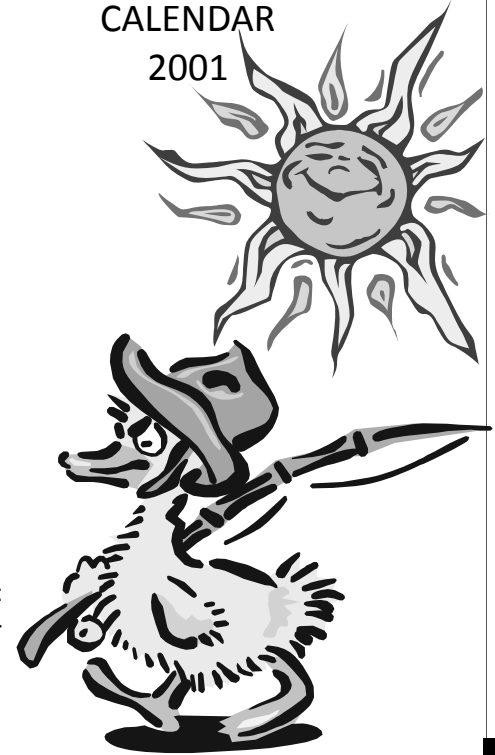
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Please Note: Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways:

Either phone Bob Grove to reserve a room, or
mark the corkboard calendar in Room 7 and notify Bob Grove via e-mail.

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