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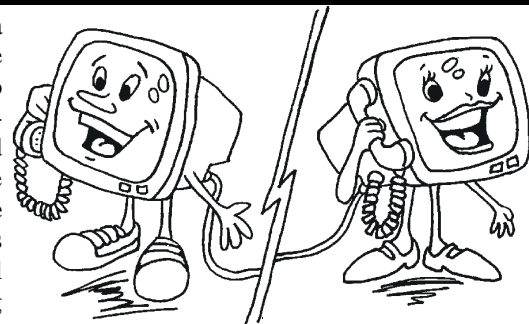
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Carol Johnson to Head "Virtual Office"

The **Omniole** Virtual Office is a term coined by Administrative Vice President **Bob Grove** to refer to the distributed set of computers, people, equipment and supplies that are involved in the paperwork that makes **Omniole** function. **Carol Johnson** has been appointed as the first Virtual Office manager. After gathering lists of at least 48 **Omniole** documents and 18 people who make or have made them, Carol held a Virtual Office meeting at the Knob Hill facility to pool information and discuss ideas. Fifteen of the persons involved participated.



Profiles collected by Carol show that among us, five **Omniorians** use Macs (including the one at Knob Hill) and 10 use PCs, of which eight have Windows 98. Two people use Word Perfect, 12 use MS Word, and 12 have MS Excel for spreadsheets. Six have zip drives and one has a writeable CD drive. All have e-mail and web access, with the exception of two of the Macs. According to Carol, "It is unclear whether e-mail attachments can be passed between various combinations of computers, operating systems, applications and their various versions, and Internet Service Providers (ISP)."

The group discussed future plans. Several members want to use one another's files, particularly the membership roster and class rosters. However, the group has not solved the portability problem between Macs and PCs and even between different applications and versions of applications. They discussed the possibility of having a www.omniole.org website which would tell what **Omniole** is and how to join, and might let members choose study/discussion topics.

According to Carol, the committee is well aware that some **Omniorians** do not use computers, so manual methods of communication will continue to be maintained. Interested members are invited to contact Carol with their ideas about the **Omniole** Virtual Office.

Chess Group Seeks Members

Persons wishing to sharpen their skills at playing chess are invited by **Mary O'Neill**, Chess Group Chairman, to contact her at 539-0415. The Chess Group meets the first Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 7 at the Knob Hill campus.

WANTED - FORUM SPEAKERS!!

The **Omniole** Forum Committee is constantly on the lookout for good speakers. If you have heard a speaker you think we might enjoy or know of a good speaker willing to work for a small honorarium, please contact **Lindie Banks**, Forum Chairman, at 937-7996 or e-mail her at lindiebanks@aol.com.

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Spring Begins March 20th!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin



During January, **Burt Cutler** and I met with the past and present presidents of PLATO and SAGE. We discussed topics ranging from fees to curriculum selection. It was very interesting to hear how similarly our organizations operate – even to the types of topics offered for study and discussion.

The area where we differed most was in fee structure. PLATO charges \$400 per year and parking fees, and SAGE

charges \$200 per year. Both these organizations have a monthly rent to pay for use of their facilities. Our agreement with CSUDH is that they keep 15% of our membership fees which covers use of the facilities which they rent from the City of Redondo Beach and all other services that they provide.

We are fortunate to have a very favorable arrangement with CSUDH; let's work to keep it that way.

Another subject that I would like to discuss is that of new members. We

have a fine membership committee; but in addition to their work, I want to encourage each member to tell his or her friends about **Omnilore** and to invite them to join our organization. If you know of someone who may be interested, bring him or her to the class you are attending so that they may see how interesting our groups are.

Omnilore Needs You - And Your Friends!

By Merle Culbert

What piques your interest, stimulates your mind, your creativity, your imagination and lets you associate with bright, friendly people with similar interests? **Omnilore**, of course! And **Omnilore** needs a few more people like you – people who have some time, like to learn new and fascinating things, keep mentally active and associate with people with their unique interests. Recently, the Membership Committee brainstormed how to recruit new members and came to the conclusion that our best recruiters are our own members! After all, you have friends who fit the description above (they probably wouldn't be your friends if they didn't) and you know all about **Omnilore** and how much it means to you. So we are asking you, the membership, to:

- ◆ Tell a friend about **Omnilore**. Friends share good things, don't they?
- ◆ Bring a friend to a class (check with the coordinator first).
- ◆ Inform a friend, pick up a brochure at the Knob Hill Center and give it to a friend while extolling the virtues of this wonderful organization.

We could even stretch "friend" to valued "acquaintances." They will be grateful to you for thinking so highly of them and offering the wonderful opportunity to join.

Omnilorians Exchange Wedding Vows

Omnilorians Cecilia Carroll & Willard Graham

For Cecilia and Willard

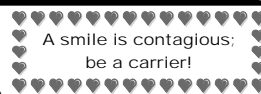


exchanged wedding vows Saturday, February 12th at American Martyrs Church, Manhattan Beach. In honor of the occasion, **Colleen Welch**, member of the **Omnilore** Writers Workshop, wrote the following:

On this our wedding day,
We give our silver selves,
Untarnished by days and years that went before.
Our memories we keep,
And yet we find ourselves surprised
and filled with wonder
at this windfall
in our lives,
this new found joy.

Computer Lab Under Consideration

Are you interested in learning more about some of the types of things that can be done on a computer? If so, the university has a lab with 10 computers which they have agreed to make available to us. This would not be part of our curriculum, and times and dates will be worked out once we determine if there is sufficient response. Interested persons should call **Helen Leven** at 326-6512 or **Emil Raulin** at 316-5750. Once we have enough people involved, we will set a meeting to go over the details.



OMNIOLORE is happy to welcome the following new members to our organization. Please add their names and addresses to your roster.

- Betty Alnes** – 540-0544
– 1400 Catalina, Redondo Beach 90277
- Naomi Cosgrove** – 373-7193
– 5206 Paseo Del Pavon, Torrance 90505
- John Garvey** – 378-5025
– 332 Avenida Atezada, Redondo Beach 90277
- Grant Laney** – 832-3635
– 28212 Montereyna Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes 90275
- Juliana Schneider** – 546-4986
– 3504 Crest Drive, Manhattan Beach 90266

Address Change:

Please change the zip code for **Lindie Banks** from 90277-2557 to 90277-2527

Procedure for Calendar Changes

The official **Omnilore** calendar is now mounted on a corkboard attached to the double doors separating Rooms 7 and 8. Members are free to reserve time and space (whenever the time and space are available) for any legitimate **Omnilore** function by simply marking it appropriately. (Please be sure to print your name as the author of the change.) If the time and space you need is already occupied, please notify Administrative Vice President **Bob Grove** at 833-3039 or at papabob111@aol.com.

On Friday, April 21st, the **Omnilore** Walking Group will hold its annual **Downtown Walking Tour**. Interested persons are asked to contact John Taber at 831-4768 or Loraine Nagy at 375-9997.

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – LES BERG – SECRETARY

Although he was born in Minneapolis (just a mile west of Minnehaha Falls of Longfellow fame), Les Berg considers himself a country boy. At the age of two his family moved to a farm in a remote area in Northern Wisconsin. From the time he was two until he was nine, his major pastime was walking in the woods. The farm was located three and one-half miles from the rural school and 10 miles from town.

When he was nine the family moved to a home within two and one-half miles from a town of 400 where he had neighbors across the road. After four years in these semi-rural surroundings, the family returned to Minneapolis when his father took a job with a defense plant.

A week after graduation from high school in 1946, Les entered the Army Air Force where he spent 15 months as a cryptographer, stationed part of the time in Okinawa. He entered the University of Minnesota in the Spring of 1947 where he majored in economics and minored in political science. Thanks to receiving credit for studies he had undertaken while in the service, he graduated just two years later, receiving his bachelor of science degree in June, 1949.

After working in procurement at Wright

-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, Les moved to El Segundo where he served as a contracting officer on the Thor missile for the Air Force Space and Missile Division. In 1962 he relocated to Houston, Texas to serve as chief of procurement for the Gemini program at NASA for a four-month stint.

Returning to California, he served on the staff of the director of contracts at North American Aviation, Autonetics Division, in Anaheim. While living in north Tustin, he attended Cal State Fullerton and was awarded his MBA degree in 1969.

Shortly thereafter he transferred to Hughes Helicopters in Culver City where he remained for 17 years, during which time they changed their name to McDonnell Douglas Helicopters. When the division moved to Mesa, Arizona, Les retired. Subsequently, he emerged from retirement to accept a position as contract administrator at Magnavox, where he remained for six years until he retired permanently in 1992.

He has resided in north Redondo Beach ever since his marriage to Jackie in 1982. Les currently serves as board president of the South Bay Unitarian Fellowship in Redondo Beach and is a board member of his home-owners

association. A member of **Omniole** for six and a half years, Les was elected secretary at the October annual meeting.

Through the years he has been an ardent stamp collector and an amateur gardener. He grows epiphyllums and begonias. In addition, he works out regularly at the gym. A genealogy buff, he has already catalogued over 250 family members on his computer. His other hobby is the stock market.

Despite health problems involving his eyes which resulted in several surgeries at the Jules Stein Institute, Les is an avid elderhosteler, concentrating on offerings in California and Arizona.

This summer he and Jackie look forward to a trip to Massachusetts where they will attend the college graduation of Jackie's granddaughter.

CLASSIC NOVELS GROUP

On March 15 the Classic Novels Group will discuss *The Wapshot Chronicle* by John Cheever. Discussion leader will be **Burt Cutler**.

The April 19th session will discuss *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. Both sessions will take place at noon.

MORE THAN 25 TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR UPCOMING

By Helen Leven, Curriculum Chairman

Omniole runs on the energy, intelligence and creativity of its members! All our courses are derived from *your* suggestions. Twenty-five of those suggestions were listed on our recent summer registration form.

Now that summer registration has been completed, I would like to thank all of the following people for sending in some wonderful ideas for study/discussion groups. Those suggestions that have not been used for this summer will be kept on file for possible future use. If summer is on its way, can fall be far behind?

A grateful nod to: Sheila Banken, Lindie Banks, Alfred Bernstein, Marian Buck, George Clark, Irma Cohen, George Crane, Merle Culbert, Bertha Dorsey, Elly Edwards, Ginger Engstrom, Sam Feinstein, Edith Garvey, Michael Grinde, Bob Grove, Blanche Herring, Eiichi Kamaya, Arlene Kaye, Gordon Kehmeier, Jean Levanas, Kathryn Loseff, Patricia Morris, Edith Muse, George Muse, Richard Myers, Jim O'Neill, Mary O'Neill, Don Pitts, Ed Rea, Bob Saunders, Ronnie Saunders, Terry Savage, Alan Scharff, Doris Schier, Mike Scordan, Hank Steddum, Etta Tourkin, Leonard Williams and all of the Curriculum Committee who continue to work so enthusiastically.

If you sent in a topic suggestion for the summer, and your name does not appear here, please send a note to my attention and place it in the Curriculum Box in order that we may acknowledge you.

Now a note for the fall: You will find extra topic submission forms in the Curriculum Box. As you begin to send in new submissions for fall S/D topics, please keep *science* in mind. We have had a dearth of new ideas and could really use some. If your idea requires some basic knowledge in a subject, please include that. If it requires no prior knowledge, a note to that effect will help people choose. Remember, **Omniole** is a self-driven organization, and we need *your* input!

E-Mail Changes And Additions

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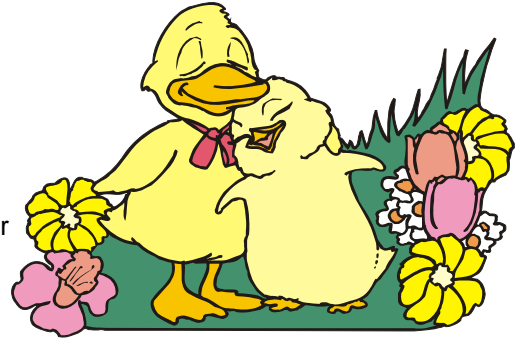
to: ddwyer@the.grid.net

Peg Van Vooren: aw170@lafn.org

March	3	Chess Group
	6	Forum Committee Meeting
	6	Curriculum Committee Meeting
	7	Membership Committee Meeting
	9	Board of Directors' Meeting
	15	Classic Novels Discussion
	23	Current Novels Discussion

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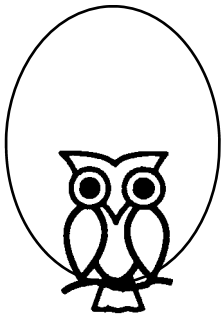
April	3	Forum Committee Meeting
	3	Curriculum Committee Meeting
	4	Membership Committee Meeting
	7	Coordinators' Training
	7	Chess Group
	13	Board of Directors' Meeting
	15	Newsletter Deadline
	19	Classic Novels Discussion
	21	Downtown Los Angeles Walking Tour
	27	Current Novels Discussion
	28	End of Semester



IMPORTANT

Please Note: All changes and additions to the OMNIOLORE Calendar must be cleared with the Vice President, Administration, Bob Grove (310) 833-3039 in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling or use of rooms.

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OMNIOLORE ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, October 21, 1999 @ 11:15a.m.
WHERE: Torrance Hilton Hotel (rooftop Horizon Room)
21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance

Reservations are required by October 14th, but please help our planning by reserving right now!!

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Please make _____ reservations for the Omnimore Luncheon and Annual Meeting

NAME: _____ Phone # _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for _____ people at \$20.00 per person

Lunch selection: Asian Chicken Salad _____ Eggplant Parmesan _____

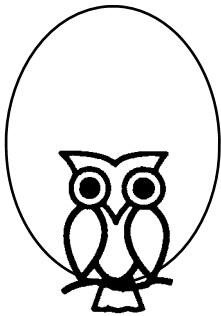
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NAME _____

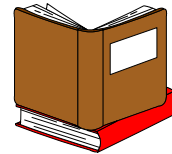
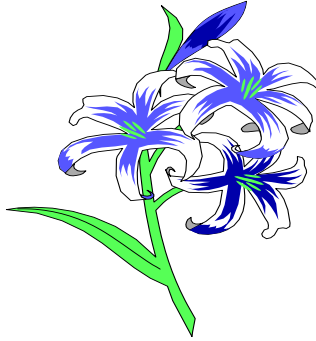
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Editors' Note:
 To anyone preparing information for the newsletter, If your article is composed on an IBM compatible computer it would be greatly appreciated if you would submit on a 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 disk with a notation as to software used. If you have any questions please call Ginger Engstrom 832-7333



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