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OmniLore News is published six times annually. We welcome short feature articles and news stories. Contact any of the staff members with your contributions.

Staff Members

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Whit Wilson Elected President at OmniLore Annual Meeting

On October 27, 1994, the 3rd annual general meeting of OmniLore was held at Charlie Brown's restaurant in Redondo Beach.

President John Taber called the meeting to order and gave his annual report outlining the many tasks accomplished over the last year. The most impressive task was the development of the task descriptions required to keep OmniLore functioning. John reiterated the fact that as a member driven organization it is imperative that ALL member get involved in the day-to-day chores.

The members unanimously ratified a by-law change which changes the number of vice-presidents from one to two: a vice president of administration and a vice president of academics.

John then introduced the proposed slate of next years officers.

- Whit Wilson President
- Elyse Boozer VP-Administration
- Fred Kiefer VP-Academics
- Lorraine Nagy Secretary
- Gloria Jacobs Treasurer
- Members at Large
Edith Garvey
Jim O'Neill

The slate was unanimously elected. The new officers will be installed at the January board meeting.

We had a number of guests to help us celebrate. Tia Jerger, Karen Blank and Timothy Mozia were our guests from California State University at Dominguez Hills. Also joining us were Mary Gurthrie of the Los Angeles Times who is working on a story about OmniLore and Meredith Grenier of the Daily Breeze.

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After a delicious lunch, we were treated to a delightful talk by Michael Milenski, Director of the Long Beach Opera, on the development of opera throughout history as well as a slide show that gave us a good flavor of what the Long Beach company has been doing. The speech was well received and I'm sure many of those in attendance will want to see this opera company first hand.

A sincere thank you to Virginia Levanas, Margaret Koch and all the others that made this a wonderful event.

Ginger Engstrom

SPRING TOPICS UNDER CONSIDERATION

As this issue of the OmniLore News goes to press, the curriculum committee has begun the process of deciding which of the twelve suggested study/discussion topics will be offered this spring. Descriptions of the proposed courses been distributed to the membership. In choosing next semester's offerings, the committee will consider both the number of persons interested in each topic and the amount of preparation that went into the proposed topic. The 12 proposals under consideration are:

- Would a Personal Computer Help Me?
- 19th Century American Literature
- Curing the Mind in 1995
- Great Composers, Part II
- Modern India
- Roman Emperors
- Genes and All That
- Writers Workshop, Part II
- Theories of Evolution—Answering Critics
- The Creators: Figures of Cultural Heritage
- Henry James
- Nietzsche



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by John Taber

At the beginning of my term, my goal was to define how **OmnioLore** operates in such a way that neces-

sary activities flowed as smoothly as possible and that the work to accomplish them was more or less evenly divided among the members.

A major part of this activity has involved describing tasks needed to be done by an organization such as ours. Many of these tasks were already being accomplished by the existing organization, and we only needed to describe them in words. Other tasks were added to fill the holes.

Finally, we created an operating organization within which each task was assigned a position. In many cases positions that had formerly been overloaded were split into two or more positions. Since **OmnioLore** depends on the voluntary help from its members, tasks were then defined so that everyone taking on a job would know what was expected of him and how his job related to that of others.

As year end approaches I am glad to report the first and main part of this goal has been accomplished. All positions and tasks have been defined and are currently in the midst of final review. Now it is time for members such as yourself to volunteer for the unfilled positions so that as our new president takes office in January he will be fully supported.

The accompanying chart list all the positions together with who has filled them in the past year and also provides space for names of people who will fill them in

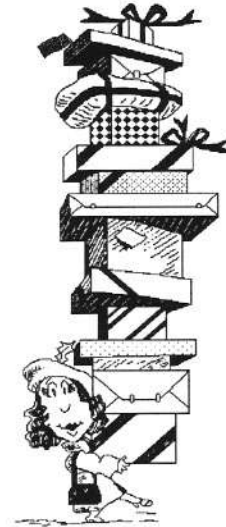
the coming year. There are many blanks, one of which is awaiting your name.

To understand the content of any position that might interest you, a notebook containing descriptions of all the tasks is kept in the right hand closet of Room 7. People who accept positions will be given a set of the tasks they are responsible for and of the tasks they will interface with.

Including coordinators and their assistants there are about half as many positions as there are members; which means that everyone should fill some position for a semester or longer every year. Those who volunteer early will have a wider selection to choose from.

To volunteer for any of the positions in the following chart contact me at 831-4768 or the incoming president Whit Wilson at 541-1323

Only 40 Days Left

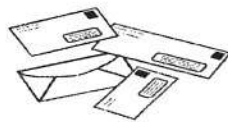


OmnioLore Organization

Position	1994	1995
1) Board of Directors		
2) President	John Taber	Whit Wilson
2.1) Communication Committee Chairman	Ronnie Saunders	Ronnie Saunders
2.1.1) Newsletter Editor	Ronnie Saunders	
2.1.2) Associated Editor	Ginger Engstrom	
2.1.3) Newsletter Distributor	Hank Steddum	
2.1.4) Special Communicator	Pat Greene	
2.1.5) Publicity Director	Ronnie Saunders	
2.2) University Liaison	Ethel Allen	Ethel Allen
3) Vice President for Administration		Elysie Boozer
3.1) Membership committee Chairman	Margaret Koch	Margaret Koch
3.1.1) New Member Liaison	Edith Garvey	
3.1.2) Registrar		
3.1.3) Social Director	Virginia Levanas	Virginia Levanas
3.2) Administrative Helper		
3.3) Computer Manager		
3.4) Mail Distributor	Joyce Zima	
3.5) Telephone Receptionist	Edith Garvey	
3.6) Librarian	Joyce Zima	
3.7) OmnioLore Archivist		
3.8) Clerical Helper (paid position)		
4) Vice President for Academics		Fred Kiefer
4.1) Curriculum Committee Chairman	Mike Scordan	Burt Cutler
4.2) Head Coordinator		
4.2.1) Coordinator/Assistant Coordinator	(many)	(TBD)
4.2.2) Room preparer		
4.3) Colloquium Coordinator	Ethel Allen	
4.4) Current Topics Coordinator	Marilyn Denno	Marilyn Denno
5) Treasurer	Gen Carlisle	Gloria Jacobs
5.1) Assistant Treasurer	Gloria Jacobs	
6) Secretary	Loraine Nagy	Loraine Nagy

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Comments and input can be sent to



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**Omniole Profiles
Whitney (Whit) Wilson**

Fergus Wilson, the golden retriever puppy of Whit and Clarkia Wilson, is the luckiest dog on the Peninsula. Every summer for the past two years his master and mistress have driven him to Mammoth Lakes for a week of swimming lessons.

Not surprising for the pet of an avid athlete who has been running for five days a week for the past 15 years. *Omniole's* incoming president, Whit Wilson, who has already chalked up several 10K runs and a half-marathon, is currently training to run his first marathon next March 5th.

When he runs with the L.A. Road Runners, sponsored by Orthopedic Hospital each Saturday, he is alone. However, when he runs Monday through Fridays, Fergus is by his side.

When Whit isn't running, he is likely to be backpacking in the Sierras with Clarkia, who also joins him on the ski slopes at Mammoth in the winter.

A native of Seattle, Whit grew up in Olympia, Washington. He met Clarkia at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he received his bachelor's and master's degree in business. They married in 1955, just before he entered the Air Force, where he served as lead navigator for a strategic Air Squadron in Mt. Home, Idaho.

Following his discharge from the military, Whit went to work as assistant to the controller of Boise Cascade in Boise, Idaho. He later served as assistant to the vice-president in Walla Walla, Washington, where his two sons, John and Mark, were born.

After seven years with Boise Cascade, where he did internal management consulting in the pulp and paper division, he accepted a position as manager of capital expenditures for Memorex in Santa Clara.

The Wilsons came to the South Bay in 1967 when Whit went to work at TRW as a business manager. During his 24-year career at TRW, he served as business planning manager, business finance manager and controller. He retired in 1991.

During his years as a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America, he took his troop hiking for a weekend each month year-round for five years — climbing the Sierras in the summer and exploring the desert in the winter.

Apart from his athletic activities, Whit is a licensed real estate broker, a licensed income tax preparer and a investment adviser registered with the Securities Exchange Commission.

A member of *Omniole* since 1992, Whit served as member-at-large this year and will assume the office of president in January, 1995

Help Wanted
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Needed

New Master or Mistress of the Koffee Kloset

Cecilia Carroll, who has kept *Omniole's* Koffee Kloset supplied since our inception almost three years ago, can no longer continue in that post.

We need a volunteer who will check Koffee Kloset Supplies every other week and replenish supplies as needed.

If you are interested in assuming the role of Koffee Kloset master or mistress, please contact Margaret Koch, membership chairman, at 373-9979.

Our special thanks to Cecilia for a job well done.

HIKING ANYONE?



Some members of *OnniLore* have expressed an interest in hiking. President John Taber, veteran Sierra Club hiker, has volunteered to lead a short hike along the

bluffs north of the Interpretive Center at Point Vicente.

Interested persons are invited to meet Monday, November 21 at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Interpretive Center, located near the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive West in Rancho Palos Verdes.

OMNIOLORE wishes to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members:

- Millie Bloombaum
- John Borden
- Virginia Proctor
- Janet Thomas
- Mary Varieur

MEMBERSHIP COFFEE HELD

New and prospective members of the *Omniole* Society attended an orientation coffee at the home of Virginia Levanas, social director, September 16. Members of the board explained the history and operations of *Omniole* and answered prospective members' questions.

Assisting the hostess were: Margaret Koch, Ethel Allen, Edith Garvey, and Ronnie Saunders.

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CALENDAR

November 3	Board of Directors Meeting
November 10	Hot Topics - Intolerance in Society
November 11	Veterans Day
November 14-18	Spring Coordinators' Conferences with Curriculum Committee
November 24	Thanksgiving
December 1	Board of Directors Meeting
December 8	Hot Topic - The Growth of Litigation
December 15	Deadline for January Newsletter
December 24-	
January 2	Christmas Recess
January 5	Swearing in of Officers Board of Directors Meeting
January 6	Deadline for Summer Study/Discussion Topic Suggestions
January 13	Fall Session Ends
January 16	Spring Session Begins



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