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OMNI BOO!

Annual Meeting Set for October 31st

Robin Elder, expert "mystery-ist," will be the featured speaker at **Omnimore's** Annual Luncheon Meeting at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 31st at the Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance. She will reveal how the suspense story, around for more than a century, has evolved into a key place in today's literature.

After graduating from Northern Illinois University with a degree in Accounting, Ms. Elder carved an illustrious career as a senior financial analyst and later as a computer software consultant for Fortune 500 companies such as Dun and Bradstreet. She still serves in an extensive consulting capacity.

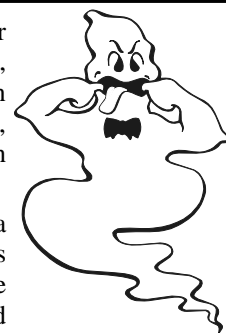
Less than two years ago, however, Ms. Elder realized a life-long passion for mysteries by opening Accessories to Murder, more-than-a-bookstore, in Redondo Beach. "I gave myself the store as a 50th birthday present," she said, fulfilling her dream to "get a job I loved." Ms. Elder is widely known for her talks to a variety of groups.

During the business meeting preceding the luncheon members will elect officers for the next term. A list of the nominees will be sent to all members a month prior to the elections.

The luncheon menu consists of green salad, Chicken Margarita with fruit salsa and flavorful rice, vegetables, and beverages. It is topped off with a Brown Betty apple tart.

As this meeting is being held on Halloween day, members are encouraged to wear either costumes or black and/or orange clothes.

Reservation Deadline is October 20th. Fill out the reservation form on page 3 of the newsletter and return with your check made out to **CSUDH to Omnimore:** Attention Treasurer, Box 7000-236, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-8710. For further information, call Diana Cutler at 541-8973 or Bette Henning at 373-1015.

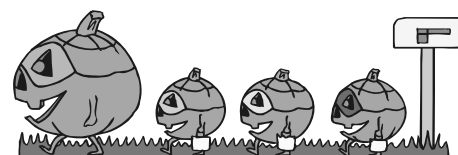


Omnimore to Update Profiles . . . A Work in Progress

Available at Annual Meeting

Remainders of *Omnimore Profiles . . . A Work in Progress*, which made its debut at last year's annual meeting, will be sold at this year's annual meeting for \$1 per copy. The publication includes all profiles that appeared in the newsletter from *Omnimore's* inception through last summer.

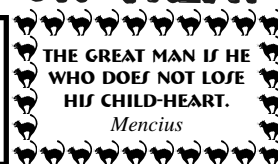
Supplements containing the profiles published during the past year will be available free of charge for persons who purchased copies of the original publication last year.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. It was July 11th when *Omniole* officers met with the Dean of Extended Education,



The lease was up the end of June and we were asked to be out by the end of July. On Saturday, July 28th, we moved our equipment, materials and supplies from Knob Hill to the Franklin Center and used the next few

Page and the Membership Committee held an information meeting which 27 people attended on July 26th. Burt also had a notice in the paper the following week about meetings to be held at three different libraries. **Burt and Diana Cutler** met with nine people that came to these meetings with several of them joining. It was great to see the interest that others have in our organization and we have a number of new people joining this fall. Please make an effort to introduce yourself and to welcome the new members as well as offer to help them in any way you can.

Dean Marge Gordon, and were informed that the University was not going to renew the lease for Room 7 at Knob Hill. The reason given was that the city of Redondo Beach was increasing the rent for the room and that the University was making very little use of the room. Essentially, we had the room all to ourselves and the Dean felt she could not justify the cost. The options were to move to the Franklin Center and use Room 7 there during the day, and the University would use it during the evenings, or to meet at various classrooms on the Dominguez Campus.

days to get most things organized. Thanks to **Walter Skiba, Joe Gross, Carol Johnson, Nancy Shannon-Sinclair, Michael Grinde, Bob Saunders, George Clark and Sam Rifman** for their help in getting this accomplished.

Edith Garvey held a successful assessment luncheon for all coordinators in the past year, on July 27th. It was very gratifying to me to see the enthusiasm and to hear the various suggestions for improving study and discussion groups. We are a great organization because of the people who volunteer to make it so and who do much more than attend classes. Thanks to all those involved!

While in the process of moving, we had an article in the South Bay Section of the *LA Times*, thanks to the efforts of **Burt Cutler**. This generated quite a bit of interest in *Omniole*, and **Joanne**

End of Summer . . .

By Edith Garvey

As summer turns into fall, our memories of some great summer discussion groups fill our heads. We are always so fortunate to have fine coordinators for our groups, and this summer was no exception.

If you enjoyed your group, be sure to thank your coordinators. As Head Coordinator, I want to express my appreciation to all those who made the summer courses so successful: **Mary Barling & Peg Van Vooren, Alfred Bernstein & Merle Culbert, Diana Cutler & Nina Landis, Phyllis Ford, Elaine & Robert Grove, Carol Johnson & H.E. Kamiya, Norman Lobsenz, Ed Rea & Willard Graham, Emil Raulin & Jim O'Neill, Nancy Shannon-Sinclair & Blanche Herring, Terry Savage, Rose Shields & Marge Winston, and Nancy Wells.**

Sixteen Courses To Be Offered This Fall

Sixteen classes will be offered this fall. Offerings will include more than one section in four of the courses. The trimester gets underway the first week of September and ends the last week of December. Study/Discussion groups include:

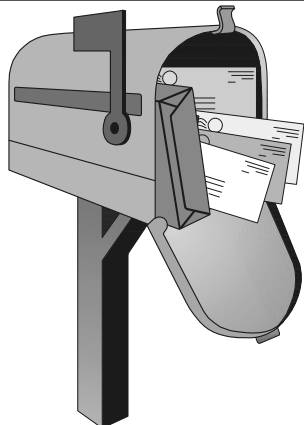
- Critical Thinking 1 2nd & 4th Tuesday a.m.
- 2 2nd & 4th Wednesday p.m.
- Creative Writing 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.
- The American CIA 1st & 3rd Thursday p.m.
- Islam 2nd & 4th Thursday a.m.
- Golden Age of Athens 2nd & 4th Thursday p.m.
- Lessons of History 1 1st & 3rd Tuesday a.m.
- 2 2nd & 4th Monday p.m.
- 3 1st & 3rd Thursday a.m.
- Story of the Alphabet 1 1st & 3rd Wednesday p.m.
- 2 2nd & 4th Friday a.m.
- Religious Ideas 1st & 3rd Friday a.m.
- Ethics in Today's Society 1st & 3rd Wednesday a.m.
- Kieslowski's Decalogue 1 1st & 3rd Monday a.m.
- 2 1st & 3rd Monday p.m.
- 3 1st & 3rd Tuesday p.m.

Chess Anyone!

Need another challenge??! Visit the *Omniole Chess Club* on the 1st Friday of the month, beginning on September 7th 2001, from 1-3 p.m. at the Franklin Center. We have six members in the club who invite you to join them.

Mary O'Neill, Coordinator 539-0415

PROCRASTINATION IS THE ART OF KEEPING UP WITH YESTERDAY!
DON MARQUIF (1878-1937)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many of us have e-mail and FAX, and all of us have a telephone.

That's why I'm urging members who are not going to be able to make it to a class, to give the coordinator the courtesy of informing them. It is simply an act of basic consideration to the group as well as the leader.

Notification is specially important when a presentation by the absent person is involved. (This is a stringent requirement in our sister organization, PLATO at UCLA.)

We are all a little lower than the angels, but it would be nice if we were a little higher than rank thoughtlessness.

Betty Henning

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – ALFRED BERNSTEIN

When Alfred Bernstein decided to be reborn 20 years ago, he got rid of 53 years of personal history in one fell swoop! Place of birth, his alma mater and career experiences were no longer relevant. He decided to go by his full name – Alfred – rather than Al, as he had previously been known, and to concentrate on searching for the deeper parts of himself.

For the first four years after making this decision Alfred struggled as a low-level manager at Hughes Aircraft before retiring at the age of 57 to work on the new Alfred. Two individuals have played an important role in his new life – **Omniorian** Bob Bacinski, with whom he enjoys hiking – and his significant other for the past 25 years, a lady artist and professor with whom he enjoys doing crossword puzzles and writing poetry. The pair also enjoys looking at picture books together as

armchair travelers who visit unique places and things.

How has Alfred been enjoying his new life? His first labor of love became his garden. And after joining **Omniole** a few years ago, he fell in love with the creative opportunities it afforded him. Besides serving as coordinator as frequently as he can, he enjoys making his presentations a bit of theater.

He recalls the time he took the role of a woman in his study/discussion group on Nobel prize women. He dressed as a Greek priestess in another group where he assumed the role of Delphi and foretold futures.

An avid reader, Alfred visits the library at least twice a week. Although he occasionally reads fiction, he prefers non-fiction.

Other interests include playing tennis – which he works hard at – and collecting rocks and fossils on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Sometimes he and Bob Bacinski find rocks during their weekly walk on the wild side. Recently, they spotted two snakes on one of their walks.

Although Alfred has children, they live far away and he doesn't see them often.

Recently, Alfred added a new species to his gardening collection at his Rancho Palos Verdes property – orchid plants. What does the future hold for Alfred? More of the same. He is constantly on the lookout for more to do.

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Omniole Student Activities Fund Established at CSUDH

By Emil Raulin

Early this year we established a *Student Activities Fund* at Cal State University to which *Omniole* and some individual members have contributed. Any member desiring to make a contribution may do so by making a check to CSUDH and including a note indicating that it is for the *Omniole Student Activities Fund* and send it to the attention of Letty Rodriguez.

For those who attended the *Machinery of Life* class, **Dr. Carol Guez** has a student she considers worthy of our help. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause please state on your note that the funds are to go to the Biology Dept. Further details may be obtained by calling **John Taber** (831-4768) or **Emil Raulin** (316-5750).

Are Presentations Mandatory?

By Rose Shields, VP Academics

Again at the beginning of our Fall trimester the issue of presentation arises. A presentation is mandatory in all Fall 2001 classes *except* the instructor-led course at CSUDH.

Built into the rest of the S/D groups is an obligation to fulfill the requirement of making a presentation. *Omniole's* operating rules state our standard S/D group format includes peer teaching and learning and presentations by all S/D group members.

There are some possible alternatives/exceptions. One is the instructor-led course. In addition, each trimester the Curriculum Committee *may* accept one or two topic descriptions that suggest no presentations. As with any topic suggestion, the committee judges its suitability.

Please note that a no-presentation group exists *only* if the topic write-up specifically so states.

The bottom line in *Omniole* is:

- ◆ No – Tests
- ◆ No – Grades
- ◆ Yes – Presentations

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OMNIOLORE Annual Luncheon Reservation

Reservations are required by October 20th please!

WHEN: Wednesday, October 31st – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: **Torrance Marriott Hotel**

Please make ___ reservations for the **Omniole** Luncheon and Annual Meeting:

Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____
(Please Print)

Enclosed is a check \$ for people @ \$25 per person.

I cannot attend. Please send an absentee ballot to:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
(Please Print)

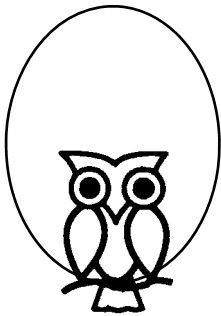
Address: _____
Zip

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, and put in the Treasurer's box or send to George Clark, Treasurer:

Omniole: Attn Treasurer
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September	1	Trimester Begins
	3	Labor Day
	7	Chess Club – 1 p.m.
	11	Membership Committee Meeting – 12:15 p.m.
	13	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	15	Fall Roster Distributed
	18	Rosh Hashanah
	21	Hiking Group – 10 a.m.
	27	Yom Kippur
	30	Membership Fee Deadline for New Members
	30	Enrollment Forms for Next Trimester Distributed
October	1	Forum Committee Meeting – Noon
	1	Topic Suggestion Forms Distributed
	5	Chess Club – 1 p.m.
	9	Membership Committee Meeting – 12:15 p.m.
	11	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	15	Input Deadline for Next Newsletter
	19	Hiking Group – 10 a.m.
	20	Reservations Due – Annual Luncheon Meeting
	21	Deadline to Return Enrollment Forms
	30	Deadline to Return Topic Suggestion Forms
	31	Annual Meeting – Election of Officers Torrance Marriott Hotel - 11:30 a.m.
	31	Halloween

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