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Officers Elected at Annual Meeting



Patricia Edie, Incoming President, and **Jay Edie**, Vice President, Academics

Patricia Edie was elected President of *Omnimore* at the annual meeting held October 29th at the Marriott Hotel in Torrance. Serving on her board will be: **Jay Edie**, Vice President, Academics; **Carol Johnson**, Vice President, Administration; **John Stevens**, Treasurer; **JoAnna Kerrigan**, Recording Secretary; and **Mary Oran**, **Joe Carrier** and **Mary Jo Little**, Members at Large.

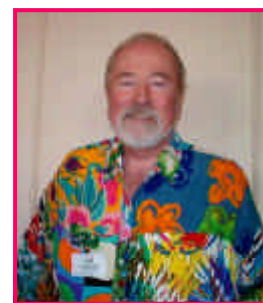
Chairpersons will include: **Edith Garvey**, Membership; **Diana Cutler**, Forum; **Ronnie Saunders**, Communications; **Dottie Farney**, Head Coordinator; and **Rick Spillane**, Curriculum.



Diana Cutler
Forum Chairman
with **Mary Oran**



Outgoing President, **George Clark**
with **Dean Margaret Gordon**, CSUDH



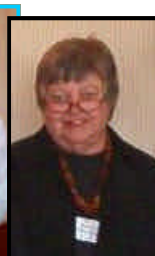
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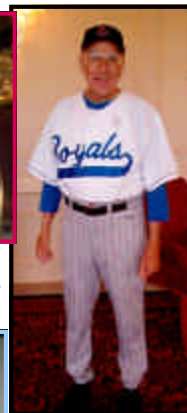
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Jim Bouchard
CSUDH
with the Judge

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Patricia Edie

As a child when I was asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I would answer a teacher, or a mother, or dancer. I never answered “the President!” Thanks to all of you for your vote of confidence in electing me to this role. Four and a half years ago, when Jay and I retired, we were determined that we were not “retiring” - we were “waking up” and we were going to do all that we could to “recreate” ourselves, and our lives. One of the first things we did was join *Omnilore* and begin an involvement that has continued to bring us learning, personal growth, enthusiasm, and friendship. We are happy to devote our energies for the next term on the board. I have my work cut out for me, to follow in **George Clark’s** footsteps. For the past two years he has provided a very focused and caring leadership to our organization and *Omnilore* is thriving.

When our new board meets we will consider our goals for the coming year and the ways we can meet the needs and challenges of a dynamic, growing entity. It is my hope that we continue to provide the excellent caliber of learning experiences as we have done in the past while creating some innovative opportunities for the members. My personal experience is that the more involved I am, the more I reap from my experiences. I hope members will become as involved as they would like, sharing the tasks so everyone enjoys what they do—never feeling burdened. The organization belongs to all of you. The board exists to serve the needs of the members; so, in reality, we work for you. I invite each of you to come forward with your ideas, suggestions, and observations. If there is something you would like to be more involved with, let us know. I also look forward to continued involvement with the CSUDH. **Marge Gordon, Joanne Zitelli** and

Jim Bouchard are our greatest allies and I hope for increased interaction that supports both the goals of *Omnilore* and the University.



I am excited about a new project. We have created a small “Working Group” that, together with our own guru, **Myron Pullen**, is in the process of designing a new website for *Omnilore*. We envision the website to be an enticement to prospective members as well as a means of real-time communications with our current members. If you have ideas or suggestions regarding it, let us know. We *Omnilorians* are all truly fortunate. We have the wisdom of our experience, the centeredness of our years and the freedom to choose how to spend our time. And, we have a mechanism, *Omnilore*, through which to share all of it with like-minded people.



If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims!

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?

Plymouth Rock

Why did the Indian chief wear so many feathers?

To keep his wigwam

How can you make a turkey float?

You need 2 scoops of ice cream, some root beer, and a turkey



Interest in OLLonline is growing as numbers of lifelong learners are using the internet for information. In fact, I have seen this development take place in lifelong learners within my immediate family. About 3 years ago, my stepmother got a computer for the first time. My father, who is 79, said he had no interest in using a computer – his actual words were “I won’t ever touch one of those computers.” My stepmother, on the other hand, was sending me electronic greeting cards after her first week on the computer. By the end of her first month on the computer, she was sending me spectacular digital photographs of New England fall foliage. Just last month, my father called and said he had just watched the live OLLonline webcast from his home in Massachusetts!

I hope you will join us in our *Omnilore* and our OLLonline presentations!

“Perspectives on the 2004 Presidential Election” Series a Success

by **Jim Bouchard**

Coordinator, Lifelong Learning
College of Extended and International Education
CSUDH



Jim Bouchard

As I write this, we are five days away from the presidential election... and one day away from the Annual OMNIBOO Luncheon Meeting! Whatever the result of the election

(and whenever we find out the results), it’s rewarding to know that this semester’s series “Perspectives on the 2004 Presidential Elections” has been well attended by *Omnilorians* with over 50 members at each presentation, and that many thought-provoking discussions have occurred. The topics have included terrorism, the Middle East, dynamics of the election, and an overview of the election process. And every CSUDH faculty member who has presented has told me that it is a pleasure to speak to an audience which is so engaged and informed. We are in the process of putting together a terrific spring 2005 series on detectives in film, television, radio, and literature.

As you know, OLLonline is our online virtual lifelong learning program which is broadcast on television and webcast on the internet. OLLonline is broadcasting the same series of presentations that are offered on-campus. I was thrilled to discover that many *Omnilorians* are watching the “Perspectives on the 2004 Presidential Elections” series live online or on television, and that some are video taping the broadcasts for later viewing. We thank you for your participation, and invite everyone to visit our OLLonline website at www.ollionline.tv. If you know anyone who cannot attend *Omnilore* lectures on campus, I hope that you refer them to OLLonline so that they can enjoy the lifelong learning opportunities that *Omnilore* members experience through their participation in stimulating discussions.

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – JAY EDIE

by Tom Rische, Contributing Editor

Jay Edie, *Omniole*'s incoming Vice President of Academics, has been a life-long student. After six years in a one-room Illinois country school, he went on to a BS in Electrical Engineering at MIT and an MS in Mathematics at Northeastern University. And he's been going to school ever since.

Originally a farm boy, he has spent the last half-century in big cities—12 years in Boston and since 1986 in Los Angeles. He spent most of his life in the defense industry working on a variety of applications and systems. "I've managed and led many applied research and advanced development projects, ranging from speech processing to sonar to space-based radar. I didn't discover how easy it is to get patents in a large company, until I got on the Patent Review Committee or I would have had more," he said.

In *Omniole*, Jay will be right-hand to his wife, Patricia, who has been elected President. He will be responsible for the

general academic health and growth of *Omniole*, overseeing academic curriculum, forums, S/DG coordination, and other parts of the educational process.

Jay and Patricia once worked together and became good friends. She went to another company, but they reunited in 1998 by chance, at a dance class. He came to propose as a result of seeing an Etruscan sarcophagus in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. They soon married in Sicily on the first of many trips together, shortly before they retired. This is the second marriage for both.

After they joined *Omniole* they set out on a series of educational tours through Elderhostel, Alumni Campus Abroad, and CSUDH study trips as well as trips on their own to Europe, the Middle East, Hawaii, and the Far East. They especially enjoyed three weeks in China, amazed at Chinese progress since abandoning socialism. Previously, he

made monthly trips to Washington, D.C. and other U.S. cities, but did little sight-seeing.

Both enjoy *Omniole* greatly. Edie notes, "I've benefited from belonging to *Omniole*, and particularly from the 'discipline' of researching and preparing for study/discussion groups. I've learned about subjects which I never before believed I had time for. I am quite proud of some of my presentations and believe I have put together some original work."

In recent years the Edies enjoyed getting away occasionally at Cabo San Lucas, in Mexico where they have planned many *Omniole* presentations.

Before marrying Patricia, he once was a sailor (owning two 35-footers) and was later a skier. Today Jay's interests are economics, freedom, learning, and Patricia. He intends to lead a long, healthy, and intellectually active life with her.



Edith Garvey and Carol Kerster mug for the camera.

Our Welcoming Committee



Carol Kerster, Edith Garvey, Mary Oran, JoAnna Kerrigan, and Carol Johnson



Ralph Brown and Myron Pullen chose beach subjects.



Bob Bacinski and Marie-France Brush always coordinate their outfits.



Jo Lancaster lurking behind a mask!



Patti and Grant Laney always double our fun!



Grace Tanaka *Omniole*'s gentle witch!



Brown Bag Science

BBS For November & December Series Meets on 3rd Thursdays

by George Clark

The Brown Bag Science series will continue in November and December with talks by two knowledgeable *Omniole* members, Milton Holmen and John Stevens. The meetings occur on the *third* Thursday of each month in Room 7 at the Franklin Center, from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m. As usual, you may bring a brown-bag lunch. Guests are welcome.

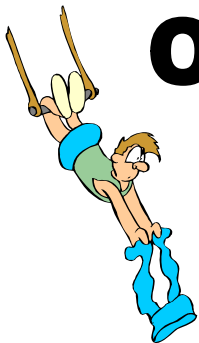


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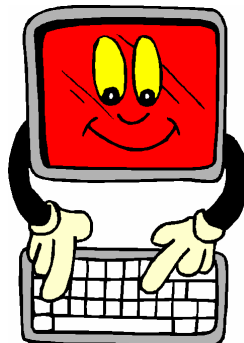
Thursday, November 18: *The Care and Feeding of Your Brain*, by **Milton Holmen**.

Milton received his Ph.D. in psychology from Stanford with a minor in business administration. He has been interested in the problems of aging brains for many years and is writing a book on caregiving for Alzheimer's patients.

Thursday, December 16: *Star Wars*, by **John Stevens**. John is a theoretical physicist who retired from Aerospace Corporation in 2000. During his professional career, he was involved in demonstration of new technologies in space, including launch vehicles, satellite control, and implementation of the Strategic Defense Initiative, the missile defense system sometimes called "Star Wars."



Oops! We Goofed!



PC 101 A Basic Series

by Carol Johnson

In the profile about **Mary Oran** in the last issue of the newsletter we stated that Mary received her masters degree from **Northeastern University**.

That was an error!

Actually, she received her masters degree from **Northwestern University**.

Sorry, Mary!



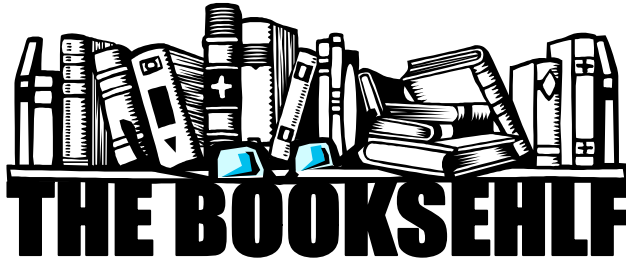
In a private ceremony conducted at the annual meeting, **Burt Cutler**, outgoing Curriculum Committee Chairman, officially hands over the reins to **Rick Spillane**, the new Curriculum Committee Chairman.

Beginning in November, the Computer SIG (Special Interest Group) will offer talks/demonstrations on some basic uses of PCs. The focus will be on how PCs can help with *Omniole* activities, such as preparing and giving presentations in study/discussion groups. Usually the SIG meets at 1:30 p.m. on 2nd and 4th Fridays. The first hour will consist of a half-hour basic talk and a half hour of questions, answers and news. Then we have refreshments, followed by a more esoteric talk and planning future meetings. *Omniole* members are welcome to come for one or both hours.

The SIG will meet only on the 2nd Fridays in November and December, due to the holidays. The "PC 101" basic topics for those dates are listed in the Calendar on the back page. Future "PC 101" topics may include web searching, organizing search results, preparing presentation "slides", building tables or spreadsheets, computer security and maintenance, and equipment training. We would be happy to get questions and suggestions about which topics are of interest.

The insert in this *Omniole News* is a form for submitting questions and SIG topic suggestions. Additional forms are on the north wall in Room 7, or you can e-mail or call ideas to me at CNordJ@sprynet.com, 310-372-8535.

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?
 Claustrophobic.
 Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
 Because he had low elf esteem.
 If Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus had a child, what would he be called?
 A subordinate clause.



by Mary Oran

First of all, a special plea to each of you during these months of “giving.” If you have a biography, historical work, piece of science fiction, scientific tome (get the idea?) that was a memorable read for you, please pass the title on to us. We want this list to be well-rounded, and my “tastes” are somewhat limited. Share good reading with us!

This month features some real treasures. **Angel of Repose, by Wallace Stegner** is a Pulitzer prize-winning novel (1971) in which two stories, past and present, merge. A wheelchair-bound historian decides to write about the frontier lives of his grandparents, and in the process, weaves a “generational tapestry” that ultimately enriches his own life. This beautifully written novel was selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best novels of the 20th century.

Harpo Speaks, the autobiography of **Harpo Marx**, is a long but thoroughly delightful chronicle of this harp-player and his family members. It is full of hilarity, action, and fascinating people. From his unorthodox childhood, to vaudeville, to his many friendships, Harpo led a captivating life. This book is frequently laugh-out-loud funny, and never dull!

Five Smooth Stones, by Ann Fairbairn is the story of a black man’s development growing up during the depression, and his attitudes towards whites. The author creates a true-to-life story that compels the reader to

experience the hatred, bewilderment, and passion the characters feel. This book has been labeled a “must read” for anyone interested in the Civil Rights Movement.

Travels With Charley, by John Steinbeck is one of those books that, even if you read it in the 60s when it first came out, you might want to pick up again. For three months, Steinbeck (at age 58) and his poodle Charley, journey across America in a camper. The people he meets, the experiences he has, the observations and descriptions he provides, and, of course, Charley, make this a memorable travelogue.

The Fig Eater, by Jody Shields is an unusual detective story set in Freud’s 1910 Vienna. The Inspector and his wife set about solving a crime using different methods. In the early 20th century, detective methods were moving from folklore to the scientific and psychological. Turn-of-the-century Vienna is richly described as the story moves around the city, and following the logic of the crime solvers is a delightful challenge.

A Christmas Memory, One Christmas, and The Thanksgiving Visitor by Truman Capote are three stories which are combined into one little book. The

stories are partly autobiographical, based on Capote’s southern childhood. **A Christmas Memory** is the best known, narrated by a young boy describing the holiday rituals he shares with an eccentric old lady, Miss Sook Faulk. It’s fruitcake weather, and as poor as she is, Miss Sook always makes fruitcakes as holiday gifts, including one sent each year to the President. All three stories feature the same characters; these stories are sad and nostalgic, but somehow comforting to read this time of year.

Our Simple Gifts by Owen Parry presents four Christmas tales set amidst the spiritual and physical landscapes of the Civil War. An injured Union soldier, a young Southerner released from prison camp, and immigrant private on the front, and a newly freed slave are the featured characters in these poignant, special holiday stories.

And finally, if you have a chance, read (preferably out loud) the poem **Christmas Trees by Robert Frost** and **Dylan Thomas’ A Child’s Christmas in Wales**. The power of language is assuredly revealed in these works.



Thank you to **Marilyn Denno** for contributing to this list. Please send your titles, with the author’s name and a brief description to msoran@sbcglobal.net. Please put “Omnilore books” as the subject. We look forward to hearing from you!

Out on a Limerick

A philosophical fellow named Ed
Always did his best thinking in bed.
He quoted from Kant.
But she said: “I sha’nt.”
So he slept with his volumes instead.

by
Mike
Scordan



Welcome!

<p>New Folks</p> <p>Echo Davis Redondo Beach</p> <p>Bob Lewis Rolling Hills Estates</p> <p>Donna Russel Rancho Palos Verdes</p> <p>Frances Roberts San Pedro</p>	<p>Returning Members</p> <p>Nell Gillis Manhattan Beach</p> <p>Grace Tanaka Rancho Palos Verdes</p>	<p>Back From Leave</p> <p>Alan Scharff Palos Verdes Estates</p> <p>Walter Skiba Redondo Beach</p> <p>Helen Tabibian Rancho Palos Verdes</p> <p>Dorlas Tippet Rancho Palos Verdes</p> <p>Sue Wortz Manhattan Beach</p>
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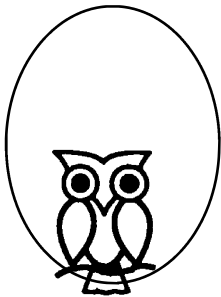
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	3	CSU . . . Presidential Election 2004 - 10 to 12 a.m. - CSUDH
	9	Membership Committee Meeting - 12 Noon - Room 7
	11	Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon to 2 p.m. - Room 7
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	25	Thanksgiving Day
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	15	Input Deadline for January-February Newsletter
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25	Christmas Day	

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