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## "CURRENT TOPICS" DISCUSSION GROUPS TO START

Have you ever yearned for the old bull sessions of your college years when an informed articulate group of friends sat around in heated debate on subjects that raised more questions than answers?

You now have a chance to relive the experience. **OMNILORE's** new "Current Topics" series will provide a forum for interested members to enjoy informal discussions on timely topics of concern. Each group will meet for a single two hour meeting unless the group itself decides to shorten or extend the time or add follow on meetings.

Topics to be discussed this spring include:

- The current medical cost problem
- The growing amount of litigation
- The pros and cons of nuclear power
- Improving our educational system
- The burden of an aging population on the young
- Homosexuals in the military
- Women in combat
- U.S. involvement in foreign humanitarian efforts

Persons who have previously indicated an interest in any of these topics will be notified of dates and times for their current topic discussions. Other interested members can check the wall calendar in the classroom for schedules.

Remember there is no core reading for these groups and any preparation you make to support your ideas or as general background is entirely optional. The main requirements for participation are: yourself, your evolving thoughts, a willingness to learn and a congenial attitude.

Topics for future "Current Discussion" groups should be submitted to John Taber, (310) 831-4768.

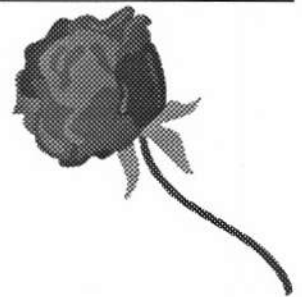
## KUDOS & ROSES

Dear Outgoing Board Members,

**OMNILORE** wishes to express its thanks to those outgoing board members who gave unstintingly of their time and energy during our initial year and helped make it the successful organization it is today. To those who served and have stepped down, our sincerest gratitude. Thank you!

\*ELSIE SCHULMAN\* \*LORAIN NAGY\* \*WILL GRAHAM\*  
\*HANK STEDDOM\* \*MIKE SCORDAN\*  
\*LOIS BUCHANAN\*

With heartfelt thanks  
The OMNILORE Membership



**OMNIOLORE Editorial**

As we close the first year of **OmnioLore's** association with CSUDH it's time to reflect on progress so far and things yet to be done. By any standard, 1992 was a very successful year. Much of the success flowed from the work done by our discussion group coordinators, presenters who stimulated us with fine presentations and all attendees who read the assignments and contributed to the spirited discussions.

Success has its cost, however; and that cost is the effort required by coordinators, presenter, management committees and even assignment readers to achieve the high quality we all want. Those involved last year have done so gladly and would only request that load sharing be more wide spread.

Since **OmnioLore** is a volunteer organization, its success depends on member participation. Let's all ask ourselves "How can I share in making **OmnioLore** great?" Answers include:

Sign up for a presentation. There are many who would be glad to help those who are fearful or doubt their ability.

If you cannot finish your assignment, let your coordinator know as soon as possible and try to find a substitute.

If you miss a meeting or arrive late, be responsible for finding out what you missed.

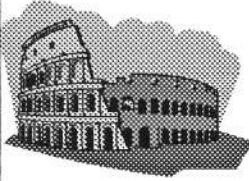
Sign up for a training session (to be announced soon) to improve your coordination and/or presentation skills.

Volunteer to be a coordinator.

Arrive early and help set up coffee service or help cleanup afterwards.

If we all take personal responsibility for the success of **OmnioLore**, then each can take pride, pleasure and purpose in it for many years to come without anyone having to carry an undue burden.

**ROMAN WAY GROUP TO TOUR GETTY MUSEUM**



TOUR SET FOR FEBRUARY 18th

Although members of the ROMAN WAY study/discussion group will qualify to travel to Rome on an Elderhostel next summer, some class members have decided to put on their traveling shoes early and head up the California coast a few miles.

On Thursday, February 18th the group will take a docent led tour of the Getty Museum. The class has reservation for 11 a.m. parking; and will have lunch at the museum. **OmnioLore** members who are not enrolled in the class but are interested in visiting the museum are invited to join them. Interested people should contact Joyce Loranger (310) 372-4917.

**THEATRE GROUP TO VIEW LOCAL PLAYS**

The newest special interest group to be organized by **OMNIOLORE** is the Theatre Group under the auspices of Virginia Levanas. During the coming year the group plans to attend plays at the theatres in the area.

Upcoming productions to be presented at Cal State Dominguez Hills include:

"Fences", a Pulitzer prize winning drama about the generation gap in an African-American family, on Friday, March 12

"As You Like It", Shakespearean comic masterpiece set for Friday, April 30

Tickets are \$4 for seniors.

Persons interested in attending as a group with other **OmnioLore** members or who wish to recommend other interesting local productions are asked to contact Virginia Levanas at (310) 375-0424.

**PLANNING AN OMNIOLORE EVENT?**

We welcome events such as theatre parties, museum tours, current topic bull sessions, etc., but wish to make it possible for everyone to be able to attend as many events as they choose.

In order to minimize schedule conflicts we have posted a large write on calendar on the classroom wall. Groups have the flexibility to alter meeting times; but they are encouraged to check the calendar before doing so.

All information to be posted on the calendar should be submitted to communications chairman Virginia Levanas, either by leaving a message in her box in the Classroom Kloset or by calling her at (310) 375-0424



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- New to **OmnioLore** this Spring are
- Nelly & Richard Lombardi
- Nancy & Robert Ingraham
- Joan Robinson
- Mimi Breitman
- Gloria Miller
- Warren Pietro

**WELCOME TO OMNIOLORE**



*Happy Valentine's Day*

**OMNIOLORE PROFILES**

**John Taber - President Elect**

John Taber is one of those rare finds on the California landscape - a native son. Born in Burbank, he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from California Institute of Technology and his masters at the University of California at Berkeley.

He spent the last thirty seven (37) years of his working career as an electronic engineer with TRW, beginning with them in the early years when they were still known as Ramo Wooldrige. He served in the capacity of project manager throughout most of his career until his retirement two years ago.

While employed at TRW, John served for almost a decade with AGARD (Advanced Group for Aeronautical Research and Development) for NATO, traveling throughout Europe exchanging technical information with representatives of other NATO countries.

Fifteen years ago he decided to build his own house. It took him

two years to complete the home in Rolling Hills Estates in which he currently dwells.

A member of the American Rocket Society and Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, John worked at TRW on the LANDSAT program (the satellite that collects images of the earth for peaceful purposes). In recognition of his achievements in this endeavor, he was awarded the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement.

As a member of the original **OMNIOLORE** group since 1990, John was instrumental in the formation of the current organization a year ago. The five achievements of which he is proudest are his five adult children -- two daughters: one an attorney and the other an administrator at TRW, and three sons: a high school teacher, a doctoral candidate in economics at the University of Chicago and a television technician currently studying for his degree in Phoenix.



If it is, watch for the next issue of the **OMNIOLORE** Newsletter when we will tell you about the "Poet Tree" open to all Omnioleoreans on May 6.



**REMOTE ACCESS  
CSUDH LIBRARY  
CATALOG VIA YOUR PC**

If you have a PC equipped with a communications modem, you can access the CSUDH Library Catalog from the comfort of your own home.

- The dial-in numbers are:
- (310) 516-3533
  - (310) 516-3732.
- Communications Software Settings are:
- 2400 baud
  - 8 data bits
  - 1 stop bit
  - no parity
  - full duplex
  - VT100 emulation
- Password is "opac"  
(lowercase letters)

For further information, obtain detailed written instructions from the Classroom Kloset or contact:  
Jeff Broude  
Director of Library  
Automation at CSUDH  
(310) 516-3709

**VOLUNTEER CORNER**

As mentioned in this month's editorial, volunteers are the life blood of our organization. The newsletter will publish, on an ongoing basis, the current needs of our various committees. If you see a task here that you think you can help with, contact either the appropriate committee chairman or a member of the board.

**Communications Committee**  
Contact Virginia Levanas  
(310) 375-0424

**Newsletter Distribution** - Every two month this individual will be responsible for copying the completed newsletter and delivering it to the coordinator's boxes in the Classroom Kloset.

**Backup Editor** - An individual with an IBM compatible PC who would like to become familiar with the newsletter formatting and editing process. This individual's help will only be required when the current co-editor is goofing off or otherwise unavailable.



*OmniLore News.*

*This is your newsletter; let us know what you would like to see on these pages. We need your comments on both content and format to make this a quality product.*

*Mail can be sent to*

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## CALENDAR

February 11th	Deadline for Summer Study/Discussion Suggestions
February 11th	Board of Directors Meeting
February 18th	Getty Museum Tour
March 12th	Theatre Party "Fences"
March 15th	Deadline for April Newsletter
March 16-26th	Distribution of Summer Ballots and Registration Forms
March 25th	Board of Directors Meeting
April 6th	Passover
April 9-11th	Good Friday -Easter
April 15th	Deadline for Summer Study/Discussion Registration
April 30th	Theatre Party "As You Like It"



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