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"Indiana Jones Was Here" To Be Topic of First Forum of 2001

By Carol Kerster

Indiana Jones Was Here – Uncovering Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls will be the topic of a forum to be presented by Dr. Bruce Zukerman, Associate Professor in the

School of Religion at USC and Director of USC's archeological research collection, Wednesday, February 28th at 11:30 a.m.

While he may not be as heroic as Indiana Jones was, dashing through Petra to uncover some mythical treasure, Dr. Zukerman, world renowned scholar and interpreter of the Dead Sea Scrolls, has spent enough time in the Mid-east and uncovered more profound and relevant treasures than even Hollywood could have imagined.



Although his work of examining biblical texts is done in privacy, Dr. Zukerman was featured recently on the very public Sunday Morning Show on CBS. And we will have the privilege of hearing him talk about his extraordinary work in person at our first Forum of 2001, to be held at the Los Verdes Country Club, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes.*

The reservation form, which includes cost and choices for the luncheon, is included on page 3 of this newsletter.

*Persons driving from the north are advised to drive south on Hawthorne Boulevard to Los Verdes Drive (located one block south of Crest), turn right and drive about 1/2 mile to the golf course, & park at the southernmost end of the lot.

Think Tank Nets Ideas For More Than 60 S/D Groups

Twenty-five **Omnilorians** attended this year's *Think Tank* on November 30th. As a result of their brainstorming, more than 60 ideas for possible study/discussion groups were submitted.

Offerings based on these new ideas as well as repeats of successful past offerings will be on the next ballot for proposed summer study/discussion groups.

According to Curriculum Chairman Sam Rifman, due to the large number of good suggestions, we will not be able to include all of them on the summer ballot. Many of those not used this time may appear on a subsequent ballot.

Raffle tickets were given to the author of each idea generated at the *Think Tank*. Winner of the random drawing was Patricia Edie, who is now sporting a cap bearing the name *Think Tank*.

Sam reminds the membership that the Curriculum Committee welcomes new ideas throughout the year. Should you have an inspiration, call Sam (545-8992) and he will send you a suggestion form on which you can submit it.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin

Αt the December meeting of the Board of Directors, it was agreed to start an Omnilore fund at Cal University State Dominguez Hills.

The initial contri-bution to the fund will be from the Omnilore university account. Later, any member who wishes to make a donation to the fund will be able to do so. The name of the fund and some of the details are in the process of being worked out.

The purpose of the fund will be to help



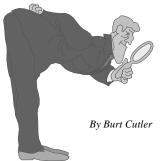
students and support activities related to the various fields of study. The fund will be overseen by the Division of Extended Education

CSUDH, in con-

sultation with Omnilore.

I am pleased with the response from our members as well as from the staff at the university regarding establishing such a fund.

Analyzing The Roster



I recently took time to analyze our 2000-2001 **Omnilore** roster. I learned that we currently have 170 members and eight non-active members. The following data applies only to our active members:

- ♦ Of our 170 members, we have 19 couples – or 22% of the membership.
- Of the 170 listings, 109 display mail addresses. Since we only had 29% in 1998-1999 and 37% in 1999-2000, it appears that our current 64% indicates that 44% have gone on-line in just two years. (Bear in mind that some spouses did not list an e-mail address even though the other spouse did and that some members chose not e-mail addresses for a to list their variety of reasons, including privacy. This means it is highly probable that the true number could be at or above 70%.)

And, finally, the roster analysis indicates that 40% of **Omnilorians** are men. In other words, three out of every five members of Omnilore are women.

In Memorium

Margaret Storkan, Omnilore member, died December 6th.

Rosary will be recited January 5th at 7 p.m. and the funeral mass will take place urday, January 6th at 12 noon.

> St. Lawrence Martyr Church Prospect & Avenue F Redondo Beach

A RIDDLE

I am your constant companion.

I am your greatest helper or heaviest burden.

I will push you onward or drag you down to failure.

I am completely at your command.

Half the things you do might just as well be turned over to me and I will be able to do them quickly and correctly.

I am easily manage – you must merely be firm with me. Show me exactly how you want something done and after a few lessons I will do it automatically.

I am the servant of all great people and, alas, of all failures, as well.

Those who are great, I have made great. Those who are failures. I have made failures.

I am not a machine, though I work with all the precision of a machine plus the intelligence of a person. You may run me for profit or run me for ruin – it makes no difference.

Take me, train me, be firm with me, and I will place the world at your feet. Be easy with me and I will destroy you.

Who am I?

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Course At CSUDH Campus Deemed Tremendous Success!

By Emil Raulin

The first **Omnilore** course using a lecture, discussion format and meeting on the Cal State University Dominguez Hills campus has been very successful. A total of 27 individuals enrolled and the average attendance was 22, with 9 members attending every session. Many thanks to John Taber for being the coordinator and working out the details with the university staff.

The following are some comments from our members:

Marilou Lieman: As a new Omnilore member, I felt very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the Election Politics class in which CSU Dominguez Hills faculty members lectured us and guided our discussions in their areas of expertise. I also was a member of a traditional Ominlore class, Jewish Stories II, in which we took turns preparing for and leading discussions. Both were uniquely enriching experiences. Lucky me!

Nancy Wells: Election Politics was an incredibly exciting and enlightening experience, especially because of the recent unique election and the excellence of the professors. Twentyseven interested Omnilorians fully appreciated the professor's donation of time and effort above the call of duty.

Sam Feinstein: The goals of Omnilore are to continue learning in retirement and to stimulate discussion. This course did both very well.

For the spring semester, the course *The Machinery of Life* is scheduled to be held at CSUDH, and some topics have already been suggested for next fall. If you have some thoughts for a course you would like to see offered in the future, please contact the Curriculum Committee with your ideas.



OMNILORE PROFILE - NANCY SHANNON-SINCLAIR

When Nancy Shannon, career nurse and published author, decided at the age of 45 to accept Bill Sinclair's proposal of marriage, she faced a dilemma. Was she to forego her well-earned reputation as Nancy Shannon in nursing circles, or would she assume a second identity as Nancy Sinclair? Her solution? She opted to bridge her two worlds and be known thereafter as Nancy Shannon-Sinclair.

A native Pennsylvanian, Nancy came to California following graduation as an R.N. from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh after being recruited by County Hospital, USC in Los Angeles. She worked towards her bachelor of science nursing degree at Pasadena City College at night from 1960 to 1964, and received her BS in nursing from Cal State LA in 1967.

Prior to going into outpatient nursing for Kaiser Southern California Permanente Medical Group in 1967 – where she remained until her retirement in 1990 – Nancy worked in the operating room at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, was assistant head nurse at LA County General Hospital, did general practice nursing in

Use of TV And VCR

By Edith Garvey, Head Coordinator

If you wish to use the TV and/or the VCR in the classroom for your presentation, please sign up in advance with your name, date and hour you will need it. A signup sheet for this purpose will be posted on the door of the closet where the TV is stored. This schedule will avoid any conflict problems.

Chairmen Named

President **Emil Raulin** has named the following chairpersons for the coming year:

Membership: Joanne Page; Forum Co-Chairs: Betty Henning and Diana Cutler; Communications: Ronnie Saunders; Head Coordinator: Edith Garvey; and Curriculum: Sam Rifman. Inasmuch as Sam Rifman was elected member-at-large at the annual meeting, Anne Faass was named to replace him in that position.

a physician's office in Glendale and was pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital, Los Angeles.

Nancy's mentor during her years with Kaiser was Anita Bucacca, medical social worker and first wife of author Saul Bellow. Nancy's experiences at Kaiser ranged from home care, where she taught nursing procedures to patients' families, to serving as a preceptor for second-year medical students at the USC School of Medicine.

In 1991, she received her master of science degree in nursing from Cal State Dominguez Hills where she specialized in gerontology studies.

As a teaching nurse Nancy opened the patient education centers at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Los Angeles, where she started classes in radiation therapy, hysterectomy, CPR, tubal sterilization, caesarian section birth, and mastectomy. She set up programs dealing with aural rehabilitation, alcohol, hospital closedcircuit television, and oncology education.

She is author of the book *Nurses Perception of Sexuality in Older Adults*, written under her maiden name, Nancy Shannon.

While employed at Kaiser, Nancy did volunteer work at the Fairfax Avenue

Free Clinic in Los Angeles and served on the executive board of the Pasadena Free Clinic. She has also been a volunteer at the Chinese Medical School in Los Angeles.

She is a former member of the advisory board for nursing ministry at Hollywood Lutheran Church and is currently affiliated with a 15th-16th century German singing group, the Sierra Club, the Los Angeles County Art Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Friends of Torrance Library, the South Coast Botanical Cactus and Succulent Society, and Sigma Theta Tau (a nurses' honorary society).

Her hobbies include: theatre, art, literature, travel, politics, films, music, gardening, hiking, cooking and singing.

E-Mail Update

Please add the following e-mail changes to your roster:

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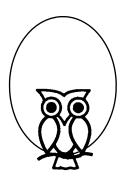
tootsisdad@aol.com To: tootsisdad@home.com

Joanne Page: aggerbeckpage@aol.com

Sam Rifman: sgrif-

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WHEN:	Wednesday, February 28th – 11:30 a.m.				
WHERE:	Los Verdes Country Cl 7000 W. Los Verdes Dri Rancho Palos Verdes	Geur			
Please make reservations for the Omnilore Luncheon-Forum:					
Name:	Vame: Phone #:				
Luncheon Entrée Selection					
Grilled Chicken Sandwich Chinese Chicken Salad M/soup or salad					
Luncheon \$15 apiece	Enclosed is a check for:	\$15 Other			
Please make checks out to CSUDH , and put in the Treasurer's box or send to George Clark, Treasurer: Omnilore: Attn Treasurer PMB 236 – P. O. Box 7000 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-8710					

January	2	Spring Study/Discussion Groups Begin	ON ANUL OR E	
	3	Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.	OMNILORE	
	8	Curriculum Committee Meeting – 10:30 a.m.	CALENDAR	
	9	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.		
	11	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon		
	12	Chess Club – 10 a.m	M	
	15	Deadline: Return of S/D Suggestion Forms	475	
	31	Summer Course Selection Forms Distributed		
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February	5	Curriculum Committee Meeting – 10:30 a.m.		
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	8	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon		
	9	Chess Club – 10 a.m.		
	13	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.		
	14	Valentines Day		
	15	Input Deadline for March Newsletter		
	21	Summer Course Selection Form Return Deadline		
	28	Spring Forum		
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Please Note: Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways: Either phone Bob Grove to reserve a room, or				
mark the corkboard calendar in Room 7 and notify Bob Grove via e-mail. Bob Grove's contact information: (310) 833-3039 – papabob111@aol.com				



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