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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



In January OmniiLore had its first change of officers since its organization under the auspices of CSUDH. Ethel Allen, who led OmniiLore since its inception and served as its first president, stepped down and now serves as University Liaison. **OmniiLore owes immeasurable thanks to Ethel for her tireless effort to set it on a sound course in its formative years.**

As OmniiLore's second president, it is my plan to continue the course set by her; but, since I have the luxury of the work already done and precedents set by her, my special goal will be to formalize how we operate so that later presidents can step into an organization that runs smoothly despite a turnover of personnel. Related to that effort will be a spreading of the work load among a broader set of members.

OmniiLore is a member driven organization. It serves no purpose other than to enrich the lives of its members; and only its members can carry out that purpose. Sometimes when we are attending a session or doing our core reading or preparing a presentation, we forget that substantial other work is needed to make the fun part possible. Developing a curriculum, preparing our newsletter, answering inquiries from potential new members, organizing social events and setting up the room and making coffee before a meeting all require someone's effort.

I hope to get all OmniiLore members involved in carrying out these day-to-day chores. This is the only way we can prevent overload of the few who work through love of a challenge, a feeling of responsibility or ease of coercion. Spreading the workload will also broaden membership input to where we should be going and how best to get there.

I am a believer in the inherent value of individuals. Given a conducive atmosphere, everyone can and will provide a unique gift of value to the rest of us. As your new president, I will try to foster a conducive atmosphere and hope it will facilitate your contribution.

In the near future we will provide a list of tasks that must be done. For each we will seek a sponsor for a well defined term. Some tasks will involve heavy interaction with others and some can be done quietly alone. Some will require substantial skills and other can be learned in a few minutes. Among them will be something that matches your skills, availability and desires. Please get involved. Add your contributions to OmniiLore, and make it all that your dreams would have it be.

John E. Taber



Omnilore Library Opens for Business



Realizing a dream that has been almost two years in the making, **Omnilore** has finally set up its own library under the chairmanship of Joyce Zima. The library is located on bookshelves in the locked cabinet in Room 8. Maps, articles, and past discussion outlines are in the file cabinet.

The library cabinet will be opened before each study/discussion group meeting and locked at the end of the meeting by the group coordinator or designated person.

HOW WILL IT WORK? --

According to Joyce, "Everyone is an honorary librarian. You check out and return books and maps yourself."

CHECKOUT PROCEDURE: If you wish to check out a book, remove the card from the holder facing the front cover, print your name and the current date on the back of the card and file the card in the 3x5 file box on the book shelf under the corresponding color.

RETURN PROCEDURE: When you return your book, find the card in the file box. cross off your name, replace the card in

the holder of the book, and then replace the material in the appropriate colored section on the shelves or in the file cabinet.

CHECKOUT PERIOD: All materials may be checked out for one month.

A few specialized dictionaries (identified by white cards) are for in room use only and cannot be checked out. Past outlines and articles are also for in room use only. If you want a copy of an outline or article, place it in the Copy Wanted envelope along with your name, study discussion group name, meeting time and place and 10¢ for each page you want copied. Copies will be returned by your study/discussion group coordinator.



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Know More Miss Steaks
or
One More Chuck Hole Along the
Information Superhighway

I have a spelling checker.
It came with my PC.
It plainly marks four my revue
mistakes I cannot sea.
I've run this poem threw it,
I'm sure your please to no.
It's letter perfect in its weigh;
My checker tolled me sew.

anonymous

courtesy of Pat Greene

Membership Hits New High

With a total of 81 members enrolled for the Spring session, **Omnilore** has hit a new membership high.

To introduce new and prospective members to the **Omnilore** organization, a morning coffee was held by the membership committee Tuesday, January 18 at the Redondo beach campus.

Following self introductions, Joyce Loring distributed discussion guides and material concerning membership responsibilities, and long-term members discussed making presentations at study-discussion groups.

Attending were:

Shirley Staples	Norman Lobsenz
Monroe Haas	Harold Simmons
Ellen Bradford	Ethel Allen
Nancy Wells	John Vehrencamp
Edith Garvey	Dick Hughes
Bob Lerner	Patrica Curtis
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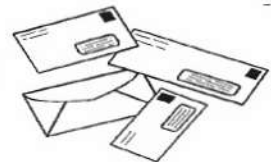
and Committee Members:

Vi Graham
Cecelia Carroll
Margaret Koch, membership chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Omniole Profiles

Vi Graham

When young Willard Graham took his first look at the tall twelve year old blonde in junior high school, his boyish heart was smitten and he swore that some day he would marry her. That vow came true; Vi and Wil Graham celebrated their golden wedding anniversary three years ago.

Although she met Willard in Los Angeles, Vi was an Eastern transplant. Born on Staten Island, N.Y., she lived on the East Coast until the age of seven. After graduating from Franklin High in Los Angeles, Vi attended U.C.L.A., U. S. C. and Loyola Universities receiving degrees in economics and sociology and a teaching credential as a reading specialist.

Not content with settling into a solitary career, Vi chalked up successful careers in several fields. She served as a social worker for the State of California, worked as a bank escrow officer, taught remedial reading and became an entrepreneur for several years designing and marketing jewelry targeted towards tennis and bicycle buffs.

A tennis buff all her life, Vi finished first in the State of California tennis doubles in her age bracket in 1992 and second in the national doubles the same year. Back in 1959 she hosted the first meeting of the Palos Verdes Tennis Club at her home. She served on the original board of the Palos Verdes League of Woman Voters, has held membership in the Palos Verdes Chapter of the United Nations and has been active in Great Books for many years. In addition, she is a member of American Association of University Women and the Friends of the Library.

A member of OmniLore since it started in 1992, she has served on the membership committee and as a coordinator of the study/discussion group on the Republics of the Former USSR.

Vi's interests range from bridge to politics. With travel high on her list, Vi and Willard (a retired attorney) have visited China (where she promoted tennis for our government among the Chinese people), Turkey, England, Wales, Italy, the Scandinavian Countries and India. The Grahams have participated in over 50 weeks of Elderhostel; and have served as coordinators of several Elderhostel programs.

They have one daughter, who is an expert in graphic arts and computer sciences, and a grand daughter, who is a fine arts expert.

Reflecting on more than half a century of accomplishments in both the professional and volunteer arenas, Vi attributes her success to one person -- her childhood sweetheart, Wil. "I couldn't have done half the things I did if it wasn't for Willard's constant support."

**NEW LIBRARY
CARDS AVAILABLE**

The sticker on your CSUDH library card has expired. If you wish to update your library card, please contact Margaret Koch, 373-9979

"CONTEMPORARY ISSUES" DISCUSSION GROUPS SEEK LEADERS

Last year an informal discussion group called Contemporary Issues met for several sessions to discuss timely topics of concern to members. Under the leadership of John Taber, they discussed such lively topics as current medical cost problems, the burden of an aging population on the young, pros and cons of nuclear power and improving our educational system.

Participants had the option of signing up for one session or all the sessions -- depending on their interests. There was no core reading required. The only requirements for participation in the two-hour sessions which met every other week was a willingness to learn, a desire to share evolving thoughts, and a congenial attitude.

Now OMNIOLORE is ready to repeat this successful format. Former chairman John Taber is currently occupied with the myriad tasks of the OMNIOLORE presidency. The curriculum committee is seeking an interested volunteer to coordinate and oversee the meetings.

Persons interested in volunteering are asked to contact John Taber at 831-4768.



CALENDAR

March 14-25	Distribution of Summer Study/Discussion Ballots and Registration Forms
March 24	Board of Directors Meeting
March 27	Passover
April 1-3	Good Friday -- Easter
April 14	Deadline for Summer Study/Discussion Registration
April 15	Deadline for May Newsletter
May 2-6	Summer Cordinators Meetings with Curriculum Committee
May 5	Board of Directors Meeting
May 30	Memorial Day



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