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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Whit Wilson

This last year has seen continued growth in the activities and size of OmnioLore. Under Fred Kiefer's leadership, academic activities expanded into two well attended and popular colloquia. Dr. Jeanne Curry, philosophy professor at Loyola University discussed the social, legal and ethical problems of genetic engineering, and Justice Edward A. Hinz, Jr., recently retired from the California Appellate Court, discussed current threats to the California judicial system, a most timely subject. Our discussion groups, the core of our organization, continued popular with interesting and challenging subjects, and with many new coordinators. John Taber has started leading a new activity, the OmnioLore Hikers, on interesting local 1½ hour hikes.

We have been very fortunate to have, as officers, board members and committee members, a group of able and interested members who have worked very well together. I personally am very appreciative of each of their efforts. In fact, all the committee chairmen, coordinators, committee members, and many with individual responsibilities have done an excellent job and made OmnioLore the superior organization it is.

Our membership has grown substantially over the last year, not particularly because we recruited

new members, but because we are successfully fulfilling a need. We now benefit from the experience and wisdom that our new members bring to us.

I would like to especially recognize the guidance that Burt Cutler has provided to us. OmnioLore has evolved from his original concept, and he has been instrumental in many ways in helping steer us to where we are today. This last year Burt has served as curriculum chairman.

Next year, we will have several new officers and committee chairmen, and the group will benefit from their fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We also have planned for next year three colloquia and a new activity, day trips with an academic goal to local institutions. Improving our meeting room facilities is another consideration. However, the key to keeping OmnioLore relevant and successful is active participation by all its members. In addition to participation in the discussion groups, we have many other needs. Co-coordinating courses, making coffee, serving on the membership, curriculum, social and other committees and the many other responsibilities help keep the organization vibrant and working smoothly. Please offer to help and respond when requested. Our organization is only as good as all of us together make it.

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New Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

Whit Wilson, president of Omnilore for the past year was reelected at the annual meeting held October 28 at Charley Brown's in Redondo Beach. Also reelected were Elyse Boozer, vice president, administration; Fred Kiefer, vice president, academics; and Gloria Jacobs, treasurer. Sunny Golombek was elected Secretary and Vi Graham and Joyce Zima were elected members-at-large.

The membership ratified by-law changes which provide that:

- The duration of all offices is one year after election, starting and ending at the first Board of Directors' meeting in November.
- A board vacancy may be filled by the president with the concurrence of the Board.
- When a president steps down one of the current year's vice presidents will be nominated to the office of president for the coming year.
- Amendments become effective with the installation of officers at the first Board of Directors meeting in November.

Following luncheon, Marty Knowlton, founder of Elderhostel, addressed the group. He discussed the interrelationship of Elderhostel, the Elderhostel Institute, and the Center of the Studies for the Future.

Ballots Due

Ballots with the suggested topics for the Winter semester were distributed by coordinators last month. If, for some reason you did not receive a ballot, you can pick one up from the curriculum coordinator's box in Room 7 or from a member of the committee.

If for any reason your ballot has not been submitted, please do so immediately.

We want you with us next semester!!

Colloquium Update

by Fred Kiefer

As a result of the tabulation of results of voting on recent suggested topics for a two day retreat, it has become apparent that there is no particular topic which would draw enough people for it to pay to put on a retreat.

Inasmuch as a retreat would require extensive planning efforts over several months and expenditure of considerable funds, it would appear at this point not to be feasible for the small group which would take advantage of it. Therefore the colloquium committee has decided to defer consideration of a retreat until next year. Meanwhile, however, in lieu of a retreat, the committee has decided that in addition to offering three colloquia annually, we will conduct two one-day trips to local points of interest with emphasis on lecture and background investigation.

Watch for announcements of our first Day Trip in the next issue of the Omnilore News. Meanwhile, our next colloquium is set for Wednesday February 7 at 10:00 AM when we will hear John Pendleton discuss "Heroes in Our Society". The colloquium will be held at the newly renovated Palos Verdes Library.

If you have any suggestion of topics or speakers that you would like to be considered for an upcoming colloquia please contact Vi Graham (310) 541-3045.



HOT TOPICS

for November /December

by John Taber

Two topics which will generate interest among Omnilore's members have been set to round out this year's Hot Topics discussions.

For November 16, 1995, the topic will be the legal system; do we need reform? The topic stems from the issues arising in the O. J. Simpson trial. Reform issues most often mentioned include:

- * Tighter control on the media.
- * Eliminating the need for unanimity of the jury.
- * Seeking ways to separate justice from the ability to pay.
- * Looser control on the admissibility of evidence.
- * Giving greater attention to the victims of crime.
- * Eliminating the need for sequestering a jury.

On December 21, 1995, during the season of giving, we will discuss "Altruism vs Self-Interest." Our society holds that we should be considerate and kind to others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. We also know that self-interest drives evolution and fuels free enterprise. Included will be such questions as:

- When does excessive self-interest become greed and when do attempts to be altruistic become detrimental, not only to society but to those we profess to help?
- Can we set guidelines to use in shaping our personal, commercial and/or governmental behavior?
- If so, how can we be sure they are being used?

All discussions begin at 12:00 noon and last two hours. Participants are encouraged to bring and present their thoughts and to grow through the knowledge and insight of others.

Justice Hinz Discusses Threats to Judicial System

by Joyce Zima

Two messages rang out loud and clear when Justice Edward Hinz spoke at the recent colloquium:

- Don't tamper with the system based on what occurred during the O.J. Simpson case.
- Passing laws to strengthen the court system won't reduce the crime rate. Only strengthening the family and family values will do that.

In a talk delivered to 60 members and friends of Omnilore, September 13, Justice Hinz discussed "Current Threats to the California Judicial System."

He expressed concern that based on the Simpson case, which was on-going at the time, a drive was already underway to make drastic changes in our judicial system. The problem, he stated, is not the system but the abuse of the system.

In the Simpson case, he pointed out, three major mistakes occurred before the trial even got underway.

- Instead of the police arresting Simpson in the customary manner, his attorney was notified beforehand.
- The 30-mile per hour freeway procession that followed was the second mistake.
- The final mistake was the police failure to arrest Al Cowling as an accessory to flight from justice.

Mistakes continued after the trial got underway. According to Justice Hinz, attorneys should never be

allowed to address each other or to quibble and make speeches for public consumption. In the justice's opinion, cameras never belong in a court room, because lawyers play to the cameras and it is difficult to police the media. He also felt that the case should have been tried in the 7th district, not in Downtown Los Angeles.

He was particularly concerned that as an outcome of the case people have suggested that juries be permitted to decide a case on conscience rather than on the law and that jury size be changed.

In other comments, the justice stated that he is opposed to electing judges on a county-wide basis rather than by district and that boot camps for first offenders create more problems than they solve. The solution is not to appoint more municipal judges or sponsor midnight basketball for youths, he said. The solution is to pass laws that will stress and re-strengthen the family and family values.

Kids must have an inner moral compassion, he states; and they are not getting it at home, at school or at church. They are growing up with no sense of right or wrong. Kids have no value for human life, the jurist concluded.

IN MEMORIAM

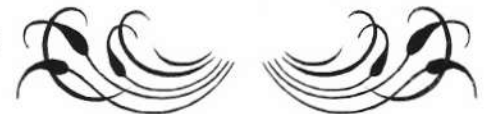
TOM WOOD
(1920-1995)

Tom Wood, one of the founding members of OMNIOLORE, died in September following a lengthy illness.

A graduate of U. C. Berkeley, Tom received his doctorate from Stanford University. He devoted his life to education, serving for many years as superintendent of schools of the Palos Verdes Unified School District before teaching education law at U. C. Berkeley and Cal State Fullerton.

Tom was instrumental in assisting the original 15-member group to make the connections that would result in our affiliation with Cal State Dominguez four years ago. The newly-formed Omnilore found his help invaluable when setting up its by-laws. Prior to his illness, Tom served as Omnilore's first vice president.

Survivors include his widow Ceil, two sons, a daughter, and their families.



Kudos

For Submitting Proposals for Study/Discussion Groups

by Burt Cutler

The Curriculum Committee wants to extend a hearty vote of thanks to the 24 people who suggested study/discussion topics for the Spring semester.

Topics were submitted by: Ethel Allen, Les Berg, Laura Bondurer, Bob Brennan, Myra Browning, Burt Cutler, Mary Delia, Bertha Dorsey, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Vi Graham, Michael Grinde, Peggy Houghton, Gloria Jacobs, Margaret Koch, Norman Lobsenz, Jim & Mary O'Neill, Bob and Ronnie Saunders, Doris Schier, Elsie Schulman, Mike Scordan and Margaret Storkan.

There were also several unsigned submissions.

The Curriculum Committee had a difficult job selecting a representative selection from the many suggestions.

Thanks again.



**Omnilore Profiles
Patricia Morris**

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Patricia Morris spent the first five years of her life shuttling between County Dublin and the state of Virginia, where her grandparents lived before the family settled in Ireland permanently. Her father, who had a master's degree in science and was a meteorologist, had married Patricia's mother during her final year of medical studies.

Upon returning to Ireland, Patricia and her sister spent a summer in the extreme western part of the country where only Gaelic was spoken. The result was that Patricia became totally bilingual by the time she entered elementary school.

After briefly attending the National University of Ireland and Trinity College in Dublin, Patricia decided she wanted to get started on a meaningful career, and joined the staff at Meath Hospital in Dublin where she subsequently supervised the surgical records department for the next nine years. During that time she also attended night college in Dublin and graduated in Liberal Arts.

Before moving to the United States in 1959, she lived in London for a year where she was supervisor of the Radiation Therapy Department at Guy's Hospital.

Upon her arrival in this country, she settled initially in New York City where she worked for Fairchild Publications for six months before relocating to San Francisco. She remained in San Francisco for three years, working for an advertising company (a division of Metromedia, Inc.) before moving to Los Angeles where she continued to work for them.

During her stint in private industry, she greatly missed the feeling of serving humanity which she had enjoyed during her service at the Irish and English hospitals. In 1969 she joined the American Red Cross Blood Services in Los Angeles, where she remained for 23 years until her retirement in 1991. Although she began as a secretary to the scientific director, by the time she retired she had worked her way

up to the position of executive administrative assistant to the executive director of blood services for Los Angeles-Orange Counties Region of the American Red Cross.

In addition to a busy career, Patricia studied Spanish for several years in the 1960's and was actively involved in her church, serving on its council and as a Sunday School teacher and chairman from the 1960's through the 1980's. She has studied yoga philosophy for three decades. In 1987 Patricia became an American citizen.

Although she knew Norman Morris, a fellow employee at the Red Cross, for many years, romance did not blossom until 1989. The Morrises were married on Easter Sunday, 1990. Norman is still employed by the American Red Cross Services as an instructional media specialist where he provides graphics, video and photographic media.

Since her retirement, Patricia has become a member of the Redondo Beach Historical Society, has served as a volunteer for the community services for the city of Redondo Beach, and has recently become a member of Omnilore's colloquium committee.

Patricia's brother and sister and their families continue to live in Ireland where her sister practices medicine and her brother is a retired bank executive. Patricia and Norman look forward to visiting the family in Ireland next year.

**Hikers Change Format
at Organization Meeting**

by John Taber

The OmniLore Picnic/Walking Group made three changes in their format at a recent organizational meeting.



Henceforth:

- ◆ Meetings will be held on the third Friday of every month instead of every other month.
- ◆ Walks will start at 10:00 AM, preceding rather than following the picnic lunch.
- ◆ Members will receive a notice identifying the location of each upcoming event a week ahead of time. An annual \$5 fee will be charged to cover postage.

Omnilorians interested in an opportunity to explore areas accessible only by walking as well as socialize with other Omnilore members are invited to join the next picnic/walk Friday November 17 at 10:00 AM. The group will meet at the picnic area in Friendship Park, near Western Avenue and 9th Street in San Pedro. Participants are invited to bring a lunch to enjoy after the walk.

Persons who would like to be on the mailing list are asked to send \$5 to Sunny Golombek, 2701-B Graham Avenue, Redondo Beach, Ca 90278.

IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 1,000 PEOPLE



It would include:

- 584 Asians
- 124 Africans
- 95 Europeans
- 84 Latin Americans
- 55 Former Soviets
- 52 North Americans
- 6 Australians & New Zealanders

There are:

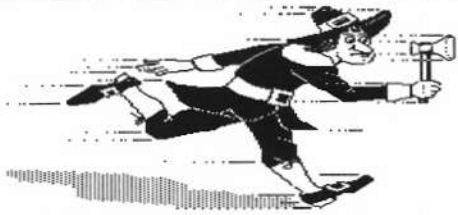
- 5 soldiers
- 7 teachers
- 1 doctor
- 3 refugees

28 babies will be born this year. Ten people will die, 3 of them for lack of food. One person in the village is infected with the HIV virus.

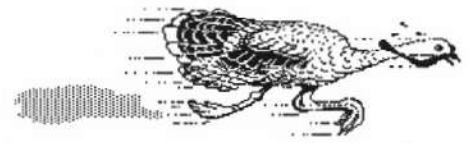
200 people receive 75 percent of the income; another 200 receive only 2 percent of the income.

Contributed by Burt Outler from
Futures by Design: The Practice of Ecological Planning

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Happy Thanksgiving



OMNIOLORE FEE POLICY

Annual fees are \$75.00 per member or \$120 for husband and wife payable to CSUDH. This entitles each individual to active society membership and a university library card.

The annual fee is dues for membership for one year, not tuition for "classes". Members' planning and participation in S/D groups as well as other Omnilore activities continue throughout the year.

For renewing members:

- ◆ Membership is renewable each year with the payment of the annual fee in September. (By check to CSUDH Extended Education.)
- ◆ Renewal fees are deemed late and overdue after the CSUDH closing date for Fall registration. Such late payments should be submitted in two (2) checks: one for \$50.00 made out to CSUDH Extended Education, and one for \$25.00 made out to Friends of Omnilore.
- ◆ The annual renewal fee is waived for persons finding it necessary to go on full annual leave. Members on annual leave are asked to reimburse Friends of Omnilore \$10.00 to cover costs of copy-service and mailings to them throughout the year.

For new members:

- ◆ Prorated annual fees are available only for the first time (new) members enter after the opening semester has been completed.
- ◆ Fees are prorated by semester in thirds.

Persons wishing to terminate their membership are eligible for refunds according to the State Refund Regulations described in the current CSUDH Extended Education Bulletin.

University to Offer January Trip to Sea of Cortez

A one-week trip to the Sea of Cortez will be offered by Cal State Dominguez Hills in January as a Marine Biology Upper Division course. Cost will be approximately \$1500. Interested persons may contact Laura Foster, director, special sessions at (310) 516-3972 or call Certified Marine Expeditions at (714) 675-6240.

Learning in Retirement Groups in Great Britain

University of the Third Age is a learning in retirement group that has spread throughout Great Britain in the last 11 years. There are currently 250 groups, mostly under 100 members in size. The London branch not only offers study-discussion groups; but also features Monday Morning Talks featuring guest lecturers.

Editorial Assistant Named

Ever since Pat Greene moved to Arizona, Omnilorians have missed having a person responsible for disseminating news that occurs between the bimonthly issues of Omnilore News.

We are happy to announce that new member Blanche Herring has volunteered to take over this duty. If there is news that you wish announced between issues, please call Blanche at (310) 212-5980 and she will get the word out to the coordinators.

Four Trips to be Offered in 1996 by the Elderhostel Institute Travel Program

Elderhostel Institute, of which Omnilore is a member, will offer four international study programs in 1996. Persons interested in registering will be sent independent study programs to study on their own before taking the trips.

Study programs will include:

- ◆ South Pacific Islands January 10-30
- ◆ London: The Life of a City May 14-29
- ◆ Galapagos Islands May 18-28
- ◆ France: En Francais May 30-June 21

Persons desiring additional information are asked to either write:

Elderhostel Institute Network
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Durham, N.H. 03824-3318

or phone (603) 862-0725.



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Comments and input can be sent to



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CALENDAR

November 2	Board of Directors' Meeting — Swearing in of Officers
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 23	Thanksgiving
November 13-17	Spring Coordinators Conferences with Curriculum Committee
December 7	Board of Directors' Meeting
December 12	Deadline for January Newsletter
December 15	New Member Coffee
December 24- January 2	Holiday Recess
December 31	Fall Session Ends
January 2	Spring Session Begins
January 4	Board of Directors' Meeting
January 5	Deadline for Summer study/discussion topic suggestions
January 30	Deadline for Spring membership fee, new members only

