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## CLASS INTEREST SURVEY RESULTS TO HELP CREATE CURRICULUM

*By John Taber*

A month ago OMNILORE members received a class-interest questionnaire with their course selection packet for the spring term. Thanks are due to the large number who responded. The information has been and will continue to be valuable in testing possible ways to make curriculum generation easier and more responsive to member's needs. Resulting changes will appear in the creation of the summer curriculum.

The goal of this effort has been fourfold: a) to provide members with more information about each course offered before they register (such as when it will meet, who its coordinator will be and what core reading, if any, will be used); b) to reduce the likelihood that any course offered at registration will not "go" due to lack of interest; c) to make each member's input to the process simple and easy to understand; d) to use our computer to analyze and predict the likely consequences of possible choices (not just in general but for each member) as a means of accomplishing this goal without overworking anyone.

In this test, each person's response (including the number of classes to be taken, the times that person would not be available, and each person's level of interest in each potential class) were entered into a spreadsheet program on the Macintosh computer. The spreadsheet summarized these results, and calculated the expected number of participants in each class. Classes with too few expected participants were then eliminated. On comparing the results from this program with those courses actually selected by the Curriculum Committee, there was a high degree of correlation, which is not surprising since similar data were used in each approach. Finally the "no-go" courses were removed and the program re-run thus spreading the entire membership over the offered courses to see how many would be expected in each. At this writing we are enhancing the program to show which interested people could not attend for the various times the class might be offered. In this way dates can be selected which inconvenience the fewest people. Anyone having questions, comments or suggestions is asked to call John Taber at (310) 831-4768.

### Surprise!

I'll bet you didn't know that OMNILORE has a library. It's located in Room 8 in the padlocked cabinet near the door.

If you want to discover its treasures, you have to ask your group coordinator to unlock it at the time of your meeting. Checkout is on a self-serve honor system with rules and how-to's posted inside the door.

If you're really interested, we're looking for a new librarian to further organize and expand the collection. Volunteers may call Joyce Zima, 378-0651.

## TWELVE TOPICS TO BE OFFERED AS SPRING SELECTIONS

Twelve study/discussion groups will be offered during the Spring semester which gets under way the week of January 13th.

Courses will meet as follows:

- \* Writers workshop, 1 & 3 Thursday afternoons
- \* American Short Stories, 2 & 4 Tuesday afternoons
- \* Development of Western Philosophy, 1 & 3 Wed. p.m.
- \* Investment Bankers, 2 & 4 Thursday afternoons
- \* The President and the Intelligence Community, 2 & 4 Thursday afternoons
- \* Internet for Beginners, 1 & 3 Tuesday afternoons
- \* Current Issues in American Foreign Policy, 1 & 3 Wednesday afternoons
- \* Story of English, 2 & 4 Tuesday afternoons
- \* Flight From Critical Thought to the Irrational, 2 & 4 Wed. afternoons
- \* Evolution, Variation, Complexity, Progress, 1 & 3 Tuesday mornings
- \* Unintended Consequences, 2 & 4 Wednesday mornings
- \* Simplified Quantum Mechanics, 2 & 4 Wednesday afternoons

## SPECIAL INTEREST BOOK GROUP PROPOSED

*by Burt Cutler*

In 1992 Francis Fukuyama, a Rand Corp. consultant wrote "THE END OF HISTORY", a brilliant highly-praised book which poses the centuries old question: Is there a direction to the history of mankind? If so, to what end is it moving, and where are we now in relation to that "end of history"?

The book, which is still available at the Torrance library and book stores, explains how specific forces lead to the eventual col-

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## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Fred Kiefer was elected President of Omnilore at the annual meeting held October 24 at the Marriott Hotel. Installation will take place at the November meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Knob Hill facility.

Also elected were: Joyce Zima, vice president, academics; John Vehrencamp, vice president, administration; Lindie Banks secretary; Arlene Kaye, treasurer; and Merle Culbert and Lloyd Money, members-at-large.

## PART-TIME SECRETARY TO ASSIST OMNIOLORE

*by Fred Kiefer*

As the membership of OMNIOLORE increases (to almost 150 at present) and as its range of activities expands, the administrative burden also grows. Board members and committee chairs devote increasingly more time to clerical duties.

To alleviate many of these chores, OMNIOLORE has obtained the services of Ms. Johan Smith. Ms. Smith has worked in industry for over 20 years as an office and security manager. She is well versed in both Mac and IBM computer systems and their graphics programs. Ms. Smith will work with board members and chairs of standing committees. Assignments, hours, and changes will be arranged through the Vice President of Administration.

On behalf of the Board, OMNIOLORE is very happy to welcome Ms. Smith to our organization.

## HOT TOPICS

*by Joann Ludwig*

On the third Thursday of each month from 12-2 p.m. everyone interested is invited to bring a lunch to the classrooms and join in a rousing bull session on the hot topic of the month. No preparation is necessary other than an interest in the topic.

On November 21 we will discuss retirement. Should normal retirement age be later or earlier than 65? Would changing the retirement age be good for the individual or society? Should retired people be expected to do community service if they are in good health? Are you glad you retired when you did?

On December 19 since it is the week after Hanukkah and the week before Christmas, let's talk about our favorite memories of these holidays. Have the ways in which the holidays are celebrated in our families changed over the years? If so, are the changes for the better or worse? What would be your ideal holiday?

Any ideas for future topics would be very welcome. Sometimes I am really stretching on these topics. If you have some suggestions give me a call at 377-4989.

## Thanks

I would like to thank OMNIOLORE for the opportunity to have served as president for the last two years, and to have worked with such a fine group of people on the board and in the organization.

I know OMNIOLORE will continue to improve in the future with the new set of officers and directors.

*Whit Wilson*

## Omniole Profiles

### Lloyd Money - Director at Large

**A**s a boy growing up in Seminole, Oklahoma, little did Lloyd Money dream that some day his career as an electrical engineer, expert on fire control systems and transportation, and as a futurologist would take him to such faraway places as Stockholm, Paris, the Soviet Union, and New Zealand.

But during the years following his graduation from Rice University in Houston, Texas, that is exactly what happened. After receiving his bachelors degree from Rice, Lloyd began teaching electrical engineering there; and met Ruth, whom he married shortly after he entered the Navy; and he was stationed at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Following their Houston wedding, Ruth joined him in the nation's capitol where they spent the next three-and-one half years.

Once he was out of the service, Lloyd embarked on what he thought would be the academic way of life, teaching at Tulane University in New Orleans for two years and studying summers at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. After matriculating as a full time student and receiving his Ph.D. from Purdue, Lloyd thought he would spend a short time in industry before returning to a life in academics.

To his surprise, he discovered that the most interesting work in his field was being done in industry, and embarked on the career that was to one day lead to his being awarded the silver medal for meritorious service from the United States Government.

His first job was at Hughes Aircraft which was still owned by Howard Hughes at the time and where Lloyd did system design work on airborne fire control systems. He then de-

signed and flight-tested the first automatic landing system for aircraft and became involved in systems design.

While he was designing a large part of the air defense system for Sweden, including the airborne fire control system, he suddenly found he was spending more time in Stockholm than he was with his family.

As European representative for the Aeronautical Systems Division of Hughes, he decided it was time to move his family abroad. In addition to Ruth, the family now included three children. They settled in Paris, where they remained for two years. In 1964 the Moneys returned to Los Angeles where Lloyd spent the next few years doing systems work at Hughes.

He later transferred to TRW, where he was a futurologist for three years before moving to Washington, D.C. to work for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In Washington, Lloyd served as Associate Manager of the Office of Systems Engineering in the Office of the Secretary. He later served as Acting Assistant Secretary for Technology and Systems Development.

During his 15 years of government service he was:

- First director of the Office of University Research;
- Assistant administrator for research and Development for Urban Mass Transportation Administration;
- Director of the Department of Transportation's program to improve tunneling technologies;
- Director of the department's

program for magnetic levitation

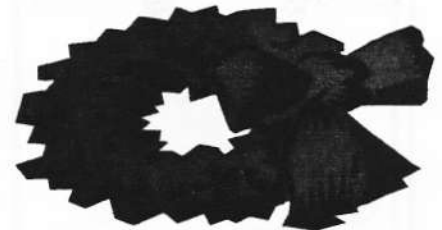
- Chairman of the United States' side for a joint research program with the Soviet Union in magnetic levitation.

As chairman of the United States delegation to the OCED (Organization of European Communities), he helped work out international shipping codes for the international transport of freight. He also served as chairman of the United States delegation to an International Civil Aviation organization meeting in Wellington, New Zealand.

During his stint with the government, he took a year's sabbatical to accept a post as a visiting scholar at U.C. Berkeley, where he wrote the book "Transportation, Energy, and the Future", which was published by Prentice Hall. In 1982 he returned to TRW, where he served until his retirement three years later as a member of the senior staff and worked on design of the space station.

Following his retirement in 1985, he assisted his wife, Ruth, in establishing the South Bay Infant Center, a non-profit infant care center in Redondo Beach which demonstrates a philosophy of respect for infants.

Retirement travels have included a self-designed three-month trip around the world, an African safari, and numerous visits to friends in Europe.



## COMING EVENTS

Circle February 19 on your calendar. That is the date of the next OMNILORE colloquium, tentatively scheduled to take place at the Palos Verdes library. Guest speaker will be Professor Dennis Kelly, marine biologist. Watch the January newsletter for details and registration form.

## CALENDAR

- November 7 Board of Directors Meeting  
 11 VETERANS DAY  
 13 Coordinators training session ( for Spring)  
 28 THANKSGIVING
- December 5 Board of Directors Meeting  
 13 New Members committee  
 20 Deadline for return of summer S/D topics ballot  
 22 Fall Session Ends  
 23 CHRISTMAS Recess ( to January 3)
- January 9 Board of Directors Meeting  
 13 Spring Session begins  
 31 Deadline for Spring membership fee, new members only  
 Summer S/D group rosters distributed

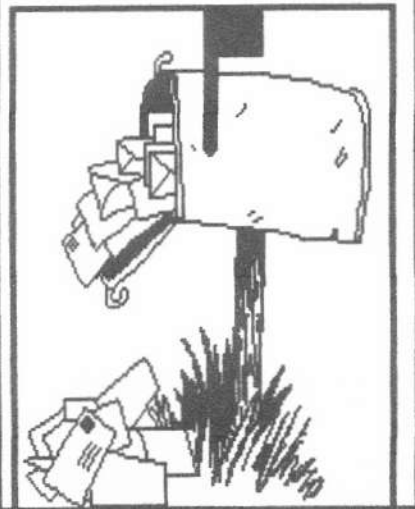


\* WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR CURRICULUM COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR SUMMER

### OMNILORE NEWS

Comments and input can be sent to:

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lapse of tyrannies on both the right and left. Fukuyama believes that these forces drive even culturally disparate societies toward capitalist liberal democracies as the "end state" of the historical process.

Although there were insufficient signups for "the end of History" to qualify as an OMNILORE course, it has been suggested that we have a special non-course book discussion group beginning in January to discuss this book. The 339 page book is divided into 5 "parts" so only 6 meetings are planned. No outside reading is required. No presentations will be made. The group will simply meet and discuss the book by chapter and part. If the group is small, the meetings may be held in an informal setting in volunteer member's homes.

If interested, please call Burt Cutler (310) 541-8973.

### WE WANT TO KNOW . .

Please call Sunny Golombek (310) 371-4358, if you know of any member in our midst who is having difficulty of any kind. OMNILORE members want to respond with offers of help, transportation, a phone call, flowers or whatever.

### MEMBERSHIP COFFEE SET FOR DECEMBER 13

A coffee for new and prospective members will be held Friday, December 13 at 10 a.m. at the Knob Hill classrooms.

Recent new members of OMNILORE include:

Johnny Arceri  
 Joan Bebb  
 Ralph Brown  
 Joyce Ehrhardt  
 Frank Gerardi  
 Edward Hall  
 Betty Hill  
 Patricia Theberge