Hardhat Tour of Karl Miller Center

Thursday, Sept. 15

RAPS members will experience firsthand the continuing expansion and transformation of the PSU campus when they take a hardhat tour Thursday, Sept. 15, of Karl Miller Center, home of the School of Business Administration. The building is undergoing a two-part renovation process that began with groundbreaking in October 2015, with the remaining work scheduled to be completed by fall 2017. Using the existing footprint of the building on SW Broadway that SBA formerly shared with the Graduate School of Education, the renovated structure will add nearly 90,000 square feet including the addition of a 38,000 square foot building connecting to its north side.

The SBA anticipates a “state-of-the-art LEED Platinum facility that will continue to attract and serve top talent from around the world,” according to its website. With more than 3,500 students, PSU’s business school is the largest in Oregon. The project is made possible by a $9 million gift from 1991 business alumnus Rick Miller and his wife Erika, with the addition of nearly $14 million in other gifts and $40 million in state bonds. The building is named in honor of Rick Miller’s grandfather Karl Miller, a World War II veteran, firefighter, and entrepreneur.

Cliff Allen, named Dean of the School of Business Administration in June, will welcome the RAPS group at 1:30 pm in SBA Faculty Lounge 550. Dean Allen will share his vision for the SBA and present a model of the new building. At 2:00 pm Mark Fujii, Senior Project Manager, will lead a hardhat tour lasting approximately 30 minutes. Depending on the number of RAPS members participating, the group may be divided into two sections, with the second group departing after the first group returns. Participants are required to wear long pants and closed-in shoes, in accordance with construction regulations.
President’s Message

Sue Poulsen here – the other half of the Co-President team. We have a new office manager, Adam Jones (see page 4). Larry Sawyer, Bill Lemman, and I attended the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) national conference in August. There are several other important items I want to mention.

First, a priority this year is to increase RAPS membership and address issues that have been problematic in achieving this. I know some issues have been confusing and baffling for folks, and I hope you will bear with us as we work to clarify and streamline our processes. We will be asking for your input and feedback. Thanks in advance for your patience, ideas, and support.

Second, a subcommittee of the Scholarship Committee has sent out an email survey related to a fund raising possibility. This is an effort to create an activity that is both meaningful and enjoyable for you while supporting one of our central missions – scholarships for students with a focus on Gerontology. The committee needs your input, so please take time to respond. Committee members Larry Sawyer, Barbara Alberty, Brent Schauer, Bob Lockerby, and Marge Terdal are happy to answer any questions you have and hear your thoughts and ideas.

Third, Dawn and I want to acknowledge the extra efforts of Carissa Ponting, our previous office manager, past her contract dates in covering for us until Adam was hired. Thanks, Carissa.

--Susan Poulsen

RAPS Members Attend AROHE Conference

The 8th biannual national conference of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education, held at the University of Washington in August, was the largest on record, attended by representatives from 60 US universities and a number of Canadian schools. Topics ranged from the politics and economics of retiring and retirement, to dealing with fears related to retiring and issues of maintaining one's intellectual community. I gained valuable information that I think can inform our organization’s activities and goals. Larry Sawyer served as conference photographer for the AROHE organization (stills) and was busy the entire time.

--Susan Poulsen

The PSU delegation included (pictured left to right): Larry Sawyer, Susan Poulsen, and Bill Lemman (AROHE Board Member).

--Photo by Larry Sawyer
The RAPS Book Group has met through the summer, discussing *The Moor’s Account* by Laila Lalami at Nancy Chapman’s home in July and *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows at Felicia Wirth’s home in August. In September we will be discussing *Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson’s Lost Pacific Empire: A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival* by Peter Stark. This is a story of the 1810 Astor Expedition, a three-year journey which opened the Pacific Northwest to exploration and settlement. It is, according to the back cover, “a tale of high adventure and incredible hardship, drawing extensively on firsthand accounts of the men who made the journey.” We will meet on September 20 at the home of Joan Shireman, 13584 SE Snowfire Dr., Happy Valley, 97086-9624 at our usual 1:30 pm time.

The Book Group meets at 1:30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month. New members are always welcome.

– Joan Shireman

The RAPS Bridge Group meets in the afternoon on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin play at 12:15 pm. We try to finish up by 4 pm. We meet in Smith Memorial Student Union, usually on the second floor, but sometimes on the third floor.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming months, bridge dates, and times:

- Tuesday, September 6, 2016; 12:15 pm in SMSU 294
- Tuesday, October 4, 2016; 12:15 pm in SMSU 236
- Tuesday, November 1, 2016; 12:15 pm in SMSU 236
- Tuesday, December 6, 2016; 12:15 pm in SMSU 236

I will send out the reminder email notice closer to each date we play.

The RAPS bridge group members are very friendly and are always looking for new players. If you wish to join us, please contact Steve Brennan, 503-646-6297. My email address is the.steve.brennan@gmail.com.

-- Steve Brennan

The RAPS Hiking Group. On July 12th a small group hiked to the top of Table Rock located several miles outside of Molalla. The day was overcast, and we didn’t see the panoramic views mentioned in the hiking books. However, we viewed basalt cliffs on the way up and closer rolling hills while eating our lunch at the top.

On August 9th, a small group of mostly different hikers hiked to the Bull of the Woods Lookout Tower. Overcast but no rain, as they hiked through wilderness forest and huckleberry heaven to the tower.

On September 13th, we will hike to Elk Meadows located near Mt. Hood Meadows. It will be 6 miles with a 1,230-foot elevation gain. Bring a sack lunch to eat on the trail and meet at 9 am at the Gateway Transit Parking Structure SE corner. RSVP to Larry Sawyer 503-771-1616 or larry_sawyer@comcast.net. View the pdf of the hike on our webpage on the RAPS website. To go directly to the page, go to www.pdx.edu/raps/raps-hikers.

-- Larry Sawyer
Adam Jones, RAPS Office Manager, 2016-17.

It’s my pleasure to introduce and welcome Adam Jones as our new office manager. It’s not been easy getting here this year, as we lost two capable appointees from the first round for various reasons and had to reopen the search. We lucked out with Adam, a second year graduate student in Social Work, who comes with a central interest in working with the aging population. He has experience providing advocacy for vulnerable populations, has developed and managed the activities program at an assisted living facility, and is especially interested in end of life issues among the aging.

He also comes with office skills, including maintaining accurate records, working with data bases, and consulting with various departments across campus regarding services and resources. He also has experience helping both faculty and students navigate the complex system that can be PSU. Welcome to the team, Adam. We’re very glad to have you!

--Susan Poulsen

Our Scholarship Recipient for 2016-2017

Tanya Kindrachuk has been selected as the recipient of the RAPS scholarship this year. She is a senior majoring in Aging Services and Community Health Education, planning to graduate in the spring. She says "I am extremely excited to be able to use my knowledge to better my community and to have a career that makes a positive impact." Tanya is a first generation college student, and the scholarship will allow her to take out less in loans for the coming year. She has been volunteering with Housecall Providers for nearly three years and is part of the Oregon Community Based Care Project at the Institute of Aging at PSU. She says, "I hope to work directly with the elderly by implementing programs which allow seniors to be able to live at home comfortably for as long as they wish/are safe to do so. A strong passion of mine is to combat elder abuse and neglect and I wish to pursue that path as well. I cannot express into words how utterly grateful I am to have been chosen for this scholarship."

--Nancy Chapman
Chair, Scholarship Committee
In Memoriam: William A. Manning, 1942 – 2016

Professor William “Bill” Manning died Tuesday, July 12, 2016. Bill was born in Klamath Falls, the younger son of Francis and Nora Manning. After graduating from Sacred Heart Academy in 1960, he attended Oregon State University in Corvallis where he earned a B.S. in Engineering in 1964 and a B.S. in Mathematics in 1965. Upon graduation, he moved to Peoria, IL, where he joined the Caterpillar Corporation as a manufacturing engineer. Two years later, he returned to Oregon to attend the University of Oregon, where he received his M.B.A. in International Trade and Finance. In 1970, he earned a Ph.D. in Management Science, also at the University of Oregon. In 1969 he joined the faculty of the School of Business at Portland State University. He taught courses in management, many of them focused on the use of computers and quantitative methods in management, as well as courses in international competition and the food industry. He published extensively on the use of computers in management and was co-author of seven college textbooks on information technology. He retired from the University in 1999.

Bill was active with career, community, travel, friends, and family. He served as exchange faculty at three universities in three countries in Eastern Europe. He was a consultant to banks, grocery chains, and the fast food industry and was on the boards of OnPoint Community Credit Union and G.I. Joes. Bill was instrumental in forming what is now PSU’s Food Industry Leadership Center.

Professor Manning is survived by his wife, Norma, his daughters, Toni Masingale, Kelly Summers, and Andee McNabb, his sons-in-law, Darren, Chris, and Bill, and nine grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his brother, Jim, who was also a faculty member at Portland State. A celebration of his life was held on August 6, 2016, at St. Clare Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Portland State University Business School or the Portland Rose Festival Foundation.

--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English

Photograph provided by Toni Masingale

Memorial Service for Richard Brinkman Sept. 25

A memorial service honoring Richard Brinkman, Professor Emeritus of Economics, will be held Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2:00 pm in 75 Lincoln Hall, with reception to follow in the Broadway gallery lobby. Professor Brinkman, a former president of RAPS who taught at PSU for more than three decades, died in April. A full obituary will appear in the October RAPS Sheet.
In Memoriam: Gerald Wygant, 1933-2016

Gerald "Gerry" Wygant was born September 2, 1933 to Archie and Pauline Wygant and died in Portland on July 29, 2016. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1956. He earned his Law degree from Northwestern in 1960. He had additional education at the Rutgers University Graduate School of Banking, at the University of New Hampshire's National Judicial College, and from the Oregon State Bar's program in Continuing Legal Education. He served in the US Navy Reserves as an intelligence officer from 1951 to 1973.

He joined the faculty of Portland State University's School of Business Administration in 1970 as a member of what was then called the Department of Finance Law. He taught full-time through summer term of 1998 and then as an adjunct. His academic specialties included Financial Institutions, Finance Management, Real Estate Law, Contract Law, and Security Law.

Professor Wygant is survived by his wife, Esther O'Grady, his daughters, Laura and Leslie, his brother James Wygant, and three grandchildren. A farewell tribute was held at his home on Sunday, August 7.

RAPS extends sincere condolences to the members of Professor Wygant's family.

--John R. Cooper, Professor Emeritus of English

Coming Events

Saturday, Sept. 3—A few complimentary tickets are available to RAPS members for the football game between PSU and Central Washington at Providence Park beginning at 2:30pm. To secure your tickets, please contact Adam Jones at 503-725-3447 or email him at rapsmail@pdx.edu.


Thursday, Nov. 17– "Hope in Hell: Operating in a Civil War Zone," Dr. James Peck, retired vascular surgeon and volunteer physician with Doctors without Borders, will speak on his experiences in Liberia, Sri Lanka, and Nigeria.

Sunday, Dec. 11 – Annual RAPS Holiday Brunch at Multnomah Athletic Club.