RAPS sets dinner, magic at MAC

By Terry Rohe, Professor Emeritus (LIB)
and Richard Brinkman, Professor Emeritus (ECON)

You are invited to join your colleagues for the RAPS “Holiday Magic” dinner party, scheduled for 6 pm, Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Members of the Ferdinand Society have also been invited to attend.

The event will be held on the second floor of the club in a spacious room decorated in holiday fashion with a seasonal tree, holly, and holiday linens.

“Let it Snow. Let it Snow. Let it Snow!” is the MAC decorating theme for the 2003 holiday season.

Each year the club decorates lavishly. Dinner guests will see a number of charming and amusing snowy winter scenes set up along the route to the party.

After a cocktail hour, members and guests will enjoy a three-course dinner of green salad; bronzed salmon, pork roast, or a vegetarian entrée; and a delicious ice-cream dessert called “Hula Coupe”.

Magician and RAPS member Dr. M. (Roger Moseley) and his assistant, “Tomato” (Nelson Tanedo), will mystify and entertain the audience with a magic show after dinner.

Roger Moseley has experienced a sterling academic career and with accomplishments that rank among (Continued on Page 4)

Farr presents Middle East analysis for RAPS

The November General Meeting was a medley of lively collegiality, excellent food, and a masterful lecture on “Transition in the Middle East.”

Glenn Farr (SOC) spoke from his long-time experience in the Middle East. While touching briefly on a number of areas of interest in the area, he concentrated on Afghanistan, which he first visited in 1966 as a Peace Corps volunteer.

After returning to Afghanistan last summer, his assessment of the post-war situation was divided. He said that things were good in Kabul, the capital city. The services one might expect were either intact or reconstructed.

However, the same was not true about the countryside.

He described how misunderstandings and lack of understanding were undermining the U. S. policy goals in the country. The role of the local warlords outside of Kabul is being vastly misunderstood. Rather than being small, armed bandit groups, these war- (Continued on Page 5)
Norwegian fjords live up to lavish billing

By Gwen Newborg
Professor Emeritus (LIB)

This summer I was able to fulfill my lifelong dream of traveling to Scandinavia, particularly Norway, my father’s family home. I tried to take in as much of Scandinavia as I could, with extra time allotted to Norway. On July 19, I flew off to Copenhagen for a three-week whirlwind tour of Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Oslo, Bergen and the fjords and Fredrikstad, Norway.

Although the entire trip was wonderful, the most spectacular part of the trip was cruising the Norwegian fjords. We left Bergen, the beginning of the fjords, and started our climb up the Stalheim Canyon, where you could see the Naeroy Valley far below. The water in the fjord was green from the glaciers above, the mountains granite slabs with little growing but scrub bushes and short trees. You could see sheep and goats high up on the mountains. Every summer the farmers’ turn the goats and sheep loose high up in the hills. Students watch over them, staying in little huts. Dotted all over mountains were cabins people use in the winter for skiing and in the summer for camping. We saw no water or electrical connections to these cabins. All of Scandinavia was on vacation, and the mountainsides were crowded with people.

We saw many beautiful little valleys, with just a few houses and red barns, a few cows and sheep, and apple orchards. Once in a while there would be a little town with a church and a few buildings, but they were few and far between. We wound through the mountains on switchback roads, taking hairpin turns that made you close your eyes. Fortunately, the bus had wheels at the back end that turned!

At Gudvangen we boarded a boat and cruised for three hours on our way to Balestrand. We saw waterfalls everywhere, narrow inlets and houses high up on the hills. At the famous 150-year-old Kvikne hotel, the view was spectacular. It had a huge veranda with lounges overlooking the fjord. Kaiser Wilhelm and the Queen of the Netherlands used to sail up the fjord on their yachts and have parties there. All over the hotel walls were wonderful photos of royalty and famous people who had visited. The next morning we were up early and on our way to the Geiranger fjord. We drove through more valleys and stopped at an arm of the largest glacier in Europe, the Jostedal glacier, the Boyabreen arm. We walked down a path and there was the glacier, all blue-green and icy.

After lunch we continued on to Hellesyft, where we boarded another boat for the hour-long trip to Geiranger. Once again we passed many spectacular waterfalls and could see down narrow inlets of the Geirangerfjord. At Geiranger, three large cruise ships were anchored. The water is so deep that the ships can come up the fjords a hundred miles to these resorts. They ferried people on launches back and forth to town all afternoon.

I could go on for pages about how beautiful the fjords were. When I return to Norway, I hope to take the Coastal Express boat from Bergen all the way to the Arctic Circle. I am sure it will be an unforgettable experience, and I’ve started saving my pennies. If anyone would like to see some of my photos, (I took 19 rolls of film), I have put a lot of them on my Web shots album on the Internet. The URL is: http://community.webshots.com/user/gnewborg101

Letter to the editor

Tour of Portland’s underground has possibilities

Portland has had a shady past in the shanghai business. Some of the old tunnels leading from merchant businesses to the waterfront still exist and are being restored. They were built for the moving of goods between the waterfront and businesses, but were also used in the shanghai trade. Tours are conducted for a nominal fee with the proceeds going towards restoration of these tunnels.

I think this would be a good historical tour for RAPS members. I know of one other RAPS member who has knowledge about the tours.

Please respond to the RAPS office if you are interested in a “Portland Underground” tour.

Larry Sawyer

“I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than to those attending too small a degree of it.

Thomas Jefferson, 1791
President’s Column

Personal giving has many facets, many directions

By Maxine Thomas
RAPS President

At this time of year, I think of holiday joy, friends, giving, and being thankful. I feel fortunate and thankful for my family, quality friends and my health among many other things in my life. When I think about "giving" and the importance of giving, I often have difficulty deciding to which organization, group or individual to donate time or money.

Do I give to HEAT to help those who can’t pay their heating bills? Should I give to the local firemen’s association that calls me yearly? Should I donate warm clothes for school children? To the Heart Association so I don’t feel guilty about using the address labels they have sent me?

To help me answer my own questions, I re-read The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran. Whatever I decide to do, it is a personal decision, and I need not receive any recognition.

The opportunity to "give" is all around us, especially at this time of year. Within the University community and within RAPS, there are also opportunities, and they don’t involve financial giving.

You can give the gift of your company to others by visiting a colleague who may not be as mobile as are you. You can volunteer at the Simon Benson House for an hour or two a month by calling Mary Coniglio. You can call a newly retired faculty or staff colleague and invite them to join RAPS. You can contact the editor and volunteer to write an article for The Hooter. You can write a "letter to the editor" with your thoughts and/or suggestions. (This could be the start of a new column in The Hooter – Letters to the Editor!! Write Now!) Whatever you do, enjoy the gift of giving and Happy Holidays!

I’ve found the following words by Helen Steiner Rice to be true for me.

The more you give, the more you get -- the more you laugh, the less you fret --
The more you do unselfishly, the more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share, the more you will always have to spare-
The more you love, the more you’ll find that life is good and friends are kind,
For only what we give away enriches us from day to day.

Special interest groups set December schedules

The RAPS Book Club held a meeting on November 20 and had quite a stimulating discussion about its first book selection, Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie. It was decided that we will hold monthly gatherings to discuss books on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30.

The next RAPS Book Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:30 at Richard and June Brinkman’s home. Call the Brinkmans at 503-646-4894 or e-mail at junesboot@msn.net for directions and to RSVP. The nonfiction book selection is Nickel and Dimed: On (not) Getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich.

The February Book Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 1:30 at LaRay Barna’s home. Call LaRay at 503-768-4160 or e-mail at barnal@pdx.edu for directions and to RSVP. The book selection for February is Daughter of Persia by Sattarch Farman Farmaian.

We’d like to have you join us!

Writers to share their creative efforts

The Writer's Group will meet again Monday, December 8, 1-3 PM. All RAPs members who are serious about writing are welcome. Bring sample copies of your work (poem, novel, short story, etc.), 1 to 3 pages, for presentation to the group for feedback.

The December meeting will be held at Jim Maurer's place at 31625 Arbor Glen Loop, Wilsonville. Call 503-694-5001 for directions or email (bumpajim@earthlink.net) for written directions.

Discussion group to meet in January

The Discussion Group will meet January 20, 2004, from 10:00-12:00 a.m. at the home of Maxine Thomas. Call 503-291-1279 or e-mail ondangwa@yahoo.com for directions. Come prepared for a stimulating discussion on topics too long and diverse to list here.

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RAPS committee seeks awards nominations

Each year RAPS honors a retired PSU faculty member and a retired PSU staff member for their continuing activity in and service to the University and the community. The nomination period for the 2004 awards is now open.

RAPS members may make nominations for these awards between now and February 1.

Nominations may be made on the basis of service to the community, service to the University, professional achievements and service, and service to RAPS. All activities cited should be post-retirement work.

It would be helpful to the committee if the nomination took the form of a single-page résumé of the nominee’s background and activities. The résumé might include a paragraph or two describing why the nominee is worthy of consideration.

Application forms may be secured from the RAPS office, Simon Benson House. Completed forms should be returned no later than March 10.

The presentation of the award is a featured event at the President’s Luncheon.

This year the luncheon is scheduled for March 31st in the Smith Student Union Center Ballroom.

Further information about the award and the nominating procedure may be obtained from the members of the Awards Committee:

- Steve Brannan (ED), Oregon Yacht Club #13, Foot of 100 SE Spokane St., PDX OR 97202, brannan@teleport.com;
- Brent Schauer, 3958 SW 58th Dr., PDX OR 97221, schauerb@hevanet.com; or
- Gordon Solie (MUS) 8711 SW 42nd Ave., PDX OR 97219, Gsolie@aol.com.


Eleanor Rigdon received the first award to an outstanding retired staff member in 2003.

MAC decorations will complement entertainment . . . from Page 1

the very best of the academic talent that PSU has to offer. Roger retired in 1990 after 23 years of demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, consulting and administration. Roger served as department head in management and was also interim dean. Roger’s C.V. is indeed impressive.

Roger also excels as a first-class magician. Dr. M has twice served as president of the Portland Society of Magicians (the oldest Magic Club west of the Mississippi!). Nelson Tanedo will also accompany Roger. The team better known as "Dr. M and Tomato" has performed over 100 shows together. These shows have been offered "pro bono" to a variety of groups such as Head Start, Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, and Hopewell House, among many others.

The MAC will be decorated in tune with the Holiday season. This represents an excellent way to usher in and capture the Holiday spirit for 2003. Please join the RAPS membership and the Ferdinand Society for a welcomed interlude of magical fun, gourmet food and academic collegiality.

By this time, you should have received a flyer announcing the event. If you have questions or if you wish to make reservations, contact the RAPS office manager at (503) 725-3447 or raps@pdx.edu. RAPS is able to subsidize the dinner and thus keep the cost down to a very reasonable $25 per person.

Payments may be sent to:
Retired Association of Portland State University (RAPS), Portland State University
PO Box 751
Portland OR 97207-0751

Coming in January
Tom Potiowsky
“Forecasting the Oregon Economy”
Hikers set next date

Laird & Mary Brodie, Maxine Thomas, Marge Terdal, Bill Wilson, Robert Pearson and Larry Sawyer enjoyed a leisurely hike and social conversation at Oaks Bottom on November 14th. The trail around the wetlands was in excellent shape, and fall colors were everywhere. Several flocks of Canada Geese were viewed feeding in the wetland grasses. Song birds, several species of ducks, and two Great Blue Herons were also seen.

The group voted to hold the December hike on the Wildwood trail in Forest Park. A weekday hike was preferred. The Pittock Mansion will be decorated for Christmas. Depending on the mansion schedule, viewing the mansion at the end of the hike is a possibility. Robert Pearson will coordinate this hike.

We will meet at the Hoyt Arboretum Information Center at 9:00 am on Friday December 12th. Please let Marge Terdal (503-244-5714) know if you plan to attend. We don’t want to leave anyone behind. Future hikes will be planned by the attendees.

Bridge group to meet Dec. 9

The bridge group will hold its monthly meeting on December 9 at the home of Dawn and Charlie White, 2004 SE 32nd Avenue. Play will begin at 1:30 pm.

To RSVP and for directions, please call (503) 232-3089 or e-mail chaswhite@comcast.net.

Warlords rule . . . From Page 1

lords are the de facto government with a collective 200,000-man army, while at the same time there is no “official” national army.

Another misunderstanding involves U.S. policy regarding opium-producing poppy growing.

While the U.S buys the poppy crop to burn it, the Afghan farmers grow even more to sell to the U.S.

Farr also described a potential PSU presence in Egypt. A group of businessmen and civic leaders has indicated a willingness to completely fund a new university – campus, building, supplies, everything.

PSU’s role would be to provide the expertise and advice in organizing a university, developing a curriculum, and training the faculty. The outreach to PSU is directly the result of PSU’s being well known in that area of the world due to the years of educating Middle Eastern residents through the Middle East Studies Center.

PSU would have unquestioned academic control of the project which might begin operation in Cairo as early as 2005.

The RAPS membership demonstrated its culinary skills with a great potluck selection including, but not limited to, chicken, lasagna, turkey, and salmon plus a variety of salads and a panoply of delicious (but calorie drenched) desserts.

The Cascade Room was packed with 53 RAPS members and guests from 6 until 9 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

RAPS has gone cyber

RAPS has entered cyber space and the internet age in a big way. Information about your favorite retirement group may now be found at http://www.raps.pdx.edu.

The site, part of the general PSU web site, includes information on membership eligibility and dues options, the Executive Board (complete with mug shots by Larry Sawyer), a calendar of events, an archive of The Hooter, a photo gallery of recent RAPS events, and a link for additional information.

More details will be published next month.
Dorothy J. Williams (MTH) dies at 83

By Victor C. Dahl,
Professor Emeritus (HST)

Dorothy Jean Williams, Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences, died September 25, 2003, and on November 1. A memorial service was held at the Reed College Chapel. She was 73 years old.

Professor Williams earned baccalaureate (1951) and master’s degrees (1953) in at the University of Oregon and a PhD. (1958) at the University of Washington in mathematics. She held appointments at Wellesley and Reed College before joining the mathematics department in 1983 where she taught until retirement in 1996.

During her years of PSU service, Professor Williams, who was well versed in all areas of mathematics and statistics, demonstrated special competence in training teachers and served as an adviser to the Portland Public Schools.

She actively engaged in the Challenge Program, conducted a statistics tutorial, and supervised the department’s M.S.T. program. Colleagues highly regarded these academic contributions to the University and enjoyed being associ-

The good word . . . .

(The editor collected a number of interesting quotations during his tenure in this post. One is printed here; more will appear in the next issue. The readers are encouraged to rank them on a 5-point scale.)

To Know

They who know not, and know that they know not, they are fools

SHUN THEM

They that know not, and know that they know not, they are simple

TEACH THEM

They that know, and know not they they know, they are asleep

WAKE THEM

And they that know, and know that they know, they are wise.

FOLLOW THEM!

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ated with her.

The institution owes a debt of gratitude to Professor Dorothy Williams, who, according to Professor Emeritus Gavin Bjork, “was a favorite of students and a good role model for teachers.”

Her sons Chris, John, Daniel and Peter, and granddaughter survive her. The RAPS organization extends it sympathy to them.

Curtis A. Levin (BA) dies at 81

By Victor C. Dahl,
Professor Emeritus (HST)

Curtis A. Levin, emeritus professor of business administration, died October 16, 2003. A memorial service was held in Hearthstone at Murrayhill Retirement Community in Beaverton on October 24, 2003.

Professor Levin, born January 3, 1922, in Park River, North Dakota, served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II. After graduating from Northwestern University, he earned a law degree at the University of North Dakota. At PSU Curt served as a professor of business administration for twenty years and retired in the 1980’s.

Also, he was a certified public accountant and a certified financial planner. Colleagues highly respected his professionalism and contributions to the School.

He married Esther Hoffman in 1960. His friends and colleagues extend their heartfelt sympathy to her; their son, Jon; three sisters; and two grandchildren.

Please note also . . . .

Mary Tsuyako Okazaki died Sept. 20 at the age of 78. She worked as an assistant in the dean of undergraduate studies office.

She is survived by brothers, Harry, John, and Mike.

Joan Sonya Hiebert died Oct. 9 at the age of 72. She worked as a cashier in food service at PSU.

She is survived by David Hiebert, her husband of 32 years; three children, Sonya Radford, Thomas Chandler, Jr., and Steven Chandler; sister Jeanine Badgley; and seven grandchildren.

An extensive obituary appeared in The Oregonian.