PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I’d like to welcome personally both continuing and new members to another year of RAPS socials, speaker programs, and field trips. For those who are interested in hiking, discussing books, and/or playing bridge we have special groups that serve those interests also.

A special thank you to those continuing members of RAPS. You are the backbone of our organization and we will continue to listen to your suggestions so that we can serve you better.

We continue our rather new practice of offering new PSU retirees and former retirees who have not joined RAPS complimentary membership for a year. This way we can demonstrate who we are and what we do as a group.

For those who would like to view our webpage (designed by webmaster Robert Pearson) please go to http://www.raps.pdx.edu. There you will find our mission, events, photos, list of officers, and links that you might be interested in. Feel free to contact Board members with issues, ideas, or suggestions.

Our program year began on August 17 with our annual RAPS picnic, held at Willamette Park. Special thanks to Beryl and Vic Dahl (Co-chairs of our Social/Friendship Committee) for all their efforts to make this a successful event every year.

Our new board began its annual transition on July 1. Mary Gordon-Brannan “graduates” to the well-deserved positions of Past President and Chair of the Elections Committee. I only hope that as your president I can live up to the high standards that she set last year. Thanks, Mary. Bob Tufts will serve this year as President-Elect and program chair. He already has a number of programs and field trips planned and is working on others as you are reading this. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers please contact Bob at bobtufts@comcast.net. Our RAPS Sheet editor, Jack Cooper, will be stepping down from that position soon. Jack, thank you for your masterful work over the last three years. If you have an interest in that position, please contact Mary Gordon-Brannan at brannanmg@comcast.net.

I’m happy to serve as your president this year and look forward to a good year. We all look forward to seeing you in the coming months at our programs and events.

Bruce Stern
We will have a guided tour of the serene Japanese Garden in Washington Park, on Thursday, September 21, at 1:30 pm. The Garden is internationally recognized and actually consists of five formal garden styles: the Strolling Pond Garden, the Natural Garden, the Sand and Stone Garden, the Flat Garden, and the Tea Garden. Japanese gardens have an ancient history influenced by Shinto, Buddhist and Taoist philosophies. “The combined emphasis of plants, stones and water [is] the essence of our Japanese Garden.”

The Japanese Garden Society of Oregon was founded in 1962, the garden opening to the public in 1967. The grounds were designed by Prof. Takuma Tono, an authority on Japanese garden landscaping. At a five-hundred-foot elevation, the garden has a commanding view of Portland and Mount Hood. This is a good time of year to enjoy the Garden. You will be welcome to take photographs. (This site was the original location of the zoo.)

The Japanese Garden can be reached by car or bus. It is located above the Rose Test Garden (there is a string of tennis courts in between). The Japanese Garden parking lot is served by a free shuttle bus – or you can walk up the path. On entering Washington Park, follow the signs for the Japanese Garden. By bus, take the #63, “Washington Park,” from either the City Center or the MAX Oregon Zoo station.

The Garden will provide tour guides for us; please arrive at the front gate at 1:15 pm. We are getting group rates: 62 and older is $5.25, younger folk are $6.75. (Garden members are free; just bring your membership card and photo ID). We need an RSVP to RAPS at your earliest convenience. This will permit us to schedule the optimal number of guides. Please send your check, payable to PSU Foundation, to RAPS.

For October, our first speaker will be Basil Dmytryshyn, Professor Emeritus of History, who will speak on his life path from Poland to Portland. His journey included escape from a Soviet prison, and graduation from the University of California, Berkeley. Please mark your calendar for October 19, Thursday, 1:00 pm.

Our November speaker will be Robert Donnelly, Ph.D. from PSU, currently teaching at Gonzaga University. He will address Portland’s corrupt period. “His dissertation was all about slot machines and crooked cops and dominating teamsters….” (Charlie White). Please mark November 16, Thursday, 1:00 pm.

Robert Tufts
RAPS ACTIVITIES

RAPS BOOK CLUB
At our last gathering on July 18th, we discussed *The Sparrow*, a novel written by Mary Doria Russell. It is a work of science fiction in that it’s a tale about a group of individuals who take a space ship to a different planet, where they encounter and live with an extraterrestrial culture. The protagonist is Emilio Sandoz, a Jesuit priest and linguist. The group endures many hardships, including death. Sandoz returns alone to Earth and is accused of heinous crimes. We found the book to be well-written and provocative. Felicia Wirtz read the sequel, *Children of God*, and recommended that we read it to find out what happens next.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 19 at the home of Maxine Thomas. Her address is 6535 SW Canyon Court in Portland. E-mail (ondangwa@yahoo.com) or call (503-291-1279) her to RSVP and to get directions. The book selected for September is *Small Island* by Andrea Levy. The following is a description of the book from its front cover:

Hortense Joseph arrives in London from Jamaica in 1948 with her life in her suitcase, her heart broken, her resolve intact. Her husband, Gilbert Joseph, returns from the war expecting to be received as a hero, but finds his status as a black man in Britain to be second class. His white landlady, Queenie, raised as a farmer’s daughter, befriends Gilbert, and later Hortense, with innocence and courage, until the unexpected arrival of her husband, Bernard, who returns from combat with issues of his own to resolve. Told in these four voices, *Small Island* is a courageous novel of tender emotion and sparkling wit, of crossings taken and passages lost, of shattering compassion and of reckless optimism in the face of insurmountable barriers—in short, an encapsulation of that most American of experiences: the immigrant’s life.

The book selected for October is *The Color of Water* by James McBride. Happy Reading!

Mary Brannan

RAPS BRIDGE CLUB
The next meeting of the Bridge Group will be at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, September 12, at the home of Colin and Pat Dunkeld.

If you would like to play or have questions about the Bridge group, please call Colin, before Friday, September 8, at 503 292 0838 or e-mail colipat@easystreet.com

Colin Dunkeld

RAPS HIKERS
The July hike was a small group, and none of the July hikers had been able to make the June hike. Therefore we repeated the June local esplanade hike instead of driving two cars to the Salmon River on Mt. Hood.

On Friday, September 22nd, we will hike from Fort Clatsop to Sunset Beach. This is a relatively new trail. It traverses woodlands and pastures and has views of the coastline. There is some elevation gain, and it is about six miles long. We will place a vehicle at the end and hike only one direction. Bring a sack lunch. We will carpool from the Cedar Hills Shopping Center at 9:00am. This is the small shopping center at Oregon highway 217 and US highway 26. **It is not the large shopping center further south on Cedar Hills Boulevard.** If the pastures are wet, we will spend the day in Astoria. Bring your Golden Age Passport.

Come prepared to help plan our Fall and Winter hiking schedule.

Contact person for the September hike is Larry Sawyer 503-771-1616 or larry_sawyer@comcast.net. Please RSVP by the Thursday before the hike.

Larry Sawyer
The 2005-2006 year of RAPS has come to a close. This is a report on the highlights of that year.

A core function of RAPS is publication of our monthly newsletter during the academic year. John Cooper is the editor of The RAPS Sheet and does a fabulous job. The RAPS Sheet helps keep our members informed about RAPS events, Board decisions, and activities and news about fellow retirees. Other organizations have given us positive feedback about our newsletters, and we know that our members read it!

One of the major activities of RAPS year after year is the monthly program event. President-Elect Bruce Stern planned excellent events this past year, including extras such as free tickets to a PSU football game and seeing an exhibit at the Portland Art Museum. A big thanks goes to Ken Brown, President/CEO of the PSU Bookstore for providing gift certificates for our speakers. He has agreed to continue the practice for next year.

I heard that the luncheon during my absence for retired faculty and staff sponsored by the President’s Office was a wonderful event. President Bernstine, Provost Roy Koch, and others from the administration talked about the state of the University. A highlight was honoring Barry Anderson, Brent Schauer, and Robert Vogelsang with outstanding retired faculty and staff awards from RAPS.

Members regularly participate in the informal small activity groups—Bridge Group, Hiking Group, and the Book Club. We will continue these activities, and have surveyed the membership to determine if other small-group activities would be of interest to our members.

We made significant progress on encouraging the University community to preserve and celebrate its history throughout the university departments, programs, and offices. This effort was spearheaded by Steve Brannan, Chair of the History Preservation/Celebration Committee. He was ably assisted by committee members, Roger Moseley and Gordon Solie, and other RAPS members were actively involved in these efforts. It should be noted that headway has been made in the Graduate School of Education and the Music Department (led by Gordon) as well as in other academic units. RAPS is also involved in a project to celebrate the history and culture of Portland State through the proposed PSU Pictorial History Book. We are coordinating the efforts for this book by chairing an advisory committee and managing a PSU Foundation account for the project. The Board has approved a motion to support the project in concept and will consider providing some funding for the production costs of the book.

The RAPS website is now in working order thanks to Robert Pearson, an at-large Board member, who has assumed the task of Webmaster. It continuously needs to be updated and fortunately Bob has volunteered to continue the management of our Website (www.raps.pdx.edu) in 2006-2007.

One of our perpetual goals is to increase RAPS membership. We are informing new retirees about RAPS by providing free membership for a year as an incentive to join. The response has been favorable. We also have implemented a plan for retention of members and recruitment of former members through personal contacts. Sometimes, we lose track of retirees because of their busy lives that often involve travel and relocation, but we are working on it. This year, we have worked on making the information in our database more complete and have requested more information in our membership renewal forms.

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During this year, we accomplished a revision of our by-laws. The most significant changes were adding and modifying RAPS objectives to reflect our mission(s) more accurately, making the History Preservation/Celebration Committee a standing committee, and adding the Webmaster position to the Board.

Through Robert Vogelsang’s leadership, we continue our interactions with other higher-education retirement organizations. Vic and Beryl Dahl represented RAPS at the University of Washington’s Fall Festival. Throughout the year, we also worked with the President’s Office, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Library, and various academic Departments and Programs on the preservation of PSU’s history and the PSU Pictorial History Book project. This year, we collaborated with OASIS to sponsor a discussion group following the World Affairs Council Lecture series held on the PSU campus.

No report would be complete without thanking the Board and Committees for their efforts:

- President-Elect Bruce Stern
- Secretary Larry Sawyer who accurately and meticulously produced Board minutes
- Treasurer Robert Lockerby
- Past President Richard Brinkman, who also chaired the Elections and By-Laws Revisions Committees and served on the Awards Committee
- Members-at-Large Robert Pearson (also Webmaster), Roger Moseley (History Preservation/Celebration Committee), Gwen Newborg (By-Laws Revisions Committee)
- Editor John Cooper
- Maxine Thomas, Chair of the Awards Committee
- Vic and Beryl Dahl, Co-chairs of the Social/Friendship Committee. Beryl organized the potlucks, including the summer picnic. Vic writes the obituaries for the RAPS Sheet
- Steve Brannan, Chair of History Preservation/Celebration Committee
- Robert Vogelsang, Chair, Regional Retirement Associations Committee
- Pat Squire, Alumni Association Director
- Office Manager, Darshana Patel

Some potential projects for next year include:
- Recruitment and retention of RAPS members. Determine the retention rate of those who received the one-year free membership
- Examine the desirability of producing a Membership Directory for RAPS members only
- Continue the history preservation/celebration project
- Continue coordination of the PSU Pictorial History Book project and recruit interested retired faculty/staff to assist their respective departments
- Explore ways to increase member participation in RAPS activities, with an increased focus on staff retirees
- Continue adding descriptive information to the membership database.

This has been a wonderful year for me as President of RAPS. I look forward to another year on the Board as it is led by Bruce Sterns as President and ably assisted by Darshana Patel our Office Manager. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

RAPS ANNUAL PICNIC

At the RAPS annual picnic on August 17, we enjoyed lovely weather in Portland’s Willamette Park. The breeze from the river was cool enough to make some of us seek the sun or get long-sleeve wraps from our cars.

Fifty-eight members and guests renewed greetings and camaraderie. Beryl and Vic Dahl brought the picnic supplies and coffee— and organization. More importantly they prepared a turkey and provided platters of white and dark meat as the principal main dish. Broiled wild halibut was another main dish, the happy result of the annual fishing trip to Alaska by Stan Hillman, Chair of the Biology department. The halibut and fishermen were pictured in The Oregonian’s sports section on August 21. The food line was never short of salads and desserts, and our paper plates were well-filled.

Robert Tufts
In January 2006, I traveled to the Amazon Rain Forest and the Galapagos with Overseas Adventure Tours. We flew from Miami to Quito, Ecuador, arriving in the evening. The next day we explored Quito and stood on the equator line. One of the most beautiful sites in Quito was the first Catholic church in South America—San Francisco, with its artwork, wood carvings, and beautiful inlaid gold throughout the church.

The next morning we were to have an early flight to Cocoa, but it rained so hard in Cocoa that all aircraft were grounded. We had to wait five hours at the Quito airport for a half-hour flight. Arriving in Cocoa, we boarded a long motorized canoe for our two-hour excursion up the Rio Napo to our lodge, where we would stay for the next three nights while exploring the Amazon rain forest in canoes. Two highlights were visiting a local healer, and visiting a relatively new school where a teacher from England is teaching the natives English.

The next four days on a small boat exploring several of the islands. Among other things, we saw Blue Footed Boobies, red crabs that are named “Sally Light Foot,” for a table dancer from the 1800s, many land iguanas, Darwin Finches, sea turtles, sea lions, and exotic birds. Our trips from the main boat were made using pangas. Sometimes we had to wade ashore. On our last day we explored Darwin’s Research Station. The highlight was seeing “Lonesome George,” a large tortoise who is the last of his species to be found anywhere on the island. There were ample opportunities to swim and snorkel along the beautiful white-sand beaches.

In both the Amazon jungle and on the Galapagos, the residents are protective of the environment. The Rio Napo had no garbage floating in it. In the Galapagos there were well-marked paths, and you were expected to stay on them.

Barbara Wiegele

*In the October issue, part 2 of her travel story will describe her visit to Chile and Argentina.*

**THE RAPS PICNIC**

Roger and Sylvia Moseley enjoying the food and the company

RAPS new President, Bruce Stern, addresses the picknickers
In Memoriam: Carleton G. Fanger (1922-2006)

Emeritus Professor of Mechanical Engineering Carleton G. Fanger grew up in a family of six children on a South Dakota farm and received his elementary education in a one-room rural school during an era beset by drought and depression. In 1937, his family moved to Medford, Oregon, where he graduated as class salutatorian from Medford High School in 1941. He attended Oregon State University until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in May 1944. After serving as a radar and sonar technician in the Pacific Theatre, in 1946 Carleton resumed mechanical engineering studies at OSU, earning bachelors and master’s degrees in 1947 and 1948.

Professor Fanger launched his teaching career in 1948 at the Vanport Extension Center and in 1955 became a pioneering faculty member of the newly-formed Portland State College, serving in the Applied Science Department, which ultimately developed into the University’s College of Engineering and Computer Science. As a very young instructor, he easily related to fellow military-service veterans. His inspired teaching made him a highly popular teacher. He taught and advised hundreds of high-achieving students who earned engineering degrees. In addition to classroom accomplishments, Professor Fanger prepared two significant and innovative mechanical engineering texts. He was active in professional engineering societies, holding offices at local, regional and national levels.

Over the years he served on many campus committees and was well known to many of us as a gracious colleague. One of many notable institutional contributions included spearheading and generating supporting material for the department’s professional accreditation. Over a period of thirty-eight years, Professor Fanger significantly contributed to developing a curriculum that would meet burgeoning needs for all levels of engineering instruction in the metropolitan area.

Throughout his lifetime, “Carl” maintained a strong religious faith and a deep commitment to those who needed physical and spiritual assistance. Through his church, he taught junior- and senior-high-school aged students. In retirement he reached out to teach and comfort the less fortunate, especially aged residents of assisted living care centers and foster care homes whose lonely lives could be brightened by his visits and inspirational presentations. Above all, Carleton Fanger was a compassionate person who cared deeply about the physical and spiritual welfare of all human beings.

Carleton and Barbara Sweeney were married on August 12, 1945. She survives him, along with their children, Carleton G. (Rick) II, Columbia Falls, MT; Kerrilou A., Portland; and James P. Fanger; Vancouver, WA, as well as six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. We extend our heartfelt condolences to them. Remembrances may be made to: Gospel Ministries for the Deaf, P.O. Box 21011, Salem OR 97307.

Victor Dahl

Dennis W. Barnum (June 30, 1931-May 9, 2006)

Emeritus Professor Chemistry Dennis W. Barnum died at his Portland home in the presence of his wife, Carol. On June 11, a large number of colleagues and friends gathered at the family residence for a Celebration of Life.

A native Oregonian, Professor Barnum earned his B.A. (1953) and M.A. (1955) degrees in chemistry at the University of Oregon, and his PhD. (1957) at Iowa State University. In 1964 he joined the Portland State Chemistry department, augmenting an instructional unit that would be increasingly important in the

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institution’s emergence as a comprehensive university.

His lifelong interest in chemistry and intellectual curiosity, starting in childhood when he used scientific apparatus as toys, made him a gifted teacher and accomplished researcher. After earning a doctoral degree, he spent three years as a research chemist for the Shell Oil Company, an experience that enhanced his professional competence. Though a thirty-two-year career, his reputation as a patient, thoughtful, dedicated teacher attracted hundreds of students to his classes. Because of his quiet but engaging personality, students regarded him as a friend and guide through the world of chemistry.

While handling heavy teaching assignments, he spent long hours in laboratory research. Results of those findings appeared in such publications as the *Journal of Chemical Education* of the American Chemical Society. After retirement, he continued to do research, and he participated in the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry’s Mentor Program.

Professor Barnum contributed significantly to PSU’s growth, and the University owes him a gratitude for faithful service and important contributions during its formative years. He was well known throughout the community while serving on major campus-wide committees. Intellectually inquisitive, he engaged in meaningful discussions on wide-ranging educational and social issues. His pleasant personality and sense of humor made it easy to work with him.

His non-academic interests led him to become a skilled craftsman who completed home improvements of professional quality. After retirement, he earned his pilot’s license, and he continued his lifelong dedication to sailing, notably in the Puget Sound area. He enjoyed the opera and the theater, as well as Beaver baseball. Carol, his wife, regularly accompanied Dennis to those activities.

In addition to Carol, survivors include his children, Suze Nemzek and Michael Barnum, M.D., his stepsons David and Steve Fowell, his sisters Mary Dodson and Sally Zehrung, and his grandchildren, Thomas and Anthony. To all of them we extend our heartfelt condolences.

An extensive obituary appeared in the *Oregonian* on May 28, 2006.

Victor C. Dahl