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Budget outlook to be discussed

The higher ed budget implications of the recent activities in Salem will be discussed at the next RAPS general meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 12 noon until 2:00 in Rooms 296/98, SMC.

Debbie Murdock, assistant to the president for governmental relations, will provide background and insight into the struggle between Governor Kitzhaber and the legislature over the biennial budget.

So far the participants have been in a round-robin battle. The governor vetoed the budget from the first special session, Feb. 8– 11.

Washington retirees choose Portland

The University of Washington Retirement Association (UWRA) has chosen Portland as the site for its 2002 Fall Festival, Sept. 22-25.

The festival will be headquartered at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel. Participants will engage in seminars, social hours, and a closing banquet.

In between these, visitors are being steered toward local attractions including the Portland Art Museum, the Japanese Garden, and Powell's

Last year's festival was held at Harrison Hot Springs and attracted representatives from seven univer-

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They engaged in a second special session February 25– March 2. The governor vetoed part of the resulting plan and called the legislators back into special session after the new revenue forecast.

A third special session was held June 12– 30 after the voters in May

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12 Noon**

rejected a plan to tap into the educational endowment fund for additional revenue. The governor again vetoed two major parts of the budget plan.

In a fourth special session, the legislators over-rode one veto and failed to over-ride the second.

Subsequent forecasts have indicated even lower revenues are expected, so a fifth special session will be required.

After a basket full of vetoes and four special sessions (and still counting), estimates are that the higher ed budget stands to be cut \$28 million.

Whether this estimate will prove to be high or low is only one question. The particular effect on Portland State University is another. Hence the importance of, and the interest in, Ms. Murdock's presentation.

R. Forbes (Biol), recently retired, dies at 65

By Victor C. Dahl,
Professor Emeritus of History

Richard B. Forbes, emeritus professor of biology, died July 18 due to complications following open-heart surgery. Over the years, countless students and faculty colleagues have highly esteemed Professor Forbes for scholarly performance, academic guidance and genuine humane qualities.

An overflow gathering of friends honored his memory at the University's Hoffmann Hall on the afternoon of July 29, 2002. Family members, including his surviving spouse, Orcilia; daughter, Eryn; son, Bryan; numerous colleagues; former students and friends recalled things that reflected the intelligence, fundamental kindness, and thoughtful sense of responsibility that generated widespread love and respect.

The Portland *Oregonian* (July 21) carried an extensive obituary. PSU *Vanguard* and the *Oregonian* issues (July 31) reported in detail on the memorial tribute.

Please Note Also

Obituaries for the following death notices were not available at press time. As such materials are received, they will be published in *The Hooter*.

RAPS members are requested to inform the RAPS office of deaths of members of the PSU community, especially those of persons not living in Portland.

Curtis C. Strong died July 17 at age 88. He served in the diplomatic service in Africa following World War II service. He taught at several Portland area colleges and universities including PSU. In 1988 he married Doreen Plympton.

He is survived by his wife; step-daughters, Molly Bowman and Maude Mottern; stepsons, Linden Bowman and John Bowman; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Remembrances may be made to the Catlin Gable School.

Donald Duane Barkost died August 11 at the age of 58. He worked at PSU as well as at the Oregon Health Sciences University and the Hanford nuclear site.

He is survived by his wife Judy.

Remembrances may be made in his name to the Franklin County Historical Society, Hospice – Tri-

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Professor Forbes was born July 29, 1936. He earned a baccalaureate degree (1958) at the University of South Dakota, a master's degree (1965) at the University of New Mexico, and a doctoral degree (1964) at the University of Minnesota. He joined the PSU faculty in 1964 and earned a solid reputation for enormous contributions during a critical period of this institution's development through excellence in teaching large numbers of students, prodigious research and publication, extensive service on faculty governance committees, and community outreach.

Among the many University honors that he had received were the Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award (1997) and the John Eliot Allen Award for Outstanding Teacher in Biology (2001).

On a personal note, Dick and I had interacted on several faculty governance committees, but we knew each other better by consistently occupying adjoining gym lockers, where we regularly girded ourselves for exercise/recreation.

Inasmuch as he was dedicated outdoors runner—regardless of the weather—and since I never venture beyond the handball courts or pool, we never worked out together. However, while dressing we exchanged occasional intellectual reinforcement. For example, our cat captured orange-bellied garden snakes that I brought in for his examination. When swifts nested in our fireplace, he advised me not to light fires because they leave whenever they are ready; and he verified that earthworms in my compost bin indeed were “exotics.” He inquired about a controversy regarding the authentic spelling for Albuquerque, New Mexico. I lamely responded that it might be a corrupt spelling of a Spanish or Portuguese name. After an investigation, I verified that the city had been named for an 18th century Spanish viceroy in Mexico, the Duke of “*Alburquerque*,” so there were indeed some grounds for a spelling change. However, we agreed to allow past practices to prevail!

All of us mourn the loss of a dear friend who will endure forever in our collective memory. This organization extends its heartfelt condolences to the Forbes who will always be part of the greater University community. We especially regret that Dick had so little time to enjoy the benefits of a well-deserved retirement.

J. Jones (Soc) dies after short illness at age 69

By Victor C. Dahl,
Professor Emeritus of History

Joseph F. Jones, emeritus professor of sociology, died at home on July 28, 2002, following a short illness. To his wife, Suzanne; sons, Greg R., Kevin J. and Ben H.; and five grandchildren, the retirees' organization extends its heartfelt condolences.

P. Merrick (HRC) dies at 43; runner succumbs to cancer

By Victor C. Dahl,
Emeritus Professor of History
and
Mary Ricks
Associate Professor Emerita
Institutional Research and Planning

Pamela Mary Merrick, died in Portland on June 7, 2002, after a long illness with abdominal cancer. A graveside service was held June 11 at Mt. Calvert Catholic Cemetery, and a memorial service was held at Smith Memorial Center on June 13.

Pam was born October 20, 1958, in Stoneham, Massachusetts, and in the 1970s she moved to Salem. She subsequently moved to Portland, graduated from Portland State University, and ultimately became Associate Director of Human Resources.

Her career development exemplified hard work and determination. As a single parent, she supported her daughter while working for her PSU degree. As an avid runner, she successfully competed in many long distance races throughout the country. During the past winter, she ran in a marathon just prior to being diagnosed with a recurrence of abdominal cancer.

Her colleagues highly esteemed her as a tireless worker and gifted manager. A delightful sense of humor made her an especially pleasant associate. Throughout the institution we shall feel this untimely loss of a valued colleague.

Our condolences go to her survivors, including: daughter, Michelle Volk; mother and stepfather, Barbara and Henry Gillin, Sr.; sisters Barbara Bernard, Gayle Hernandez, Deborah Curran, and Elaine Renaud; brothers Robert Curran and Henry Gillin, Jr.; and, fiancé, David Hipps.

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Joe was born July 1, 1933, in Wisconsin, but he grew up in a small lumbering town in western Washington. Following Korean War army service, he matriculated at the University of Washington and earned B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees during 1960-1969.

He joined the Portland State faculty in 1963, and his service coincided with the institution's emergence as a comprehensive university offering graduate programs. For several years, he directed the department's Center for Sociological Research, and from 1970 to 1981 he was a Senior Investigator at the Kaiser Foundation Health Service Research Center. He retired in 1995 as an emeritus professor.

In evaluating his career, departmental colleagues professors Frederic H. Chino and Don C. Gibbons highly esteemed his inquiring mind, intellectual achievements, high scholarship standards, and varied interests that led to many substantial contributions to the sociology discipline. At national and regional meetings and in journal articles, his work focused on medical sociology, alcoholism and criminology/deviance. He co-authored *The Study of Deviance* (Prentice Hall, 1975).

Colleagues and students alike highly valued his work and impressive intelligence, and he generously helped those who sought assistance. Everyone appreciated his wit and sense of humor. His departmental colleagues and friends throughout the University mourn his passing and will miss him.

(Professors Chino and Gibbon contributed the basic material for this article.)

Additional obituaries

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Cities, or Hospice in Eugene, Oregon.

Geraldine C. Benedict died August 19 at the age of 66. She was a clerk in the PSU Registrar's Office for about 20 years. In the late 1990s, she received a bachelor's degree from PSU.

She married Earl Benedict in 1969. He died in 1983.

She is survived by her son, Lawrence; sisters, Leah Lorenz, Linda Claycomb, Francine Andersen and Karen I. Hendrickson; and brother, Frank M. Henderson.

"Things do not change; we change." - Henry Thoreau

Gorge tour, picnic hit mark for members

Special events marked the closing of the old year and the opening of the new year for RAPS members. The final event for 2001-2002 was the June 8 tour of the Columbia Gorge. The opening event for this year was the annual picnic held on August 15.

The Gorge Tour

The recent tour of the Columbia Gorge was all that was touted — and even more. The group of 23, including a representation from the USC Alumni Association, worked their way through the farmer's market in the Park Blocks to Broadway to board the bus that would take them through the geography, geology and history of the gorge.

Charlie White (HST), tour leader, kept the group informed with a running commentary on the features of the route. Marv Beeson (GEOL) provided incidental background relating to the formation of the geological features.

The highlight of the tour was the sight of Multnomah Falls with the setting sun shining on the waters, seen only a couple of weeks a year.

The Annual Picnic

The annual picnic was once again held at the Willamette Park. RAPS members and guests numbered 50.

Unlike recent years when the day was unseasonably chilly (and wet) or too-seasonally hot, the August 15 outing was held in nearly ideal weather.

The main item on the agenda was conversation between folks who had not seen each other for a year or more and some who see each other quite regularly.

The second agenda item was eating. A long serving table started with the platter of sliced

Pam Merrick obituary . . .

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A scholarship fund honoring her name has been established at PSU, providing for an annual award to a single mother seeking an undergraduate degree.

Remembrances to the fund should be sent to the PSU Foundation.

turkey breast supplemented by a wide variety of other entrée and side dishes. A section of salads included warm, cold, meat and veggie. And then, again, there were the desserts. There was a wide array of artery-clogging pies and cakes and brownies, oh my! And cookies and cheese cakes and fudges, oh my!

Of course, no Oregon late summer picnic is complete without yellow jackets. There were seven strategically placed traps (but only one was remotely effective.) Hostess Beryl Dahl valiantly struck out at the pests, but Vic stayed back away from the fray. He later admitted that despite his treatise on yellow jacket control last year, he had been stung twice already this season.

UWRA comes to Portland

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sity retirement associations.

Registration (required of all participants) is \$25 per person. A special Tuesday morning presentation will feature Jeffrey Uerick's illustrated talk on how the artistic representations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition have reflected the evolving identity and changing values of Americans throughout the 20th century.

Arrangements may also be made for an optional (extra fee - \$27) lunch cruise on the Willamette and the closing banquet (\$30) with a choice of chicken roulade, top sirloin, or vegetarian entrée.

Additional information is available from Carol K. Baumann by phone (425) 391-6456 or by e-mail — cbaumann@speakeasy.org.

UWRA Dinner Invitation

RAPS members are invited to join the University of Washington Retirement Association board members and officers from sister institutions for an informal dinner.

The dinner will be held at The Jasmine Tree, 401 SW Harrison (corner of 4th and Harrison) on Monday, September 23, 2002, at 6:30 pm. The price is \$12 per person with a no-host bar and social hour preceding the dinner.

RAPS members planning to attend should RSVP to the RAPS office by Thursday, Sept. 19.