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Thomas to lead RAPS in 2003-04

Maxine Thomas (ED) professor emeriti of education, was installed as the president of RAPS for 2003-04 at the Board meeting held June 17.

Other new officers installed included Richard Brinkman (ECON) as president-elect; Larry Sawyer, (AV) secretary; and Terry Rohe (LIB) as a member-at-large.

New Board members installed included Steve Brannan (ED), Gordon Solie (MUS), and Brent Schauer (IRS) as co-chairs of the awards committee. James F. Maurer (SP) was named as chair of the publicity committee.

Robert Vogelsang will hold the positions of past president and election committee chairman for 2003-04. David Krug will continue as treasurer, and Jerry Penk will continue as editor of *The Hooter*.

Other continuing Board members include Sylvia Moseley and Donna Koch, board members-at-large, and Beryl and Vic Dahl as social/friendship committee co-chairs.

The June meeting has become an annual retreat/potluck luncheon meeting attended by both the incoming and outgoing members of the Board. It was held at the home of Barbara and Robert Vogelsang.

Picnic set for August 21 at Willamette Park

Picnic time is coming soon!

Willamette Park will be the site, as it has been for the past several years, and the faithful will assemble at 3:30 pm on Thursday, August 21.

Willamette Park is centrally located in the metropolitan area, and it is nicely shaded by towering trees. The covered shelter is fortunately isolated from the other active areas of the park, and its area affords convenient parking and restful river views.

Beryl and Vic Dahl, co-chairs of the Social Committee, are asking each attendee to bring a salad,

side dish, or desert to share. These dishes should be planned to serve eight people. RAPS will provide the turkey entrée.

Coffee and hot water will also be provided. Other beverages, if desired, should be brought by the attendees.

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Have you paid your
OPRI dues?

The PERS battle is
beginning all over
again.

Details in September

Parker, past dean of Business Administration, dies at 82

By Victor C. Dahl,

Emeritus Professor of History

Former colleagues and longtime friends honored Emeritus Dean Donald D. Parker at a memorial at Koinonia House on the University campus on July 17, 2003. Dean Parker served the University from its inception as Vanport College in 1946 until retiring with emeritus status in 1983. His death was the consequence of natural causes.

Born in Bellingham, Washington, Dean Parker graduated from Linfield College (1941), earned an MBA at Northwestern University (1942) and received a Ph.D. degree at the University of Washington (1958).

After serving as a naval officer from 1942 to 1946, he joined the Vanport Extension Center that had been formed to meet the Portland metropolitan area's growing postwar higher education needs. There he organized and taught courses that led to the formation of a Business Administration Department for the newly-formed Portland State College in 1955.

In 1959 Dr. Parker headed the institution's newly established School of Business Administration until retiring as Emeritus Dean in 1983.

Dean Parker contributed significantly to Portland State's emergence as a major, comprehensive

academic institution offering undergraduate and advanced educational opportunities in the liberal arts and sciences as well as professional disciplines. As a gifted classroom professor and skillful administrator, he ably guided the Business School as it mounted innovative, high quality programs to fulfill the urban area's felt needs.

His leadership enabled the University to take its place among a circle of highly respected academic institutions, and for that he has earned the institution's collective gratitude. His intelligence, good nature, and willingness to seek out diverse opinions impressed those of us who were fortunate enough to know Don through working with him.

Dean Parker was a public-spirited citizen, serving many community organizations and maintaining significant outreach between the University and various sectors in the local business community. He served for thirty years as a United States Navy reserve officer attaining the rank of Commander.

In 1944 he married Betty Huphrey, who along with their daughter, Patricia Stefkovic, sons Timothy and Phillip, and nine grandchildren survive him. The RAPS membership extends condolences to these family members.

An extended obituary appeared earlier in the

Georgette Beeson, wife of Marvin Beeson, dies of an aneurysm

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Georgette Beeson, spouse of Emeritus Professor of Geology Marvin Beeson, succumbed to an aneurysm. Family members and many friends attended an inspirational funeral service and reception at New Hope Community Church on July 7, 2003. An obituary and story celebrating her career appeared July 8, 2003, in *The Oregonian*.

After an extensive career as an airline stewardess that encompassed interesting global travel experiences, Georgette took a leave of absence to work as a wartime nurse's aide in a hospital and orphanage in Laos.

She went on to earn a social work degree at Portland State and later managed an Alzheimer's respite program before retiring as volunteer program coordinator for Clackamas County Social Services. Subsequently, she actively participated in several community nature-related public service programs including

Portland and Metro parks and recreation, the American Wildlife foundation, and the Nature Conservancy.

She married Professor Marvin Beeson in 1985. They enjoyed sharing these outdoors interests, as well as attending theatrical and musical events.

The RAPS membership extends heartfelt condolences to Marvin.

Please also note

Nancy J. Stuart died July 7 at the age of 77. She came to PSU in 1965 serving as Director of the Office of Public Services until 1975 and as Director of Publications from 1975 until her retirement in 1988. She served as RAPS (then REPPS) secretary from 1998-2000. An extensive obituary appeared in *The Oregonian* on July 12.

Mary Ellen Nance died July 13 at the age of 62. She served in the Financial Aid Department for 30 years from 1970 until her retirement in September, 2000. An extensive obituary appeared in *The Oregonian* on July 18.

Chris Burke, B. Burke's wife, dies after extended illness

By Katy Burke and

Emeritus Professor of History Victor C. Dahl
Chris Burke nee Genevieve Chrispie, spouse of
Emeritus Professor of History Barney (Bernard)
Burke, died after an extensive illness on June 8, 2003.
A family funeral was held on June 13.

Barney and Chris met while serving in the United States Navy during World War II, married, and reared five children of whom four survive. They established their home in Portland when Professor Burke joined the PSU faculty in 1967.

M. Warren (LIB) dies at age 81

By Victor Dahl,

Professor Emeritus of History

Emerita Associate Professor Majel Warren was born in California, graduated (1943) from Ashbury College in Kentucky, and earned a baccalaureate degree (1945) from George Peabody College for Teachers. She came to Portland in 1958, and in 1964 commenced a thirty-year career with the PSU Library faculty, serving successively in acquisitions, cataloging, circulation and reserve coordination, education, and finally as Information/Orientation Librarian, the position she held when she retired.

Her professional competence, strong sense of responsibility, and innovative hard work earned the highest level of respect from her colleagues as well as gratitude from legions of students and faculty whom she tirelessly assisted.

Professor Warren maintained an active interest in Latin American Studies and volunteered to serve on the arrangements committee for the Pacific Coast Council of Latin American Studies conference held at PSU in October, 1983. She arranged a highly-acclaimed book display and edited all program materials, including the Conference Proceedings published in *The Review of Latin American Studies* by the San Diego State University Press. When a conference participant sustained an injury on campus, she quickly provided transportation for hospital emergency treatment.

In 1951 she married Ben M. Warren who died in 1999. To her survivors, son, Craig, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, we extend our organization's heartfelt sympathy. Remembrances may be sent to Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Chris was well known on the PSU campus through her service as an office manager at Koinonia House (Campus Christian Ministry) and in the Geology Department. Her PSU career exemplified the finest level of support service needed to undergird the academic sector. Cheerful competence earned her the respect of everyone that she encountered throughout the campus community.

In addition to rearing their children and her PSU employment, she actively participated in events related to geology, and she was a member and officer in the Scottish Highland Games organization.

Wartime military service afforded some exciting experiences for a young lady from Astoria, Oregon. Two unforgettable women, Eleanor Roosevelt and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, individually visited her New York City naval unit, leaving an indelible impression.

While stationed as a radio operator (generally a male prerogative) in 1944 at the San Francisco Naval Headquarters, she was "on watch" when our armed forces landed on the Japanese-held Philippine Islands. With pardonable pride, she played an exciting and significant role by sending urgent messages for high-ranking officers striving to bring a long conflict to a successful conclusion.

The PSU retirees' organization sends its heartfelt condolences to Barney and his children—Stephen, Katy, Eileen, and Patty—seven grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Claire Kelly-Zimmers (ART) dies at 65

By Mary A. Constans

Professor Emerita of Art

Professor Claire Kelly-Zimmers died peacefully at home on July 4th from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Claire had a great sense of humor, and the irony of the 4th of July date would have provoked some comment from her, I am sure. Claire was independent, original, and brought sparks of light to the minds of her students, who loved her challenges. Several students have remarked that she changed the way they thought. One said Claire changed her life.

(To be continued in September)

RAPS slide show reflects wide variety of interests

It was like home movies – except everyone had their own. The first, but probably not the last, RAPS Synergistic Slide Show was a huge success for the 21 members and guests at the June general meeting.

Members had been invited to bring three pictures of their choosing and to spend a minute or two talking about them – identifying them or explaining them.

The slides and pictures represented a significant range of subjects. There were, of course, the obligatory family pictures (Mary Ricks and Jerry Penk). But in addition there were a number that reflected the presenter's academic interests that included modern day Paraguay (Vic and Beryl Dahl) reflecting its colonial history and the cross-cultural communication reflected in the table settings at a Japanese dairy (LaRay Barna) as well as anthropological solutions (Mary Ricks).

Also, many members brought pictures from their travels, literally from around the world. There was an oxen-drawn cart from Paraguay (Vic and Beryl Dahl), Chinese market pictures (Jerry Penk) and dinner pictures (Richard and June Brinkman) from China, and a college commencement from Tonga (Mike and Marjorie Fiasca). Sierra Leone was pictured by Maxine Thomas.

There was also a puppet representing a curricular approach (Bob Vogelsang) and a wooden Indian (Larry Sawyer) which had been shanghaied in Portland and thrown overboard when the captain real-

ized he had deadwood and not just a "stiff" sailor.

The presentations were finished off with a description of the trials and perils (and satisfactions) of bicycling along the water routes of western Europe.

The meeting was held in 296/298 Smith Memorial Student Center. Thursday, June 19.

RAPS Interest Surveys Due August 15

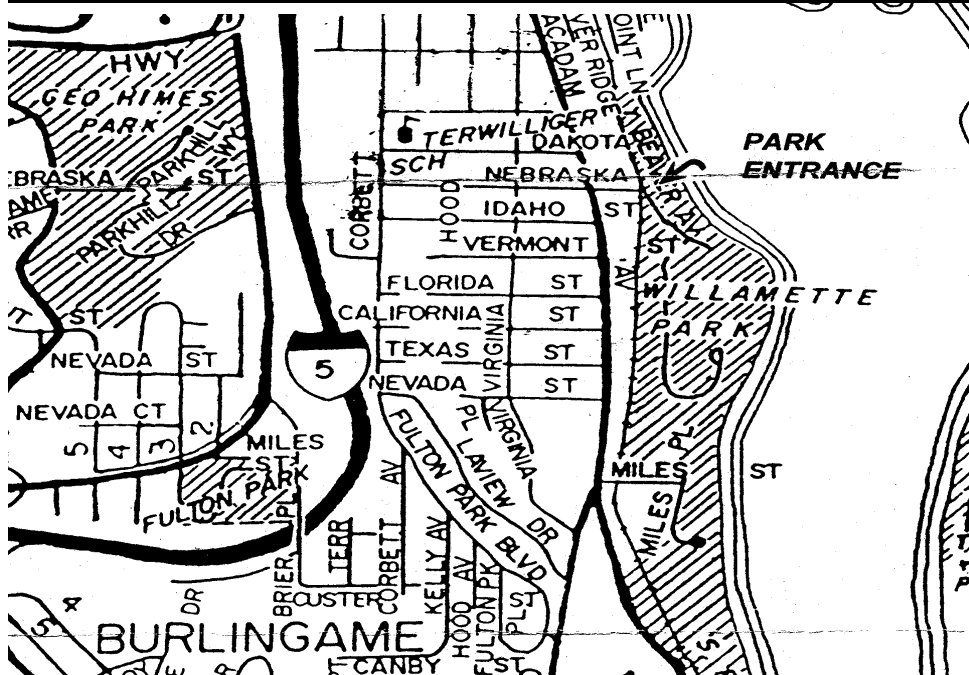
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RAPS will also provide paper plates, napkins, cups and plastic ware.

Please RSVP to the Beryl Dahl at (503) 636-5784 regarding the number in your party and the dish you will be bringing.

Any expertise for dealing with yellow jackets would also be appreciated. Vic Dahl will once again provide comic relief in his efforts to cope with the beasts. Beryl Dahl will probably again be much more successful with her fly swatter. It turned up missing after the last picnic, but a RAPS board member has acknowledged having it and volunteered to return it at the picnic.

The weather is anyone's guess. If any attendee has any influence over it, they could probably not start too early to arrange for a balmy day.



DIRECTIONS TO THE PICNIC

From the stop light at SW Macadam and Boundary Street (The Johns Landing/Water Tower intersection), go south on Macadam 1/2 mile to the Nebraska Street stoplight. Turn east (toward the river) across the railroad tracks, then immediately south (top the right) to THE SHELTER at the end of the road.