

# The HOOTER



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## RAPS diners-dancers to gather

Got your calendar marked and your watch set ahead? It is soon going to be toe-tapping time. You don't want to be left behind or miss out on this.

The "this" is the second annual RAPS Dinner/Dance, Post-Holiday Gala.

The Place: The Oaks Park Pavilion.

The Date: Saturday, January 18, 2003.

The Time: Reception 6 pm  
Dinner 6:00  
Dancing 7:00

The Cost: \$28 per person; \$55 a couple.

The music will be provided by Dr. T and His Orchestra. (Dr. T in his other life is known better as Professor Emeritus of Education George Timmons). His group of master

musicians plays a variety of styles – one for almost every level of dancing expertise – or inexpertness. Last year, his daughter did double duty, providing some of the vocals along the way.

Reservations should be made with RAPS Office Manager Mary Ellen Haugh Rubick at (503) 725- 3447.

Getting to Oaks Park is relatively easy, but on a dark, windy, rainy night it might be a bit of a challenge. Give your navigator the following directions:

Coming off the Sellwood Bridge from the west or coming east on Tacoma St., turn north on SE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Go one block to Spokane St., then turn west (left) and go two blocks to Oaks Park Way. Turn right (north) and go until you see the bright lights.

You are there!

Or you might want to run up a map on [Mapquest.com](http://Mapquest.com) and print it out.

## Kosokoff to detail his world-wide travels and post-retirement involvement activities

By Vic Dahl,

Professor Emeritus of History  
Professor Emeritus of Communication Stephen A. Kosokoff will address his retired colleagues at the RAPS general meeting at 1 p.m., Thursday, February 6, 2003, in room 296-298, Smith Memorial Student Union.

When Steve retired, it was a foregone conclusion that his curiosity would lead him—and his equally

adventurous spouse, attorney Terry Rogers—to continue to travel and to be professionally involved in world regions not often frequented by sybaritic tourists. They visited China almost annually beginning in the mid 1970s. Steve spent a sabbatical year in Mongolia in the 1980s and subsequently taught at the Kyrgyzstan-American College in Kyrgyzstan. Through his efforts, many students

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# W. Kramer (SBA) dies Nov. 11 at age of 85

By Victor C. Dahl, Emeritus  
Professor of History

Walter H. Kramer, Emeritus Professor of Business Administration, died November 11 after a long illness, and a funeral mass was offered on November 15 at All Saints Church.

He was born in Chicago where he later was employed full time for the Burlington Railroad while he earned a B.S. degree at DePaul University in 1946. Subsequently he relocated to Portland where he obtained railroad managerial and marketing positions.

As he and his wife, Jeanne, supported a growing family, he energetically pursued advanced degrees, earning an MBA degree at the University of Oregon in 1956 and a doctorate in business administration at the University of Indiana in 1959.

After completing university studies, Professor

## G. Newhall, wife of David H. Newhall, dies at age of 83

By Victor C. Dahl,  
Professor Emeritus of History

Gerry Newhall, spouse of the late Emeritus Professor of Philosophy David H. Newhall, died on December 20, 2002 in Pasadena, California, where they lived in retirement. She was 83.

The Newhalls came to Portland in 1955 when Dave became a philosophy faculty member at Portland State University. She actively engaged in the University women's association's programs and was well known on the campus and throughout the Portland metropolitan community for her public service activities. A wide circle of friends and colleagues highly esteemed her selfless dedication to finding workable solutions for humanitarian issues.

Our organization extends its condolences to her daughters, Cynthia and Sarah; and to sons Eric, Brian, and David G. A service has been tentatively planned for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Remembrances may be sent to the *David H. Newhall Center for the Study of Non-Violence* through the Portland State University Foundation..

Professor Newhall's obituary notice appeared in *The Oregonian* on September 18 and in a recent issue of *the Hooter*. A full scale obituary article for Gerry appeared in *The Oregonian* of December 30, 2002.

Kramer launched a distinguished academic career, beginning at Notre Dame and then moving to Georgia State to become a full professor holding an endowed chair. In 1965, Walter joined the PSU Marketing Department as a tenured professor with a transportation studies specialty, and he served the University in various capacities for 22 years.

The strong intellectual inquisitiveness that motivated him to earn advanced degrees also led him to extend his professional interests into international business education. From 1968 to 1970, he co-directed the Oregon State System of Higher Education's Italian Studies Center at the University of Pavia. He later spent a sabbatical year serving as a Senior Fulbright Fellow at Sarajevo and Subotica in former Yugoslavia and at the University of Cairo.

After being appointed emeritus professor, he served two years at Boston University, and he also taught business and economic courses for the United States armed forces in Europe.

PSU's retired colleagues extend their heartfelt sympathy to the Kramer family. Those of us who fortunate enough to have known and worked with Walt universally highly regarded him as a delightful, conscientious colleague who always gave a full measure of attention to his responsibilities. We found him to be a thoughtful, kind and gracious person with an impressive intellect.

Jeanne, his wife of 56 years survives him, as do his daughters, Kathleen, Ann, Patricia and Mary Jo; and ten grandchildren. His devotion to family and tireless, responsible work habits were an obvious inspiration to his children.

Memorials may be made to the Providence Hospital Child Center Nursing Facility or to the Oregon Health Sciences University's Aging and Alzheimer Center.

## Correction of error in telephone number for aging, memory study

The telephone number for securing information about the aging and memory study being conducted by the Oregon Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Center was incorrectly reported in an earlier issue of *The Hooter*.

The correct number for Donna Godwin, director of the study at OHSU, is (503) 494-7616.

# John W. Allison (OIT-DO) dies at the age of 65

By Vivian Allison

John Allison, computer programmer/analyst at the PSU Computer Center from 1966 to 1996, passed away November 20, 2002, from complications of Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia, a rare indolent lymphoma.

John was born in Eugene, Oregon, in 1937. He earned a B.S. degree in geology from the U of O. He served in the USAF for four years, where he was trained as a computer programmer.

John and his wife returned to Oregon in 1994. After working for a computer service bureau he became a systems analyst with the Portland branch of the State Controller's Office in 1966. Soon PSU (then

## H. Rathe (SBA) dead at 76

By Michael Gaines

Professor Emeritus of Business Administration

Hjalmar Rathe, long time tax professor in the School of Business Administration, died at home on November 2, 2002, after a 17-year battle with cancer. His wife Jan and five grown children were with him at the time of his death.

Hjalmar was born in Portland in 1926 attending public schools and graduating from the University of Oregon. He retired as a Lt. Commander from the U.S. Naval Reserve having served on active duty both during WW II and the Korean Conflict. He practiced as a CPA in Portland for 45 years and counted among his clients many PSU faculty and staff.

During his 25-year tenure at Portland State University, he was a fully involved member of the faculty. During the mid 1970s, he provided leadership in developing and implementing the Masters of Taxation program within the School of Business. For many years, he was a principal tax instructor in the CPA Review Course and the Annual Tax Forum, a program directed toward practicing CPAs.

Hjalmar was active on numerous University and SBA committees over the years, but perhaps his favorite committee service was on the SBA Social Committee. He delighted in organizing social activities for the SBA, occasionally hosting the events at his home in the heights above Portland.

Hjalmar retired from the University in 1990 as an Associate Professor Emeritus. After his retirement, he remained active in RAPS.

PSC) established its own administrative computing center, which underwent numerous name and location changes over the years. Likewise, John's job title varied, but his work always involved programming or systems analysis.

In 1976, John was responsible for the design and implementation of the Student Information System. He was awarded an Exemplary Service Award in 1991.

John had unwavering loyalty to PSU and its students, staff and faculty.

After retiring, John passionately pursued his major love—gardening. He also took part in community and church sponsored environmental projects.

When John was diagnosed with cancer in November of 2001, he chose an optimistic outlook and continued with his usual activities as he was able.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; daughter, Joyce Allison of Seattle; son, Steven Allison-Bunnell; and grandson, Camas Allison-Bunnell of Missoula, MT.

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from these areas have enrolled at PSU.

After a 1996 stint in Mongolia as elections observers, Terry took an appointment with an American Bar Association project providing volunteer support for law reform in the former Soviet Union as well as other countries of Eastern and Central Europe.

Steve retired in 1997 and since then has accompanied Terry to exciting war-related assignments in Skopje, capital of Macedonia; Ramallah, the PLO capital in the West Bank; the strife ridden Bosnian city of Sarajevo; and finally today in Belgrade, capital city of Serbia/Yugoslavia. While Terry has worked with local legal officials to introduce reforms, Steve has been involved with international organizations' human rights investigations stemming from war crimes and illicit trafficking of women.

## Helen Bjodstrup, mathematician, dies on December 12 at age 81

Helen M. Bjodstrup died December 12, 2002, at the age of 81. Mrs. Bjodstrup was born in Pacific County, Washington. She graduated from Oregon State College. She taught mathematics at Portland State College and Clark College in Vancouver.

She is survived by her husband, Robert M; daughter Ann Stenzel; son, John; and one grandchild.

# Member input sought for RAPS database

By Mary Ricks, RAPS Past President

Last year, when the RAPS Board met with PSU President Dan Bernstine, we showed him a pilot project we had been working on. The database we had constructed listed community and professional activities of RAPS Board members, which could be searched by name, date, keyword and location.

The President expressed interest in the database, which would provide him with some visibility of retirees' current activities and interests.

It turns out that RAPS members are very active in the community if the information offered by board members is an indicator. In addition to numerous publications and presentations by members throughout the nation and in the community, one member has served on the board of the Oregon Environmental Education Project, another has drawings featured in an exhibit in Korea, and another has been an officer of the Sauvie Island Grange.

This kind of information is valuable to the President in that it enables him, when he is meeting with community groups and when seeking support for the University, to show how those of us who have retired from the University are still serving it

and representing it on a regular basis.

RAPS Board members who contributed information to the pilot project provided 128 different activities.

We're seeking more input from members to build the database. No one is required to contribute, but the database will become increasingly useful as it becomes larger. ANY kind of activity is welcome. In the case of published materials, we'd like information on the title, place and date of publication, publisher, journal (if applicable) and editor if in an edited volume or series.

Other activities can be listed in any convenient form, although we would like to have information on the dates and places the activities took place (e. g., "President, Portland Dahlia Society, 1995-96").

Your contributions may be sent to the RAPS Office at PSU, Attn: RAPS, PO Box 751, Portland 97007-0751, or to Mary Ricks by e-mail (ricksm@pdx.edu).

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"Property may be destroyed and money may lose its purchasing power, but character, health, knowledge, and good judgment will always be in demand under all conditions." -- Roger Babson



Keeping your balance —

## Leg lifts help do the job

By Mike Tichy

Professor Emeritus of Health Education

**(Editor's Note: A good sense of balance and confidence in one's balance will be the theme of a series of illustrated features on improving one's balance.)**

1. Stand with your hands on the back of the chair.
2. Stand on one foot for ten seconds and then on the other. Increase the time standing on one foot in increments of 5 or 10 seconds as you can tolerate the increase until you reach 30 seconds.
3. As your balance improves, use only one hand on the chair as shown in the illustration. As you become more confident of your balance, leave both hands off of the chair, but keep the chair nearby for safety.
4. As your strength and balance improve, alternate raising each foot higher while keeping the other leg straight.