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A sundae with a history lesson on top

RAPSters enjoyed a slide show given by Vic Dahl, professor emeritus of history, on Fort Vancouver, the fur trade, and Pacific Northwest history at the annual Ice Cream Social on May 20. Held at the Alpenrose Ice Cream Parlor—which was scheduled by Alpenrose volunteer Bill Sternberg, who also arranged for several flavors of ice cream—the event was RAPS' contribution to the Oregon sesquicentennial. The audio of Dahl's presentation, as well as audios of RAPS' other 2008-2009 general meetings, is posted on the RAPS Web site, www.raps.pdx.edu.

Topics range from parking to scholarships at Pacific Northwest retirement conference

Sixteen representatives of retirement associations at seven Pacific Northwest universities participated in a conference April 30-May 1 that dealt with a host of topics that impact campus retirement groups.

Hosted by the University of Washington Retirement Association, the conference included representatives from the University of Washington; Washington State; Western, Central, and Eastern Washington; Portland State; and Oregon State University. The gathering stemmed from previous meetings hosted by Portland State and the University of British Columbia.

Executive board members Victor and Beryl Dahl represented RAPS.

The conference opened with welcoming reception addresses by UWRA president Laura Saunders and UW provost Phyllis Wise. Sally Hass, a longtime planning manager for Weyerhaeuser Company, spoke on "The End of Retirement as We Knew It: Forced Realities and New Possibilities for an Even Better Life in the Last Half."

During the ensuing working conference participants considered a broad range of topics that influence campus retirement organizations. Discussions dealt with associations' common experiences concerning issues,

President's Message

This is my last President's Message for the *RAPS Sheet*. My term as president ends June 30, when Larry Sawyer takes over as president. I have enjoyed and learned a lot from working with RAPS board members and committee chairs. I am particularly pleased that MiMi Bernal-Graves, our office manager, will continue in that position for the coming year.

Some of the highlights of this year include:

- ◆ Excellent monthly programs planned by President-elect Larry Sawyer, including inspiring talks by President Wim Wiewel at three of those programs.
- ◆ Celebration of Portland State's Vanport history with speakers who had studied, taught, or lived at Vanport.
- ◆ Honoring three RAPS members who worked for more than three years on the History Preservation committee—Steve Brannan, Roger Moseley, and Gordon Solie.
- ◆ Dedication of *Portland State: A History in Pictures* at a well-attended ceremony at Millar Library.
- ◆ Honoring former RAPS president Mary Gordon Brannan with the well-deserved Outstanding Faculty Award for her continuing research, teaching, publishing, and chairing of the Pictorial History Book committee.
- ◆ Publication of the first *RAPS Directory*, facilitating contacts with members through e-mail and telephone.
- ◆ Cooperation with national and regional retirement associations, with participation by Larry Sawyer, Bob Vogelsang, and Vic and Beryl Dahl.

I welcome new board members Clarence Hein, as president-elect, and Priscilla Blumel, as member-at-large. And I bid farewell to Bruce Stern, who, as awards chair this year, completed four years on the board, and to Jan DeCarrico, member-at-large, who also served on the Elections and Awards committees. I especially appreciate the work of Doug Swanson, editor of the *RAPS Sheet*, which you have been reading each month; and Bob Pearson, who has been our webmaster for the past three years. And thanks to continuing board members: Past President Bob Tufts, who chaired the Membership and Elections committees; Secretary Joan Shireman, for writing up minutes for each Board meeting; Treasurer Bob Vogelsang, who also has worked with the Scholarship Committee; and members-at-large Dawn White and Charlene Levesque.

And here are my hopes for next year with RAPS. Since I will be membership chair, I hope each of you will renew your membership if it is expiring in June. I hope you will encourage a former colleague to join and participate in RAPS activities. I hope you will take seriously University archivist Cris Paschild's request that we all make an effort to preserve PSU's history. And I hope to see many of you at the annual potluck picnic on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Enjoy another beautiful Oregon summer!

—Marge Terdal

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challenges, and solutions with respect to University relations. Examples of major shared concerns were parking and other privileges, office and meeting space needs, linkage with institutional administrative units, membership recruitment and dues, newsletter publication and distribution, engagement with academic and noninstructional programs, honoring members for notable voluntary service, and providing scholarships and other forms of student assistance.

The group reached an affirmative consensus that the conference had been a worthwhile event that had enabled participants to engage in a "lively exchange of information." Moreover, annual spring meetings were most likely to be useful and maintain continuity.

'RAPS Sheet' is looking for your news

This *RAPS Sheet* marks the final issue of the 2008-2009 academic year, but your intrepid editor is already looking forward to next year.

President Marge Terdal suggested at a recent board meeting that *The RAPS Sheet* have a regular column that features the publications, presentations, and community activities of the membership—not unlike the "People, Presented, and Published" listings in *Currently*, PSU's weekly on-line newsletter. So if you've published something, presented something, or done something of some note in the community, send an e-mail to raps@pdx.edu. Be sure to mark it "for publication in the *RAPS Sheet*."

Publication resumes in September. See you then!

—Doug Swanson, Editor

RAPS club reports

Book Club: 'The Alchemist'

The RAPS Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Bettye Lou Bennet, 21660 SW Kruger Rd., Sherwood. Contact her at 503-625-6301 to RSVP and for directions. We will discuss *The Alchemist*, by Brazilian author Paul Coelho. On the cover it is described as:

Paul Coelho's enchanting novel has inspired a devoted following around the world. This story, dazzling in its powerful simplicity and inspiring wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. No one knows what the treasure is, or if Santiago will be able to surmount the obstacles along the way. But what starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasures found within. Lush, evocative, and deeply humane, the story of Santiago is an eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts.

We plan to meet during the summer, although the books have not yet been selected. For further information, contact Mary Brannan at brannanmg@comcast.net or 503-239-1077. Also check the RAPS Web site, www.raps.pdx.edu.

—Mary Brannan

Bridge Group: Still shuffling in summer

RAPS Bridge Group meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m., and we will continue to meet during the summer. The group is open to members of RAPS. If you have questions about the group, please call me at 503-292-0838.

—Colin Dunkeld

Hikers: Fair-weather hiking

With the last hike of the year completed on May 29—a beach hike and potluck at the Terdal home in Neahkanie—the hikers are

looking forward to some fair-weather hiking during the summer. To learn about the summer schedule, contact Larry Sawyer, 503-771-1616 or larry_sawyer@comcast.net.

The hiking schedule is also posted on the RAPS Web site calendar at www.raps.pdx.edu. Hikes are typically on the fourth Friday of the month, and carpooling will be arranged for hikes outside the local area.

—Larry Sawyer

PAST TENSE

Speech and Hearing gets its start in 1956

The Speech and Hearing Sciences Department has its roots in the Portland Extension Center, which first offered courses in speech-language pathology in 1956, and later in audiology. The early leaders of the Speech and Hearing Sciences Program were Robert English, director; Robert Casteel, clinic director; and James Maurer, head of audiology. Casteel began



Robert English

teaching courses for the center in 1956, followed by English in 1958, Edward Stone in 1964, and Maurer in 1964. In 1956, a deal was worked out with Herold Lillywhite, of Crippled Children's Division (CCD, now Child Development and Rehabilitation Center), which was affiliated with the University of Oregon medical school (now Oregon Health & Science University). The speech and hearing clinics were run at CCD during the nine-month academic year and later (circa 1964) in the summers in Shattuck Hall at Portland State College (PSC).

Robert English founded the PSC Speech and Hearing Sciences Program in fall 1964. English received a Personnel Preparation federal grant to hire Casteel. At the time, English was finishing his doctorate at the University of Oregon and Casteel was just beginning his doctoral work. The program was under the auspices of the Department of Speech at PSC, which was then chaired by Frank Gibson. The department was housed in the basement of Neuberger Hall, which was only half built. Early growth of the program came about largely because of federal grant funding through the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped. During that time, the program had the first of its site visitations for the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) accreditation, which has been maintained continuously since then. Portland State's was the only accredited program (out of five programs) in Oregon for 30 years. The program became a department in 2005.

—Mary Brannan

Past Tense features glimpses into Portland State's history. To submit a story (or an idea for one), email the RAPS History Preservation Committee at raps@pdx.edu.

'RAPS Directory Addendum' included with this issue of 'RAPS Sheet'

The envelope that contained this issue of the *RAPS Sheet* should have also contained a *RAPS Directory Addendum*, which is composed of a single sheet of paper containing updated listings for the 2008-2009 *RAPS Directory*, which was published last August.

If you did not receive your *Addendum*, contact MiMi Bernal-Graves at 503-725-3447 or rapspdx@pdx.edu.

Mark your calendar for Aug. 11 RAPS picnic

RAPS' annual picnic will kick off the 2009-2010 year on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Willamette Park, SW Macadam and Nebraska streets, in Portland. The picnic gets under way at 3:00 p.m. and wraps up at 6.

Bring your own beverages and a salad, hot dish, or dessert to share. Turkey, coffee, plates, silverware, and napkins will be provided. RSVP to the RAPS office by Aug. 6, 503-725-3447 or rapspdx@pdx.edu.

Portland State: A History in Pictures

It's taken three years, but the wait was worth it. *Portland State: A History in Pictures*, a 180-page book that documents PSU's history in text and photos, is here! This handsome, large-format book is available at the Portland State Bookstore, 1715 SW Fifth Avenue, or through the Bookstore's Web site, www.portlandstatebookstore.com. You can also get your copy by filling in the form below and mailing it to RAPS. Shipping's on us!

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