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A New Future at Portland State

Becoming PSU president brings new challenges to Dr. Judith Ramaley and new vision to the University. As she delights in saying, "I'm not in Kansas anymore."

Interview by Kathryn Kirkland

Portland State University has a new president — a visionary, a scientist, an administrator with urban university experience, a woman.

Judith A. Ramaley will become the sixth permanent president of Portland State University on August 1. She was selected by the State Board of Higher Education on April 22 following a national search with an initial field of more than 200 candidates. She is the first woman president of an Oregon State System of Higher Education campus.

Dr. Ramaley (pronounced Rah-MAY-lee) is currently executive vice chancellor for the University of Kansas in Lawrence, a university with 25,800 students and regional centers in Kansas City and Topeka. The university also has a medical center in Kansas City and a regional medical center in Wichita.

As leader of the Lawrence campus since 1987, Ramaley was responsible for establishing a new educational facility to provide academic, research and service activities for the metropolitan Kansas City area.

She has served in administrative posts at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Albany, the University of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

A scientist who specializes in studies of puberty, Ramaley earned a bachelor's degree in Zoology from Swarthmore College and a doctorate in Anatomy from UCLA. She is the author or editor of three books, including "Covert Discrimination, Women in the Sciences," and 65 articles on the control of puberty onset, stress and fertility, and the development of biological rhythms. She has held teaching appointments in biology and physiology at University of Kansas, SUNY, University of Nebraska Medical Center and Indiana University.

Administrators, faculty members, and students in Lawrence have described her as "a strong leader who can make decisions quickly, a talented problem solver and a gifted communicator whose keen sense of humor seems to come out when it's needed the most."

Ramaley is an ardent advocate for the urban university mission and a firm believer in the value of public and private cooperation in achieving that mission. President Ramaley will report on her progress at Portland State in future PSU Magazines. The following are excerpts from a recent interview.

Q: How does it feel to be the first woman president in the Oregon state system?
A: I am enjoying being a part of history. It is also exciting to be part of this university at this time in its development. How appropriate for Portland State to be the institution that makes this decision! Because the whole institution is built on different ways of bringing together talent in the community.

Q: How would you like to see PSU develop?
A: Across the country there is a kind of institution emerging in the major metropolitan areas. There isn't even a clear name for it yet, but most people call it a major urban university.

This kind of institution draws its strength and its inspiration from the urban area, and first and foremost responds to the needs of the urban area. It is a research institution, a teaching institution and an institution that prides itself on its service to community.

Urban universities are appearing in the 25 or 30 major metropolitan areas across the country. Portland is one of those communities and PSU is one of those institutions.

Much of the energy and direction of the state flows toward Portland, and our community and our university will play a very important role in Oregon's future. I like to say that the way to build Portland State is to serve the research, teaching and service needs of the Portland metropolitan area. As Portland thrives, so will we.

Q: Can PSU fulfill that role alone?
A: One of the key roles of Portland State is to reflect, in its academic programs and in its research mission, its involvement with the community. But we must do so in collaboration with other institutions in the Portland area and around the state.

For instance, the opportunities of tying together Portland State and Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in a set of programs on public health, the administration of health facilities, and major questions of health education are enormous. I'm sure we'll see many possibilities involving not only PSU and OHSU but several private institutions, including Oregon Graduate Institute, Lewis and Clark, Reed and the University of Portland. Another very
important future for us lies in our opportunities for collaboration with the Portland area community colleges.

Collectively, the public and private universities and colleges in Portland reflect a portfolio of educational resource that will increasingly be drawn together by joint planning, by faculty collaboration and by the movement of students among the institutions. Students will do this sequentially as they move through their courses of study, but also in a parallel fashion as they pick up special classes that are only available at certain institutions.

One of the things that is special about Portland today, is that the educational leadership is so new. Peter Kohler has only been at OHSU for a short time. Dan Moriarty has only been at PCC for a few years, and several of the private college presidents are new or fairly recent additions to the talent base in Portland. We all were attracted here because of the special quality of this community, and we're interested in the possibilities of working together.

I have been especially impressed with the workings of a small group of Portland-area presidents who have just delivered a report to the Governor's Commission on Higher Education in the Portland Metropolitan Area on ways to foster public/private university and college cooperation. Just the tone of the discussion — the interest in creating for Portland an educational community that would rival any in the country, and to establish Portland as a center for educational excellence — I find extraordinarily attractive and exciting. It is one of the things that brought me here in the first place: the possibility to serve not only an institution that is still developing and therefore interesting, but to do so through a series of partnerships with other community leaders.

Certainly in this day and age no university, in fact, no player in the urban area, can respond to all the complex needs of an urban environment. But collectively we can. If we create a center for educational excellence in the greater Portland area, anchored by the leadership of Portland State University, each of the individual institutions will improve its quality, its focus and serve its particular mission at the same time. PSU will be the central force in this network of collaboration.

Q: What should our relationship be to the down-state schools?
A: When you already have a considerable investment at some place in a state not readily accessible to your major urban area, there are many different ways you can draw on that investment.

The simplest way is to develop education programs that respond to the needs of professionals in the greater Portland area using faculty expertise from many schools and colleges. Portland State can be the coordinator for this; the lead institution in coordinating the education resources available in the Portland area and in the Oregon State System.

One of the greatest strengths of Portland State today is that the majority of its graduate programs are truly collaborative and multi-disciplinary and provide access for expertise from many different fields. The most interesting questions in society today are in those boundary zones among the more traditional disciplines. They require people who have a variety of different perspectives and also different methods of studying problems. This model is an especially good vehicle for fostering collaboration both on campus and with our sister institutions.

In other cases we will actually design joint or collaborative programs at the graduate level with the other Oregon public universities, OHSU, University of Oregon and Oregon State University.

Q: The University of Kansas has three campuses and the Kansas system has seven institutions. Is education there a cooperative venture?
A: Collaboration is a way of life in the state system of Kansas. It works very well. To give a couple of examples: The University of Kansas (KU) cooperates with Kansas State University (KSU) and the University of Missouri in Kansas City to offer an undergraduate degree in architecture; KU and KSU offer a cooperative master's degree in civil engineering in the capital city, Topeka; and Wichita State University and KSU cooperate in aerospace engineering research.

Q: What are your priorities for PSU?
A: For me one of the first and most important issues is building a good library — a major research library — and enhancing the academic computing network. Without a good academic support structure you can't do much of anything.

A second area that is especially important is to implement our plans for increasing the number of minority faculty, staff and students at PSU. As an urban university we have a special commitment to diversity and access.

Over this first year, I will be talking to many people both inside and outside the institution, about how we are serving the Portland area and the citizens of the rest of the state. I will be asking what plans we should make for enhancing our research, teaching and public service.

Q: What do you see as PSU's biggest problem?
A: Many people simply don't realize how good we are. It is a much finer institution and much further along in its emergence as a major urban university than people realize. The work of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education in the Portland Metropolitan Area has provided an opportunity for us to discuss the centrality of PSU to Portland's future.

Portland State is an excellent institution and has attracted a very lively and imaginative group of faculty and students. My goal is that five years from now everybody in Portland will be able to see ways in which PSU has improved their lives.

Q: What are your impressions of Portland?
A: I have never fallen in love with a community faster. There is a special mixture of people, beauty and opportunities for helping PSU realize its future, just waiting to be enjoyed. Everything has come together in the right way for me. It feels good!

Q: How do you expect to spend your free time if you have any?
A: My hobby is learning about my community. I've always enjoyed finding out about local history and traditions, meeting the people, learning what makes a place special, what people really care about, and what they think about and talk about.

I tend to put art on my walls done by local artists; I like to read local history...
and go to performances of local artists. I look at the buildings, walk the trails, and learn to recognize the local birds and flowers.

I’ll go through a total immersion process, and gradually I will become an Oregonian.

Q: Tell us about your family.
A: I have two sons, or I should say they have me. My older boy will be a senior at Stanford University. I mostly communicate with him through Bitnet, electronic mail, because he is computer literate and I am learning how to be. The prospect of talking to Alan is a good incentive to sit down and use my computer. My younger son, Andrew, just graduated from high school and will be a freshman at the University of Kansas this fall. I am still assimilating the information that I am now the mother of young adults.

Q: You were a successful researcher. How did you switch to administration?
A: I regard administration as an act of scholarship at its best. I am behaving the same way as any scholar: trying to discover underlying meaning, putting things together, making sense out of them, and using that information to help people.

I discovered several years ago that I was more interested in the translation and helping stage than I was in the discovery stage of scholarship, even though I enjoy research. Now I apply the same ways of thinking I once used in my laboratory to my work as an administrator. I have not given up teaching and will return to the classroom at PSU in a year or so.

I am often asked, which is more important, research or teaching? The answer is both, because you are doing the same thing, but in a different place with different audiences — asking questions that matter and exploring ideas. The way that I can best use my scholarly skills is not through individual service to particular people, but through creating a climate of opportunity for a large number of people.

Q: How do you describe your management style?
A: A lot of people have asked me that. I have said that my management style is Socratic. The Socratic method of teaching involves exploring ideas with your students and drawing the answers to difficult questions from your interaction with them. Most of the time, people who come to me with a problem already have the answer. Often, however, they don’t realize it, or if I put together the right team of people, collectively we will find the answer. It is my job to create conditions for that answer to emerge and for people to thrive. That is what the Socratic method does.

Q: Do you have a message for PSU alumni?
A: Every single alumnus and alumna is an ambassador for the university. Our alumni represent us both in the way they lead their...

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Tribute to Edgington

The University community is invited to a day of special events, Wednesday, July 25, honoring Interim PSU President Roger Edgington. A campus reception is scheduled for 3 p.m. in Smith Memorial Center, Room 338; and cocktails, Chinese buffet and entertainment are planned for that evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, 1119 S.W. Park. Cost for the evening event is $25, and reservations can be made with University Special Events, 725-4910.

Edgington, who first came to the University in 1976 as director of Business Affairs, has served as interim president of Arts, Computer Science and Urban and State Fish and Wildlife building; approval of County. Governor's Commission on Higher administrators; formation of a new student the appointment of key university deans and University in 1976 as director of Business

through September to work on special projects. A campus reception is scheduled

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“Project Management Certificate Program,” which offers “real-world” oriented classes for technical people such as engineers, managers, computer scientists and systems analysts, who need to develop new management skills.

Gertrude Rempfer, professor emeritus of physics, has been chosen to receive the 1990 Distinguished Scientist Award for lifetime research achievement in the physical sciences. This award, the highest honor bestowed by the Electron Microscopy Society of America, will be presented at the society’s 1990 international meeting this August in Seattle, Wash.

Rempfer, still an active researcher at 78, holds five patents for the design of electron microscopes and their lenses. She has worked on designing the complex machines for over 40 years, most recently with O. Hayes Griffith of the University of Oregon’s Institute of Molecular Biology. Together, they engineered the world’s only photoelectron microscope designed for biological studies, which is now installed at the Eugene, Ore., institute.

Lee Koehn honor benefits library

The PSU Foundation board is making a major contribution to the University’s Branford Price Millar Library in honor of outgoing board president Lee Koehn.

A new book display area will be established within the expanded and remodeled library’s main floor in recognition of Koehn’s tireless work on behalf of the University. The area will be designated by a wall plaque bearing Koehn’s name, according to C. Thomas Pfingsten, library director, and will include lounge seating and oak bookshelves on which new books will be displayed before going into the library’s general collection.

Koehn, a 1973 PSU graduate, continues to serve as a member of the foundation board’s executive committee. He also received an “Outstanding Friend of PSU” award May 4. Koehn owns the Portland and Seattle executive search firm bearing his name, is a member of the Portland Kiwanis Club, and is a founder of the Portland Professional Forum, a business group.

A cure for the Summertime blues

When you’ve seen all the movies, rented all the videos and are sick of summer television reruns, take advantage of an entertainment bargain — PSU’s Summer Repertory Theater.

Portland State is presenting two light-hearted comedies running four weeks each: Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” and “Room Service” by Murray and Boretz.

“Twelfth Night,” directed by PSU’s William Tate and starring local actress Raissa Fleming as Viola, is currently playing in PSU’s Lincoln Performance Hall through July 21, with performances Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. A romantic comedy, “Twelfth Night” follows identical twins lost and proper love found.

“Room Service,” directed by PSU’s Jack Featheringill and starring Jim Caputo as Gordon Miller, plays in Lincoln Performance Hall August 1 through 25, with performances Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., plus a preview performance Wednesday, August 1, at 8 p.m., and a matinee Sunday, August 12, at 2 p.m. “Room Service” is one of the classic screwball comedies of the ‘30s, a la the Marx Brothers and Lucille Ball.

Subscription tickets for both plays are $12 for a Thursday, Friday or Saturday performance and $10 for preview or matinee performances. Single tickets for Thursday through Saturday performances are $7.50 general and $6 for senior adults and students. Preview and matinee performance tickets are $6 general and $5 for senior adults and students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance through the PSU Box Office, 725-4440. As a special service, Broadway Revue restaurant, 1239 S.W. Broadway, is offering ticket holders $5 off the price of any dinner entree on any night through August 31.
Mineral discovery holds commercial promise

A crystalline rock unearthed near Goble, Ore., on the Columbia River turned out to be an exciting find for PSU Physics Professor Donald G. Howard and a group of 17 other amateur mineralogists.

The newly discovered mineral, a member of the zeolite group, piqued the interest of geologists and industry around the country because of its unique structure and potential commercial value.

Some zeolites can be used as catalysts, particularly in the distillation of crude petroleum into gasoline. Boggsite, the name given to Professor Howard’s new discovery, has a more complex internal structure than known zeolites and its use as a catalyst in the distillation process may allow greater stability at higher temperatures and yield even more gasoline.

Although there probably isn’t enough boggsite occurring naturally to make it practical for commercial interests, chemist Edith Flanigan of UOP in Tarrytown, New York (a joint venture of Allied Signal and Union Carbide that provides materials for the petrochemical industry), figures that laboratory reproduction of the physical and chemical properties of boggsite could yield “a substance of considerable commercial value.”

Boggsite was approved by the International Mineralogical Association committee on new minerals and mineral names, according to Dr. Howard. An article describing the new mineral, written by Howard and others, has been accepted for publication in “American Mineralogist.”

Owing up to system failures

Who’s at fault when an expensive new computer system fails to meet the needs of a small business? Often it is those with the most to lose, the business owners, according to PSU researchers Michael Gaines and Glen Beckley.

Gaines, a professor in the School of Business Administration, and Beckley, a local business consultant and PSU instructor, interviewed representatives of local computer hardware and software companies, along with owners of small businesses.

One of their more significant findings was that companies fail to take responsibility for implementing a system. They prefer to delegate responsibility to computer vendors, who lack the authority and responsibility required to ensure a system’s success, Gaines and Beckley noted.

The researchers recently published their findings, and suggested specific steps to avoid pitfalls when implementing a new system. Among them are: to involve representatives of user departments, not just technical personnel from the data processing department; to staff the implementation group with competent individuals who have

Shipping textbooks to Estonia

A Soviet grain ship delivered a precious U.S. cargo to the capital city of Tallinn in the Republic of Estonia this spring. Packed aboard the vessel were economic and business textbooks, approximately 1,000 volumes, designated for distribution at the Estonian Academy of Sciences.

Professor Thomas Palm was on hand at the academy to receive the books — a fitting finale to a project he had begun at Portland State.

Palm, a professor of economics, gathered the donated books from PSU colleagues and personally arranged for their transportation from Portland to New Orleans and on by ship to Estonia. During the past year, he has been lecturing and consulting in Estonia, one of the 15 republics of the Soviet Union, at the invitation of various Estonian government and academic agencies.

“This is a country which has not had economics literature as we understand it in the West,” said Palm.

The books, which are being distributed among Estonian organizations such as the Estonian Central Bank, Tallinn University and the Small Business Association of Estonia, will become one of the largest resources for Western management techniques in the Soviet Union.

In memory

Richard Lindner, associate professor emeritus of English, died May 11 of head injuries suffered in an April 1 fall in his home. He was 70.

Professor Lindner taught in the English department at Portland State from 1962 until his retirement last year. “He was a consummate teacher, always interested in his students,” said former student Karen Robertson (Carie Shaw ’89 BA).

In Lindner’s memory, Robertson and others, hope to underwrite special purchases for the English literature resource area of the remodeled Branford Price Millar Library. Inquiries should be directed to Karen Robertson-SMCO, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207.

Clark P. Spurlock, a long-time, early administrator with the continuing education program in Portland, died May 25 of congestive heart failure. He was 79.

From 1946 to 1974, Mr. Spurlock administered continuing education classes in Portland. This state run program was taken over by Portland State in the early ’70s. He was responsible for scheduling night classes during most of his tenure.

Mr. Spurlock also was a master carver and displayed his work in a gallery in Cannon Beach. It was in part through his influence that the summer Haystack Program was begun in Cannon Beach.

Howard Westcott, professor emeritus of health and former wrestling coach, died June 3 of causes related to age. He was 76.

Westcott was instrumental in building the PSU wrestling program into a national collegiate power. He coached the Vikings from 1952 to 1971, compiling a dual-meet record of 1962-52. He also taught health education until his retirement in 1978.

The family has suggested that memorials be contributions to the PSU Foundation for the wrestling program.
Should federal regulators

Bail Out or Butt Out?

By John R. Kirkland

Many gallons of ink have been devoted to the crisis in the savings & loan industry, giving the impression that most S&Ls are corrupt and failing, and that commercial banks are cruising along trouble-free.

Both impressions are wrong, according to Leslie “Les” Anderson, chairman of the Finance and Law Department in PSU’s School of Business Administration.

First of all, some S&Ls may have gotten a bad rap. Yes, corruption and failure in the S&L industry is so extensive that it will cost, at last count, $1,000 to $2,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States to repair. But the regulations that the federal government enacted to control the damage are sometimes illogically imposed on S&Ls that don’t need them, hampering their managers from helping their institutions out of short-term problems.

Second, Anderson said there have been more failures of banks in the United States since 1980 than at any other time since the Great Depression. Although healthier and more diversified than the S&Ls, banks are still plagued by the fact that much of their loans are for real property, and the value of those properties have fallen — as seen in the farm belt, parts of Texas affected by the oil bust of the late ’80s and other regions of the country.

At the same time, banks have made loans worth millions of dollars to developing countries — many of whom are unable to pay them back.

If commercial banks begin failing at the rate of S&Ls, the American public could see a much bigger bill than they’re seeing with the S&Ls. The FSLIC, which insures savings & loan deposits, ran out of funds to cover losses, and has been dissolved into the FDIC, which insures banks and which currently has $14 billion in assets.

Anderson said close to 1,000 of the nation’s roughly 12,500 banks have some degree of serious problem.

“So if we had a recession of any severity, that $14 billion could be wiped out in the twinkling of an eye.”

Can the banks avoid what happened to the S&Ls? History and the way banks do business would indicate they can. But the bigger question, according to Anderson, is how much of a role should the government play in keeping the sick ones alive?

A look back shows how the government’s role as financial babysitter may have created much of the mess in the first place.

Savings & loans came under federal regulation in 1932 during the Hoover administration and the first years of the Great Depression. The regulation dictated that S&Ls provide basically two services: making home loans and taking savings deposits. The interest they paid on savings deposits was limited by law, and the rest of the business was so simple that, Anderson said, the typical S&L had about half the staff of a bank of similar size. Kathleen Day, a Washington Post reporter who is writing a book on the S&L crisis, wrote that executives lived by the “3-6-3 rule: Pay depositors 3 percent interest. Lend the money out at 6 percent. Play golf at three o’clock.” Since almost all the loans they made had large downpayments or were VA and FHA insured, “this was the place to be,” said Anderson.

The kinks in this otherwise smooth-running system began happening in the mid-1960s and continued through the ’70s when short term interest rates rose above the level of interest rates financial institutions were charging for loans. Depositors who had a ceiling on the rates they were getting from the local S&L began pulling out their money, finding they could get a better deal buying money markets, mutual funds and treasury bills. The S&Ls began running out of money.

In 1980 and 1982, Congress passed laws to deregulate the S&Ls, in effect allowing them to be more like commercial banks. They eliminated the ceiling on deposit rates, and allowed the S&Ls to expand their business beyond just simple home loans.

Kathleen Day writes “The government continued to give federal aid to S&Ls while it allowed the industry to venture headlong into commercial real estate, futures markets, gambling casinos, shopping centers, you name it.” Not only did the S&Ls make loans for these ventures, they invested in them themselves. And in the many cases where the investments were unprofitable, the S&Ls took a bath.

Anderson says the fact that FSLIC was
insuring S&L deposits prompted the S&L managers to take bigger risks than they otherwise would have. The same was true of banks and the FDIC, he said. The government allowed the S&Ls to do anything they could to get cash, while it removed any risk to depositor funds. Or, as Day writes, "They (the S&Ls) had nothing to lose but other people's money."

William Greider, author of "The Trouble With Money," explains this guaranteed freedom as "a bizarre version of laissez-faire — a half-pregnant system that liberates banking and finance for new adventures in risk-taking, yet assures the players that if something goes terribly wrong, and they sustain great losses, the U.S. government will step in and pick up the tab. This has produced recurring disorder and crisis."

Although stories abound of S&Ls misappropriating millions of dollars of depositor's funds before their institutions collapsed underneath them, in many cases the problem was simply ineptitude or inexperience. PSU 8

“The closing of Benj. Franklin was in a sense a regulator's window dressing—they wanted to show they were on the ball.”
—Les Anderson

But ineptitude can't be blamed for some S&L takeovers. Anderson points to Benj. Franklin, the Portland-based S&L that was taken over by the feds in February as a case in point. Managed by Dale Weight, who Anderson called "one of the finest bankers in the country," Benj. Franklin's demise was a result of the government's rigid interpretation of the law that was passed in 1990 to put troubled S&Ls back on track.

The law, titled the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA), sets strict controls on the amount of hard assets an institution must have, compared with the amount of money they lend out. A solid asset base means a solid institution. Fall below the proper level and you're a candidate for federal takeover.

Roberta McEniry ('76 BS), who was Benj. Franklin's senior vice president of investor and corporate communications before the feds ousted her, Weight and Benj. Franklin's other top management, are bitter about the government's handling of the crisis.

Government auditors examined the books in single-minded fashion with "little cookbook audit guides," and failed to look any deeper into Benj. Franklin's true health than what the surface numbers told them, McEniry said.

FIRREA allows institutions a five-year window of time to put together the capital to come within federal guidelines. McEniry said she and the rest of Benj. Franklin's management put together a tough, detailed business plan that outlined cost-cutting measures and tightly defined Benj. Franklin's market. "It was very doable," she said.
"They never even had the courtesy of getting back to us and telling us what they didn't approve of. They just walked in the door."

The government asked McEniry, Weight, and the rest of the management team to leave, and replaced them with their own team of accountants and attorneys flown in from around the country. At the helm was placed Alan Blodgett, the former head of a failed Savings & Loan in Utah. The government team will try to sell Benj. Franklin, and in the interim will have managed it themselves for at least six to nine months, she said.

All at taxpayer expense.

"A large portion of what the taxpayers are now paying is not for the bailout. It's for the continued support of the system that is going in and destroying viable organizations like Benj. Franklin," McEniry said.

The reason for the takeover, she said, was based on an interpretation of Benj. Franklin's capital holdings that did not take into account intangible assets, or "good will."

When one company buys another, the acquiring company typically pays more than the book value of what they're getting. The excess — the so-called "good will" — represents the purchased company's reputation, customer base, brand name, and so on. In other words, it is the company's ongoing ability to be profitable. The company's typewriters, desks, company cars, buildings, pens and pencils are considered tangible assets. Good will is intangible.

Benj. Franklin had considerable good will when the feds came to look at their books. It's source was from Benj. Franklin's purchase of Equitable Savings & Loan, which had a four-state network, a good name in the community, and other intangibles that made it a smart buy. Benj. Franklin was successful in retaining most of Equitable's customers after the sale went through.

But by the government's interpretation of the books, those intangibles did not count.

"Benj. Franklin was not having financial difficulties," said McEniry. "The major strike against us — the only strike against us — was the good will."

Benj. Franklin is not the only case of this kind. Professor Anderson said regulation of the savings & loans, however needed, is happening arbitrarily. Some thrifts, with healthy accounts, are being taken over by people less qualified to run them than the ones who were in place before, like Dale Weight.

Said Anderson, "Benj. Franklin is a savings & loan that could have easily survived. The regulators had to prove they were doing their job. The closing of Benj. Franklin was in a sense a regulator's window dressing — they wanted to show they were on the ball.

"Not to allow Weight to work out Benj. Franklin's problems was terrible. To unnecessarily close someone is really a horrendous crime."

Doug Vaughan, Benj. Franklin's current spokesman, said top leaders of savings & loans that are taken over by the feds are routinely removed to facilitate the government's own management of the institution. He said the government found no evidence of fraud or misconduct on the part of Weight or anyone else involved in the company.

Weight, who has been selected as the new dean of Willamette University's business school, is working on a series of his own on the savings & loan crisis, and so declined to speak on the record for this article.

Anderson and McEniry agree that the government should take a deeper look into the spirit of FIRREA before taking over savings & loans. But should they be involved at all? Should savings & loans — as well as banks — be allowed to fail?

The government should regulate the industry, McEniry said, as long as they are insuring depositors' money. But she says insurance should be removed, both from S&Ls and banks so the government doesn't have to be involved.

The result would be more of a free-market economy, encouraging more competition among institutions and freeing them from the costs associated with government insurance. Those costs include the premiums the institutions have to pay, and the extra staff required to keep the institutions within the regulations.

What would customers gain? They might get higher rates on their deposits and lower rates on loans, but that's just a possibility.

Mostly what they would get is risk — a dicey situation for the masses of current bank and S&L customers who sleep peacefully at night knowing that virtually all their money is safe, even in the event of a bank failure.

But maybe it would be worth it — at least for the managers of those institutions.

Said McEniry, "If depositors are requiring of those financial institutions high rates of interest — and in fact they are; depositors shop very aggressively for interest rates — they also should have to bear the risk. Just like the stock market."

Anderson blames the problem on the government's "misguided regulation" of the S&L and banking industry — an unwillingness to let financial institutions fail for fear that there would be a nationwide panic.

The United States has seen its share of bank panics, particularly during the Great Depression. Deposit insurance and heightened government regulations were implemented at that time to guard against it happening in the future. Today, the closest most Americans can come to witnessing a run on a bank is by watching a Christmas rerun of "It's A Wonderful Life."

Anderson discounts as "nonsense" this nationwide panic theory.

"If a big bank in Chicago closed, would you rush down to First Interstate, close out your account, and put your money in the trunk of your car?" he said.

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Protein Discovery Packs Muscle

A PSU researcher's study of calcium is bringing new understanding to muscle disease and cancer therapy.

By Chris Normandin

Jonathan Abramson, professor of physics at Portland State is elated. Long years of investigating the role calcium plays in muscle contraction has opened an unexpected doorway.

His recent discovery of the protein that triggers the release of calcium in skeletal muscle will mean better understanding of diseases such as muscular dystrophy. It also has ramifications for new research in heart disease and cancer therapy.

Abramson's research focuses on skeletal muscle contraction, specifically as it involves calcium release. Muscles contract when calcium is released from a specialized membrane in the muscle cell called the sarcoplasmic reticulum. When the muscle relaxes, the calcium is pumped back into the membrane for storage.

"A lot is already known about how calcium causes muscle to contract and how the calcium gets pumped back into the sarcoplasmic reticulum," said Abramson. "We also know several compounds that stimulate and inhibit the calcium release process.

"What we haven't understood until now is what triggers the calcium to be released in the first place. How does the communication go from the surface of the cell membrane into the specialized membrane and then trigger calcium release?"

The answer came recently as Abramson concluded a five-year Established Investigator Fellowship funded by the American Heart Association. He discovered a class of compounds that reversibly trigger the release of calcium from the sarcoplasmic reticulum. As a consequence of this research, he was also able to identify the protein which is responsible for transporting calcium across this membrane.

"It's like having a key to a door. The protein is the lock which unlocks upon receiving the proper message, letting the calcium out to trigger contraction," said Abramson.

The significance of this discovery could be immense, according to Abramson. "I believe the more we understand about the process going on in this membrane system, the better we can understand what happens when we have muscle that doesn't function properly, as with muscle injury and disease. This can apply to heart disease as well, because the properties of skeletal and cardiac muscle are very similar."

Abramson's search for the elusive calcium-release protein spans close to a dozen years and includes more than 45 published articles on the subject. And, like many scientific discoveries, it is based on mostly hard work and a little good luck.

After finishing his undergraduate degree in science at City College of New York in 1968, Abramson went on to complete a master's and doctorate in physics from the University of Rochester, New York.

"I started out in high-energy accelerators, but I had a friend in physiology who was doing things that interested me more. My problem was, here I was ready for a post-doctoral fellowship, and I wanted to do it in a field unrelated to my research background in physics.

"By accident, or luck, or whatever you want to call it, I got a few minutes of time with the chairman of the biophysics department at Rochester. I attempted to persuade him that I would be of value to

Dr. Jonathan Abramson in his PSU laboratory.
him, but he cut me short. 'If I wanted someone who would be valuable to me right now, I wouldn't hire you, he said.'

"As it turned out, he had some grant money from the Dental Association, and said I could work for him, as long as I studied calcium. That's how calcium became my field. I didn't know back in 1975 it would come this far."

During his graduate years at the University of Rochester, Abramson completed a National Science Foundation fellowship (70-72) and a National Institute of Health traineeship (75-76). His Muscular Dystrophy Association Postdoctoral Fellowship (77-79) included research on the reconstitution of the calcium pump and its tryptic fragments into artificial membranes.

In 1979, he moved to Portland with his wife, Kathy, and infant daughter, to accept a position as assistant professor at Portland State, where his research interest continued in membrane biophysics and biochemistry. He was appointed associate professor in 1984 and professor in 1989.

It was a chance discovery with heavy metals that started Abramson down the path to the elusive calcium-release protein...

Abramson's first major discovery came in 1983. As a part of PSU's Environmental Sciences and Resources Doctoral Program, he was carrying out experiments using heavy metals (zinc, mercury, cadmium and silver) which are environmentally toxic substances.

"There had been several cases of large population poisonings in Japan and the Mideast, and interest in the area was running high. Quite by accident, I discovered that this calcium-release membrane system (sarcoplasmic reticulum) was highly sensitive to low levels of heavy metals. And, in the case of mercury, very small concentrations caused the calcium to rush out of the membrane much faster than anyone else had ever observed.

Rather than brush this off as an anomaly, I began to suspect there was some interaction going on with the calcium-release protein everyone was looking for."

That same year, Abramson published a major article on his work. He continued studying this phenomena over a period of years, and was finally able to conclude that there was a specific location on a membrane-bound protein that interacted with these heavy metals. He was then able to develop probes needed to begin isolating individual proteins. Another major publication in 1986 described how oxidation could stimulate the release of calcium from the sarcoplasmic reticulum.

Abramson went on to identify the site of calcium release and the specific protein which causes the trigger reaction. He published two articles in December 1989, and presented his findings to a meeting of the Biophysical Society in February 1990.

"I expect some controversy over this," Abramson admits. "Another research group claimed to have isolated the calcium-release protein this past year. When I heard about their discovery, I was disappointed and excited. Disappointed that I hadn't yet found the protein, and excited that someone had found it after all these years.

"But on reading their report, I discovered they had isolated an entirely different protein from the one which I was studying. My attempts to duplicate their study resulted in higher than acceptable levels of contamination, which means the protein was not very pure.

There are currently three theories describing the molecular mechanism underlying calcium release from sarcoplasmic reticulum, according to Abramson. He believes that the theory he has developed, which involves an oxidation reaction, is the correct one.

"You don't go on with your work just to prove someone else is wrong," he cautions. "But you use all the research as a base for taking new directions and moving on."

It was a chance discovery with heavy metals that started Abramson down the path to the elusive calcium-release protein in skeletal muscle, and it was a chance reading that brought him into the heart disease arena.

A recognized problem in heart disease is ischemia, lack of adequate oxygen to parts of the heart caused by arteriosclerosis or blocked arteries.

The condition is currently treated with by-pass surgery, balloon inflation therapy or calcium-blocking agents that dilate the arteries. Once this is done, the area suddenly gets more oxygen, which can cause damage to cardiac muscle, called reperfusion damage.

"I found some work being done in England, in which the researchers were looking at a chemical compound that mimics reperfusion damage in the whole heart," says Abramson. "I was studying the same compound, but examining its effect on isolated membranes. It turns out that reperfusion damage may be caused by damage to the calcium-release protein that we recently identified."

Another tie into Abramson's research has come on a local level. For the past two years, he has collaborated with Dr. Jeffrey Hosenpud of the Oregon Health Sciences University, and Dr. Leonard Simpson of the PSU Biology Department, on a study funded by the American Cancer Society. Together, they are looking at adriamycin, a commonly used anti-cancer drug. While it is effective in killing cancer cells, adriamycin has troublesome side effects.

"It works well on cancer cells, but it is extremely toxic to the heart," says Abramson. "Over a period of time it causes severe deterioration of cardiac muscle. We don't know why it does this, but we do know that adriamycin is effective in releasing calcium from the sarcoplasmic reticulum."

Recently, Abramson and his collaborators have shown that very high concentrations of caffeine inhibit the anti-cancer drug's effect on the calcium release mechanism.

"We're not talking about the amount of caffeine we all think of in a cup of coffee," said Abramson. "We use huge doses in a highly controlled scientific environment."

Work with this inhibitor and related compounds, says Abramson, may result in decreasing the toxicity of adriamycin thus providing a major contribution to cancer therapy and, from this PSU laboratory, advancing calcium research worldwide. □
Rhythms of Barbados

**DREAMER**, by Primus St. John, PSU

*English professor (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 1990, $8.95)*

Poetry can be a stream of the poet’s consciousness, deep and debris-filled, which only the determined can ford. Primus St. John is a humane poet, in that much of his meaning is accessible to the reader; yet there are forces which rise up slowly to amaze and haunt us.

_Dreamer_ is the third book of poetry written by St. John. The result of a journey to Barbados, _Dreamer_ gives Black history bone and blood, some of it the author’s own, as though St. John is affirming, “This, too, is what I am made of.”

His language is rich and rhythmic, perhaps best savored by reading aloud. African and Barbadian terms will be foreign to many readers, but aids are furnished in the back of the book. And if one can surrender to the rhythms, the intimations can be felt and understood.

The first section is a series of poems (which build on one another) voiced by prisoners of a slave ship. Strangers and tribal enemies, these passengers to hell develop a kinship of blood, pain and seductive memory. The poems present unimaginable oppression juxtaposed against pasts of graceful pride, joy and sensuality. Each poem is prefaced by a quotation in academic voice critiquing the Black experience. This dry, distant voice robs the experience of its life blood, but the poems put it back again.

The second part of the book is a rendering of the life of John Newton, a slave ship captain who eventually became an Anglican priest and an abolitionist. The poem’s narrative voice, accompanied by first person consciousness, reveals historical facts and the personal road such a man had to travel.

The individual poems of _Dreamer_’s third section vary in voice from Barbadian to other island dialects, and like all the poetry, come across strong, moody and moving. PS

**Cartoonist exposed**


Many Portlanders recognize cartoonist John Callahan when they see him downtown. His picture has appeared in local papers, and the man stands out in a crowd with his red hair, piercing blue eyes, and electric wheelchair. But once you have read his new autobiography, _Don’t Worry, He Won’t Get Far on Foot_, he isn’t just the author of irreverent cartoons wheeling by, but someone you know, intimately in fact.

And you’ll probably like him.

Readers learn first of his alcohol addiction, which shaped his life more than the auto accident that left him a quadriplegic at age 21. But it isn’t a self-pitying account. The book is strewn with funny remarks, comic drawings and also some real pain.

Callahan grew up in The Dalles, Ore., the adopted son of an Irish catholic family. The serious feelings of loss and anger an adopted child can feel are present in the book, along with the comic aspects of a parochial school upbringing.

Most of the autobiography deals with life following paralysis. Readers meet the nurses, fellow patients, attendants and girlfriends in Callahan’s life, and see the road to self-actualization and sobriety that Alcoholics Anonymous gave him.

A 1983 Portland State graduate, Callahan doesn’t say flattering things about the University, but the reader senses that attending PSU was an important part of his life.

It is Callahan’s cartoons that bring him fulfillment and notoriety. His characters, often drawn from the ranks of the disabled, express his macabre humor. “I enjoy drawing the tough world and the desperation with which most people face it,” writes Callahan.

Notoriety is coming fast and furious these days. The new autobiography generated an interview on the “Today Show” and a mention in _People_ magazine. Film star William Hurt has bought film rights to the book. Callahan is also the author of a new collection of cartoons titled, _Do Not Disturb Any Further_, and is currently at work on what he describes as a spoof on self-help books, “Digesting the Child Within.” KK

**Oregon’s children**

**THE OREGON BOOK OF JUVENILE ISSUES**, by Gerald G. Johnson and John C. Wolfe (PSU’s Continuing Education Press, 1989, $15.00)

“Kids have rights,” says author Gerald Johnson, a coordinator of policy rules and grants for the state Children’s Services Division. He and CSD social service specialist John Wolfe, have written a convenient guide to the legal rights and restrictions affecting Oregon’s children in _The Oregon Book of Juvenile Issues_.

Over 80 subjects concerning minors are discussed, including adoption, discipline in public schools, termination of parental rights, marriage, abortion, drugs, emancipation, law enforcement, sex education and child abuse.

Some interesting facts from the book: parents may rescind their minor child’s right to a driver’s license; students have the right to wear just about anything to school,

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The Science, Technology and Society
1990-91 Lecture Series

Bright, fascinating and provocative scientists from around the world are again coming to Portland this fall for the "Science, Technology and Society Speakers Series." Last year's debut series showcased evolutionary biologist Stephen Jay Gould, astrophysicist Philip Morrison and anthropologist Jane Goodall, to name a few.

The 1990-91 speakers series promises the same mixture of intellectual energy and controversial research.

The lectures begin September 22 with PBS science writer James Burke and continue through May with five other speakers (including one yet unnamed). Each evening presentation should last approximately two hours and include a question and answer format.

Season tickets can be purchased in July through the Institute for Science, Engineering and Public Policy on campus, 725-4788. Individual tickets go on sale in September through the Portland Center for Performing Arts Box Office and other outlets. The speakers series is sponsored by the Institute for Science, Engineering and Public Policy, the University and Public Broadcasting Services.

James Burke

2040: THE WORLD AFTER GLOBAL WARMING, September 22, 1990, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium

The eccentric but fascinating British science writer James Burke is best known to American audiences as the author and host of the PBS series "Connections" and "The Day the Universe Changed." Both explored the complex relation between technology and western society. Burke gained initial fame as the British Broadcasting Company's science correspondent covering the U.S. Apollo Moon Program in the 1970s.

Richard Leakey

CONSERVATION: SAVE THE ELEPHANTS, October 18, 1990, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium

Richard E. Leakey, who was recently appointed Minister for Wildlife in Kenya, has become one of the most important voices in the world on global wildlife policy. The son of two of the leading anthropologists of the 20th century, Mary and Louis Leakey, Richard Leakey is a ground-breaking anthropologist in his own right. He discovered the three-million year old remains of the first tool maker, homo habilis.

Jeremy Rifkin

TOWARD A GREEN LIFESTYLE, November 15, 1990, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium

Jeremy Rifkin, author of a half-dozen technology-related books, is irascible and controversial. He has challenged the scientific community on the assessment of the cost/benefit analysis of genetic engineering, and is suing the Environmental Protection Agency to force companies to register environmental impact statements before releasing newly engineered organisms into the environment.

Robert Ornstein

NEW WORLD, NEW MIND, March 7, 1991, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium

Robert Ornstein is one of the top psychologists writing today. He provides profound insights into the intimate relation between the physiology of perception and the psychology of consciousness. His recent book, co-authored with environmentalist Paul Ehrlich, New World, New Mind, calls for a fundamental redesign of our society and our lifestyle based on what we have learned about ourselves during the last 50 years of research in the human sciences.

Silvia Earle

WHAT PRICE OCEANS?, April 4, 1991, 7:30 p.m., Civic Auditorium

A marine scientist with extensive worldwide field experience, Silvia Earle has led more than 50 expeditions and logged over 5,000 hours under water. She has been dubbed "Her Deepness" by New Yorker magazine, and was one of the first scientists called on to examine wildlife when the Exxon Valdez ran aground. Earle is a keen observer of emerging policy issues arising from the increased commercialization of the ocean's limited resources.

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Let's hear it one more time
Portland State alumni are having fun (and sounding pretty good too) as members of the One More Time Around Again Marching Band.

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an Keiski, at age 41, has it down — the pep, the step and the grin — as she twirls her baton each Rose Festival season with the One More Time Around Again Marching Band (OMTAAMB).

Keiski (‘86 BS) is just one of many Portland State alumni returning to the limelight with the world’s largest adult marching band. She joins 503 former high school and college musicians, dancers, flag wavers, and majorettes like herself, for what everyone describes as “a really great time.”

The marching band, begun six years ago by Bill Chisholm for the Portland Rose Festival Starlight and Grand Floral parades, keeps getting bigger, better and more popular every year. It was a crowd favorite at the 1990 New Year’s Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif. The OMTAAMB is sponsored by Miller Brewing.

Chisholm, a former Centennial High School band director, only asks that the musicians be able to play an instrument and march, preferably at the same time. And he insists that no one “get too serious.”

Portland State alumni have brought musical expertise to the OMTAAMB, but marching know-how has had to come from high school experience. PSU has not had a marching band since the Vanport era.

This was no problem for majorette Jan Keiski, a parade performing veteran. She twirled in the Junior Rose Parade at age 9, marched as head majorette her senior year at Gresham High School, and coached a team of junior parade twirlers in 1969. In fact, Keiski helped put herself through Portland State teaching baton to little girls in the late ‘60s. At that time she also played clarinet in the PSU Pep Band. Keiski returned to PSU in 1986 to finish a bachelor’s degree in geography.

OMTAAMB member David Boe (‘83, ‘88 BA) played in the PSU Pep Band just last term. He is finishing a master’s degree in French. Boe, 33, is first trumpet with the marching band which gives him the privilege of playing those prolonged high notes that finish certain songs — real crowd pleasers. He particularly enjoys the Festival of the Bands where OMTAAMB plays in exhibition.

“When we played “America the Beautiful” we had people crying last year,” said Boe. “We did the same thing in Pasadena. We played “Amazing Grace” and there were probably 3,000 people in the immediate stands around us. They all jumped to their feet when we got to the end. It is just a thrill to be with that big a group and sound that good.”

Dan Arrayan (‘88 BA) marched this year in the Grand Floral parade playing trumpet with the OMTAAMB. He also appeared in the Junior Rose Parade with his 110-member Sellwood Middle School band. “This is my first teaching job, and I can’t believe I’m doing this,” Arrayan said in an interview before the big event.

Lambert Morris (‘60 BS), former band director at Beaverton High School for 18 years and now at a middle school, says he is glad to be back in a band, this time as a performer — a laid-back performer.

“If my students in the Beaverton High band had acted like I do in this band,” said Morris, “I probably would have thrown them out.”

Of course, what high school band has ever dressed in baseball hats and tacky bowling shirts and been told by their director to “have the time of your life!”

The fun-loving One More Time Around Again Marching Band also includes PSU alumni: Gordon Anderson (‘80 MS), Rick Bauman (‘73 BS), Richard Boberg (‘72 BS), Diane Stewart Crane (‘72 BS, ‘75 MST), Nancy Goldman (‘76 BS), Sandy Jackson (‘74 BA), Heather Kennedy (‘88 BS), Susan Rustvold (‘81 BS), Susan Schmidt (‘79 BS, ‘88 MPA), Donna and Jeanne Sheets (‘89 BAs), Justine Sutton (‘84 BS), and Bruce Tolonen (‘78 MST).

For those alumni who did not appear in this list, it is too late for this year, but please send the Office of Alumni affairs an “Alum Note”: if you play in the OMTAAMB next spring.

It is not too late to catch a performance by the One More Time Around Again Marching Band. The band will play during the PSU Viking versus Cal Poly football game on September 22 at 7 p.m. in the Portland Civic Stadium.
The One More Time Around Again Marching Band was a crowd favorite during this year's Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. Band members include PSU alumni Donna and Jeanne Sheets (top photo: third and fourth from left; middle photo), Lambert Morris (bottom left photo), and David Boe (bottom photo: middle trumpet player.)
Task Force reports on Washington County

Meeting tomorrow's higher education needs in fast-growing Washington County and other suburban areas will require an expanded role for PSU, according to the Washington County Task Force report presented to Interim President Roger Edgington this spring.

The task force, chaired by Earl Mackey, PSU Vice President for Development and External Affairs, was appointed by Edgington in January to recommend how PSU could best improve its future delivery of higher education to county residents.

The report noted that PSU's current service to Washington County is already substantial, but called on the University to further enhance higher education in the county by adopting a detailed series of recommendations divided into two types: steps which PSU could carry out, or at least make a good beginning in the next one or two years; followed by those which require action by agencies outside PSU.

The first type includes establishing a Washington County Higher Education Information Center; working with PCC-Rock Creek in developing a single post-secondary educational class schedule; establishing a council to help coordinate postsecondary programs in the county; beginning discussions leading to new partnerships with private sector representatives in Washington County; and discussing with Tri-Met and private contractors in the county ways to improve transportation connections between PSU's central campus and Washington County sites.

The second type of recommendations made by the task force involve the Oregon State System of Higher Education and the Chancellor's office re-examining the state funding of PSU, improving course credit transfers among all levels of public postsecondary education, and expanding undergraduate and graduate programs at PSU.

In concluding its report, the Washington County Task Force urged Edgington to carry its recommendations to public and private sector leaders in Washington County prior to the start of the 1991 State Legislature. The task force also suggested that a special forum of county leaders should be convened to consider the merits of the task force recommendations.

New director assists international community

Beatrice T. Oshika, associate professor of applied linguistics at PSU, was named director of PSU's North Pacific Applied Research Center (NPARC).

NPARC was recently approved by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education as an interdisciplinary organization to provide research and training services to the state's international, business and cultural communities.

According to Oshika, NPARC will focus on the needs of the international community which could include helping Oregon companies understand foreign trade agreements, analyzing foreign demographics, training employees in language and intercultural relations, and even determining appropriate names for products and services sold abroad.

Oshika, who joined PSU in 1989, has over 20 years of university and industry experience in the development of computer-based models of speech and natural language. She holds a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Michigan, where she specialized in comparative analysis of language in southeast Asia.

NPARC's establishment complements existing international activities at PSU, including the International Studies Program and the International Trade Institute.

Foreign markets to get Oregon data

Foreign trade companies will soon have access to a statewide computerized database of Oregon businesses with the recent funding of the “Oregon Business Database Project” by the Oregon Trade & Marketing Center in Portland.

PSU draws international delegates

PSU and other Portland college and university international programs helped bring over two thousand delegates and speakers from Poland, Bulgaria, the Soviet Union, Japan, Finland, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Belgium, the U.S. and other countries to Portland in May to discuss recent changes in the world and their impact on international education and exchange.

These educators from around the globe were attending the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA) 42nd Conference.

The four-day conference was called “outstanding” by the NAFSA leadership, and the Portland Local Arrangements Committee was applauded for its work.

NAFSA was founded in 1948 as a result of the post-World War II growth of foreign students coming to the U.S. With its 4,500 U.S. members, the organization promotes the professional development of individuals working in the field of international education.
Award for excellence

The Portland State faculty honored two of its members with the University’s most prestigious awards for excellence in teaching, scholarship and service to the University and community.

During spring commencement ceremonies Linda Bryant Parshall, professor of German and chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, received the 1990 Branford Price Millar Award; and Don C. Gibbons, professor of sociology and urban studies, received the 1990 George Hoffmann Award.

Parshall, who has been on the PSU faculty since 1975, received her Ph.D. from University of London. Besides German language and literature, her specialty areas include medieval German and the horticulture of 18th-century Germany.

Her research and publication record is impressive, particularly in the area of medieval studies. In addition to articles and translations, she has published three books, with another in progress. Her work shows a versatility of interests including: literary interpretation, art and the Reformation, medieval poetry, and transformations in German horticulture.

In the classroom, colleagues observed that Parshall’s standards are high, her actions fair and her presence influential. One former student said, “Dr. Parshall doesn’t merely teach her students, she engages them, inspires and motivates them to learn more and work harder.”

Don C. Gibbons has been a professor of sociology and urban studies at PSU since 1969. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in sociology from University of Washington.

Gibbons is well-known and respected in the field of criminology. He has authored seven books, as well as numerous articles, on crime and criminal justice and currently serves as editor of “Crime and Delinquency,” one of the most prestigious journals in the field.

Many colleagues attested that Gibbons’ books on corrections, delinquency and criminology are among the most influential in those fields. He is involved in formulating policy about delinquency and corrections in the United States as well as in Australia and Japan.

Nominating faculty noted that Gibbons is a demanding teacher with high standards, but his demands are matched with equal amounts of giving. One former student, now an instructor in criminal justice herself, wrote, “As teacher, advisor and mentor, Dr. Gibbons has been the single most influential person in my academic career; generous, meticulous, with an unrelenting eye for setting high standards.”

The Branford Price Millar Award for Faculty Excellence is named for PSU’s second president, and the George Hoffmann Award for Faculty Excellence is named for the long-time PSU faculty member and social science dean who died in 1989. Faculty are nominated and judged by fellow faculty for these annual awards, which are accompanied by cash grants.

Retiring faculty

A number of professors retired at the end of this academic year with an average service to the University of 27 years. These faculty are either beginning full retirement or ending phased retirement.

PSU Magazine wishes to recognize the committed service of these professors, and encourages alumni who were positively influenced by these men and women to write their departments. The year listed after each name is the year which that faculty member joined Portland State.

James R. Bentley, 1969, professor of business administration; Oma E. Blankenship, 1963, professor of physical education; Charles D. Bolton, 1964, professor of sociology and urban studies and planning; Clark Brooke, 1955, professor of geography; Graham P. Conroy, 1961, professor of philosophy; Georgia R. Crampton, 1972, professor of English; Victor C. Dahl, 1958, professor of history and former director of international exchange programs;


Raymond W. Sommerfeldt, 1966, professor of physics; Selmo Tauber, 1959, professor of mathematical sciences; Robert E. Taylor, 1960, coordinator of academic advising and assistant professor; Frank P. Terraglio, 1966, professor of mechanical engineering; John S. Trudeau, 1955,

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professor of music and dean emeritus of fine and performing arts; Robert W. Vogelsang, 1970, professor of speech communication; and Kenneth Waldroff, 1965, professor of continuing education.

N.Y.'s top cop addresses grads

Lee P. Brown, commissioner of the nation's largest police force in New York City and a former PSU faculty member, gave the commencement speech and received an honorary degree at the June 8 ceremony.

Brown, who directed PSU's newly-formed law enforcement certificate program in 1968, told the graduates, "all learning has the potential for improving the human quality of life...work for the common good instead of for the imported car and designer clothes."

New foundation officers

Gretchen A. Willison was named president of the Portland State University Foundation during the foundation's board of directors meeting May 15. Guided by the 33-member board, the foundation receives and administers funds to support university programs including scholarships, faculty development and travel, educational and research equipment, and special programs and speakers.

Serving on the 1990-1991 PSU Foundation Board with Willison are Wendy A. Lane, who continues as the board's vice president for administration; John A. Runyan, vice president for development; James C. "Jim" Aalberg, secretary; and Gayle L. Veber, treasurer. Lane is the immediate past vice president for development at Whitman Advertising & Public Relations in Portland; Runyan is vice president with Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, Inc. in Lake Oswego; Aalberg is senior vice president and manager of the Commercial Lending Group at Security Pacific Bank Oregon in Portland; and Veber is managing partner of NOVA Northwest, Inc. in Portland.

Willison, the foundation's outgoing vice president for development, co-chaired last fall's highly successful university fund-raising event, "The Ultimate Tailgate," and received an "Outstanding Friend of PSU" award May 4. In addition, she is vice president of the Portland Opera Association, a member of the Marquam Hill Steering Committee, and a board member of Central Catholic High School.

New PSU President

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lives and in the opportunity they take to talk about the value of the education they received here.

Over the next couple of years, as we think through our relationship with our alumni, we are going to be asking people to help us in several different ways: helping acquaint our students with career opportunities, helping us keep track of community needs and making sure we are responsive to those needs, and keeping us aware of our own alumni's continuing educational and professional needs. We will also need alumni support as we move into a more concentrated fund raising effort on behalf of the university.

Alumni are our most precious resource. You build a university around your faculty, you attract good students and then those good students become alumni and support your university in a variety of ways for a lifetime.

The universities I know that are the most exciting places are those with strong, committed alumni groups. And I see a lot of energy and excitement among the alumni I've met so far. I have been impressed by their support for the university for what it is and what it is becoming. □

Bail Out or Butt Out

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"From the point of view of a laissez-faire economist like I am, increasing competition is great. It means the weaker financial institutions will be eliminated. More intense competition between those remaining should mean lower prices to consumers."

The deregulation of the 1980s paved the way for some of this competition. And when coupled with growth overseas, American bankers are being challenged like never before. Anderson said a list of the world's top 20 banks of 15 years ago would probably be 75 percent American. Today, the top 10 would be Japanese.

Banks in the '80s offered an ever-widening array of financial services in order to win customers through "full service banking."

Today, banks are trying to narrow their range of services in an effort to concentrate on the ones they do well, and eliminate the ones that are unprofitable.

Still, the broader diversification of banks and the shorter terms on their loans should prevent them from the kinds of disasters that have befallen the S&Ls, he said.

For banks the S&L crisis may even prove to be a plus, if only as a lesson pointing to the need to watch out for bad debts, bad loans... and maybe the government. □

Oregon's Children

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including long hair, unless it interferes with the educational process; parents of school children are liable for injuries or damage caused by their children up to $5,000, plus attorney and court costs; school lockers belong to and are at all times under the control of the school administration and can be searched without prior student notice.

A clear layout and a detailed index make the book user-friendly. It is an excellent resource for educators, social workers, health professionals and anyone who provides services to or has responsibility for children and youth.

Wolfe and Johnson also hope the text will reach parents and children through libraries and community and classroom discussions. "It fits my scheme of parenting in the 1990s and into the next century," says Wolfe.

The Oregon Book of Juvenile Issues is available from Continuing Education Press, Portland State University, P.O. Box 1394, Portland, OR 97207. PS/KK
By Pat Scott

Mike Houck is a tall man. Bulky. With watchful blue eyes above what one admirer called his “bird’s nest” of a beard. He feels like a man with a mission who has come from and is going to someplace important. You are but a pause in his hurtling. But once you capture his time he captures your attention, your interest and eventually, your support.

For more than 10 years, with single-minded zeal, Houck, a 1972 PSU Master of Science graduate in education, has championed retaining, maintaining and restoring natural areas in our urban environment. In his efforts, he has badgered local, state and federal agencies, as well as academics, developers and politicians. And it is due in large part to him that there are patches of “country” still located within city limits.

As urban naturalist with the Audubon Society, Houck early on came up with an idea to inventory natural areas in Portland. In researching that project, he discovered that those areas — wetlands, forests and meadows — within the urban growth boundary were unprotected and in imminent danger of being filled in or phased out.

“I mean, Forest Park was an accident!” Houck says indignantly. “It was slated for development, but a committee in the City Club of Portland convinced the city to acquire the land. Forest Park is here only because we’re lucky. You don’t trash your natural areas within urban growth boundaries simply because they’re inside an area that’s supposed to be densely developed. That’s baloney.

“So, what we’re pushing for,” he explains, “is to actually plan for natural areas. Natural areas by design, instead of by default.”

As a zealot, Houck has blunted his horns a bit and rounded a few corners on his path to protecting urban natural areas. But if he is less abrasive now than 10 years ago, it’s not because he’s been worn down, but because he understands compromise and the political process eddying around him a little better.

“I don’t have much patience,” Houck admits. “I like doing my own thing, in my own time, and I like doing it my way. If people are mucking about in what I want to do, I get pretty upset pretty quickly. But I’ve harnessed or controlled that. I think I’ve

Environmental Evangelist

Protecting natural areas in our urban environment is alumnus Mike Houck’s life work.
actually changed my behavior to some extent over the last 10 years to work better with potential antagonists to get to this step."

And this "step" is a plan to create a Portland-Vancouver Metropolitan Wildlife Refuge System. It calls for cooperation in a two-state, four-county area, among park districts and myriad other agencies. It involves protection and management of critical wildlife corridors and natural areas, future acquisitions of land, and education of the public as to the value of these areas and their appropriate recreational uses. This Portland Audubon Society project is funded in part by a three-year, $116,000 challenge grant from Meyer Memorial Charitable Trust (formerly Fred Meyer Charitable Trust) and involves more than 50 sites in Clark, Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

The idea of maintaining natural areas within urban settings is not new. The Olmsted brothers advocated it in a 1903 proposal to the Portland Board of Park Commissioners. But wetland areas, in particular, have been diligently eliminated by developers.

Seen by some as swamps, mosquito-infested marshes, areas of lurking danger to children, wetlands are actually part of an interconnected ecological system — the body of Earth. Fill one wetland and you cut a blood vessel. Fill in several and you’ve severed an artery.

Wetlands, such as Oaks Bottom in southeast Portland, affect water quality, flood control and wildlife. According to ecologists, they filter and retain sediment that would otherwise enter rivers and streams, filling lakes and reservoirs. They absorb excess rainfall, preventing minor floods and lessening the repercussions of major flooding; and they release water slowly, maintaining river and stream flows during dry periods. Wetlands are home to wildlife and to threatened and endangered species. And without them, many species would die out.

Natural areas in an urban setting can also act as a psychological safety valve within the asphalt and cement jungle.

"To people who live in the most densely populated area of the city, northwest Portland, which is where I live," says Houck, "just knowing an area like Forest Park is out there and having access to it is an amazing psychological, philosophical, physical release from living in a fairly dense situation.

"People tend to think of the city as being where nature isn’t," Houck continues. "But nature is all over. And when you take nature away from people, when they’re left with a sterile environment, they lose touch with the natural world out there. If kids don’t have an Oaks Bottom to explore, and little mini-wildernesses to develop their appreciation of the natural world and, to a large extent, their imaginations — then you’ve lost tremendously in our society!"

Although Houck’s efforts and the work of other environmentalists and conservationists, politicians and even developers are beginning to understand the importance of natural areas to city life. Natural areas add to the value of housing and industrial developments. Their existence cause businesses to move here and Oregonians to stay. They are, to a great extent, the reason people from relatively despoiled areas are packing their bags for the Pacific Northwest.

Worldwide, people are becoming more interested in protecting their natural areas. England’s London Ecology Unit has been a help and a role model to Houck and other environmentalists. And recently, an Urban Ecology Institute was formed in Berlin, West Germany, which sent its greetings to the "Country in the City" symposium co-chaired by Houck and held at PSU in April. Closer to home, Houck cites Bellevue, Wash., King County, Wash., and the San Francisco Bay area as having innovative programs.

"And now, here, four counties and 20-some cities are willing to allow Metropolitan Service District (METRO) to be an umbrella organization under which they cooperate. And getting all these entities to cooperate on something is a pretty massive undertaking," Houck says. "Huge numbers of people are putting a lot of energy into this natural areas project. Politicians are incorporating it into their thinking — factoring maintenance of natural areas into their plans for development. That alone is a pretty major step."

And this step very likely would never have come about were it not for Mike Houck. He himself admits that 10 years ago only a handful of people were involved in the preservation and restoration of natural areas in an urban context.

PSU Biology Professor Richard Forbes, a conservationist himself and Houck’s adviser when he was a graduate assistant at PSU years ago, says, "I don’t think this urban wildlife activity would have started without Mike. I see him as the nucleus for the whole sphere of activity in the metro area. He’s enthusiastic, he’s effective, he’s committed. He has an almost evangelical zeal. I don’t know where any of this would be without him. Nowhere, probably."

One of Houck’s strong points is that he’s able to bring together so many facets of so many different communities, including his alma mater, PSU. For the past three years, PSU has co-sponsored and hosted the "Country in the City" symposium. Last fall, METRO contracted with PSU’s Geography Department to inventory natural areas in the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. And this spring, Clark County contracted with PSU to perform an identical study. Principal investigator Joe Poracsky and

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—Richard Forbes
Others have defined and mapped the natural areas, entering their locations, outlines and characteristics into a computer database. Further field studies are being carried out on a large sample of the sites to determine factors such as water quality and ecological fragility, and to identify plant and wildlife species.

“We want to identify unique sites, and sites which fall together into a natural system,” says Poracsky, an associate professor of geography. “The plan, long-term, is to set up a procedure whereby these properties would be protected and not developed. But we’re in no way trying to protect every natural area,” he says reassuringly. “We know we’re going to lose some of them to development. All we’re saying is, let’s try to do this rationally, and when development occurs, try to do it in such a way that we’re not losing some really valuable part of the environment.”

Houck and Poracsky, along with Dick Forbes and PSU Public Administration Professor Jack Churchill, would like to see PSU even more involved in the study of urban natural areas. They envision the creation of an Urban Natural Areas Institute at the university.

“There could hardly be a better place for this sort of thing,” says Forbes. “There’s so much interest and such a wealth of opportunity here.”

Houck agrees.

“People seem to be in a quandary about PSU’s role in the world. I think that’s absurd,” he says vehemently. “I think it’s obvious. Portland State University is in the Portland-Vancouver region. It should be an urban resource: an urban university that focuses on urban growth, housing, social issues, and natural resource issues in the urban environment.”

Protecting natural areas located in our urban areas is everybody’s business. It’s a matter of protecting our own back yard. It’s an immediate problem and immediate steps to a solution are available, says Houck. He encourages people to join the Audubon Society, become active in any of the local Friends groups like FAUNA (Friends and Advocates of Urban Natural Areas), or adopt a stream.

“These are avenues through which people can get involved personally in conservation; and these issues affect them more directly than, say, tropical rainforests or ozone layers,” Houck said. And individuals banding together can have a major impact on retaining the features that provide quality of life to the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan region. Mike Houck has proved that.

Houck was recently given a 1990 Chevron Conservation Award for his work in protecting and enhancing wildlife in Portland. He received the honor in Washington D.C. on May 16.

“Mike is a mover and shaker,” says Poracsky. “His greatest strength is getting people excited, getting them involved. He’s the spark plug behind all this; no question about it. There’s very little in all this process that he hasn’t been involved in helping to design, and very little he isn’t capable of going out and doing himself. But the more people he gets involved, the more likely it is to actually happen; and that’s bottom line where Mike comes from. He wants to see this thing happen.”

“Look, we can come back in 50 years and spend a million dollars trying to re-create what we already have. Why don’t we work on protecting it now at comparably little cost?” Houck urges.

“It’s a bit ironic, this work I’m doing, because in my own personal life I express anathema to thinking beyond today or tomorrow. I basically like living day to day,” he admits.

“But the reality is that in the next five to 10 years, I would like to still be known as the urban naturalist. My turf would be the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan region, and I’d be taking people out on field trips to look at the herons at Heron Lakes Golf Course. And they’d still be there. That’s the whole reason for doing this, you know.”

Papers, books, maps, file boxes and bird memorabilia line the walls of Mike Houck’s northwest Portland apartment/office.

PSU 21
It's The Ultimate!

And You're Invited

The Ultimate Tailgate, an evening of silent and oral auctions, dinner and dancing to Body and Soul, is planned for Saturday, Sept. 8, in the PSU Gymnasium.

Labeled a "casual but elegant" affair, this year's Tailgate should be bigger and grander than last year's highly successful debut event, says organizers. A sell-out crowd of 500 business and civic leaders attended last year's party which raised $65,000 for student scholarships.

Proceeds from the 1990 Ultimate Tailgate will again go for scholarships and also toward the remodeled Branford Price Millar Library. The event is sponsored by the Viking Athletic Association (VAA) and the PSU Foundation.

Chuck Carlborn, president of Western Family Foods and long-time supporter of PSU, is this year's chair. Helping with the event are Gretchen Willison, PSU Foundation president, and volunteers from the VAA, PSU Foundation, alumni and staff.


Cost per person is $75 and tables for 10 may be reserved. Early reservations are suggested; last year's event sold out. For more information contact the PSU Office of Development, Karen Martini, 725-4478.
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New alumni board officers...

Charles A. Clemans ('56 BS) is the new president of the 30-member PSU Alumni Board of Directors.

Clemans, now a consultant, recently retired as superintendent of the Oregon City School District, a position he held since 1980. He is a former lobbyist for the Portland School District and held a number of other supervisory posts in the Portland administration. Clemans replaces outgoing board president James N. Westwood, an attorney with Miller, Nash, Wiener, Hager & Carlsen.

Also named as new alumni board officers are Miriam Daum Selby ('68 BS, '70 MA) executive vice president of Micro One, a computer software company in Portland, as board vice president; and Louise Cox ('73 BS) senior trust officer with U.S. Bancorp, as board treasurer. Selby served as alumni board representative on the recent PSU Presidential Search Committee.

...and members

Trish Trout
Stan K. Sanders

Two new members have also joined the board: Trish Trout ('88 MA) and Stan K. Sanders ('81 BS).

Trout, who received her master’s degree in theater arts, is a development officer for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival Portland. She taught French for a number of years before deciding to pursue an MA in a different field.

In addition to serving on the PSU Alumni Board, Trout is a board member of the Oregon Area Council of Camp Fire Inc., and a member of the Administrative Council for the Church of All Saints. She lives in Portland’s Laurelhurst area with her daughter, a graduating senior at Grant High School. Another daughter is in college at Santa Barbara, Calif.

Stan Sanders is a vice president and Portland-area manager for First Interstate Bank, Hollywood/Rose City. While attending PSU, Sanders was active in the student senate. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in business administration, he began his career in banking and is currently finishing a three-year program with the Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle.

Although his career keeps him busy, Sanders says that he has wanted to get “re-involved” with PSU. “After graduation you go through a time when you’re getting your career going, then you wake up and want to be involved with school again. I find it mentally invigorating to be back at PSU.”

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W.T. “Bill” Lemman was named interim president of the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) beginning July 1. He succeeds Larry Black who was president of OIT since 1983. Lemman is former executive vice chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Ruby F. Whalley (BS, '77 MST) is the new principal for Oregon City High School. Whalley has been principal of Waldport High School in Waldport, Ore., for the last four years.

Michael A. Jennings (BS) is the executive director of computer services for the University System of New Hampshire. Jennings, who received a master’s in Information Science from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., has been in his position since 1988. He was previously at Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wash.

Gary Whelan (BS) has been chosen secretary/treasurer for the Oregon Society for Healthcare Risk Management.

John T. Hunt (BS), a senior scientist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, Calif., was recently awarded the Dean’s Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Oregon. Hunt was cited for playing an important role in the nation’s search for new sources of energy. Hunt, who invented and implemented the “Hunt Relay” method of coupling high power lasers, is currently focusing his efforts on the design of the next generation fusion laser.

James R. Stehn (BS) writes that he is a musician, teacher and piano technician in Venice, Calif. Stehn is the first trumpet in the Los Angeles Baroque Orchestra, and has been appointed to teach trumpet, cornet and satchsatz (Renaissance trombone) at U.C.L.A. and assist the Baroque Ensemble and Collegium. Stehn also leads a Renaissance ensemble.

David M. Witter (BS) is the new head of the Academic Medical Center Consortium in Rochester, N.Y. Witter, former vice president for administration at Oregon Health Sciences University, assumed his new position in March. The consortium is designed to share research knowledge among academic medical centers. The organization plans to focus on clinical practices and health care delivery, areas that could lead to the development of national health care policies.

Molly M. Gloss (BA) writes that her novel The Jump Off Creek was one of five nominees for the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction, presented in May in Washington, D.C.

Thomas C. Maynard (BS) has been named treasurer of the 1990-91 Board of Directors for the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants. Maynard has his own accounting firm in Beaver-ton.

William McNaught (BA) is museum director of the American Museum in Britain. The museum located near Bath, England, opened in 1961 and illustrates nearly 200 years of American history, from about 1680 to 1860. McNaught, who has a master’s degree in art history from Oberlin College, is the first American director.

Melvin Byrd (BS) writes that his doctoral dissertation entitled...
Diana Brimhall (BS) has been named chief of the Public Affairs office for the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In her new position, Brimhall will focus on public relations for hydroelectric power, flood control, recreation and fish and wildlife for a district that covers 79,405 square miles in Oregon and 8,740 miles in southwestern Washington.

Otis Falls (MS) has been appointed new superintendent for North Douglas School District. Falls, currently superintendent of Grant County District No. 4 in Prairie City, Ore., received his doctorate in educational leadership from the U.S. International University in San Diego, Calif.

Charles H. Hunt (BS) lives in Medford, Ore., and works as an air traffic controller. Hunt, who is the contract chairman for the National Air Traffic Controller's Association, Northwest/Mountain Region, writes that his current emphasis is on stress in the workplace for the air traffic controller.

Claudia A. Stockton (BS) has joined the reality firm, Professionals 100 Inc., in the Portland executive branch. Stockton is a member of the Washington County Association of Realtors.

Money in the bank

Jim Aalberg ('72 BS) has initiated a new scholarship for graduate students studying banking and finance in the PSU School of Business Administration. Aalberg, a senior vice president at Security Pacific Bank Oregon, convinced seven other business school alumni working at the bank to contribute to the fund and the bank matched their contributions.

Aalberg began working for the Bank of California after graduating from Portland's Franklin High School. With the financial help of his employer and by working six days a week, he received his degree in business administration from PSU. In 1975, he joined the Oregon Bank which was subsequently acquired by Security Pacific. Aalberg is in charge of the Business Banking Group, a division that calls on corporations with sales of $5 million to $75 million.

In describing the scholarship and his commitment to the University, Aalberg said, "PSU afforded me the opportunity to attend a first-rate university and maintain full-time employment. We put together this scholarship as a way of saying thanks to the school."

The other Security Pacific contributors are: Lynn M. Bright ('83 MBA), Kathleen Jansen ('89 MBA), Gordon Holoman ('69 BS), Bonnie Leiser ('80 BS), Raedene Keaton ('87 BS), S.E. Smith ('72 BS), and Robert McCall ('68 BS).

Aalberg also serves on the PSU Foundation Board of Directors, is a member of PSU's Corporate Associates and is active with the Viking Athletic Association.
Columbia River Correctional Institution will be a 400-bed minimum security prison. McGee, who was assistant superintendent of the state Corrections Department Release Center in Salem, began his career as a counselor in a work release center. He has also worked as a probation officer and supervisor.

Ralph R. Biever (BS), of Portland, was recently promoted to vice president for Sedgwick James of Oregon, Inc., Insurance Brokers.

Lloyd Baker (BA, '75 MA) lives in Seattle and works for United Airlines. He recently stopped by the PSU Alumni Office to let us know that he is looking for other English Department alumni from 1972 through 1975. If you're interested in getting in touch with Lloyd, call the Alumni Affairs Office.

Paul J. DeMuniz (BS) has been chosen by Governor Goldschmidt to fill a vacancy on the Oregon Court of Appeals. DeMuniz earned his law degree from Willamette University in 1975. After spending two years as a deputy public defender, he began a private practice in Salem in 1977, specializing in complex civil litigation at both the trial and appellate court levels.

Frances Gage (BS, '75 MS) is completing her second year in Panama as a teacher for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) at Fort Clayton Elementary School. Prior to her post in Panama, she was at Würzburg Elementary School in Würzburg, Germany, for four years. Gage plans to stay in Panama for one more school year.

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Michael Dianich (BS) of Corbett, Ore., reports that he served as chairman of the Pacific Northwest Section of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers for 1988/89.

Axel L. Gordly (BS) has been chosen to serve on the Portland Future Focus project. Gordly, along with nearly 50 other civic leaders, will examine trends and issues in Portland and set a vision with specific work plans for the city. Gordly is the associate executive secretary for the American Friends Service Committee.

Ramona A. Holmes (BS) is a music teacher with the Shoreline School District in Seattle. Holmes recently received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Washington.

Susan Diane Rynerson (BA) has been named executive director of Oregon Women Lawyers. The statewide organization, now in its second year, is one of a growing number of women's bar associations nationwide which promote the interests of women legal professionals. Rynerson, who received her law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law, is the first executive director. She is a member of the Oregon and California bars.

'75

Kathy Edwards (MS) is a training consultant for Young Communications in Beaverton, Ore. Edwards, formerly a teacher, trains people to polish their written and oral communication skills. She was a guest speaker for International Association of Business Communicators this spring.

Peter M. Kopp (BS) received a Master of Divinity degree this spring from Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Frank J. Olsen (BS, '79 MST) recently retired from 14 years of teaching high school, and 25 years in the insurance business. He lives in Gleneden Beach, Ore.

David M. Porter (BS) is president of the Willamette Valley Development Officers. Porter is executive director of Pioneer Courthouse Square.

'76

Cynthia Devich (BS) has been elected 1990 president of the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association. Devich is manager for equal employment opportunity staffing and the employee-assistance program at Portland General Electric Co.

George Drake (BA) is president for the Oregon Executives Association during the first term of 1990. Drake is the owner and creative director of Tom Drake & Associates, an advertising firm.

Diane Parkinson Fisker (BS) has been appointed Oregon Outreach coordinator for the Northwest Danish Foundation, a non-profit organization serving and assisting the elderly Danish community, and giving cultural information and referral services in Oregon and Washington. Fisker was an Adult Education instructor at Portland Community College for the last 18 years.

Alan Haight (BS) has been named senior vice president of U.S. Bank in Portland. Haight, who started with U.S. Bank in 1970 in a college work program, is sales and service manager of the Branch Banking Division for Oregon. He is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School.

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Robert Bailey (MSW) is the recently appointed director of Community Youth Services (CYS) of Washington County. The agency is comprised of newly merged Beaverton, Tigard and Forest Grove youth services. Bailey who lives in Hillsboro with his wife and 11-year-old son, has spent seven years with the state child protective services. His role with CYS will be mostly administrative. CYS offers programs for family counseling, vocational training opportunities, high school completion classes and teen parent services, serving as a resource for low-income and at-risk youth.
William Barlow (BS and ’83 BS), after gaining successful experience with local architectural, civil and structural engineering and real estate firms, has begun his own company, Northwest Reality Company.

’78

Veer Beri (MBA) is the new vice president of international marketing for US Marine company. Beri, who taught international marketing and management at PSU, joined the Washington based company in 1987. US Marine manufactures a number of boats including Bayliner pleasure boats.

Jeanette Zurawski, M.D. (BS), is the medical director of rehabilitation services at North Mississippi Medical Center’s Rehabilitation Institute in Tupelo, Miss. Zurawski graduated from Oregon Health Sciences University in 1985, finished her residency in June 1989, and assumed directorship of the institution in July 1989.

Jonde Jourdan (’88 BA) had a showing of their paintings this spring at The Melting Pot in Portland. Also included in the show was work by their mother, Jola Jourdan.

Jade Jourdan (BA) and her sister Marc S. Gonzales (BA) have been named deputy director of fiscal management for Clackamas County. A Portland native and resident, Gonzales has worked for the county’s financial administration department since November 1984. Gonzales will assist the county treasurer in overseeing a budget of 127 million dollars, all financial activities and payroll for more than 1,300 county employees.

Duncan Jambor (BS) is living in Sacramento, Calif., and working for the California Student Aid Commission as an accountant. He happily reports that he has paid off his PSU student loans!

Maria Jibaja-Rust (BA) has completed her doctorate in education at the University of Houston and is now a research associate at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Her area of concentration was sports psychology, and during her course of work she received the outstanding graduate student award for academic excellence. Maria’s husband Doug Rusth, who was a faculty member in the PSU Accounting Department, will finish his Ph.D. in Accounting this summer at the University of Houston.

William H. Gray (Ph.D.) has been selected to participate in the annual Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. Gray, who received his doctorate in Urban Studies, is director of the Spokane campus of Washington State University. Gray has been a member of the WSU faculty since 1972 and was appointed director of WSU-Spokane in 1987.

Carol A. Millie (BA) is a clinical supervisor and family therapist for the Morrison Center Breakthrough Program in southeast Portland. The Breakthrough Program is part of the Morrison Center for Youth and Family Services.

Richard H. Carson

Richard H. Carson (BS) was the recipient of a “Professional Achievement Award” given at the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association’s 1990 conference. Carson, who is director for the Metropolitan Service District’s Planning and Development Department, was honored for development of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. The plan emphasizes recycling.

Rita Amadoro (BA) is assistant vice president in the investment division for U.S. Bank in Portland. Amadoro began with the bank in 1985 as securities specialist. A Lake Oswego resident, Amadoro is a volunteer with the Northwest Pilot Project and teaches at the Timberline Ski School.

Mary Christine Bailey, M.D. (BS), is beginning a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology this summer at The Children’s Hospital, Harvard School of Medicine in Boston, Mass. Bailey, a graduate of the PSU Honors Program, received her M.D. cum laude from Oregon Health Sciences University, and did her residency at Dornbecher’s Children’s Hospital in Portland.

William H. Gray

William H. Gray (BS) has been promoted to vice president of personnel for Security Pacific Bank Oregon in Portland. Nickerson is now responsible for Affirmative Action policies, employee loans, and the bank’s employee relations and employment programs. She has been with Security Pacific since 1988.
Ramon Torrecilha (BS, '86 MS) has been awarded a Rural Policy Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Torrecilha, a student of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, is specializing in demography, race relations and poverty. The fellowship provides up to $18,500 plus tuition for 12 months of full-time research and writing.

Ralph Wells (BS) won first place in the Petri auditions. The $6,000 scholarship is the Northwest region's largest music study award. Wells plans to use the scholarship to study opera and languages in Italy and German. Wells, who hopes to audition for opera companies in Germany, made his professional debut six years ago.

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Dennis E. Heman (BS) has joined West One Bank Oregon's business banking division as vice president of income property loans.

James S. Kidd (BS) has joined Sloy, Dahl & Holst, Inc., a registered investment firm in Portland. Kidd, a certified financial planner, provides fee-based asset management and financial planning services to individual and institutional clients, including small to medium size pension plans.

Linda Mourer (BS) is a corporate officer in the Merchant Sales Division of US Bank in Seattle.

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Mark Holady (BA) has been hired as an associate at Spooner & Much, P.C. Attorneys at Law.

Holady is a graduate of Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College.

Muhammed Popoola (BS, MPA '88) is the director of Environmental Services at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash. Popoola came to the United States in 1981, and worked his way through college as a housekeeper at Emanuel Hospital. In his present position with Good Samaritan, he is responsible for a two million dollar operating budget.

Carmen Smith (BS) has been awarded the Certificate in General Insurance by the Insurance Institute of America. Smith, who works for State Farm Insurance Company in Salem, completed three national exams to earn the certificate.

In Memoriam

Janet Elaine Adkins ('72 BS) died June 4 in Oakland County, Mich., of a doctor-assisted suicide. She had Alzheimer's disease. Mrs. Adkins, 57, had been an instructor of English as a second language at Portland Community College for 13 years. She also taught piano. She is survived by her husband Ronald, two sons, mother, and three grandchildren.

The family suggests remembrances be contributions to the PSU Foundation for music scholarships.

Virginia Kosydar, M.D. ('81 BS and '84 BS), died March 20 of heart disease at the age of 31. Dr. Kosydar earned her medical degree from Oregon Health Sciences University in 1988, and was serving her residency there at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband Douglas Hancock, daughter Anna Marie, mother Frances Kosydar, three brothers and a sister.

Garo Arakelyan ('87 BS) died May 14 of a heart attack. Arakelyan, 43, worked for Portland State University as a scientific instrument technician. He had been with PSU since 1979. Mr. Arakelyan was an officer of the Armenian Community of Oregon, and led local efforts to aid victims of the 1988 earthquake in Armenia. The Armenian Community has established a fund to benefit his surviving family, wife Mary Kathleen and four children.
Performing Arts

Artists Repertory Theater
Lincoln Studio Theater (Room 115); 8 pm Thurs-Sat., 7 pm Sunday; $15/$13/$11, opening night $20; call 242-2400.
July 13- "Frankie & Johnny & the Aug. 25 Claire de Lune"

Contemporary Dance
8 pm, Lincoln Hall Aud.; 725-4440/725-3131.
Sept. 28-29 American Indian Dance Theatre

Judy Patton & Co. Dance
8:30 pm, Shattuck Studio Theater (Room 212), $8/$6/$4.
July 26-29 Patton & Co. with Gregg Bielemeier.

Summer Repertory Theater
Lincoln Performance Hall; Thurs-Sat. performances and Wed. preview (8/1) at 8 pm, Sunday matinees (7/8, 8/12) at 2 pm; Thurs-Sat. admission is $7.50/$6, previews and matinees are $6/$5; call 725-4440.
July 5-21 "Twelfth Night"
Aug. 1-25 "Room Service"

Visual Arts

Littman Gallery
12-4 pm weekdays, open Thurs. 'til 7 pm, 250 Smith Center, Free.
Thru "The Art of Neon" Aug. 9

Photo Exhibition
8 am-9 pm weekdays, Business Admin. Aud. (Room 190), Free.
Thru Historical Photos of the Columbia Gorge July 20

White Gallery
Mon-Thurs., 7 am-9 pm; Friday, 7 am-5:30 pm; 2nd floor Smith Center; Free.
Thru "Yemen Sketchbook" Aug. 9

International Studies Panel
7:30 pm, Smith Center Ballroom, Free.
Sept. 10 Swedish and Soviet doctors discuss prospects for world peace and ending nuclear testing. Co-sponsored with Portland chapter of the Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Party & Auction
5:30 pm to 1 am; Park Blocks/PSU gym; cocktails, auction, dinner; $75; call 725-4478.
Sept. 8 "1990 Ultimate Tailgate," fundraiser for student scholarships & PSU library.

Systems Sciences Conference
Call 725-4960, $135 gen'l, $85 students.
July 8-13 Presentations addressing "The Systems Design of a Just Society for Future Generations"

Lectures

China Council
5:30 pm, Business Admin. Aud., Free.
July 18 "The Three Little Chinese Dragons: Historical & Political Developments"
Aug. 1 "Treasures of the Palace Museum in Taiwan"

Tour the World
Noon, 338 Smith Center, Free.
July 11 "La Vision Tragique: Literature of the American South"
July 18 "The Beauty of the Middle East" (Smith Center Ballroom)
July 25 "Two Hearts Beating in One Breast: The Unification of Germany"
Aug. 1 "Sutton Who? Questions Posed from an Anglo-Saxon Grave"

Special Events

Blood Drive
9:30 am-3:30 pm, Smith Center Ballroom.
July 16- Call Student Health Center, 725-3462

Health/Fitness Instructor Workshop
July 22-26 Sponsored by American College of Sports Medicine, $285, call 725-4401.

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IT'S THE ULTIMATE! The 1990 Ultimate Tailgate, that is, a fund-raising dinner, dance and auction scheduled for Sept. 8 on campus. Helping with this second annual event are (left to right) Monte Shelton ('59 BS), a Tailgate corporate sponsor; Chuck Carlbom, Tailgate chairman; and Jim Aalberg ('72 BS), PSU Foundation board secretary. See story on page 22.