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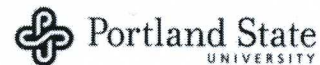
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# THE RAPS SHEET



OCTOBER 2013

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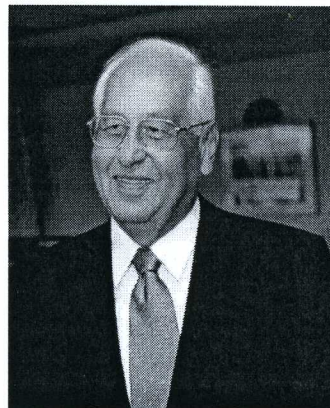
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## Egypt's Revolution: A Setback or a Failure

**Nohad A. Toulan, Dean Emeritus of the College of Urban and Public Affairs and Distinguished Professor in the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, will discuss recent developments in Egypt at the October RAPS meeting on Thursday, October 17 at 1:00pm in Room 296, Smith Memorial Center. His talk will follow a light lunch, which will be available from 12 pm to 1 pm.**

Dean Toulan is an internationally recognized urban planner who contributed extensively to the development of major urban and regional plans in the United States, the Middle East, North Africa and West Africa. Important among these are the regional plans for the Holy City of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, the Greater Cairo Region, Port Harcourt and Sokoto in Nigeria, Amman in Jordan, and many others. In 1965, he became the first Planning Director for the Greater Cairo Region, and is the author of many of the concepts that continue to shape policy in that growing region. He also served as advisor to the United Nations Development Program and to many governments here and abroad.

Dean Toulan came to Portland in 1972 from New York, where he was on the faculty of Architecture and Planning at Columbia University. He is the founding Dean of the PSU College of Urban and Public Affairs, which was established in 1976. He has served and continues to serve on numerous not-for-profit boards including the World Affairs Council of Oregon and the Board of Ambassadors of Mercy Corps. He also chaired and served on several committees and commissions for local and state governments. He and his wife Dirce have been major contributors to interfaith dialogue in Portland.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Moving into Fall, we look forward to the excellent programs planned by our President-elect, Priscilla Blumel. We also look forward to participation in two mentoring programs at PSU. The first is a program designed to assist new minority faculty; the second is a program for student athletes. If you have an interest in either of these opportunities, please contact me.

We have experienced a number of recent losses, both personal and professional. We have lost six remarkable members of the RAPS community in recent months, two of whom were featured in last month's RAPS Sheet and four in the current issue. My thanks to Victor Dahl, whose writing well summarizes each individual's life trajectory, including their many achievements and contributions. A memorial for Robert (Vogie) Vogelsang will be held November 1 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the Vanport Room of Smith Center. The other loss was the regional conference of the Northwest Regional Retirement Association. A number of factors led to the conference being cancelled. Although this is unfortunate, we will have more opportunities in the upcoming years.

Last, please note the changes in our recently revised membership brochure, and know there is a place to meet with others in our enlarged office space in the Koinonia House.

--Susan Poulsen

## SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

### *Contributions to the RAPS Scholarship Summer 2013*

Richard and June Brinkman (in memory of Robert Vogelsang)  
Mary Constans (in memory of Professor Claire Kelly Zimmes)  
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Ralph Davis  
Marie Williams (In memory of all women who strive to better themselves)  
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### *Contributions to the RAPS Scholarship Program By The Board of RAPS In Memory Of Robert Vogelsang*

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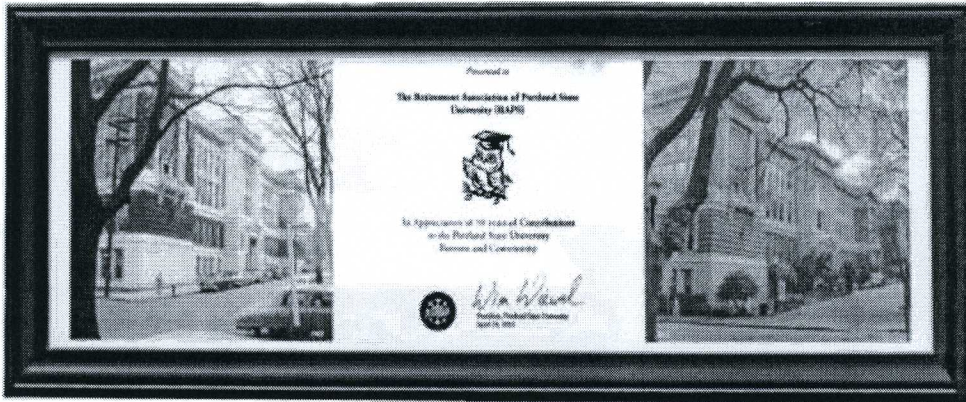
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# PAST TENSE

## Celebrating the History of RAPS



The Retirement Association of Portland State (RAPS) was founded in the early 1960s by a group of senior faculty to develop activities for PSU retired emeriti faculty. Later the group expanded its mission to include faculty and University staff. Decades later at PSU's 2013 annual President's Luncheon for retired faculty and staff, President Wim Wiewel presented RAPS with a plaque "In Appreciation of 50 years of Contributions to the Portland State University Retirees and Community." Wiewel's recognition of the association's years of "service, enthusiasm, energy, and creativity" is linked to numerous accomplishments of RAPS since its founding.

- A formal partnership has been established within the University for funding and operation of RAPS.
- An action-oriented Board of retired faculty and staff guides the association.
- A part-time Office Manager in our on-campus office handles ongoing business, meetings, and projects.
- Our membership includes more than 400 retired faculty and staff.
- Our monthly newsletter (*The RAPS Sheet*) is provided to members and to the PSU community.
- Two pictorial history books compiled and published by RAPS have extended the preservation and celebration of PSU's history campus-wide.
- We offer our members monthly on-campus and/or community-based educational and cultural events.
- A comprehensive website serves the association's members, PSU, and the public.
- RAPS provides leadership for participation with regional and national retirement organizations representing institutions of higher learning.
- Each year, RAPS awards a scholarship to a PSU student pursuing studies in gerontology.

--Steve Brannan and Mary Gordon Brannan

PAST TENSE features glimpses into Portland State's history. To submit a story (or an idea for one) email the RAPS History Preservation Committee at [raps@pdx.edu](mailto:raps@pdx.edu).



## RAPS CLUB REPORTS

### RAPS Book Club

The Book Club meeting will be held at 1:30 on Tuesday, October 15, hosted by Marge Terdal at 997 SW Westwood Drive in Portland. Contact her at [terdalm@pdx.edu](mailto:terdalm@pdx.edu) or 503-244-5714 to RSVP and for directions. We will discuss *Bring Up the Bodies* by Hilary Mantel which was awarded the Man Booker prize and the Costa Book Award. It is described on the back cover as follows:

Though he battled for years to marry her—a story told in *Wolf Hall*—Henry is now disenchanted with Anne Boleyn. She has failed to give him a son, and her sharp intelligence alienates his old friends and the noble families of England. At a word from Henry, Thomas Cromwell is ready to bring her down. Over a few terrifying weeks, Cromwell ensnares her in a web of conspiracy, while the demure Jane Seymour waits her turn for the poisoned wedding ring. But Anne and her powerful family will not yield without a ferocious struggle, and to defeat the Boleyns, Cromwell must now ally himself with his enemies. What price will he pay for Anne's head?

Hailed around the world as a stunning literary achievement, *Bring Up the Bodies* evokes this frightening episode of English history as no book has before.

Looking ahead, we will be discussing *The Last Chinese Master Chef* by Nicole Monson in November.

--Mary Brannan

### RAPS Bridge Group

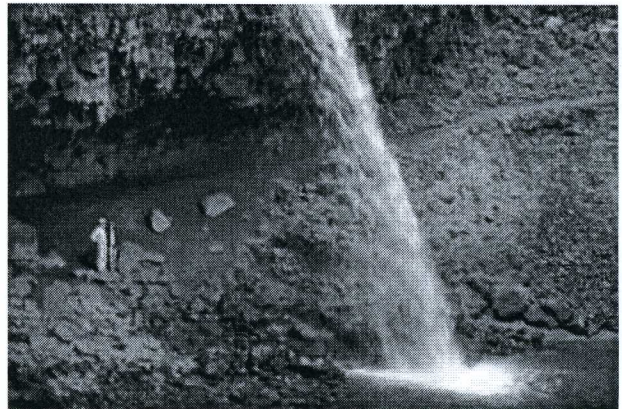
The Bridge Group will meet on Tuesday, October 8, at Friendly House, NW 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurman. Note that the **new time** for the session is 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. If you intend to play, please let Steve Brennan know before noon on Friday, October 4. Steve can be reached by phone at 503-646-6297, by e-mail at [thestevebrennan@gmail.com](mailto:thestevebrennan@gmail.com).

--Steve Brennan

### RAPS Hiking Group

In September, a small group hiked a 4.7 mile loop by Horsetail Falls, Ponytail Falls, Oneonta Falls, and Triple Falls. Our final distant hike for the year will be on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will drive 45 minutes to Milo McIver Park on the Clackamas River. Many

of you will recall it as the site of the Vortex Rock Festival. The park has a number of hiking trails. One interesting short hike is a nature trail with information on the six species of bats in the park. There is also a bat barn and a fish hatchery. Carpool at 9 am from the Gateway Transit Center at the SE corner of the parking structure. Bring a sack lunch. Please confirm your participation or request more information by contacting Larry Sawyer at 503-771-1616 or by email at [larry\\_sawyer@comcast.net](mailto:larry_sawyer@comcast.net). (There's an underscore between "larry" and "sawyer" in that email address.)



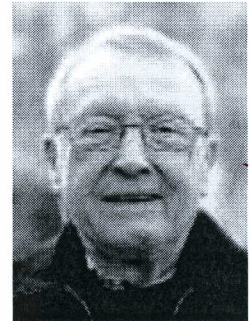
The photos above are of Pah and May Chen on the September hike. The first picture was taken at Ponytail Falls, and the second at Triple Falls.

--Larry Sawyer



## IN MEMORIAM: Jack Lee Featheringill, 1931-2013

**E**meritus Professor Jack Lee Featheringill, born December 4, 1931, succumbed to complications from open heart surgery on July 3, 2013. Friends, colleagues, theatre patrons, and supporters of performing arts gathered at Portland Center Stage August 7, 2013 to celebrate his notable accomplishments and significant contributions.



After completing a B.S. degree in Business at Indiana University in 1951, Jack immediately began his highly successful and varied theater arts career that featured acting, directing, casting, dance performance, and stage managing in venues ranging from summer stock to motion pictures and Broadway productions.

He performed under the stage name "Jack Leigh" and accompanied major stage personalities—including Judy Garland and Ethel Merman—and danced in the movie "The Music Man." He cast the original Broadway production of "Fiddler on the Roof" and worked with notable choreographers on many productions.

Scholarly interests prompted him to return to Indiana University in 1969 for graduate studies in theater literature and criticism. He completed an MA degree and in 1970 joined PSU's vibrant Department of Theatre Arts as an assistant professor, launching a long and noteworthy academic career.

Professor Featheringill brought the accumulated benefits of his experience to PSU's Theater Arts Department, teaching courses in acting and directing until his retirement in 1999. As Department Head from 1977-1979 and 1984-1993 he demonstrated a high level of effective leadership that fostered popular graduate Theater Arts degree programs and award-winning theater festivals, such as the enormously successful summer stock program at the Coaster Theater in Cannon Beach.

Under his influence the PSU Department of Theater Arts gained national recognition through Kennedy Center performances. Professor Featheringill played a large role in PSU's emergence as a major academic institution through promoting theatrical productions that inspired several generations of students seeking performing arts instruction.

On a personal basis Jack generated a well-deserved reputation for supporting humanitarian causes and for public service on behalf of Theater Arts education. He maintained a lifelong relationship with his alma mater, Indiana University, and in 2001 underwrote the Featheringill Theatre and Drama Scholarship for that institution. In 2004 he received the Drammy Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to Portland area theater programs.

After retirement, he served as an ombudsman for elder care and counselor for a substance abuse hotline. He tirelessly supported CASA, a nonprofit advocacy agency for abused and neglected children. Donations to CASA in Jack's name may be made at [www.casahelpskids.com](http://www.casahelpskids.com).

For the legacy of his enormous contributions to this institution we owe Jack an enduring debt of gratitude. A full obituary setting forth his achievements and an online guest book [www.oregonlive.com/obits](http://www.oregonlive.com/obits) appeared in The Oregonian July 13, 2013.

*--Victor C. Dahl, Emeritus Professor of History*



## IN MEMORIAM: Robert D. Dryden, 1942-2013

On July 6, 2013 Emeritus Dean and Professor of Engineering Robert D. Dryden died at his Blacksburg, Virginia home. He was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and attended high school in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He served in the Oklahoma National Guard. In preparation for business and university careers in industrial engineering and management, he earned bachelor's (1967) and master's (1968) degrees at Oklahoma State University and a PhD (1973) at Texas Tech University.

In 1968 Dean Dryden launched his extensive academic career by joining the University of Texas (Arlington) faculty as associate director of its Construction Research Center. In 1977 he assumed chairmanship of the Industrial Engineering Department and director of Rehabilitation Engineering Center at Wichita State University in Kansas. Two years later, he secured an appointment at Virginia Polytechnic University to head the highly regarded Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering and Operations Research, a position he held until coming to PSU in 1995. His career achievements as a professional engineer featured extensive research and consultations in the related fields of construction productivity, safety, human factors and rehabilitation, and economic evaluation.



Professor Dryden served as Dean of PSU's Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science and Vice Chancellor for Engineering of the Oregon University System from 1995 to 2008. He relinquished the deanship in 2008 to accept an appointment as Emeritus Professor of Engineering and Technology Management.

At PSU Dean Dryden successfully introduced innovative programs to fulfill the institution's mission of providing excellence in engineering and computer science instruction, research, and collaborative arrangements. To that end, under his guidance a substantial bequest from alumnus Dr. Fariborz Maseeh facilitated the formation of a new instructional and research facility, the Northwest Center for Engineering, Science and Technology.

During Dean Dryden's 13 years of leadership the College of Engineering and Computer Science experienced phenomenal development through recruiting distinguished faculty members, developing new laboratories, adding doctoral programs, and expanding research alignments with business, industry and governmental agencies. Indeed, his efforts contributed significantly to facilitating the College's emergence as the region's foremost engineering research and training center. For these accomplishments, the University community owes him a heavy debt of gratitude.

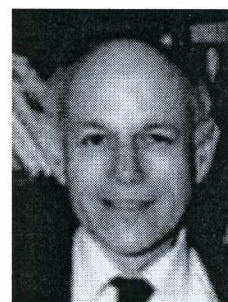
His survivors include Jean, his spouse of 52 years; daughter, Julie Hodge (Tim), and son, Robert Dryden (Katy). In addition, family survivors include three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and their spouses. To all of them, our organization extends its heartfelt sympathy for their untimely loss. A private family memorial will be held later in Virginia. An obituary and guest book may be reached online at Virginia Tech News.

*-- Victor C. Dahl, Emeritus Professor of History, with assistance from Julie Rutherford, Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science*



## IN MEMORIAM: Morris Bernard Silverman, 1924-2013

**M**orris Bernard "Bernie" Silverman, born June 28, 1924 in Boston, MA, died July 16, 2013 in the presence of his wife, Wanda Ruth, and daughters Karen and Shari. The Silvermans have been longtime active RAPS members and Bernie will be sorrowfully missed at our organization's functions.



Bernie spent his childhood in Boston and attended Boston University for 1941 to 1943. Exemplary United States Army service (1943-1946) interrupted his higher education, and during deployment in the Philippines and Japan he earned a Purple Heart and other awards. After his discharge in 1946, he returned to the University to earn an A.B. degree in chemistry in 1948. After a brief enrollment to study architecture at Rhode Island School of Design, he opted for employment as a chemist at Tracerlab, Inc., and then at Armour, while concurrently pursuing a year of graduate studies at Northwestern University.

Bernie entered graduate studies in chemistry at the University of Washington in 1953, earning a Ph.D. degree in 1956, followed by a year-long postdoctoral fellowship at that institution. At UW he met and married Wanda Ruth Crooke and they actively shared lifelong non-science intellectual interests in music, literature, and art.

While Bernie worked as a petroleum chemist for Standard Oil's California Research Corporation in Richmond, CA (1956-1959), he published two articles in refereed journals, and *The Journal of the American Chemical Society* published his doctoral dissertation in 1957. In 1959, Dr. Silverman moved from the industry environment to launch a 30-year academic career as a faculty member in Portland State's Chemistry Department.

Bernie enthusiastically thrust himself into the life of PSC at a time when it provided minimal facilities for classes with large enrollments. Students flocked to his courses and many became lifelong friends. He appropriately encouraged his students to include literature, art and music in their academic pursuits. When NBC aired the College Bowl quiz program on national television in the early 1960s, Bernie joined seven faculty colleagues who coached the student team that emerged victorious on five televised programs beginning January 31, 1965. Portland State suddenly gained national recognition and Smith Memorial Center was renamed to honor a Bowl contestant. Undeniably, this historic event is a legacy from Bernie's belief that a collegiate education must embrace several branches of knowledge.

Bernie capably fulfilled various academic governance assignments. In 1968 he chaired a special committee that examined the lingering, complex student credit issues arising from the merging of instruction offered separately by Portland State and the Division of Continuing Education. He partnered with art faculty members to develop classes embracing science disciplines. These contributions and other institutional developments generated a high level of respect from campus colleagues. Those who were fortunate enough to know and work with Professor Silverman remember him for his cooperative nature, gentility, kindness and wry sense of humor. This institution has been well served by Professor Silverman and owes him a lasting debt of gratitude.

Bernie pursued a wide range of intellectual and hobby interests to enjoy life to the fullest extent. He was an avid reader who developed exceptional artistic talents in photography and painting. He played violin, mandolin, guitar and harmonica; he smoked food and made wine. With his family he took advantage of outdoor recreational opportunities.

Our organization extends its heartfelt condolences to Wanda and daughters Karen and Shari. A memorial concert and gathering of friends honored Bernie on September 7, 2013. An online guest book is accessible at [www.oregonlive.com/obits](http://www.oregonlive.com/obits). An extensive obituary appeared in the Oregonian of September 8, 2013. Contributions in Bernie's honor may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter.

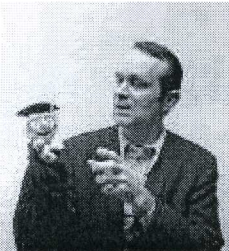
--Victor C. Dahl, Emeritus Professor of History



## IN MEMORIAM: Robert Walter Vogelsang, 1927-2013

Professor Emeritus Robert W. "Vogie" Vogelsang, born October 18, 1927, in Indianapolis, IN, died in Portland, August 18, 2013 while hospitalized after complications from a stroke.

After World War II United States Navy service, Professor Vogelsang attended a junior college in Azusa CA, earning an AA (1950). At the University of California, Santa Barbara, he completed a BA (1953) in drama and speech education/correction. From 1953-1954 he held a teaching fellowship at the University of Hawaii while pursuing graduate studies, which led to a two year appointment (1954-1956) as a speech and hearing supervisor for the Santa Paula City Schools in California.



From 1956 to 1965 at Washington State University he pursued further speech-communication graduate training, while holding various instructional positions—including an NDEA doctoral fellowship—as he concurrently earned MA (1958) and Ed.D. (1965) degrees. At WSU from 1965 to 1970 Vogie advanced in academic rank to associate professor as he taught speech and hearing courses. In 1970 Professor Vogelsang was appointed to head PSU's Department of Communication, bringing the benefits of his extensive experience to manage a steadily growing academic program. Until his retirement in 1990 Vogie energetically taught popular speech communication courses. He carried out innovative global scale research on the history of puppetry and introduced his findings into classroom instruction and speech correction. Public schools and service organizations benefited from outreach workshop presentations that illustrated puppetry's usefulness as a methodology for instruction and therapy.

Vogie actively participated in speech professional organizations and in 1970 served as the Western Speech Association's executive secretary. The University hosted that organization's annual meeting during the 1970 fall term. At its 1971 convention the WSA honored him with a Distinguished Service Award for excellence in scholastics and advancement of speech education.

At the University of Hawaii he met Barbara Exner, an undergraduate student, and they married April 4, 1955. The Vogelsang children are Karen, Suzanne Bengel, and Robert (Teresa); and grandchildren Teagan and Kiri. Spinal injuries caused Barbara to use a wheelchair for several years before her death in 2006. To honor her memory, the Barbara Exner Vogelsang and Susan Poulsen Scholarship fund provides for an annual one time \$250 award to a distinguished Department of Communication student.

Throughout his life Vogie, an avid gardener, was devoted to the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hiking with RAPS friends. He was equally dedicated to football and music. Barbara and Vogie, founding members of the Bridlemile-Robert Gray Neighborhood Association, were highly civic minded and promoted protection of green space.

In retirement Vogie served as RAPS Vice President, President, and Past President and actively promoted the organization's work as a governing board member. He undertook liaison activities with the Northwest Regional Retirement Association for annual conferences that usefully explored issues of common concern to retirement groups.

Our organization and the entire University owes Vogie a debt of gratitude for his many years of selfless contributions to our mutual objectives. We shall always miss Vogie and will never forget him.

*--Victor C. Dahl, Emeritus Professor of History*