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May 2005

Spring Luncheon 2005

on Thursday, May 19,
will be held at the Polynesian
"Bali Hai" restaurant on Shelter Island.

Judith Nicolaidis, Art Professor in the School of Arts and
Communication at Southwestern College, will give a
talk: "Women in Art"

We will have a buffet lunch.

Please send \$20 check, payable to Oceanids,
to Judy Skelton, 445 Sea Lane,
La Jolla, CA 92037

Reservation deadline is May 14.
More information on page 5

If you like, please wear some-
thing colorful, maybe some-
what artistic, like hand-
printed blouses or
scarves, handmade
jewelry, etc.

WHEN?

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY MAY 30
11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

WHERE?

IN THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS OF
WALTER AND JUDY MUNK'S HOME

WHY?

TO CELEBRATE ELLEN REVELLE'S
95TH BIRTHDAY

Call a friend in Scripps Estates to arrange parking on her property.
Carpool if possible, because parking close by may be difficult
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RESERVATION FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY PARTY (Lunch included)

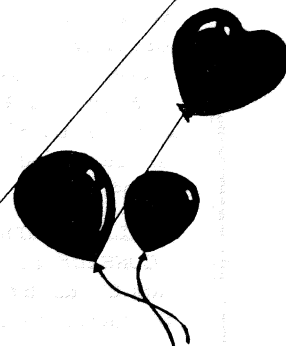
Monday, May 30, 2005, 11:30 - 2:00 Reservations must be received by May 23.
Please complete this form and enclose your \$10 check, made payable to "Oceanids".
Send to Georgina Sham, 5744 Bellevue Ave, La Jolla, CA 92037

Name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail address (if you want confirmation) _____

Number of reservations (@ \$10.00/person) _____ Total enclosed _____

For information, call Liz (858) 454-6858 or e-mail Georgina gbsham@san.rr.com



COME ONE COME ALL

TO THE NEWCOMERS' EVENT

WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL OCEANIDS

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International Center, 9:30 AM social, 10:00 AM meeting
You are welcome to attend!**

President's Message

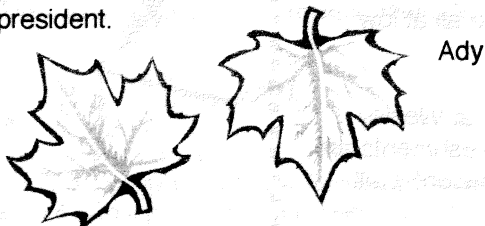
The end of Oceanids year is approaching. This my last 'editorial' as co-president after a very exciting year. I have enjoyed being co-president, working with that creative dynamo Jane, and with the great people on the board, interest groups, and special events. I have participated in many events, and carefully followed others. I have thought for a while about whether I should share my experience with CLL (Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia) with you, since it took up so much of my year. I decided to share how being involved with an organization I enjoy and believe in, with the wonderful people in this organization was so healing for me. Your caring and good wishes has meant so much to me. In Jan. 1998 I was diagnosed with CLL. It is a cancer of the blood and lymphatic system. One third of patients never need treatment, one third will at some time (I am an example), and one third have an acute form which needs early aggressive treatment. By August 2004, my symptoms had increased, and I participated in a clinical trial at the UCSD Cancer Center under the direction of Dr. Kipps, oncologist at UCSD. This was a full time occupation for me until November 1, when most of my symptoms were gone. I especially enjoyed the return of some of my energy. I am now in partial remission, and hope to remain in it for a long time. During those months, Jane did most of the work of Oceanids. I did some telephone work, and had all sorts of adventures trying to deal with my computer to communicate. Participating in a clinical trial was a good experience for me. [See right column. ed.] I was followed very carefully. I had very few side effects, and have had very good results, so far.

Back to Oceanids. Our main trips in April to the Huntington Museum and to the desert were very successful. All reports from everyone were of good times and fun. I am always amazed at how professional everyone of our events is, and how few complaints we get. At every event I've gone to I have learned so much. and have had great fun- my goal for this year.

The grand finale luncheon will be on May 19, when we elect the new board.

The Bali Hai is a beautiful setting. We hope all of you will wear something colorful, artistic, and/or even exotic if you wish- something to celebrate the joys of spring and of just being alive and together. We may even have a surprise member visiting us.

Next year I will be around as Jane's shadow and immediate past co-president.



The Nominating Committee respectfully presents its Slate for the Oceanids Board of 2005/2006:

President:	Jane Takahashi
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Nominating Committee:	Barbara Penn, Judy Vacquier, Odette Filloux, Molli Wagner

Submitted by Bernie Sisco

The new slate will be voted on at the Spring Luncheon

PERSPECTIVES ON OCEAN SCIENCE

Monday, May 9

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps
2300 Expedition Way



Mysteries in the Mud:
Adaptations to Life under Stress
in the Deep Sea
presented by
Lisa Levin, Ph.D.

Volunteers needed for UCSD clinical trial

Dr. A. Fronek has developed a noninvasive method to evaluate the status of the vascular system especially in patients with coronary or peripheral artery disease, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia and diabetes. The procedure is completely painless and takes about 40 min. It will be conducted at the clinical trials facility located at the end of Osler Lane, UCSD. Free parking is available. Persons without known disease and above the age of 50 are encouraged to participate. Volunteers will not be paid but will be told about the result. Please call (858) 534-4270 for additional information.

(As an aside: Dr. Fronek and his wife, Dr. Kitty Fronek, were participants at our first "Moveable Feat II" outing. The Ed.)

THE NEW WORLD THAT IS CHINA

Ni hao.

Our most recent excursion abroad was two interesting weeks spent in China. We spent the first week in Shanghai ("Above the Water"), where my husband Arthur attended a conference hosted by the Shanghai Astronomical Observatory. This crowded, cosmopolitan, futuristic city is about one hundred times the size of Manhattan, filled with new office and residential skyscrapers of every shape and description and an incredible roadway system that snakes through the city.

We braved the modern metro system (all the passengers looked to be under 25) and went to Renminbi Square in the center of town to see the Shanghai Museum and other cultural sights. We gawked at the modern architecture awhile, then strolled down Nanjing Street, the main pedestrian shopping street, with thousands of other people heading toward the Huangpo River and the Bund. There we had lunch at the beautifully restored art deco Peace Hotel (formerly Cathay Hotel built by the British in 1929), watching the high density boat and barge traffic on the river. Few historic sights are left in Shanghai, but one I enjoyed in the Old Town was the YuYuan Garden, a 17th century Ming dynasty formal garden with ponds and jadeite rockeries that has somehow been preserved. The Shanghai Museum is first rate, with beautiful ancient bronzes, Tang dynasty pottery and beautiful porcelains from the Ming period.

The energy and dynamic quality of this city cannot be overstated. Crews work round the clock and seven days a week, erecting new buildings, extending the highway system and expanding the electrical wiring. Crossing the wide streets was a major undertaking, with a sea of cars, trucks, buses, bicycles and even carts coming from every direction. Fortunately, several good seafood and vegetarian restaurants were located near our hotel so we were able to eat very well and cheaply. We also went out in a large group for Hunan food. Yummy, yum.

We went to the ancient capital of Xi'an to see the extraordinary terra cotta warrior army commissioned by a Qin dynasty emperor about 200 b.c. to protect him from his enemies in death, a fascinating sight still under discovery and restoration. Xi'an is a shadow of its former glory, now a factory town, terribly polluted and not very charming, but we managed to find a few ancient sights such as the Small Wild Goose pagoda, where we burned candles and incense with some practicing Buddhists. One of the highlights was a walk through the Muslim Quarter. Everyone was out on the streets selling fish, jiaozi (dumplings) and trinkets, or playing cards, having tea and generally being sociable. At a Muslim restaurant, we skipped the boiled sheep's brains and the camel paws, opting instead for steamed fish and a delicious vegetable broth soup.

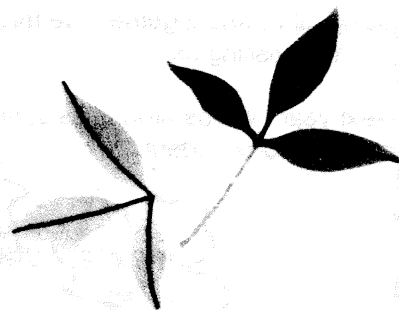
Our final stop was Beijing, the Mongol City of the North, a world class city of attractive modern architecture, wide boulevards. The center of town is dominated by The Forbidden City (Thank you, Zhou Enlai, for saving it) and the immense Tian'anmen Square where Chairman Mao lies in repose. We spent one whole day with many Chinese tourists, lots of families and some old Chinese couples, the men wearing their blue jackets and old Mao caps, looking slightly bewildered at the sight of so many young people with their blue jeans, colored hair and cell phones. The Great Wall was another treat, but be prepared for some steep climbing when you arrive there.

I highly recommend the Palace Hotel where we stayed. The location is terrific, just around the corner from Wangfujing Street, the main shopping street, and the Quanjude Restaurant, reputed to be the best of the duck feasts. Late in the afternoon, we watched sumo wrestling on the Japanese channel, and old newsreel footage and reenactments of the battlefield victories of the Red Army over the Japanese and Kuomintang on the Communist Party channel. Each episode ended with someone who looked like Mao Zedong galloping toward the camera on a white steed. Everyone in all the cities we visited was friendly and helpful, and my beginning Chinese course came in handy. We enjoyed the trip very much.

Zaijian, Zhongguoren (Farewell, Chinese people).
We hope to return to China again someday.

Linda Scott

■ "Interested in a rarely visited area with stunning scenery? Find out what
■ **Patagonia in the far south of South America** offers to hikers and walkers.
■ Pristine turquoise lakes, blue mountains, and enormous glaciers are all at low
■ altitude.
■
■ Come to the slide show by Christa McReynolds 16 May at 7:30 PM at Wesley
■ Palms Retirement Center, 2404 Loring Street in Pacific Beach. Refreshments are
■ served. The event is free and open to the public. Need more information? Call
■ Christa at (858) 454-5385."



Bali Hai



Spring Luncheon

White sails and azure blue
Are beckoning to me and you.
Come join good friends at Bali Hai
Enjoy the buffet and the clear blue sky.

Date: May 19, 2005

Time: 11:15 Social Hour

12:00 noon lunch

Place: Bali Hai Restaurant

2230 Shelter Island Dr.

(619) 222-1181

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Directions: Take I-5 South towards downtown. Take exit #20 towards Rosecrans Street. Continue on CA 209 for 2.8 miles. Turn left on Shelter Island Drive. Proceed around circle on the island and turn left. The Bali Hai Restaurant is on the east end of the island.

Reservations for the Spring Luncheon must be received by May 14, 2005.

Name: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$20.00 per person made payable to Oceanids:

Send reservation to: Judy Skelton

445 Sea Lane

LaJolla, CA 92037

(858) 456-0830

A BUSY WEEKEND

Saturday was the day of the monthly hike of the "Hiking in and around San Diego" interest group. We had decided to check out Kitchen Creek, which some of our members had promised us to be quite spectacular. The hike was beautiful and we counted many different wildflower species. The bees were humming, the birds were singing and the creek was indeed quite full and splashing down in a variety of cascades and waterfalls. On the way back from one of the falls I thought I could shorten the climb back by wading upstream through the creek. But, alas, one slippery rock and down I went, not very deep but the surprise was such that I let go of my boots and socks which I had been holding in one hand. Oh well, in a split second I saw myself walking back on the trail barefoot, not a very comfortable thought. But, one of our members, Dorothy Parker, came to my rescue with lightning speed. She stepped into the creek and grabbed my boots, which were tumbling by on their way to the next waterfall. Was I ever glad. And I did not get a single blister walking back in wet socks and boots.

Sunday, then, I was all recovered to participate in the first outing of the **Moveable Feast II**. We met at the home of one of the chairpeople, Mary Cutchin, and got to know each other, sipping wine and munching on crackers. At 7 pm we were supposed to be at a Vietnamese restaurant, which we made with being just a little late. Two large round tables with gigantic lazy susans were set and we all found seats and interesting dinner companions. The noise level was a bit high at this obviously very popular place, but we all managed to find out a bit more about our table neighbors. The food was delicious and plentiful. My favorite was the leaves of greens of all kinds with many fresh herbs among them, in which you wrapped pieces of a meat omelet, on which I sprinkled some mild sauce. Others used the really hot stuff. And, oh, the Vietnamese coffee! Sweet and creamy on ice!! Who cares that I lay awake half of the night!

Roswitha Enright

OCEANIDS' INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups are the backbone of our Oceanids organization. They are here to meet the many varied needs of UCSD families, especially those new to the UCSD campus, and the community. If you do not find an activity you would like to participate in, please contact Carole Ziegler, Interest Group Coordinator@ 619-297-0798. If five or more Oceanids wish to start a new group, please let Carole know so we can inform other members. All we ask is that your members be Oceanids. If you are not yet a member of Oceanids, please consider joining us today by calling Madeleine Rast, (858)453-8223 or submitting the application form in this issue.

AVI SET BIRDERS

Contacts: Sidney Bagley (858)455-1477, Lou Bowles (858)755-7102, or Joany Mosher (858)454-0017

Our birding group meets promptly at 8 a.m the second Monday of each month during the academic year. The La Jolla group will now meet at the corner of Dunaway Drive and Glenwick Dr. in La Jolla, and the north county birders will meet at the home of Lou Bowles, 13040 Caminito Mar Villa, Del Mar. We carpool from these locations and visit sites around the county. Members will be called.

Next outing is May 9

BOOK GROUP

Contact Odette Filloux, (858) 453-0749

May 10, at 9:30 a.m.: we will discuss "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time", by Mark Haddon. We will meet at Carole Schultz's house, 8415 Sugarman Drive, La Jolla. Telephone Carole at (858) 453-0458, if you need directions. There will be no specific reviewer. For other questions call either Odette, Sally Kroll, (858) 453-1322 or Carole Schultz.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier, (858) 459-7834

La próxima reunión de Cafe Español será el miercoles, **4 de mayo**, 1:30-3:30, en la casa de Judy Vacquier, 7050 Via Valverde, La Jolla. Favor de contestar 858 459 7834; jvacq@san.rr.com) si puede venir o si tiene preguntas.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Hulya Saygin (858) 350-8081 ou Diana Vines (858) 459-8248

Notre prochain reunion de Cafe Francais sera chez Barbara Valenta, 7070, Caminito Monresa, La Jolla, tel: 858-459 0783 , le **11 Mai** 2005, a 13:00 heures.

Vous prions de bien vouloir lui telephoner si vous pouvez venir chez elle. MERCI.

CINEMA SOIRÉE

Contact: Laurette Verbinski, (858) 453-4699 or Roswitha Enright (858) 459-7375. We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for socializing, and movie discussion will start at 7:30 sharp. For information call Laurette or Roswitha.

Next meeting May 8.

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank (858)484-4597 (barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu)

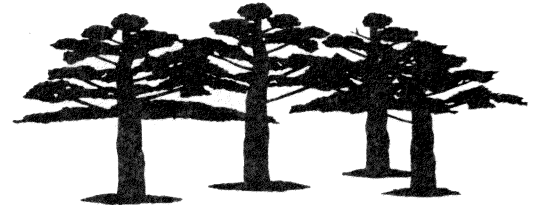
We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at various members' homes. We start at 10 a.m. and usually end at about 3 p.m. Everyone brings their own lunch. The hostess only provides drinks. Call for information.

Next meetings: May 3 and 17.

DEVILISH DINERS

Contact: Mary Dashen (858) 457-4631, fax 457-4371, or mdashen@san.rr.com.

The Spring Luncheon will serve as the DD meeting for May.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOOK GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834.

This group will meet every two months on the **FOURTH FRIDAY** to discuss a book on environmental conservation and related topics. The next meeting will be Friday, **May 27**, in the conference room at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps. Bring lunch at 11:30, discussion starts at noon. The book will be "Collapse" by Jared Diamond.

If you are interested, contact Judy Vacquier, 858-459-7834 or jvacq@san.rr.com

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858)484-4597, or e-mail (barbara@sdna1.ucsd.edu)

The couples Evening Bridge Interest group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month all year long at one of our members' homes. If you wish to play on a regular basis, or just occasionally, please contact Barbara Bank.

Next meeting May 28.

GARDENING GROUP

Contact Mary Lynn Hyde 858-488-9283 mlhyde@san.rr.com

If you are interested in assuming leadership of the Gardening Interest Group, please contact Mary Lynn Hyde for more information.

GRACIOUS AGING

Contact: Elibet Marshall (858)459-5246

This group has an age limit; you must have lived 80 years to participate. We meet at Ellen Revelle's home on the first Monday of the month from 11 a.m. to about 2 p.m. to discuss various associated subjects. Pure spring water is provided. You bring your own apple (lunch). Call Elibet for details.

Next meeting May 2.

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*Report from the
Gracious Aging Group:*

Growing old is mandatory;



growing up is optional.

HIKING IN AND AROUND SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Contact: Roswitha Enright (858)459-7375

We meet at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (October to May or June) at the La Jolla Village Shopping Center parking lot and carpool to the starting point of the hike. Bring a lunch, plenty of fluids, sturdy shoes and sun protection! Friends and family are invited. Call the week before the hike if you would like to come. Next hike May 14. See page 5

LA JOLLA RENAISSANCE SINGERS

Contact: Bill Propp at (858-459-2019) or wpropp@ucsd.edu.

The group meets every Wednesday at the La Jolla home of Connie Mullin, a member of the UCSD Oceanids.

The La Jolla Renaissance Singers (formerly the UCSD Madrigal Singers) has existed for 40 years as an Oceanids activity group. Directed by History and Judaic Studies professor William Propp, the choir of about 25 performs throughout the San Diego area in period costume. Experienced choral singers (especially men!) are encouraged to contact Dr. Propp at wpropp@ucsd.edu to arrange a visit and/or audition.

MOVEABLE FEAST

Contact: Liz Fong Wills (858) 454-6858.

This dining out group is currently at capacity but we are taking a wait list. For questions, please call Liz.

MOVEABLE FEAST II

Contact: Shirley Babior (Babior@earthlink.net or (619-542 0536) or Mary Cutchin (marycutchin@hotmail.com or (858 459-8074)

This new group will meet (most likely) on the third Sunday. Please call or e-mail the contact persons if you want to join this new interest group. Next meeting (probably) May 15.

See page 5 for recap of first meeting

MUSEUM GROUP

Contact: Carol Schultz (858) 453 0458 or Sally Kroll (858) 459 1322

We will occasionally have museum outings where all Oceanids are invited to join. Check the newsletter for information. ..

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

Contact: Carole Ziegler, (619) 297-0798.

We will meet Monday, May 9 at 1:00pm in the Oceanids Pavilion. Our speaker will be Hulya Saygin. Hulya has recently received her United States citizenship and is going to tell us about her experiences in obtaining it.

Contact: Carole L. Ziegler (619)297-0798, ctieglers@sandiego.edu

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: Barbara Baehr (858 272-4370 until May; after that: Molli Wagner (858)720-1185)

Sounding Board meets at noon on the first Thursday of the month at the Faculty Club for lunch and an informative talk. On May 5, we will hear Lawrence Krause, Ph.D., International Economist, Professor Emeritus IR/PS, speaking about "The US Role in the Pacific Rim". Please see information about Dr. Krause on page 9.

STAMP GROUP

Contact: Betty Shor (858) 453-0334

We do not meet on a regular basis, but welcome other collectors to join our informal exchange. For information call Betty.

WALKING GROUP

This is a relatively new interest group to encourage fitness by walking with friends in your neighborhood. We have 3 groups formed so far: Del Mar, North La Jolla (UCSD), and South La Jolla (Mt. Soledad/Bird Rock). Please contact Judy Vacquier (858) 459-7834 if you would like to join a group or start one in your neighborhood, or if you would be willing to be a team captain for your neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Contact: Emily Stowell, 858 481-7938 or Mary Bailey, 858 755-6813.

Please come and join our social group of Oceanids, newcomers, postdocs, students and their children every Wednesday all through the year from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for coffee, juice and cookies at the International Center. This is a time for children and adults to make friends, and find out about strange and wonderful American customs. There is also the opportunity to visit the kitchen exchange, where newcomers can rent kitchen and household equipment, also baby things for a small fee.

For more information, please call Emily Stowell, or Mary Bailey.

WINE TASTING GROUP

Contact: Pat Kampmann (858) 454-1856

Exploring the taste sensations of a new wine or an old vintage, this group meets the third Friday monthly. Members rotate as hosts, however, this group is currently at capacity. For questions, contact Pat. Next meeting May 20.

WINE TASTING II

Contact: Barbara Scholz 858- 350-6014 or bscholz@hotmail.com.

We meet monthly. Members rotate as hosts. The cost for wine and food is shared among the people attending (approx. \$8.00/person). The next meeting will be at Barbara Starkey's home on Saturday, May 7. Contact Barbara S. for further information. (800-358-0700 x475 (work))

WITS I

Contact: Pat Kampmann, (858)454-1856.

This long-time investment group allows one to learn and earn on one's own. Procedures are followed which analyze all stocks before they are bought. A regular monthly investment is required along with a "buy-in". At present there are a few places open. We meet at the Oceanids Pavilion on the 4th Tuesday of the month all year long from 1:30 to 3:30. Next meeting, May 24.

WITS II

Contact: Joanne Meredith (858) 270-5795.

WITS II meets the 4th Wednesday of the month, all year long, at various members' homes. We study companies, using the stock investment guides of NAIC, educating ourselves to have a better financial understanding and competence. Come visit us for a couple of meetings. Next meeting: May 25

Half WITS

Contact: Liz Fong Wills (858)454-6858.

Unlike the other 2 Oceanids financial groups (Wits I and II), the Half Wits group does not buy stocks as a group. Instead, we only discuss financial topics and investments in an informal way. We cover any financial subject that interests us, ranging from long term care insurance to pension options, as well as stocks and bonds. Our philosophy is "There are no dumb questions." We usually meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Oceanids Pavilion. If you are interested, call Liz (at 858 454-6858) to confirm the date. Pat Kampmann and Eleanor tum Suden are our guides through the financial jungles. Tentative(?) date: May 19

Frieda Daum Urey Fellowship Recipient: Her Own Story

Few have taken a 'road less traveled' to a career in modern Chinese history than I. Growing up in a Midwestern town populated with people primarily of German and Scandinavian descent, I was interested in anything and everything that was different from those around me from the get-go. As it happened, we rented rooms in our house and ended up with three mainland Chinese living with us for a good portion of my childhood. While going through normal teenage experiences outside, inside the house I heard tales of desperate attempts to survive the ravages of the Cultural Revolution while living in the countryside. I thought about what it meant to lurk in the fields hastily grubbing up a potato and stuffing it down, dirt and all before anyone could spot you. I was fascinated.

I went to Reed College whose liberal attitudes and offbeat environment were a perfect match. But I was disgusted by how disengaged it all seemed from the crushing social realities around us. How was studying history going to help all those Vietnam Vets who ended up drinking and smoking their lives away in the homeless shelter? I loved researching, but by the end of college in 1991 I couldn't in all conscience continue in academe unless I could find a way to make a difference beyond the ivory tower.

I decided to go to New York where I would be available to help my grandma and where there was a huge array of social service organizations that, unlike Oregon, were unaffiliated with any religious organization. I ended up working in SUNY Downstate, a medical school, in the HIV Education and Research Center. There I stayed for seven years working my way through most of the jobs until I ran the place. It was both frightening and exciting to delve into the pathways that the disease wrought through both the human body and the body politic. And yet, once I knew how to organize everything, I began to get bored.

I started taking classes at night in international relations and in Chinese. Here, I thought, is an idea. What if I could combine my interests in public health and China, and use my administrative skills at the same time? While applying to various programs in International Relations, I took yet another hiatus by working as a cultural researcher on Asian American communities for a small non-profit, Wildflowers Institute, in San Francisco. Excitedly, I entered Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) in 2000.

Finally, I'm in the right place, I thought. I was delighted with SIPA and thrilled with a summer internship in India. I evaluated Seva Mandir, a development agencies' HIV program and taught an eager group of illiterate non-Hindi speaking volunteer educators about the ravages of HIV. I still remember them giggling hysterically in their iridescent saris toppled together in heaps as I tried to explain the specific routes of sexual transmission.

The problem? I couldn't write a policy paper for the life of me. I didn't just want to know how to deal with an issue; I wanted to know what were the historical roots and power plays that had led the problem to get so out of hand. It seemed I couldn't avoid my fate to be a researcher no matter how I tried.

Luckily for me, I was accepted by UCSD's modern Chinese history program. Here, with the incredibly valuable support from the Frieda Daum Urey Fellowship I have finally returned to my original passion for Chinese history. I hope to combine my interest in public health and concerns over people at the bottom by conducting oral history research about the last fifty years of China's history. It has been a truly meandering road, but now I know I can find a way to combine academe and social action to make a bigger impact. Thanks folks for helping make it happen!

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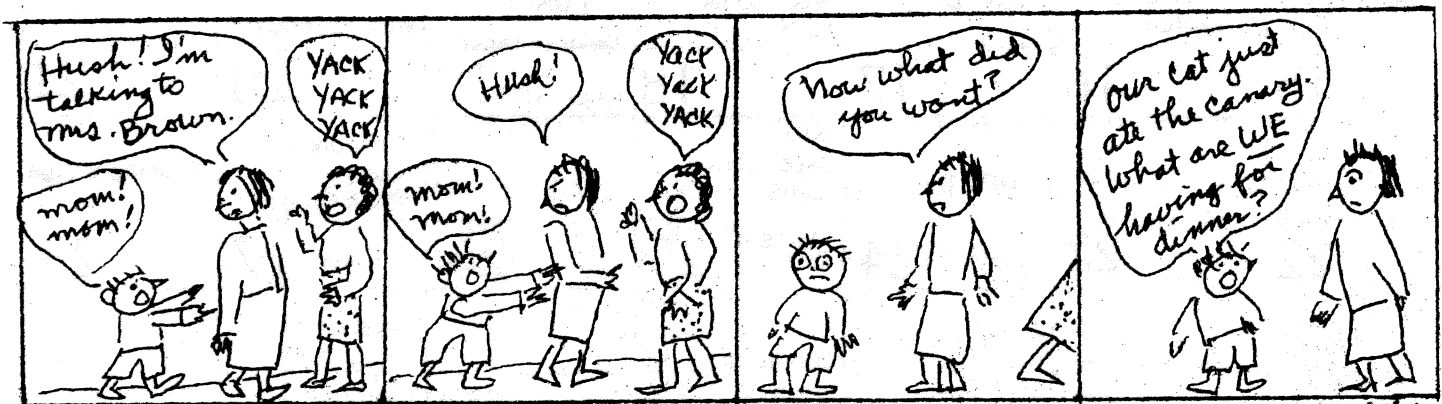
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