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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATING FOR SO LONG, IS FINALLY HERE

*On Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005,
the UCSD Department of Theatre and Dance presents*



LA DISPUTE, by Marivaux (1688-1763)

directed by Darko Tresnjak, Artistic Director of the Old Globe's Summer Repertory and Visiting Professor of directing at UCSD.

This play like many of its kind in the 17th century, deals with the birth and death of love, with the battle between the forces of love and the rationalism of philosophers like Rousseau and Voltaire.

A number of seats are reserved at the Mandell Weiss Theatre for Oceanid members.

Don't miss out!

Hurry and RSVP to: arthurwagner1@excite.com or call 858-720-1185 to reserve your seats for this Oceanids' fundraiser. **Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 6:30 p.m.** on the Mandell Weiss upper deck with director, Darko Tresnjak, discussing the play.

Curtain at 8:00. \$40 per ticket.

If you do not have a UCSD parking permit you will have to pay a parking fee of \$3.00 (at the theater). Please get a valid permit. Cars are even ticketed at night!



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**BOARD MEETINGS first Thursday every month at the Oceanids Pavilion,
International Center, 9:30 AM social, 10:00 AM meeting
You are welcome to attend!**

President's Message

Nature has shown its power and fury this past month with the 9.0 Indonesian earthquake and the Indian Ocean tsunami that followed. We in San Diego were more blessed with the extraordinary rainfall which caused some damage but finally broke our drought. Personally, I hunkered down at home, quilting madly as the wind howled and the rain fell.

In the interlude, I did also contemplate the future of the Oceanids finances. Proudly we can say, the Oceanids are fiscally solvent. However, we, as all other service clubs, are beginning to feel the rise of costs and the decrease in revenues. Looking ahead to the future, the board agreed we would test our fundraising skills to raise money for our student service awards and graduate scholarships. Look at the cover of "Bear Facts" and you will find that Molli Wagner has organized a theatre party with wine and cheese and meet and greet the UCSD Visiting Professor and producer, Darko Tresnjak on February 23rd. Later in the Spring, Barbara Starkey is planning a fundraising excursion to the Huntington Museum in Pasadena. Both events are tax deductible. If anyone has other brilliant ideas on how to raise further funds, I would love to hear from you.

All this is part of my presidential goal to build a fiscally strong organisation. And this is an explanation of why Oceanids luncheons are, in the main, financially "break even". We are fortunate to have a vice presidential program team, skilled and experienced in achieving this difficult goal while maintaining quality events.

With this all said, I am reminded by Co-president Ady Rosenblatt that our other goal is "to have fun".

Happy Valentine's Day. Jane J. Takahashi

March 3, 2005

The inauguration of Mary Anne Fox as the seventh chancellor of the University of California, San Diego will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 3 in RIMAC Arena. All faculty, staff and students, also emeriti and retirees, are invited to attend the colorful ceremony, which will be followed at noon by an All-UCSD barbecue on RIMAC Field.

Due to the inauguration ceremonies March 3 for UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, the Faculty Club will not be available for the 'Sounding Board' lunch/lecture with Hugh M Davies, PhD, Director of the MCASD.

The 'Sounding Board' lunch/lecture IN MARCH will take place on March 10 from 11:30-1pm in the Lounge.

All subsequent 'Sound Boards' will take place as scheduled: April with Lawrence Krause, PhD, on Current Crises in the Far East---May with Jeffrey Kirsch on the Fleet Science Center & Plans for Balboa Park.

Everyone is welcome. Faculty Club members, \$7.50 for lunch; non-members, \$11.

Barbara Baehr

Dear Oceanids,

We want to thank everyone who participated in our 2004 Adopt-A-Family program.. We appreciate your generosity and continuous support. This year 63 families were adopted. The families were sponsored by UCSD Medical Center, Thornton Hospital, the campus, UCSD Oceanids, IACA and Stage Dance Studio. Again, thank you for making this an unforgettable Christmas for a family.

Sincerely,

Irene Barragan
Adopt-A-Family Coordinator
UCSD Social Work

Oceanids are doing a service for the University:

On **February 11, 2005** we are preparing and serving the food for the **Friday Café** at the International Center on campus. Come and be part of it. We begin preparing the food at 9:00 a.m. that morning. The main dish this year will be Laura Galbraith's Chile Relleno Casserole. "It was John Galbraith's favorite dish." With it we will be serving a Mexican style rice, my father's Honeymoon Salad ("Let-us-alone" with a little lemon and sugar), and Hershey's brownies from a recipe, that made that company famous. Mark February 11th on your calendar and come join us. Lunch is on us if you help. For questions, please call Barbara Starkey at 858-453-0779

Remember the "Mystery of the Silver Pitcher" which Mary McIlwain found among Oceanids' stored things? Ruth Newmark responded:

Dear Mary,

When I opened the December issue of Bear Facts I noticed your request for information on Frieda Urey's silver pitcher. Those of us who came early in the life of UCSD were all welcomed to the campus by Frieda, who also saw to it that we became involved in one, or preferably more, of its aspects. To her "giving service" was the best way to make the newcomer feel at home. Her charm (as well as that of Judith Munk and Helen Raitt) worked on me! I soon sat on the board of Oceanids, became editor of Bear Facts, and a life-long supporter of our International Center.

When some of us Oceanids learned that Frieda would celebrate her 70th birthday, we planned a party at the Munks. I was the one who thought of presenting Frieda with the silver pitcher, something that she could use and actually did not own. I think I purchased it and had it engraved at Bower's (or was it Jessup's which still might have had a presence in La Jolla in 1968?).

I do not know for sure how the pitcher was returned to the Oceanids, but I vaguely recall that Frieda gave it back herself.

If you find out something more, let me know.

Ruth

Language at the pool

Sometimes early in the morning I swim laps at a local pool. As I go back and forth in the right slower lane, my head always out of the water, I overhear, whether I want it or not, bits of conversations carried out by people who happen, for one reason or another, to be next to each other.

A few days ago, two young girls were talking as I bypassed them. From the warm water where I was immersed, I made out that one was saying, "...Kind of... Yeah... like he was... you know like... I... like him...", but in the blue water with the equally blue sky above me I moved on too swiftly to hear more about "him", yet soon I was back where the same girl was talking, "...Like he was... you know... sort of... totally... he was..." I could have slowed down to catch the necessary final word but I was swimming for good, and could not afford it... A few more strokes though and I would be back in no time and, yes, here I was already, while fortunately she was still at it, so I might at last catch the word that will give meaning to the story.... "...Awesome... yeah... like he was like... cool you know and stuff" "Why?" said the other one, "Never mind", she answered. "Oh... O.K... It's like you say... Whatever..." Already too far, I still had not made out who it was who said what and

MARCH SOUNDING BOARD SPEAKER: (ON MARCH 10)

Hugh M. Davies, PhD



Starting his brilliant art museum career as an intern at the Metropolitan Museum of Art while a student at

Princeton, Hugh Davies now is recognized internationally as an outstanding scholar in the field of contemporary and modern art. He has written or contributed to many books and exhibition catalogues over the years.

He was appointed Director of what was then the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art in 1983. Under his direction the museum has been re-named, remodeled and expanded and now has facilities both in La Jolla and downtown San Diego.

Soon after earning his PhD, he was Guest Director of the US Pavilion at the 37th Venice Biennial in Italy. Recently, he was one of only six co-curators who were invited to organize the Biennial 2000 at the Whitney Museum in New York.

Dr Davies holds many appointments: the Advisory Council of Princeton University's Department of Art & Archaeology; the Association of Art Museum Directors, of which he also was President; American Federation of the Arts; UCSD Stuart Foundation; NEA Art Museum Program Overview Panel; NEA Art in Public Places Panel; Federal Art Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions; and Friends of Art & Preservation in Embassies.

about whom, but so what?, what was important for me was "the swim" even if I would never know who was like what or why he was liked like she seemed to like him, and neither, maybe, should I care. After all this was Southern California you know, where it is like it is, you swim, blue in, blue out, others talk like that, and you must admit that it's totally awesome at your age, in the land of eternal sunshine to be able to do laps early in the morning, with music in the air, when the 'in thing' is not to care- one bit?... got it? B'cause, remember, whatever works for you is just fine. Just whatever ... like I said... if it's totally cool, go for it!

Odette Filloux

The 'Sounding Board' lunch/lecture IN MARCH will take place on March 10 from 11:30-1pm in the Lounge.

Attention: Sounding Board Attendees!

In order to get the room for the lectures without cost we had to promise that the people who attend the talks will purchase their lunch (all you can eat and drink, including dessert, for 11 bucks!!) at the Faculty Club. If you are a member of the F.C., you can pay at the door to the dining room. All non-members please pay Jean in the meeting room. The lunch should only be eaten in the meeting room, not in the dining room, please.

The speaker is introduced at about 12:30 and talks for about 20 to 25 minutes. A discussion period follows. Interruptions with questions or statements during the talk are allowed, even welcome- it's very informal. Sounding board is usually over by 1:00-1:15 p.m.

Sounding Board Calendar: 2005

- Feb 3** Jim Pokorny, Aviation Attorney & UCSD Alumnus "When Planes Fall Out of the Sky" What happens next? (For more information on the speaker, please see January's Bear Facts.)
- Mar 10** Hugh Davies, David C Copley Dir, Museum of Contemporary Art SD "Future for Contemporary Art in San Diego?" Has provoked much controversy.
- Apr 7** Lawrence Krause, Professor Emeritus, IR/PS "US & the Far East Right Now" What's going on, & should we worry?
- May 5** Jeffrey Kirsch, PhD, Executive Director, Reuben H Fleet Science Center "Reuben H Fleet Science Center & Balboa Park" Dr Kirsch is current President of the Museum Film Network that produces & distributes science-based large-format films

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 February 14

BOOK GROUP

Contact Odette Filloux, (858) 453-0749

February 8, at 9:30 a.m.: we will discuss "Middlesex", by Jeffrey Eugenides. We shall meet at Ruth Stern's house, 2705 Bordeaux Avenue, La Jolla. Telephone Ruth at 858-453-2793 if you need directions. Sara Rosenbluth will be our reviewer.

For any other questions call either Odette, Sally Kroll, 453-1322 or Carol Schultz, 453-0458.

CAFÉ ESPAÑOL

Contact: Judy Vacquier, (858) 459-7834

La próxima reunión de Cafe Espanol será el miércoles, 2 de febrero, en la casa de Roswitha Enright (hermana de Beate), 7561 Cabrillo Ave, La Jolla. Favor de contestar a Judy Vacquier (858 459-7834 si puede venir o si tiene preguntas.

CAFÉ FRANÇAIS

Contact: Contact: Hulya Saygin 858-350 8081 or Martha Morera 858-481-7723

Notre prochain cafe francais sera chez Patricia Stone, 7025, Via Valverde, La Jolla Mercredi le 9 Fevrier, a 13:00 heures.

Nous esperons toutes vous voir a la prochaine reunion chez Pat. A Bientot !!!

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 February 13

DAY BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank (858)484-4597 (barbara@sdnal.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: February 1 and 15.

DEVILISH DINERS

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

On February 10 at 11:30 we will meet at the Jasmine Restaurant on Convoy St for Dim Sum. After Lunch we will go to Ranch 99 Market on Clairemont Mesa Blvd which is guaranteed fun. RSVP is a must

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION BOOK GROUP

Contact: Judy Vacquier (858) 459- 7834.

This group meets once a month to discuss a book on environmental conservation and related topics. This group will take a break pending finding a new chairperson. If you are interested, contact Judy Vacquier, 858-459-7834 or <mailto:jvacq@san.rr.com

EVENING BRIDGE

Contact: Barbara Bank at (858)484-4597, or e-mail (barbara@sdnal.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 February 26

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 Lynne 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 February 7.

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 February 12

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.

PLEASE SEE ARTICLE ABOUT
MOVEABLE FEAST II ON PAGE 7

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.*

Christa McReynolds will be presenting a slide show on Peru for our next meeting. Join us at the International Center (Oceanids Pavilion) at 1:00pm, Thursday, **February 10.**

We are also still accepting donations towards a leather recliner chair for a Tijuana Hospital. We are about \$100.00 short of our goal of \$600.00.

SOUNDING BOARD

Contact: *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. Please join us on **February 3** to hear a talk by aviation attorney and UCSD alumnus Jim Pokorny, "When Planes Fall Out of the Sky" What happens next? (For more information on the speaker, please see January's Bear Facts.)

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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.

On Saturday, February 26, please join the Friends of the International Center for a fundraiser. A Taiwanese Dinner will be prepared by experts. Please don't miss it. For time and other necessary information, please call Liz Wills at 858 454-6858.

Our sincere condolences to Laurette Verbinski who lost her husband Victor on January 9, 2005. Victor was a nuclear physicist, who graduated from MIT and received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He worked at the National Lab in Oak Ridge, Tenn. and later at General Atomics in La Jolla. Since 9/11 Victor has helped expand the application of VACIS (Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System) for the detection of improvised explosive devices and weapons of mass destruction.

Victor had been an active member of the Cinema Soirée interest group. We will miss him

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 **February 18**

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 between the people attending (approx. \$8.00/person). Contact Barbara 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, **February 22.**

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: **February 23**

Half WITS

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

HalfWits meets to learn about the stock market and other financial topics. We do not have a very firm scheduled monthly day. Please call at the beginning of the month to find out the day of the meeting.

Need a laugh?

It is fun when younger people realize we are not as out of touch as they think we are.

A college student at a recent USC football game challenged a senior citizen sitting next to him, saying it was impossible for their generation to understand his. "You grew up in a different world," the student said, loud enough for the whole crowd to hear. "Today we have television, jet planes, space travel; man has walked on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars, we even have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing ... and uh..."

Taking advantage of a pause in the student's litany, the geezer said, "You're right. We didn't have those things when we were young, so we invented them, you little twit! What the hell are you doing for the next generation??" Don't you just love senior citizens!

STILL ON THE WISH LIST

The Scripps Oceanographic Collections still need your support. State funding for Collections continues to be non-existent. Your support is critical for the Collections operation during the coming year. Checks should be made to UC Regents, "SIO Collections" in lower left hand space of check,

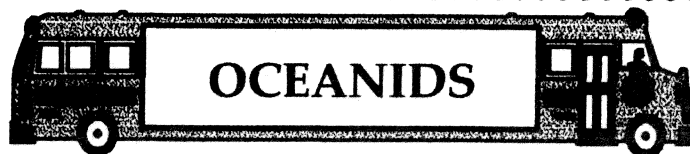
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(SEE THE ARTICLE IN THE MARCH BEAR FACTS)**

Moveable Feast II

We are contemplating having a second Moveable Feast Group starting in the spring, probably in April! Mary Cutchin and Shirley Babior are considering co-chairing and want to know what interest there is in a second group. Many people have wished to join Moveable Feast I, but it has been closed for several years due to the huge membership. The new group is planning to accept singles and couples as participants. Mary and Shirley would really love to hear from you and find out what you would like, what day of the week, which types of restaurants, whether you could volunteer your house as a gathering place, what you want to do about drinks, and so on.

So, if you are interested in joining the new group, please contact Mary and Shirley : marycutchin@hotmail.com and Babior@earthlink.net. (619-542 0536)

Armchair Travelers: Tuesday, February 15

Ken Bowles: "Eco-Travel Photo Sampler"

International Center Lounge

7:00pm refreshments

7:30pm program

Over the past three years, Armchair Travelers has taken us to Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Madagascar, Bhutan, Kenya, Cuba, Ghana, and Santiago de Compostela, Spain. We have learned about the Semester at Sea program, U.S. Foreign Aid in Africa, and most recently Radio Astronomy around the World.

On February 15 we will have the opportunity to learn about Eco-Travel in some pretty unusual locations. Ken Bowles will share his extraordinary photographs of unique birds, wildflowers, and animals. He will take us to such places as the Amazon Basin rainforests of Peru and Bolivia for birds and birdwatching platforms, to the coastal deserts of Peru where bromeliads grow near ancient ruins, to the Okavango wetlands of Botswana where African animals roam, and to southern Australia to see amazing native orchids.

Ken and Lou Bowles have shared a life-long interest in things that live and grow in "the environment." Lou is involved with the Oceanids Avi-Set birdwatching group, and has a collection of several hundreds of bromeliads in her small back patio garden. Ken brings his background in computers and photography, together with the emergence of good digital cameras in the late 90s, to record images of some of the more unusual birds Lou finds during their travels. He also produces sharp, closeup photos of very small, artistically interesting, flowers. Ken has placed a sampling of his photographs on his personal website at www.kenbowles.net. Supporting the effort to promote conservation, a collection of San Diego County wildflower photos from that website will soon be included as part of the Wild-Fires exhibit at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Please join us at 7:00pm for coffee and cookies. The presentation begins at 7:30pm in the International Center Lounge. Friends and guests are most welcome.

My caterpillar invasion

On April the 6th, the Tuesday before Easter, while having breakfast on my patio as usual, all of a sudden I saw a whole bunch of amazing caterpillars heading towards my house. They were practically speeding across my backyard and patio, crawling up the wall of the house, up to the wooden upper part, underneath the roof. They were in a hurry, as though they would miss a train. I never saw caterpillars moving so fast. It was really funny. Although I am not very fond of caterpillars, I had to admire them, because of their determination and their beauty. As I watched them with fascination over the next few days, I realized that they probably had to speed towards my roof because their inner clock told them so. I assume that there was only a certain time in which their body was able to produce a special glue-like substance, by which they could fasten themselves head down to a surface. I do not know whether the surface had to be wood, but soon they hung there like little question marks. Within approximately 2 days many of them had built a cocoon and from now on they hung perfectly still. I guess there must have been about 30 of them to start out with, but about 10 of them didn't make it. They were eaten or wounded by birds the morning after they had hung themselves under the eaves. I had never seen a phenomenon like this and watched the whole procedure with great interest. Amazingly, they seemed to lose their heads, shortly before they started to produce their cocoon. Lots of tiny caterpillar heads were looking at me from the patio tiles over the next 2 days. It was somehow scary, but also very interesting. The caterpillars were about 4" long, black, hairy, with a row of orange dots along their upper side.

The "invasion" lasted 2 days. The second day in the morning, when I woke up, I had completely forgotten that they were there, and when I opened the screen door, one fell to the ground it had just been crawling up to the roof, probably between the screen and its frame. And when I opened the screen door, it fell and was decapitated.

I was awfully sorry and apologized to it, but I was also hungry and eager to have my breakfast. But afterwards, very concerned, I went to the place of disaster and what did I see? The headless creature had crawled up the wall, glued itself to the upper frame of the screen, maybe it couldn't make it all the way to the eaves, built a cocoon, and stayed there for the rest of its cocoon life. And each time I opened that screen door, at least 10 times a day, I was very careful not to cause too much vibration and disturb it in its peaceful sleep. It was under my special care, I did not know at that time, that it was in vain. Because unfortunately in spite of all my care and caution, it could not develop. It, like the caterpillars which had been wounded by birds, could not hatch.

One single caterpillar, I think it was the first that was able to hang from under the roof like a question mark, did not drop its head, and seemed to look at me through the cocoon. Very strange and yet fascinating.

Of course I watched their development carefully, almost every day, and finally, on the 6th of May, it was time for the big event. Again very interesting. The one still in possession of its head, was the first to hatch. That morning it became a beautiful butterfly, black, big, -almost the size of my palm-, yellow at the borders of its wings with blue dots along the yellow line. It looked as if it had cut open the cocoon in a straight line, and was still attached to it with its upper front for about 24 hours. The rest of the butterfly was outside its now open cocoon, but with the wings stuck close together.

I did not have to look and search the places to which they had been glued in order to find out which of them had already become a butterfly. All I had to do was check the tiles on my patio underneath the caterpillar nursery. When I could see bloodlike spots, lots of red spots, I knew that above a new butterfly had hatched. It seemed to have been a bloody delivery for each of them and it certainly was a bloody piece of work for me to clean it all up.

I missed the moment when they had achieved their complete freedom from the cocoon, but I saw lots of beautiful butterflies fluttering across my backyard for a while. They are still visiting me, probably to say hello and to reward me for my interest and care.

Karin Reinhardt

(Our butterfly expert by marriage, Jean Lindsley, suggested that they might be butterflies called "mourning cloaks". ed.)

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OCEANIDS UNDERGRADUATE SERVICE/LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The first Oceanids Undergraduate Service Awards were presented in June of 1979, and since then the awards have been given each year to a deserving graduating senior in each of the colleges. The choice of the recipient is usually made by the college's Dean of Students' office, and it goes to a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to his/her college and the University community. The money for the awards comes out of the Oceanids' budget (our General Operating Fund), and in the past various fund raising activities contributed to this fund. Proceeds from our Oceanids' Cook Book (now out of print), and the Silver Scholarship Teas (organized by Maxine White, Beth Spooner and Alice Kearns) were all money making projects for these awards. People have also generously made donations to Oceanids, but in recent years a significant part of that money has gone to our Memorial Scholarship Fund. Oceanids operating costs (like everything else) have become more expensive. and now, we are feeling the crunch. We have not done a fund raiser for a long time, but now we will need one to help cover the costs of the Undergraduate Service Awards. Over the years the monetary award has grown from \$50 to \$250, and we have gone from 2 to 6 colleges. We know that these awards are very meaningful, and we hope that as many of you as can will attend the fund-raising Theatre Event on Wednesday, February 23rd and the fundraiser in April, the bus trip to the Huntington Library. It should be fun, and when you read about a few of the young people who have been the recipients of the Oceanids Service Awards last year you'll be convinced that your money is going for a good cause.

June 2004 Oceanids' Undergraduate Service/Leadership Awardees

Revelle College	Brandon Freeman
John Muir College	Sejal Kapadia
Earl Warren College	Douglas Hanes
Thurgood Marshall College	Doreen Toomalatai
Eleanor Roosevelt College	Lincoln Hurlbut & Marie Tran

(The newest 6th College has not produced seniors yet.)

Here are some excerpts from the letter that Patricia Mahaffey, Dean of Student Affairs of John Muir wrote about Sejal Kapadia:

Sejal is finishing her fourth year at UCSD and is graduating with a degree in Bioengineering. From serving on college committees to being a House Advisor and an Orientation leader, both highly selective processes, she also chaired the college Semi-Formal Committee. . . . She has often laughingly remarked that she is unable to say "no" to the college when we have asked her to serve on a student panel or on a committee. . . . She has been an outstanding student leader and someone we will miss greatly next year. Her peers, as well as the college hold her in high esteem. I have advised hundreds of students over my career and Sejal easily ranks among the top handful I have had the privilege of knowing. She is well deserving of this award.

Many thanks to all the members of Oceanids for helping us reward an outstanding Senior in such a significant fashion.

The awardee from Thurgood Marshall College, Doreen Toomalatai, was selected for her strong commitment to her college's philosophy promoting community service, social justice and awareness. She served as a Resident Advisor and during that time made close connections with her peers educating them on social justice issues. . . . She served as an intern in a leadership series designed to promote diversity, social justice, leadership development skills, community service and personal growth. Thurgood Marshall College is proud of the contributions Doreen has made to our University, College and Community.

Thank you for allowing us to award a very deserving student.

Carol Schultz

Remembering Nancy Owen July 24, 1920- January 4, 2005

The New Year began with sad news for both the day and couples bridge groups. Longtime member Nancy Owen died on January 4. Nan's wide variety of interests and activities constantly amazed me. She was an avid bird watcher and a very accomplished photographer. Nan would travel to exotic locales and primitive camps to take photos of her feathered friends. For years she researched the beginnings and development of calendars of many cultures, and became an expert on Mayan writing and astronomical calculations. This area of ancient history fascinated Nan. She traveled to annual meetings in the field both to learn and present papers. At one of these meetings she met Lynn Rose who became her loving partner. Nancy was a masterful gardener. Her home was atop a hill. Glimpsing out the rear window one saw the tops of tree after trees. Look closer and see hanging baskets of epiphyllum in the trees. Look again and discover a simple path down the hill. A walk down her garden path led to a magical world of succulent gardens, large aviaries, and a bridge that crossed a babbling brook. In the bridge group listening to Nancy's stories of her adventures was delightful. Listening to her bidding could be frustrating. But she was a great player, and often came out on top. Nancy played bridge her way, and she lived life her way. That is what I admired most about her. She was a gutsy lady who pursued her interests to the end. Despite her failing health in recent years she kept traveling, going to concerts and plays, and playing bridge. She lived her life to the fullest, and I will miss her dearly.

Barbara Bank.



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This play like many of its kind in the 17th century, deals with the birth and death of love, with the battle between the forces of love and the rationalism of philosophers like Rousseau and Voltaire.

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