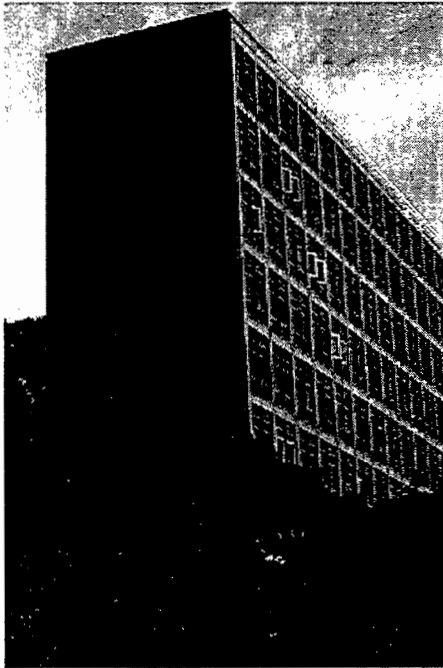

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Note from the Department Head

Robert O'Brien

Sociology at the University of Oregon continues to thrive, even though financial crisis looms all around us. Five hundred and ten university students major in sociology, and our enrollments increased by over 2% this past year. In part, we are able to do this because our faculty takes seriously its obligations, teaches extraordinarily well, and cares about our students. We also have a wonderful staff: Barbara Luton, Jim Craig, and Mary Redetzke continue to make the main office an efficiently run and warm place to be. Mimi Goldman (undergraduate program coordinator) and the Peer Advisors make the department accessible and understandable to our undergraduates.

This year we had guest speakers from the University of California at Berkeley: Michael Burawoy, who gave an address to our newly formed chapter of AKD, the sociology honors society; UCLA: Lawrence Bobo, and the University of California at Santa Cruz: William Domhoff. Each of these speakers gave one or more talks for faculty and students.

We continue to be in transition. Mary Romero and Eric Margolis took positions

at Arizona State University this year, and Jack and Marilyn Whalen resigned to take positions with IRL, a research and consulting firm founded by Xerox. This year we are losing Dick Gale to retirement. He has been a faculty member in the department for 30 years. In the past few years Dick has begun an Environmental Studies Program for the university that is booming both in terms of majors and enrollments. Dick has done a wonderful job for the department and the university and will be missed by all of us. With his departure, I become the third oldest member in the department (I will not divulge the names of those ahead of me).

One new colleague will join the faculty next year. Jocelyn Hollander received her Ph.D. from the University of Washington this spring. She specializes in the sociology of gender and of culture, social psychology, social movements, and the family. Hollander has published a book, with Judith Howard, entitled Gender Situations, Gendered Selves: A Gender Lens on Social Psychology and also co-authored an article with Howard in *Sociological Inquiry* entitled "Marking Time." In addition, she has published two chapters in books. She will help fill the gap in our teaching and scholarship in the area of social psychology left by the departure of Jack and Marilyn Whalen. She is a fine young scholar and an award winning teacher.

Dick Gale to Retire

Dick Gale has been teaching sociology at the University of Oregon since 1967. Gale received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1968. His specialties include Environmental Sociology, resource-dependent community change, and social movements. Gale has served as Director of the UO Environmental Studies Program and had a major role in establishing undergraduate majors and minors in Environmental Studies.

Gale, who says he "was born into" the field of sociology, gained a fascination for

the world of work as a child growing up in Portland from his father, who changed jobs 18 times in 25 years. The positions he held varied from blue-collar to white-collar jobs, and exposed Gale to many different environments. Later, as an undergraduate, Gale himself held two very different jobs. He loaded trucks for a freight company and worked as a clerk for a national bank. This extension of exposure to organizational environments essentially sealed his career path for him.

Gale has established himself as a leader in environmental sociology, publishing numerous articles and books on Pacific Northwest environmental issues and movements, including Social Science in Natural Resource Management Systems, which he co-edited with Marc L. Miller and Perry J. Brown in 1987, and "Forest-Dependent Communities and the New Forestry: How Wide the Welcome Mat in the Pacific Northwest?," published in the Northwest Environmental Review in 1991. Gale has also served as reviewer for numerous sociological and environmental publications.

When asked what he likes best about the University of Oregon, Gale replies that the UO is a mid-sized liberal arts university with much larger social science and humanities departments than one would find at similar sized general universities - and, of course, he loves the area.

Gale's well-known sidekick in the department, his dog Booker, has also been a significant contributor to the Sociology Department. When students come to Gale for advising and assistance, Booker helps break the ice and relax them so they're more comfortable and open in their discussions. Gale says he also sees Booker as a great student retention tool. If he sees a forlorn, scared freshman, for instance, walking down the halls nearly in tears under obvious stress and Booker approaches, tail wagging, Gale can see an immediate change in that student's outlook. In addition, Booker serves as Gale's "mental health dog," keeping him company in his office and during the long

drives to campus from his home in Florence.

Retirement is somewhat of a misnomer in describing Gale's future, as he plans to stay very active. In addition to continued supervision of the undergraduate sociology interns and other duties at the University of Oregon, Gale will continue his work in marketing and cooking for L & M Catering in Florence, which has the catering contract for the new events center there. He's serving an appointment as an ombudsman for the long term care program with the State of Oregon, assigned to the Siuslaw Care Center in Florence. In that capacity, he's responsible for monitoring treatment and assuring the rights of the residents there.

Gale says he wants to spend more time "messaging with music." He wants to learn to play the piano and will continue to give "pre-concert talks" at the events center in Florence.

The sociology department wishes him the best of luck and thanks him for his contribution to our department.

Representative Kitty Piercy to Address the Class of 1997



State representative Kitty Piercy will be the keynote speaker at the Sociology graduation ceremony. Her speech is titled "Building Our Future: Leadership, Activism & Social Justice."

Representative Piercy has taught school since 1964 when she graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She completed graduate work in political science at California State University, Hayward in 1969. She has taught at Eugene's Patterson Community School, providing an early childhood education program since 1984. Prior to this she was

an early childhood educator at Educational Environments, Inc. in Eugene.

Piercy has long been a political activist in the Eugene community, particularly on issues of public safety and civil rights. As the past chairperson for the Neighborhood Advisory Board for the Whiteaker Public Safety Police Station, she continues to help develop the station as a model for community involvement to deal effectively with neighborhood safety issues.

Representative Piercy's legislative priorities have been to address crime, education, health care, and labor issues. Her 1995 legislative bills focused on women and children's health, as well as economic and disability issues. In the upcoming session, Representative Piercy will serve as Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Children & Families, the House Committee on Human Resources, and the House Committee on Rules and Elections. She will also serve as the Assistant Minority leader for the Democratic members of the legislature.

Department of Sociology Now on the World Wide Web

Like many academic departments around the world, the Department of Sociology now has a presence on the World Wide Web. It contains links to related departments, the ASA and other resources for sociology professors and students. To access the pages, point your web browser to:

<http://oregon.uoregon.edu/~sociology>

Alpha Kappa Delta Initiates New Members

On May 12 in the Knight Library Browsing Room, Sociology undergraduates were welcomed into the University of Oregon's Alpha chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international Sociological Honor Society. The local chapter was founded in 1926 and has been through many changes. With this year's revival of AKD, under the leadership of co-presidents Jenny Diani and Emily Glenn, there are a total of 41 new members. At the ceremony, fifteen new members were recognized and received

certificates and the AKD handbook. Sociology Department Head Robert O'Brien, graduate students and faculty members were also in attendance.

The keynote speaker was Professor Michael Burawoy from the Sociology Department at the University of California, Berkeley. Burawoy gave a thought provoking, motivational talk on the political revolution of the labor industry, adding anecdotes from his own fieldwork experiences. Many people at the ceremony had worked closely with Burawoy, and were familiar with his dynamic abilities.

AKD, as a like-minded interest group for undergraduates, hopes to promote intellectual activism and interest in sociological issues. As an honor society it offers undergraduates valuable opportunities to publish papers, establish networks and become more active in the Sociology Department.

FACULTY NEWS

In his first year at U of O, **Michael Dreiling** completed his dissertation on the struggle over the NAFTA, published two articles, presented research on corporate strategy and NAFTA, and continued research on the political consequences of international trade.

John Bellamy Foster has become Co-Editor (along with John Jermier) of the new quarterly, peer-reviewed journal *Organization & Environment*, published by Sage. The first issue appeared in March 1997 and included articles by such well known environmentalists (and environmental sociologists) as Carol Adams, Ulrich Beck, Charles Perrow, Shirley Briggs (Rachel Carson's closest scientific collaborator) and Mary Mellor.

Marion Goldman was invited to write the entry for Rajneesh (Osho) for the 1998 *Microsoft Encarta*. Her chapter, "Alice Miller's Insights into Religious Seekership," appeared in Religion, Society, and Psychoanalysis, edited by Janet Jacobs and Donald Capps. She was featured on the *History Channel's* "Real West," discussing feminism and frontier prostitution. Her comments on the

Heaven's Gate suicides were reported in local media and on *CNN* and in *Newsday*.

Patricia Gwartney is on sabbatical this year, working on projects related to: family values and children's rights ideology with graduate student Craig Helmstetter, social structural influences on the quality of parent-child relationships with graduate student Jill Weigt, gender issues in workplace dispute resolution, and survey research methodological questions. She continues to direct the Oregon Survey Research Laboratory (see their web page at <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~osrl>). She also chaired the American Sociological Association's Thompson Award committee for the best graduate student paper concerning organizations, occupations and work.

Ken Liberman has spent this year mostly investing himself in his teaching following advice given to him years ago by Joan Acker. This summer he hopes to turn again to his research on the uses of formal analytic reason in Tibetan philosophical culture, with the assistance of a UO Faculty Summer Award.

Ben Johnson was a member of the external review committee evaluating the sociology department at the University of Nevada Reno (April 1997). He also participated in a one-day consultation on May 9 at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City. In January his presidential address to the Religious Research Association was the subject of a special story in the *New York Times*. The story was also run by many papers around the country.

Sandi Morgen will be doing one month of fieldwork in Viet Nam this summer as part of the CSWS Women and Gender in Viet Nam Research Interest Group and UO-Viet Nam Sister Universities Project. She will also be lecturing at Viet Nam National University in September as an invited guest of the centre for Research and Training for Women at Viet Nam National University. Her article, "Shaping the Constitution of Knowledge Producing Communities" was the lead article in the *Anthropology Newsletter 1996-1997 Series on the Known, the Unknown and the Unknowable in Anthropology*.

Bob O'Brien has agreed to serve another three years as the chair of sociology. Administrative duties keep him busy both within the department and across the university. In his free time, he taught the graduate Proseminar and social statistics courses at the undergraduate level. During the year he published two papers: one in a book, "Maslow's hierarchy and social adaptation as alternative accounts of value structures"; and in *Criminology*, "Police productivity and crime rates: 1973-1992."

Arlene Stein's book *Sex and Sensibility: Stories of a Lesbian Generation* has recently been published. Her other progeny, a son, is due in late June. Thanks to a postdoctoral fellowship, she will be spending the next two years changing diapers and doing fieldwork on the "culture wars" in two Oregon communities.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

TC Dumas received a three year ASA Minority Fellowship.

Sheila Page Edwards received the Anita McKey Pre-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of California Santa Barbara Center for Black Studies.

Dee Southard won an \$18,000 dissertation fellowship for 1997-98 from the Ford Foundation.

Phil Zuckerman received an "Honorable Mention" with an honorarium in the 1997 competition for the Graduate Teaching Fellows Awards for Outstanding Teaching. Five nominees (of 1,300 GTFs) were selected.

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Phi Beta Kappa News

Seven sociology undergraduate students were elected to the Alpha of Oregon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious honorary society in the nation. The society honors students whose undergraduate academic records fulfill the objectives of a liberal arts education.

The students elected from sociology are Andrea Christine Clark, George John Ionnides, James Lawrence Lynsky,

Adrienne Constance Mitchell, Yasuko Morisada (who was also elected to the Oregon Six -- six students voted the most outstanding of those elected to ΦBK), Krista Lee Moffitt and Steven Wade Volz.

1997 Latin Honors for Sociology Undergraduates

Graduating seniors who have earned at least 90 credits in residence at the University of Oregon and have successfully completed all other university degree requirements are eligible for university graduation with honors. These distinctions are based on students' percentile rankings in their respective graduating class as follows:

Top 10 percent *cum laude*
Top 5 percent *magna cum laude*
Top 2 percent *summa cum laude*

The following sociology seniors have earned these honors.

Cum laude: Ashley Elizabeth Bull, Andrea Christine Clark, Renae Julia Fegent, Laura Dawn Lindley, Susan Margaret Martin, April Ollivier, Jeffrey Russell Rueckhaus

Magna cum laude: James Lawrence Lynsky, Adrienne Constance Mitchell, Stephanie Eddi

Summa cum laude: Anna Marie Joyce, Yu Kawasaki, Yasuko Morisada, Ann Marie Strahm

ALUMNI NEWS

Mary Ellickson Caprarelli (BA 1965) is a claims representative with the Social Security Administration in San Dimas, CA. Her duties vary, which keeps her job interesting and enjoyable.

Linda McElroy Clem (BA 1965) is working as a Vocational Guidance Counsellor with Marshfield High School.

Ardy Dunn (PhD 1984) has just completed a year as President of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners and her new book, *Primary Pediatric Care*, is on the shelves. This fall she continues teaching

both nursing and sociology at the University of Portland.

Martin Meissner (PhD 1963) retired from the University of British Columbia after 31 years of employment.

Ingyu Oh (PhD 1996) has accepted a tenure track assistant professor position with the Department of Political Science at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Debbie Storrs (PhD 1996) has accepted a tenure track assistant professor position with the Department of Sociology at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

Department of Sociology Still Making It Despite Budgetary Cutbacks

In the wake of Measures 5 and 47 and decreased spending for higher education, the Department of Sociology has had its share of difficulties in making ends meet. But, due to the continued support of our alumni and other contributors, the impact has been cushioned considerably.

We are truly grateful to those who have contributed. We'd also like to ask you for your continued support of this department. When the University of Oregon Alumni Telefund calls you, it is possible for you to designate your contribution to go to the Sociology Department or give us a call at (541) 346-5002 and we can set up a meeting with you and representatives of the department and the University.

Peer Advising Gears Up for 97-'98

The peer advisors in 709 PLC have been very busy this year. In addition to referrals and general advising for graduation requirements, the office has developed more resources to meet the diverse needs of students. Peer advisors maintain graduate school files and old course syllabi, and have recently added a study abroad resource file. A current compilation of internships and practicums for Sociology majors has been growing since Fall term and is available to all students. Peer advisors are committed to providing accurate information in a comfortable, accessible setting.

This year's success of Sociology Peer Advising can be linked to the Campus-Wide Peer Advising Program, organized through the Office of Academic Advising and Student Services, under the direction of Wendy Haws and Mark Dillon. Every new peer advisor participates in a class which orients them to the University and helps them to establish networks with other departments' peer advisors. This year, coordinators Emily Glenn and Jenny Diani participated in the coordinators' class, a specialized leadership training course. During this time, coordinators exchanged techniques in many areas, from advertising services to promoting department-wide social activities. Erika Hoekelman and Kelly Heflin will be coordinating a team of seven peer advisors for the 1997-1998 year.

Let Us Hear from You

If you are a graduate of the Department of Sociology, please let us know how you're doing. Send your news to Department of Sociology, 1291 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1291. You can also send e-mail to the department by writing sociology@oregon.uoregon.edu.

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