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# THE FRIDAY BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 3, 1992

## WHEN THIMBLES ARE A DYMOND'S BEST FRIEND

A picture of that tiny, roundish, often metal, fez-shaped object that slips over a seamstress's thumb might be the first thought to enter your mind upon learning that thousands of adults the world over collect thimbles.

Your second thought might be a question: Why?

Collecting thimbles sounds—at least on the surface—about as exciting as

collecting coasters or golf tees or antique coat hangers. But you could never tell by talking to any one of the 335 conferees—including Judy Dymond (Theatre)—



who met down in San Diego in mid-August for their International Thimble Collectors (ITC) convention.

For 22 years now Dymond has been gathering up these ancient sewing



Judy Dymond's 1,000-plus thimble collection includes pieces from England, Africa, Germany, France and Spain. Photos by Jay Wampler

utensils. Thimbles in their earliest forms were probably simple pieces of leather wrapped around the finger. It was the Chinese who introduced bronze, brass and silver ring-like thimbles around the second century A.D.

"I've sewn all of my life," says Dymond, a member of ITC since 1980. The organization boasts 800 members. "When I first started thimble collecting, I was pregnant. A friend gave me a brass thimble with a safety pin in the rim, and said 'this is to pin to your apron so that you always have a thimble with you.'"

With more than 1,000 thimbles in her collection, Dymond says hers is small in comparison to others. Yet she possesses a little bit of almost every kind of thimble imaginable—porcelain ones, silver ones, brass ones, celluloid ones, plastic ones, ones with flower prints, with ads for real estate companies, coffee companies, cleaner companies, presidential candidates and rugmakers, one with a cow jumping over the moon and one of Senator Misrovsky, "whoever that is," says Dymond.

"What I specially collect are thimbles with the diamond shape on them, because of my name."

Thimble making and collecting is big business today. Franklin Mint has produced several series of thimbles. In 1979, Winifred Williams paid \$18,000 for a 240-year-old Meissen thimble that featured hand-painted harbor scenes within gold-trimmed cartouches.

And that is why thimble collectors collect thimbles, says Dymond. "It's really a love of the work of the artist, to preserve a part of history." In Germany, the Smithsonian Institute has devoted an entire museum to a large collection of thimbles.

But the attraction to collecting goes beyond artistry and history for Dymond.

"I think the most important part of thimble collecting is collecting friends. I'm sure I could go to any state in the union and be welcomed into someone's home that's a collector."

*(Have an interesting hobby? Know of someone who does? Let the Bulletin know at Ext. 5007 or drop a note.)*

## HOW THREE PROFESSORS SPENT THEIR SUMMER (VACATION?)

At the upper end of the Ojai Valley, 20 miles inland from the city of Ventura, 38 high school seniors (and, perhaps, a couple of extraordinary juniors) did their research this summer as it's meant to be done—together.

"It's a misconception," says Dr. Leo Connolly (Physics), academic director of the Summer Science Program for the past eight years, "that science is done in isolation. Good research is done by teamwork." The program is funded through the Young Scholars Program of the National Science Foundation.

Since 1959 the program has been training students. Intense and integrated, the month-and-a-half long program fuses math, physics, astronomy and computer science.

"These students start and finish their own research projects," says Connolly. "That has been consistent throughout the 34 years of the program. For that reason, it's a very intensive program. You can't waste time."

But there are no grades to worry about and no college credits to earn. Connolly is quick to add, "It's learning for the sake of learning." And at the end of the program, the students are "changed," he says, and they go on to apply at some of the best colleges in the country.

Southern California country and its summertime earthquakes seized the interest of Dr. Sally McGill (Geology) over the last several weeks.

All the shaking around San Bernardino County has given her untold opportunities to examine earth displacement in the area. McGill is among a host of researchers, including members of Cal Tech and the U.S. Geological Survey, who have set about mapping the 70 kilometer rupture created by the June 28 Landers quake.

At the most, says McGill, the earth in that area seems to have shifted six-and-one-half meters horizontally and one-and-one-half meters vertically.

McGill expects to be one of around 50 authors of a strip map that will show details of the splays and how the ground broke.

Although teaching summer session during August, Dr. Sherry Howie (Education) spent most of the traditional break writing a book on "College Thinking and Composing."

The book is aimed at entry-level college students, and is designed to impart the "necessary thinking skills that underlie writing," explains Howie. She expects the book to be published in about a year by Allyn & Bacon.

The book has evolved from some of Howie's work as a columnist for *The San Bernardino County Sun* during the past year. It will include examples of college writing collected through Cal State's English Department, and her writing classes within the School of Education.

### Opinion

#### 10 HOURS: THE FINAL CHAPTER

And when the last interview was through the results of the random, low-tech, highly unscientific survey on the popularity of working 10-hour days was tabulated. Sixteen in all (Eileen, Lisa, Joe, Cindy and Bill, Hamid, Lewis, Candy, Norm, Ben, Quentin, Pat D., Pat R.-G., Jimmy, Julius, Bernie and Harry) liked it. Dennis had mixed feelings. Karen and Jill had basically unmixed feelings. Then, the week of Sept. 7, they told co-workers for the last time, TGIT.

#### BILL SHUM

*Physical Planning and Development*



#### On Nice, Long Weekends and Not Worrying About the Dogs

"It gives us (Bill and his wife, Cindy) a chance to recover... We raise them (the dogs) in a Chinese way—self-reliance. So it's not a problem to feed them early in the morning, because we *don't* feed them early in the morning, but later in the afternoon. They just have to wait."

#### BEN GARCIA

*Custodial Services*



#### On Working 3 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

"I voted for these hours ... It's real quiet. I work on the third floor of the biology building. Sometimes it's just me and the cadaver up there."

#### JILL LEWIS

*Management Department*



#### Sleepy-eyed and Overheard in the Admin Hallway, 7 a.m.

"What are all these people doing in my bedroom?"

Photos taken spontaneously with a Polaroid camera by Jay Wampler.

## ON A PERSONNEL NOTE



### 1992 EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Four Years Extra Service Credit - Faculty  
Two Years Extra Service Credit - Staff

The 1992 early retirement incentive (AB1522) has been signed by the governor and the CSU is pleased to announce that implementation of this program has begun.

#### FACULTY

Retirements must be effective with PERS/STRS between August 15 and October 3, 1992, inclusive. This program applies to all employees eligible to retire and who are covered under the faculty bargaining agreement. It also applies to counselors and academic-related student services professionals formerly included in Unit 4 and currently represented by the CFA. Under the new legislation, faculty bargaining unit members will receive four years extra service credit in the calculation of their retirement income.

#### Who is eligible:

You must be currently employed by the CSU, and a member of Bargaining Unit 3.

You must retire no earlier than August 15 and no later than October 3.

If you are a PERS member, you must have five years of state service to be eligible to retire.

You must be at least 50 years old on your retirement date.

You must be retiring for service, and not requesting a disability retirement benefit.

Retiring faculty may choose to participate in either the Early Retirement or FERP, but not both.

#### STAFF

The 1992 early retirement incentive for staff also has been approved. Retirement must be effective between August 27 and October 31, 1992. You must be currently employed by the CSU and must retire no earlier than August 27 and no later than October 31. If you are a PERS member, you must have five years of state service to be eligible to retire. You must be at least 50-years-old on your retirement date. The retirement may be service or disability retirement.

Additional information may be obtained from the benefits officer, Marjorie Callaghan, Ext. 5138 in the Personnel Office.

### ASSISTIVE DEVICE PROGRAM REMINDER

Assistive Device Program Proposal request forms for Phase II should be obtained from and submitted to the Personnel Office no later than October 6, 1992. Requests will be forwarded to the Chancellor's Office for committee review and final approval.

For more information, please call Twillea Carthen, personnel management specialist at Ext. 5138.

### EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS

Treat your family to worlds of fun at a discount while the specials last.....

#### LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR

September 11 - October 4, 1992. Discount tickets are available in the Personnel Office (CASH ONLY).

	ADULT	CHILD (6-12)
Advance Prices	\$ 7.00	\$4.00
Gate Prices	\$10.00	\$5.00

Children 5 and under admitted free.

Fair fun pack also available for \$10 (a \$25 value offer).

Includes: 25 ride coupons

5 buy one/get-one-free game coupons

ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FAIR FUN PACKS CAN BE EXCHANGED FOR WRISTBANDS.

#### DISNEYLAND

Monday, September 7 - Friday, September 11 and Sundays, September 13, 20 and 27, 1992 from 9 a.m. to midnight.

\$20.75 per passport (2 years and under are free). Includes admission to Disneyland Park; unlimited use of all attractions (except Arcades); free parking (\$5 value); Main Street Electrical Parade and FANTASMIC through September 13.

Tickets are now available in the Personnel Office (CASH ONLY).

#### KNOTT'S BERRY FARM FALL SPECIAL

Tuesday, September 1 - Sunday November 1, 1992 from 9 a.m. to midnight.

Ticket prices:	Adults	\$11.95
	Children (3-11)	9.95

Children 2 and under are free.

#### KNOTT'S SCARY FARM

October 10 ONLY—\$22.00 per person

Tickets are available in the Personnel Office (CASH ONLY).

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact the Personnel Office at Ext. 5138.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### CONVOCATION, FACULTY RECEPTION

President Anthony Evans will deliver his annual convocation address on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. Held for all campus employees, the address will be held in the large gymnasium.

Four university employees will be honored when university administrators hand out the 1991-92 Employee Awards. Two will be for "Outstanding Staff Employee" and two for "Excellence In Performance."

The traditional faculty reception, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 18, has been cancelled for this year. In an effort to minimize expenses at a time of much budget uncertainty, Evans and university vice-presidents have decided to forgo the faculty reception, but to continue the convocation reception, to which all are invited.

### ASBESTOS BUSTERS

If you happen to spy strange creatures dressed like spacemen atop or around or down in the Student Union, not to worry. It's only work crews wearing protective clothing. They are removing the Student Union roof, which is in need of repair due to small leaks of asbestos. Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. the Student Union will be closed for five full days. It is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 a.m.

### LABOR DAY

A reminder to all employees that the campus will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.



Cal State and the Hillside-University Demonstration School in San Bernardino are the only American sites featured in a one-hour television special that will be broadcast in England on September 15. The university's partnership in the Reading Recovery program and its expanding influence in the upcoming year will be reported in the British Broadcasting Corp. documentary. The program also covers Reading Recovery in London and New Zealand locales.

## PERSONNEL

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Full-time, permanent  
Beverly Johnston  
CA III  
University Relations  
Ext. 5006, AD-104

### PROMOTION

Jonova Knickerbocker  
CA IV  
University Relations  
Ext. 5006, AD-104

## THANKS...

...From Dan Moseley (Audio-Visual) to all those university employees who donated sick leave or vacation time on his behalf during his recuperation from surgery. The donations went far beyond the need. Dan returned to work on Monday, Aug. 24 and feels "excellent."

## CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

#### CONVOCATION.

Annual convocation address by President Anthony Evans and bestowal of Employee Awards. Reception to follow. 9 a.m., large gymnasium.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

#### CAMPUS BBQ.

Kick off the academic year. Fun for the whole family. BBQ reservations required. 2 p.m.-6 p.m., P.E. fields.

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