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From the President

It's that time of year when we watch the mail, monitor the phone calls and

observe the students coming in to our offices to register for summer session. Are our enrollments going to be up, stay the same, or, heaven forbid, plunge?

Charlie White doesn't have that problem since he retired last year. He's probably doing some consulting, travelling, and sitting in his office with his feet on his desk just waiting to get some mail from all of you. You see, Charlie recently agreed to be the WASSA archivist. Any of you who run across old

WASSA files you don't want to keep anymore should box them up and send them to Charlie at 2004 SE 32nd Avenue, Portland, OR, 97214. Thanks, Charlie.

Karen Simpkins from Idaho State is currently at home recovering from a

brief stay in the hospital. She is expected to be back at work in time for summer. Good luck, Karen.

I've been spending a lot of time recently in our lobby, talking to students as they register, and answering telephones. What better way to take the pulse of students. One thing I've noticed is that students seem to be taking more classes this summer. It looks as if we should have a good summer here at San Diego State. (Well, now I've probably put a curse on my program.)

I recently attended a conference in New Orleans and got to spend some time with a few WASSA people. One night, **Dori Beeks**, **Paul Aizley**, and **Norm Watt** forced me to go to Pat O'Brien's. Naturally, we sat by the piano player and Norm was in peak form, singing along and directing the audience to follow. The only thing missing was the rest of you, but that can be corrected by attending the Seattle conference. See you then and have a successful summer.

Larry Cobb, President

Fall Meeting, October 35, 1990

The University of Washington and Pacific Lutheran University are hosts of the 45th annual fall meeting of WASSA to be held in Seattle, Washington. APreparing for the TwentyFirst Century@ is the theme with presentations addressing the need to initiate change in administrative policies and procedures, changing student needs, the internationalization of curriculum and the need for collaborative efforts with business, government and other universities.

An opening evening president's reception is planned including a singalong and a hat contest with prizes. So, bring your favorite headdress and tune up your vocal chords.

Standard features to be included in the conference program are: the

workshop for new administrators and members, presented this year by **Gary Penders** of UCLA; presentation of exemplary programs of 1990; a catalog workshop with information for strengthening the main marketing tool of summer Sessions.

Norm Watt of University of British Columbia has, for the past several years, been host of the AWorld's Worst Art@ naming contest which is held during the

fall meeting. All conference attendees are cordially invited to join Norm in previewing some of the world's finest bad art, all purchased for under \$5

apiece and donated to Norm prior to the fall meeting. Participants suggest names for these original works and those providing the wittiest titles win prizes for their efforts. The art is auctioned off at a Vancouver, B.C. fundraiser in November with proceeds going to charity.

The closing banquet features recognition of outstanding programs, the Charlie Award for best catalog, and the Distinguished Service Award and is followed by an evening of dancing.

The traditional close of the fall meeting, a final breakfast and business meeting, will include a new innovation the WASSA cheer, developed at the NAASS conference early this year.

This year's conference is in the University District of Seattle at the Meany Tower Hotel, which claims that every guest room has a corner view.

A fully detailed brochure for this year's fall meeting will be sent in late June.

In Search of a Few Good Women - and Men

Nominations for WASSA's Distinguished Service Award will be accepted until June 30 of this year by President **Larry Cobb**.

Initiated in 1988, the award recognizes individuals in WASSA who have made outstanding contributions to the organization. Nominations are made in writing to the President and considered by the Executive Committee.

Criteria for the award are listed in the June 1988 issue of the *WASSA Newsletter*. If you have recycled that issue, you may obtain a copy of the award

guidelines by contacting the newsletter editor.

Send your nominations by June 30 to:

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Reminders

To make your 1990 bulletin eligible for a Charlie Award, send four copies by August 1 to:

Sandra Willcox

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If your summer session has an outstanding special program this summer, it can be submitted for consideration for a WASSA Exemplary Program Award. The three categories are credit, noncredit, and administrative. Contact **Bruce Thompson** at UCLA for details on submission and deadlines.

Winners of these awards and others are announced at the fall meeting in Seattle.

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