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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

I would like the campus community to be aware that I have appointed Professor Therese Whitcomb as Curator and Director of University Design effective August 1, 1982. The purpose of this position is to focus upon the consistency and integrity of interior design throughout the campus.

I am happy that Professor Whitcomb is willing to accept this part-time responsibility.

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WASC Accreditation:

Two copies of the USD Self-Study and accompanying documentation are available for faculty, administrators, staff or students to check out in the Copley Library. The Self-Study was prepared to assist a team which will be appointed by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and which will visit USD from October 5-8, 1982, to determine if the institution should have its accreditation reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission.

New Building:

The new building, Guadalupe Hall, is scheduled for completion this month. The building will have a large conference room which will be available for meetings. The room will seat approximately twenty persons, and will be scheduled by calling the Special Events Office.

Director of Academic Computing:

Dr. Jack Pope of the Mathematics Department has been appointed Director of Academic Computing, effective September 1, 1982. He will continue to teach part-time during the academic year and devote full time to Academic Computing during the summer months.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Stacy Langton, Mathematics, has been appointed Program Coordinator of the College of Arts and Sciences' new major in Computer Science. He will have responsibility for all aspects of the Computer Science curricular program and student advising.

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Dr. Dennis Clausen of the English Department has just been notified by his publisher, Bantam Books of New York, that his novel, Ghost Lover, will be reissued in September of 1982. Dr. Clausen's novel will be one of the items in a series made available to bookstores throughout the United States and Canada. This time the novel will receive the full promotional benefits of floor displays in major bookstore chains, and it will be accompanied by some national best sellers and classics in the Gothic horror genre. Some of the other books in the series are Blatty's The Exorcist, Anson's The Amityville Horror, Poe's The Tell-Tale Heart and Other Writings, Stoker's Dracula, Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and Shelley's Frankenstein. The 17 books in the series were selected from the several hundred titles Bantam has published in this genre over the past 5 years. The books were selected on the basis of sales records, critical and readership acceptance, and/or longevity in the Gothic genre. Dr. Clausen's novel was selected on the basis of reviews in Publishers Weekly and elsewhere, and on the basis of the sales record it established in the Trade Market without the benefit of promotion or advertising.

Ghost Lover has also been nominated by Bantam Books for the 1983 Edgar Allen Poe Award in literature. The "Edgar Awards" constitute the highest national honor in the area of Gothic/Mystery fiction. Only a handful of books are nominated from the hundreds of titles Bantam publishes in the genre each year. Dr. Clausen's novel was selected as one of the nominees on the basis of its critical reception in Publishers Weekly and elsewhere.

Dean Edward DeRoche, School of Education, has been appointed to membership on the Salk Institute's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects and the Institutional Biosafety Committee of the Salk Institute Biotechnology/Industrial Associates, Inc.

Dr. Daniel Moriarty, Psychology, chaired a session of the Western Psychological Association Convention recently in Sacramento. He also presented a paper that reported the results of his recent work on the neurochemical processes mediating tonic immobility, a predator defense behavior in chicks.