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MEETING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 1991

SPEAKERS: **Camille Anderson** & **Kristi Franklin and Alysa Keller**
Graduate Student & Undergraduate Students
San Diego State University San Diego State University

TOPICS: "Santiago Peak Volcanics: An accreted island arc or volcanic cover of the Peninsular Ranges Batholith" & "Sedimentology and stratigraphy of the Penner Lake facies of the Grizzly Formation, northern Sierra Nevada, California, Parts I & II."

PLACE: Qwiig's Bar and Grill
5083 Santa Monica Avenue
Ocean Beach, San Diego

TIME: 6:00 - Social Hour
7:00 - Dinner
8:00 - Program

DINNER: White sea bass, house salad, potatoe, vegetable, country rolls, coffee/tea, and white chocolate gelato.

COST: \$19.00 (Please make checks payable to SDAG)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! By noon, Monday, April 15. Please phone in your reservation ASAP to the receptionist at **Leighton and Associates**, (619)292-8030. Please call Leighton and Associates if you need to cancel your reservation.

SUMMARY: SDAG recently awarded scholarships to three students in the Geology Department at San Diego State University. Graduate student, Camille Anderson and undergraduate students Kristi Franklin and Alysa Keller were the honored recipients. Their respective thesis topics will be presented at this month's meeting. Our thanks to our 1990 corporate sponsors for their support of this scholarship effort!

NOTE: Due to multiple requests of our members, **SMOKING** will no longer be permitted in SDAG meeting rooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. SDAG would like to thank **F & C DRILLING AND WOODWARD-CLYDE CONSULTANTS** for being a 1991 SDAG corporate sponsor!!! SDAG is still looking for other corporate sponsors to help in our yearly expenses. Corporate contributions are used to sponsor students at our monthly meetings and to upgrade our equipment, etc. If you or your company would like to become a corporate sponsor and be recognized in our SDAG newsletter, directory, and at the following month's meeting, send a minimum \$100 contribution to SDAG c/o Lyne Perry at Leighton and Associates. (Thanks, F & C Drilling and Woodward-Clyde Consultants).

2. SDAG is pleased to announce that we are continuing to pay the annual subscription fee for our adopted journal at the San Diego Natural History Museum library. SDAG has adopted the Journal of Sedimentary Petrology. The museum library is important to museum scientists and is open to outside researchers. Please call Tom Demere at (619) 232-3821 if you or your firm would like to adopt a journal.

3. The Geological Society of America will hold its Annual Meeting this year in the San Diego Convention Center, October 21-24. The meeting will emphasize Environmental Geology. Volunteered abstracts are due by July 3 (Contact GSA abstract coordinator at 303-447-8850). A spectacular array of Field Trips has been planned (Contact Mike Walawender, field trip chairman 619-594-6543). A few Exhibitor Booths are still available (call Kathy Lynch at GSA 800-472-1988).

4. SDAG is pleased to announce that we have made a contribution to the Geological Society of America's 1991 Top Seniors Fund-- thanks to the generous support of our members and corporate sponsors! The program invites top-notch undergraduate students to the 1991 annual meeting in San Diego and assists in expenses. If you or your firm would like to sponsor a student (or two or?), please contact Kathleen Ohmie-Lynch of GSA at (303) 447-2020 for more information. For GSA Membership information, contact Diane Murbach at 966-8672.

5. **IT'S HERE.** The 1989 SDAG/SCEPP publication has finally arrived. Publications can be purchased at the monthly meetings or by contacting Sue Tanges at Leighton and Associates.

6. Deadline for announcements to be included in the May newsletter is April 28. Please submit in writing to Lyne Perry at Leighton and Associates (FAX (619) 292-0771).

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In Memoriam

RICHARD PORTER PHILLIPS, SR.

March 15, 1928 - March 22, 1991

As many of you know, Dick Phillips recently passed away after a bout with cancer which lasted for several months. A memorial mass was celebrated for him by his brother Fr. Paschel Phillips at All Hallows Church in La Jolla on March 26.

Dick's teaching career revolved around the University of San Diego, where he taught for 20 years and was founder and coordinator of the Environmental Studies Department. Here he developed and taught an interdisciplinary program of environmental, geological, and marine studies, and conducted research into shallow marine and estuarine environments. His full professorship was awarded shortly before his death.

In addition, he had the distinction of replacing Ellis Roberts in the SDSU Department of Geological Sciences during sabbatical leaves on three occasions - 1956-58, 1964-66, and 1969-72. Dick's teaching focus at SDSU was economic and marine geology, plus geophysics and computer applications to geology. As a geophysical/geological researcher of Baja California, Dick contributed to the landmark body of work in that region conducted by the Department of Geological Sciences.

Stanford University awarded Dick three of his four degrees: a B.S. in mining engineering, 1949; an M.S. in mining, 1951; and an M.S. in geophysics, 1956. His 1964 Ph.D. thesis, "Geophysical Investigation in the Gulf of California," was written at UCSD/SIO where he earned the first doctoral degree in marine geophysics awarded from that institution.

In 1966, Dick became Executive Director of the San Diego Natural History Museum, a position which he held until 1969. He was a major donor to the museum, a trustee from 1970 to 1984, and remained involved in museum activities and management until his death.

Dick engaged in several community based activities which reflected his expertise: the San Diego Earthquake Awareness Committee (1986-), the Anza Borrego Foundation (trustee, 1968-), and board member of the Citizens Coordinate for Century Three (1980-1984). He belonged to the Western Society of Naturalists, San Diego Association of Geologists, San Diego Field Ornithologists, as well as GSA, AGU, AAAS, and SSA. He was a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences.

Two of his recent accomplishments which Dick was most proud of were his Fulbright Professorship to the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (1984-85), and position as Director of the National Science Foundation Oceanography Short Course (1990). While in Malaysia, Dick taught at the university, assisted with coastal research projects, and helped the Malaysian government develop a program for the management of marine resources.

As NSF Oceanography Short Course Director, he oversaw a 3-week intensive program for forty 2- and 4-year college professors from 18 states and 3 countries who came to USD to study recent developments in geological and biological oceanography. Project activities were both land and sea based, and ranged into Baja California as well as the research laboratories of Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Dick Phillips was a true renaissance scientist, whose expertise and interests ranged over a large intellectual landscape. He was a talented naturalist, a teacher of dedication and integrity, and was generous with his time and gifts toward community efforts. He leaves an immense gap in the fabric of the San Diego geologic community.

Dick is survived by his wife Louise, a brother and sister, six children, and eight grandchildren. Those of you who remember Dick, especially as a teacher or teaching colleague may wish to participate in a memorial event for him to be held at the University of San Diego on April 15. Call Shannon O'Dunn's office (465-1700 ext 690) for details. There will be a chapel service, followed by a reception in Dick's office. The family has suggested memorial donations to the Anza Borrego Foundation or to the Environmental Issues Fund at USD, care of 3609 Brookshire Street, San Diego, 92111.

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