

# UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION 715 SOUTH 121st STREET TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98447

### NEWSLETTER

### USA INCORPORATES! NAMES INTERIM BOARD

The University Scholars Association ebulliently announces the glorious occasion of our timely incorporation as a Washington non-profit organization.

As required by the articles of incorporation, authored by Dr. Tony Lauer and now enshrined in a file in Olympia, the Board of Directors of USA is comprised of five persons.

The members of the board are serving only the first year, as a matter of legal necessity and practicality. The Association will democratically elect its officers at the first annual meeting next May.

The directors at the time of incorporation are Dr. Curtis Huber, president (philosophy); Dr. William Hutcheon, vice president (business); Charles Nelson, secretary-treasurer (registrar); Dr. Richard Jungkuntz (provost); and Dr. Lauer (business).

### USA ENROLLMENT TOPS 90 REMAINDER SOUGHT THIS FALL

Approximately 93 faculty and administrators have enrolled in the University Scholars Association at the time of printing. Membership cards are being printed and will be sent to all registered persons in short order.

USA hopes to enroll the remainder of the faculty by mid-autumn. The Association has been bouyed by the initial response and self-less dedication of many who have collectively made outright donations of over \$1,000 to get USA through its first months.

For a mere \$5 a month, faculty and administrators can add their names to the growing association rolls. Charter membership applications are available from the registrar's office.

A distinct advantage of USA membership is that the monthly fee is automatically and painlessly deducted from the member's paycheck, at the agreement of each person.

For those interested, USA bylaws and the constitution will be available to all at the first Association meeting this fall.

## AUGUST "WORK MONTH" CULMINATES IN OPEN HOUSE

A Friday, September 1, open house, scheduled from 4:00-9:00 p.m., is prompting furious renovative activity at the USA facility at 715 So. 121st Street.

In addition to plans for redecorating the basement for a lounge and meeting room, the garage for a recreation room and extensive painting throughout, USA also envisions a "library"-reading room and a private dining facility which will be available to all members on a reservation basis.

Dave Christian (communication arts) comprises a committee of one to investigate the possibility of installing and developing an appropriate sound system. Ernst Schwidder is directing the interior decoration.

Costs for the renovation, as well as those incurred for the Board of Adjustment and incorporation fees, have been met through the unstinting generosity of faculty and administrators who have personally donated hundreds of dollars. Such contributions reflect the value attached to the faculty association.

Several area businesses, evidencing good will toward USA and PLU, have indicated a willingness to donate various special furnishings to the house.

#### LIGHTNING STRIKES 715 So. 121st STREET

Providence struck the USA founders like a bolt of lightning the evening Chuck Nelson phoned fortuitious homeowner Cap Jacobs (physics) to see if he wished to sell his ideally located house. He did.



A contemporary brick structure located directly across 121st from the Administration Building, the former Jacob's home will soon boast the Schwidder-designed seal of the USA.

The facility is ideal for the planned meeting and service orientation of USA. The proposed discussion and dining rooms are available to all members and their guests on a reservation basis.

Chuck Nelson was successful in locating a purchaser for the house. A Seattle investment group, which has a high regard for Pacific Lutheran, bought and will lease the house to the Association at an approximate cost of \$225 a month.

Zoning, a hurdle to the establishment of an association house, was overcome after a five-hour session with the Pierce County Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission, with the assistance of the good offices of A. Dean Buchanan (PLU vice president for business).

Permission was granted for a conditional use permit, the principle condition for the granting of which is the erection of a 6 foot fence in the back yard on the east and west sides.

Arrangements for grounds-keeping and security at the house have also been made with Pacific Lutheran through the offices of Buchanan.

### ASSOCIATION MEETS ZONING REGULATIONS

The new fence bordering the rear of the Faculty House lot was erected to comply with the Planning Commission's requirements for a permit to use the building as a faculty club in a residential area. The fence represents the labor and talent of Bill Hutcheon, Chuck Nelson, Dave Carvey and Curt Huber.

Also stipulated by the zoning permit is a parking limitation of one car in the driveway and a membership limited exclusively to PLU faculty and administration.

## FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS — DOLLARS SHAPE THEM

The initial shape of Faculty House is the result of many \$100 contributions from members who share a great faith in the potential of faculty fellowship. Capital for the sign, fencing and interior decoration was provided by President Wiegman, Dick Junjkuntz, Richard Moe, Clayton Peterson, Brad Munn, Bill Hutcheon, Chuck Nelson and Curt Huber.

A number of others have expressed an intent to underwrite further costs of remodeling, which is most welcome. Your contribution is also heartily welcome. Funds are needed to complete the transformation of the garage into a game room, (table tennis, billiards), and to provide dishes, stemware, furniture and other appointments.

And when dollars are short, your talent and time are always needed to bring the vision into focus. Literally hundreds of hours have been spent in planning and working to make the University Scholars Association a reality. Many more hours of labor will be needed. Sign up now. Faith is active in love.

#### **AUTUMN ACTIVITIES PLANNED**

The directors of University Scholars are planning for a modest but interesting schedule of activities at the Faculty House this fall, specific dates will be announced in a later issue of The Newsletter.

Activities in September include the formal dedication of the Faculty House with the Rev. Gordon Lathrup officiating, and a New Faculty Reception to welcome new professors and administrators to our midst.

October activities include the first official meeting of the membership and a Halloween party later in the month.

An Election Eve TV Party is scheduled for November.

### MASTER PLAN FOR INTERIOR DECORATION

Ernst Schwidder, Chairman of the Art faculty, was selected by the directors to make a master plan for the interior decoration and renovation of the Faculty House. The colors and woods were personally selected by Ernst.

Although the decorating will not be complete by September 1, it is hoped that in the next few months more contributions and donated talent will make the master plan fully a reality.

Principal advisors to the directors for the furnishing of the house are Ernst Schwidder and Lucille Giroux. Most of the furniture temporarily enhancing the various rooms has been rented from Western Furniture Leasing Company of Tacoma at a nominal cost. Painting and rental fees were made possible from the initial contributions of dedicated members.

It is hoped that several business establishments and more \$100 contributions from the membership will eventually make it possible to permanently furnish the entire Faculty House.