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### DINNER MEETING

◊Tuesday, January 13, 1987

◊Stevens Steak House  
5332 Stevens Place  
Commerce, California  
(T.G. 53 F2)

◊\$14.00 (Includes Tip)

◊For Reservations, call:  
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PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON  
THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

◊5:30 Social Hour  
6:30 Short Topic

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John Byer will give a presentation  
on "Retaining Devices, The Good,  
The Bad and The Ugly."

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6:45 Dinner  
7:30 Announcements  
8:00 Speaker  
9:00 Section Affairs

### SPEAKER AND TOPIC

Professor Thomas K. Rockwell, San Diego State University

"HOLOCENE SLIP-RATES & EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS OF THE WHITTIER-  
ELSinORE FAULT ZONE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA"

Professor Rockwell and his students have determined the slip-rate and spectacular evidence of Holocene displacement at several locations along the Elsinore fault zone from Riverside County to northern Mexico. Among the more exciting discoveries are displacements which probably occurred during the 1910 Temescal Valley earthquake. His work provides completely new information on slip-rates and the earthquake hazards along this important fault zone; the research indicates that a major earthquake may be expected along this fault zone within the Los Angeles Metropolitan area. These results are of concern to all southern California geologists and residents!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

The December meeting was a smashing success, attended by 110 section members. The speaker, Charles Bennett, from the law firm Dennison, Bennett & Press, gave an excellent presentation on litigation and the role of the engineering geologist as an expert witness. And Hugh Robertson presented a short topic on what constitutes distress versus normal construction defects on residential properties. Hugh's information was illustrated with slides of typical distress patterns. Everyone at the December meeting found a surprise waiting at the table. Irene Smith, Assistant to the Chairman, bought and gift wrapped 110 bottles of white zinfandel wine. Irene raised the funds for the holiday gifts by obtaining donations from the following companies: Robertson Geotechnical; Holt and Associates; Kovacs-Byer and Associates; LeRoy Crandall and Associates; Converse Consultants; Robert Stone and Associates; Lockwood Singh and Associates; Grover and Associates; California Geosystems; and Shaffer-Dixon and Associates. On behalf of the Southern California Section we thank Irene Smith for all her work and the firms for their generous donation to what we hope will be a yearly event.

The Spring Field Trip is taking shape, and a tentative trip outline was distributed at the meeting. Those wishing to participate in the planning and execution of the field trip should call Jon Irvine at Kovacs-Byer (818) 980-0825.

A "Member Firm Questionnaire" was distributed at the December meeting. The information collected will be used to create a list of consultants. If your firm has not completed a questionnaire and wishes to be on the list, you will find a copy included in this newsletter. Please return the completed forms to me at: Kovacs-Byer and Associates, 11430 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604-3182. The Geotechnical Review Committee is slowly taking shape; it needs a chairman and additional volunteers.

Regarding the SHORT TOPIC at the section meeting, I need volunteers for upcoming months. Otherwise you will be bombarded by case histories from the files of Kovacs-Byer and Associates.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Hakimian Engineering, Inc. has an immediate opening for the position of Staff Engineering Geologist and Soil Engineer with at least two years experience, excellent report writing and communication ability, able to work independently. Salary range: \$1800-2500/month. Send resume to: Hakimian Engineering, Inc., 13003 Ladana Court, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 Attn: Edward Saliba (213) 946-7783

Schaefer Dixon Associates, Inc. is accepting applications for a staff level geologist position in their L.A. office. Applicants should have from 2 to 5 years experience in geologic hazards investigations and hillside grading projects (preferably in southern California). Registration is not required. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits and advancement potential in a growing geotechnical firm dedicated to technical excellence. Contact Jeff Butelo at (213) 413-4006 or (800) 233-2729 or send confidential resume to Schaefer Dixon Associates, Inc., 2500 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1111, Los Angeles, CA 90057.



HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) Continuing Education Committee will present a two-day course on strong ground motion. The course will provide a clear understanding of ground motion issues relating to practical engineering design. The course is tentatively scheduled for April 3 and 4, 1987, in San Francisco and April 24 and 25, 1987, in Los Angeles. Special emphasis will be given to the interface among the geosciences and engineering disciplines. The course will clarify the assumptions, limitations, and appropriateness of different ground motion characterizations, such as code zones and coefficients, recurrence intervals, response spectra, and time histories as they relate to professional practice.

For further information, please send your name and address to J.P. Singh, c/o EERI, 6431 Fairmont Avenue, Suite 7, El Cerrito, CA 94530-3624.

Below is a schedule of deadlines for information to be included in the newsletter. They are the dates by which the materials must be RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR.

February Newsletter.....JAN 22  
March Newsletter.....FEB 10

BLACK HUMOR

~~We hate to kick a fellow professional when he's down, so think of the following as jokes about Texans rather than workers in the oil patch.~~

- The difference between a pigeon and a Texas oilman is that a pigeon can still make a deposit on a Mercedes.
  - How do you make a small fortune in Texas oil? Start with a big one.
  - What do you call a petroleum geologist? Hey, waiter!
  - A Texas bank is giving away a toaster or an oil well if you open an account.
- Everybody's taking the toasters.

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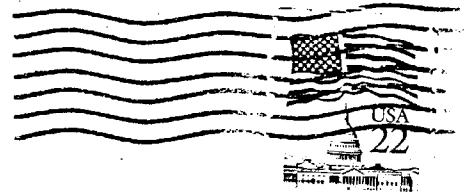
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