

Dear

*My thoughts are with you today. You were the best professor I ever had. It was a pleasure to get to know you. I wish you all the best for the future. I also send you a ticket to have a round the world trip....*

*First stop: One week stay at a nice house by the beautiful Norwegian coast, Hafrsfjord.*

*Love, Fatos Cecan Arnes*

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Dear Professor Levenspiel:

It's been twenty years since I graduated from Oregon State. I am very grateful for the quality of education I received in OSU's chemical engineering program. I remember the "fun" we all had proofing your then new book; these cooperative efforts in teamwork were a very valuable addition to my career development.

It saddens me somewhat that someone of your caliber is retiring. However, it is a well earned retirement and I appreciate all you have taught me.

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Professor Octave Levenspiel  
Chemical Engineering Department  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, Oregon

FAX # (503) 737-3546

Dear Professor Levenspiel,

Congratulations on your retirement!

Your contribution to the Chemical Engineering Department of OSU has been keenly felt by me and every student who has had the good fortune to be associated with the department.

I thank you for your dedication to your teaching. Your classes were not only informative and educational, but fun.

I am always reminded of the differences between the OSU Chem E. Department and that at Berkeley, especially in regards to the undergraduate program. The professors at Oregon State always took a deep interest in the undergraduates and provided the very best in instruction. The professors at Berkeley tended to put the undergraduate program third or fourth on their agenda. You, as well as Professors Wicks and Mrazek, were especially responsible for that exceptional program at OSU and I thank you for it.

Again, Congratulations on your retirement. You certainly deserve it.

Best regards,

Dr. Michael L. Nichols  
Class of 1971

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## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: OCTAVE LEVENSPIEL  
FAX 503/737-3546 OR  
503/737-3155

FROM: MIKE SAILOR CLASS OF 1971

DATE: June 6, 1991

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT ?

A FAX-IN now that's a new one. But then I shouldn't be surprised.

Congratulations on your retirement!! Do not plan on slowing down though. Most of the staff who have retired at CH2M HILL are busier now. We continually try to get many of them to assist us in their specialty but find them "too busy to help but call me next time."

I was always amazed at how you were able to quote exact words and numbers from specific pages without opening the book. Even though you wrote the book this always seemed like magic to me. I continue to use your Chemical Reaction Engineering book even though the copyright date is 1962. I have found very few errors and they must be the same ones we all tried to convince you of back in 1970/71 (JUST KIDDING).

As for me, I am currently the Division Manager of our Water and Wastewater group in the Corvallis office. I am the only ChE in the group (the rest of them are in our Hazardous Waste group). My ChE background is very well suited to the treatment schemes we are using and developing and I am most grateful for the strong base you have helped provide me.

Congratulations again

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6/6/91

Dr. Levenspiel,

Good Luck with your  
Retirement. I hope you find  
a lot of enjoyable things to do  
(besides reaction kinetics).

Thank you for helping me get through  
my Senior year at OSU.

You are an asset to the Human Race.

Sincerely,

Bob Wade

ChE Class of 72

Thu-Jun 6

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Time-----  
7:43am (Self)


DEAR PROFESSOR LEVENSPIEL:

THANKS FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ONE BOOK IF ONE WERE EVER STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLE (HOUGEN, WATSON & RAGATZ). ACTUALLY IT WOULD BE THE SECOND BOOK (THE 1ST ONE BEING THE BIBLE). APPRECIATE ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR THE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING PROFESSION AS A WHOLE, AND FOR MYSELF.

I CONSIDERED YOU MY MOST DYNAMIC PROFESSOR, AND IF I HAD ONE REGRET RELATIVE TO ONE OF YOUR CLASSES, IT WAS THAT FOR REACTION KINETICS, WE USED YOUR BOOK AND YOU FELT IT WAS SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF YOUR LECTURES TO GO WITH IT.

WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR JUNE 30, 1991 RETIREMENT.

WARMEST REGARDS,

  
JIM D. HUFF  
(CLASS OF '73)

7/1/06/07

Hello Dr. Levenspiel!

I wish you the very best in your retirement. You were one of the best, funnest, enjoyable, and interesting teachers I have had. Your classes were the greatest!

Take Care.

Tom Englyan

Class of 1973

Dr. Levenspiel -

Have a happy retirement! And best wishes to you and your family.

Thanks for being the best engineering professor I ever had.  
 Thanks for giving me insights to kinetics - I ended up doing my  
 Master's Thesis in gas-phase kinetics.

But most of all, thanks for Chemical Reaction Engineering.

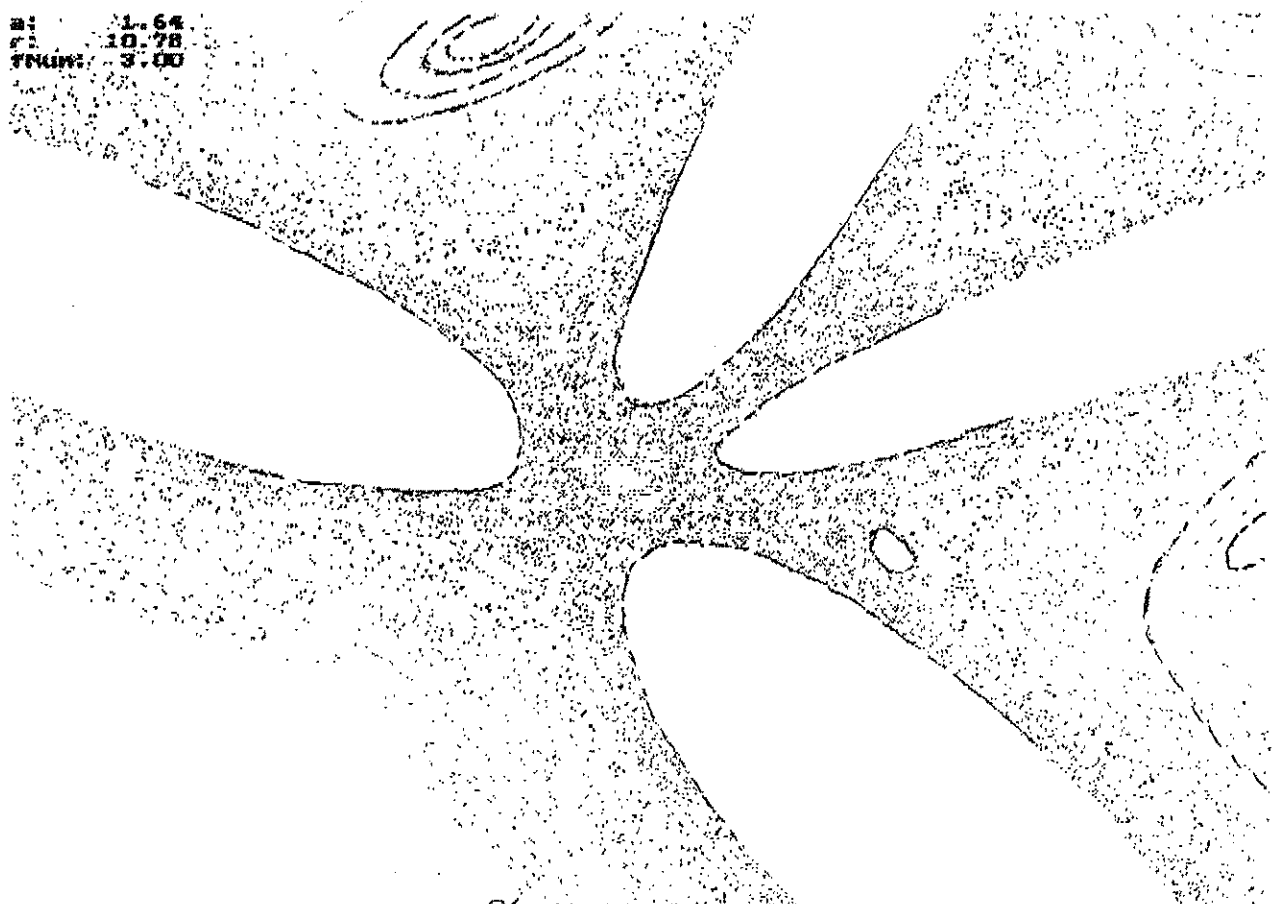
Sincerely,

*Patrick Easley*

Patrick Easley,  
 Class of '75

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I STILL HAVEN'T COME ACROSS ANY  
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ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT  
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You are most remembered and respected

professor. Thank you for your

dedication and perseverance.

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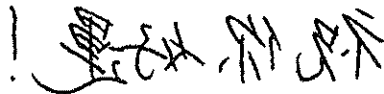
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unfluidized?

Dear Dr. Levenspiel,

I hear that you are retiring. It is hard to believe that you are old enough to retire. Even though it has been fifteen years since I had you as a CHE prof, it seems like yesterday. I can still remember some of those wacky problems you give us - like calculating the heat loss from the dorsal fin of a porpoise; or pumping peanut butter. I always enjoyed the stories you would tell about your consulting experiences and the history of antifeezes.

One experience that sticks in my mind, and I don't know why, but I have this memory of you, Richard Beyer and me in the class room across from the CHE office and you demonstrating how you could write backwards. Maybe my mind is playing tricks on me, but if it is not, then you shouldn't have any trouble reading this.

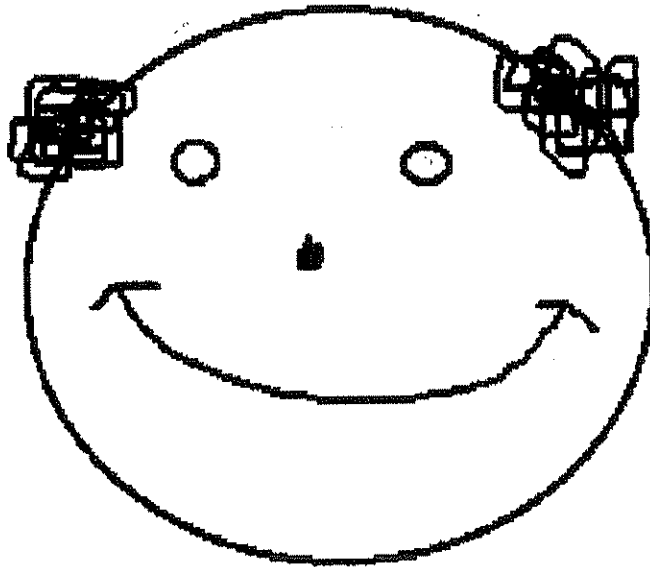
Best of luck to you in your retirement. Enjoy. I'm glad I was one of the lucky ones who had the opportunity to learn reaction kinetics from one of the masters and to experience your enjoyable sense of humor.



Sincerely,  
Don Barkley  
Don Barkley  
Class of '76

Happy Retirement

Dr. LEVENSPIEL !



*Scott A Holbrook  
Class '89*

*David Eichelman  
Class '76*

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*(The ITALIAN STALLION)*



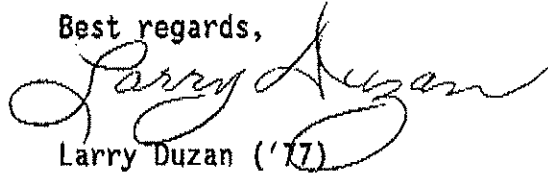
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Dear Octave Levenspiel,

I very much enjoyed your unique style of teaching and I still remember the sulfuric acid and ice "cocktails" we were analyzing in your class.

I wish you a lot of luck and happiness in what I'm sure will be an active retirement.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Duzan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Larry Duzan ('77)

LD/jr

TO DR. OCTAVE LEVENSPIEL  
FROM DALE CRESAP

Congratulations on surviving to the end of the parade of students. Blessed is he who endures to the end. Your influence through your students will outlast your career. I know I appreciated your classes. I have worked here at the INEL site in Idaho ever since I left OSU 14 years ago. I am working on a variety of computer process monitoring and control applications; it seems they become more and more prevalent as time goes on. That and raising a family (Joel 10, Hannah 6, Jesse 2) in the fear of God take up most of my time. I like to hike and ski when I get a chance. Best wishes and blessings on your retirement.



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Dr. Octave Levenspiel  
Department of Chemical Engineering  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, OR

Dear Dr. Levenspiel:

Greetings and Good Morning from Western New York, and the  
"Honeymoon Capital of the World"- Niagara Falls.

The news of your planned retirement this month has reached  
"the other side" of the nation. I'm sure the entire department,  
but particularly the undergraduate program, will miss your lively  
classes and contribution. I constantly run into industry peers of  
mine that have had their reaction engineering class from "the  
book". I feel fortunate to of had my class from "the writer". My  
peers can only imagine what real "reactions" are all about.

I sincerely hope your new "retirement schedule" keeps you as  
busy, active and enjoyable as the years we were able to share  
together at OSU. Should you, your family, or any of the Oregon  
State staff find yourselves coming through Western New York,  
please give us a call. The Falls and the Canadian border are just  
five minutes from our house.

Best Regards,

Jim E. Sthay  
Chemical Engineering Class of 1978

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# CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Octave Levenspiel

On having survived so many years of thick-headed chemical engineering students and being able to retire.

I wanted to congratulate you and to thank you for your creative and zany approach to teaching. Your problems on drying wet cats, determining the activation energy of giggly, gregarious girls, and providing water to resort cabins on mountains helped to make me think when solving problems and made the learning process somewhat fun.

The anxiety of doing well on quizzes, quizzerinos, and quizzeroo's sometimes stole the fun away. I still thank you for the fun times and the impact you made on my life through your teaching. Please enjoy your retirement and write when you get work.

*Randy Kirkbride*  
Randy Kirkbride

Class of 1978



RANDY KIRKBRIDE  
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**DR. LEVENSPIEL:**

**ALL THE BEST IN YOUR RETIRMENT!**

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Dr. Levenspiel:

Congratulations on your retirement. I know reaction engineering classes at OSU will never be the same without you. In fact, reaction engineering at other universities may never be the same.

I have lived in the Midwest since graduation in 1980. When other Chemical Engineers hear where I went to school they immediately associate that with "the guy who writes the funny textbooks." You are known and loved universally by every chemical engineer I know under forty. Your style of education has impacted many people. I know you will be missed.

Lucinda Kay (Bailey) Weaver, PE  
Sr. Instrument Engineer  
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Class of 1980

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out of town and in the process of  
moving.  
I THE BEST TO YOU!  
Dennis Markman

6/6/91

TO: Dr. Octave Levenspiel

From: Dennis W. Markman (1970-1974)

Subject: Your Retirement!

Remember when you told us one day in class:

"Never be lost without your Hougen, Watson and Ragatz (Chemical Process Principles), Even if your in the desert! It tells you everything you need to know to survive"

Its been nearly 20 years since you enlightened us so. The book is in my bookshelf as I write to you now.

I must say Dr. Levenspiel, you provided me with many memories of learning as well as enjoying our classes.

Since school I have worked for Stauffer Chemical Co. (Nevada), Southern California Gas Co. (Los Angeles) and most recently

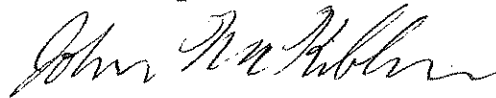
Dear Octave,

Congratulations on your retirement. I know that the chemical engineering department, Oregon State University, and the future students in the department will miss you.

Enclosed are two pictures, sorry that one is out of focus, taken at the Institute of Paper Science and Technology. Pictured from left to right are Phil Harding, Jill Wallin (formerly Rogers), and John McKibben. We hope that these will help you to remember a few of your former students more readily.

Thank you for all of your hard work instructing all of us over the years. I know that I will miss talking with you during my visits to the OSU campus. Good luck in your future pursuits, and I hope that you find much enjoyment.

Sincerely,



John Mc Kibben



Dagan  
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5/28/91

Dear Dr. Levenspiel,

I looked far and wide  
to find a better, funnier,  
crazier professor ... I even  
went so far as to go to law  
school, but ...

**NONE**

can compare to you!

I hope retirement  
will make you even better,  
funnier and crazier!!

All the very best  
to you, from your biggest  
(take that any way you want.)  
fan ...  
Love,  
Ellen Dagan

May 11, 1991

Dear Dr. Levenspiel

Thank you for making learning fun

and the difficult-to-understand simple.

May you have many years of meaningful

retirement and continue to teach those

around you.

I am the better person for having known you.

Best Wishes,

Kimberly A. Buckler

Kimberly A. Buckler

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ATTN: Octave Levenspiel

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REMARKS: Two comments on the event of your retirement:

1) Thank goodness for the Minibook! I  
completed three problems on Kinetics  
without remembering the subject after  
10 yrs.

2) I was right when I called my  
parents in Greece!!

Best Regards

SIGNED Ken Hicks, P.E.



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To: Octave Levenspiel

Congratulations on your retirement! You are one of the select few professors that make a lifelong impression by combining academic excellence with enjoyable personal style.

Best Wishes,



Wade Thomas

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*Bill Graessley*  
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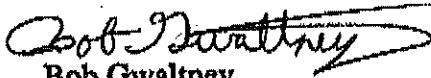


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**Best of Luck, Dr. Levenspiel!**

To one of the few profs who taught me to think (instead of just memorize), your contributions to young people's learning will certainly be missed. Thanks for making the unfamiliar seem not so strange - using real world analogies made the difference for me many times.

Enjoy your retirement!

  
Bob Gwaltney  
ARCO

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"... but it's a **DRY** heat!"

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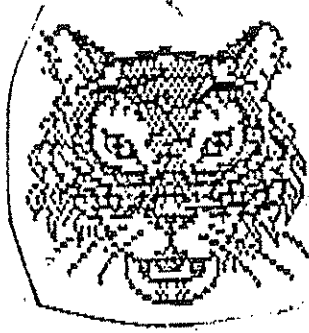
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Wherever I've been people know  
who you are or have used your  
textbooks. To me this is great,  
because I feel I had a chance  
and an opportunity to be associated  
on a personal basis with someone  
special to the Chemical Engineering  
Profession!

The best to you in your  
retirement Dr. Levenspiel.

Sincerely,  
Dennis M. Whisman  
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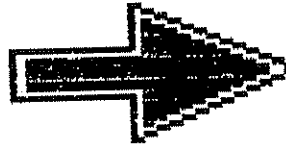
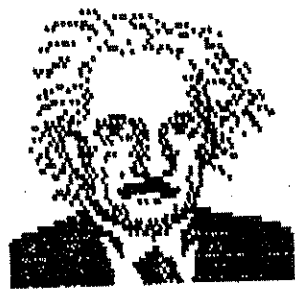
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Octave, I hope all is legible when it finishes the FAX process. Please come visit if you're vacationing down here.

*Geoff*

# Octave

## Congratulations



on a super career,  
from a student.

*Geof*

**Geof Price**

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Dr. Levenspiel

I will always remember  
you as a compassionate  
professor who made Chemical  
Engineering classes enjoyable!  
I wish you the best in  
your retirement & thank you  
for the knowledge you taught  
us and all the fond memories  
of your lectures.

Farhad Shah-Hosseini  
Irvine, California





His name is  
Scott.

He's 10 months  
old + crawls  
like the wind.

His favorite

"toy" is my  
thermo text.

(I guess the

Omni Book

isn't dynamic  
enough for him.

Anyway, he has  
volunteered to

grand-pa-sit  
you if your

grand children  
can't keep you

busy enough.

I hope you enjoy  
retirement as much as I  
enjoyed being your student.

All the best to you,

Donna Watts BURT

League of proud Parents from OSU, member

Octave,

Although I can not be there this weekend  
to celebrate with you, I'm there in-spirit!

To the "BEST" teacher I have ever had,

To a good and dear friend,

to a great humanbeing,

I wish you health and happiness

in many many... years to come in

your retirement. Keep in touch

Love

Abdi Shirazi  
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TO: Dr. Levenspiel

DATE: June 6, 1991

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Dr. Levenspiel, congratulations on your retirement. You have made not only an outstanding contribution in the field of Chemical Engineering, but you have touched the lives of many students like myself. Above all else, you taught us how to think. I am forever grateful.

I wish you the very best and hope for many more years of happiness.

*kindest regards,*

*Steve Loosley*

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Dr. Levenspiel,

may your retirement years be  
as fruitful as your career at OSU.  
I'm sure you'll be able to "cook"  
something up. Your recipe for tenderly  
processed crab:

- 1) put crab in pot <sup>filled</sup> with beer
- 2) let crab relax and absorb elements  
of his environment (alcohol)
- 3) warm pot slowly and bring to boil

It was your contention that the crab would  
be more tender if relaxed. To this day neither  
I nor my friends have any evidence to the contrary

Thanks for the memories ...  
Cameron Bee (class of ...)

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Professor Octave Levenspiel  
Chemical Engineering Dept  
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Corvallis, OR 97331

Dear Professor Levenspiel:

I have been informed that your retirement is at the end of the month. The chemical engineering world will certainly miss your presence.

I myself have enjoyed your influence on my perception of chemical engineering. In fact I remember a personal lesson you once taught me. You had returned one of your customary weekly quizzes, graded. My score was 0 out of 10 with a note attached. "The road to hell is paved with good intentions". I learned that day that you are either right or wrong, and all the extra work in the world won't fix a problem based on a wrong foundation.

I hope all the best for you in the future. Enjoy your well desired retirement. I believe your influence on us that know you will affect us as long as we live.

Sincerely,

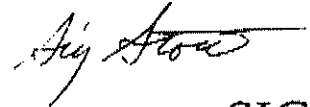


Lance L Jacobsen

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OPPORTUNITY TO  
LEARN FROM THE  
BEST, IT IS THEN  
POSSIBLE TO BECOME  
THE BEST."

Thanks for the opportunity,



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**To: Octave Levenspiel**  
**From : George Jarvi**  
**Date: June 7, 1991**

**CONGRATULATIONS** on your retirement.  
**Retirement?** Since when does that word apply to you?

We know that you are only now getting started on some other phase or project, and you have our best wishes on it.

We're glad we had the opportunity to learn from you. We love the non-conformist in you. It's fairly popular these days to speak of breaking the paradigms, but you have been doing that for years.

Again, best wishes in all you choose to do.

**Sincerely,**




**George Jarvi**

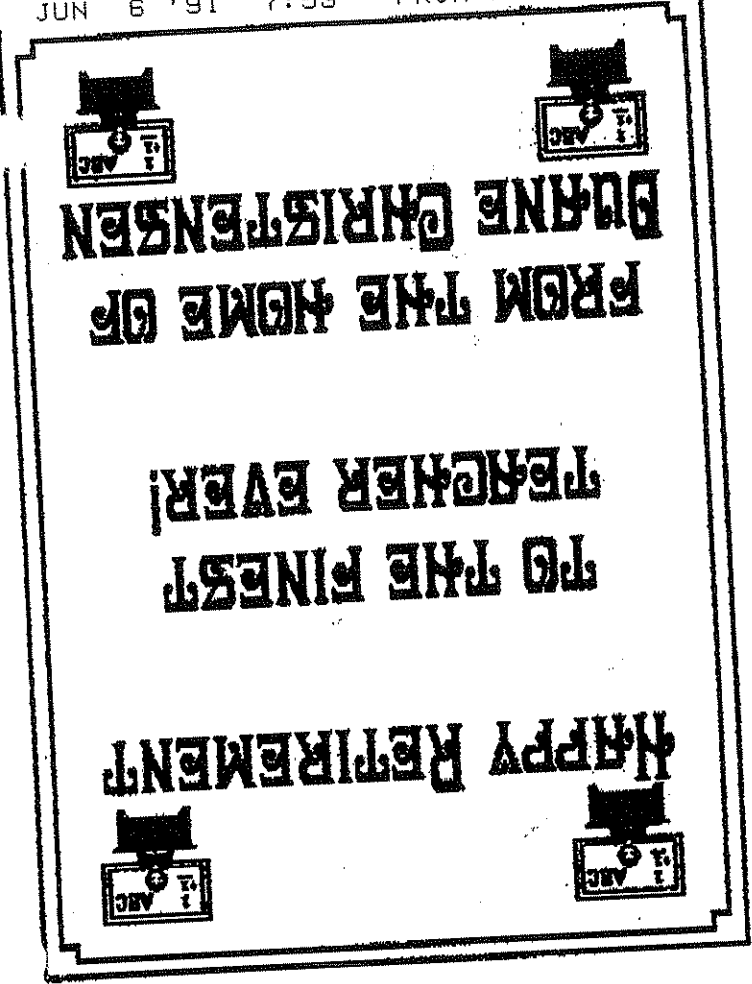


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June 6, 1991

Dr. Octave Levenspiel  
Chemical Engineering Department  
Oregon State University

Dear Dr. Levenspiel:

Congratulations on your upcoming retirement! You've certainly earned it. Your efforts to educate a generation of chemical engineers all over the world are a great accomplishment indeed. We feel privileged to have known you and have gained immensely from your sharing of your chemical engineering knowledge.

Good luck in your retirement and enjoy your well-deserved rest.

Sincerely,

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*Dan Havens*

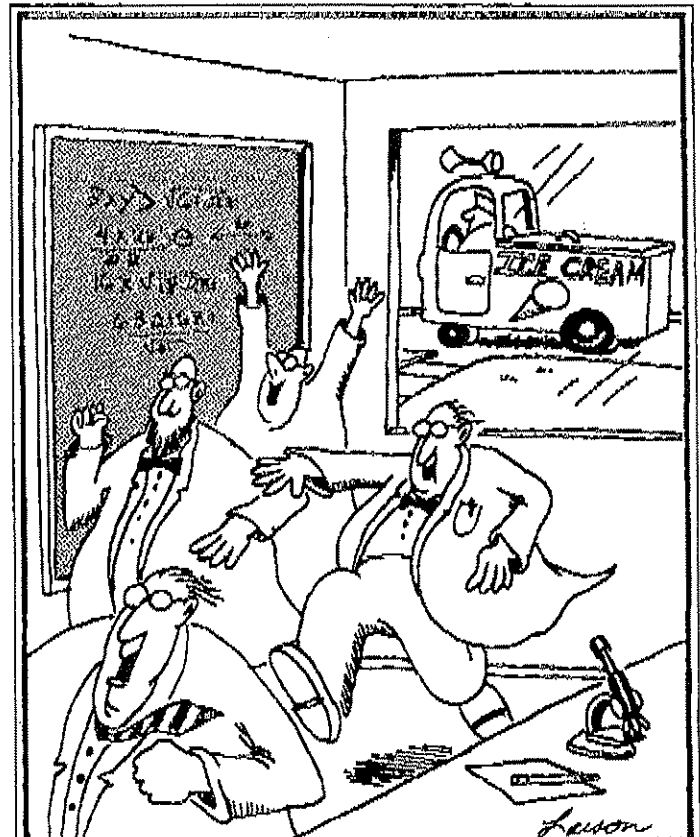
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June 6, 1991

Octave Levenspiel, Ph.D.  
Oregon State University  
Chemical Engineering Department  
Corvallis, Oregon 97331

Dear Dr. Levenspiel;

How have you added to my life unlike any other professor? What significant event did you contribute to that will aid me throughout my life and forever imprint your character into my lifestyle? Sometimes, I think your attention to fine detail in nature is what I'll always remember (like activation energy for a gaggle of giggling girls and ants from various geographical regions). Other times, I think your introduction of humor into problems helped me to remember the relative importance of not taking things too seriously, yet remembering to pay attention to detail (something like designing a plant to produce *Puree of Missionary Soup* under contract to a tribe of Cannibals, while remembering that Dr. Levenspiel only provides two grades on quizzes [0 or 10]). Yes, these are fond memories. However, I don't think that they even come close to being representative of Dr. Levenspiel's greatest contribution to my life.

So, what might this contribution be? Do you think it was the impression I received when I came to your office to view all of your homework papers back to the first grade? No, that is impressive, but it doesn't contribute to the change in my lifestyle. Besides, it was too late for me to start saving my homework papers at that time. What really hit home, was when I came to your office to ask questions related to the homework problem that day, and we ended up talking for awhile. Ultimately, you decided it was time to earn a little spare cash, so you offered me that opportunity to prove how well I had learned basic addition. The bet was made that I could not add a column of four numbers, to which my ego jumped to the conclusion that you had underestimated me. Then with a confident stance, you rattled off four numbers all with units of British currency. Of course, I just stood there with my mouth open. Today, I get everyone else to buy me drinks by asking them to add up four simple numbers.....

Thanks Dr. Levenspiel, I am truly glad to have studied with you. As with many of the educators I was privileged to have studied under at Oregon State University, you were one of the finest and I am saddened to think that other students in the future will not be as fortunate as I. However, you have definitely earned the right to retire and enjoy the rest of your life offering your talents in other ways to more people.

Respectfully yours,



Steven R. Irvin  
Western Region, Business Development Manager

June 6, 1991

Dear Dr. Levenspiel,

I am sitting in my hotel room in Norfolk VA getting ready to head to the beach for a walk on the boardwalk.

I am in VA because I am now working as a sales rep for Boise Cascade covering a territory from Atlanta, where my husband, stepson and I live, up through VA. The south has been a big change and it's all that I can do to keep from explaining to my customers that the Chattahoochee is really a stream and the Appalachians are really foothills.

Selling is also a big change from engineering. I have found that an engineering background has made me more credible when asked technical questions; they believe every

word I say ever when I haven't the faintest idea what the answer really is! Maybe there really is a little bit of salesman in me after all.

And I also believe that I have you to thank for the "winging it" part of my education. I will never forget having to guess the specific gravity of mashed bananas or the velocity to eject little children out of a carnival ride. I think you gave each of us an amusing hint of what the real world would be like as engineers in oil refineries and pulp mills. No indeed, everything does not have a flow meter or a convenient place to check consistency but you gave us the imagination to overcome these obstacles. Thanks for doing that. And have a wonderful "retirement".

Melissa Kegg  
class of 1981

June 6, 1991

Dear Dr. Levenspiel,

As one of your "C" students, I would like to thank you for your help and encouragement. Your determination to overcome obstacles and your excellence in your work has long been an inspiration to all of us.

Today marks nine years since my graduation from O S U, and thanks to you (and many others) I have always had marketable job skills in those nine years.

Certainly you have big plans for the future and will tackle them with enthusiasm. Whatever your plans and goals are, I wish you the best, you have certainly earned it. Congratulations and Good luck.

Yours truly,  
Larry Holland

Class of 1982  
P. O. Box 400312  
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June 7, 1991

Dr. Octave Levenspiel  
OSU Department Of Chemical Engineering  
Corvallis Oregon

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Dear Dr. Levenspiel

Its been rumored that you are retiring from your teaching career. You retiring from ChE teaching is like Magic Johnson leaving the NBA. You are a common thread among OSU and other Chemical Engineering graduates. Your home problems and quizzys are known east coast to west coast. I remember Cat dryers, Banana puree, Tunisian birds, and Googliox (Please forgive the spelling of "googliox" it's not in the dictionary, does it exist??) to name a few.

I am very fortunate to have taken six different Chemical Engineering courses from you. Your style made the difficult seem simple. You made Chemical Engineering fun. Thank You.

Best Wishes in all that you do,

Sincerely,

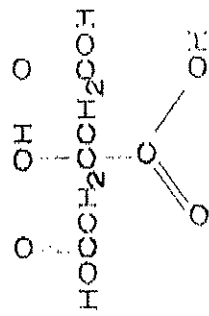


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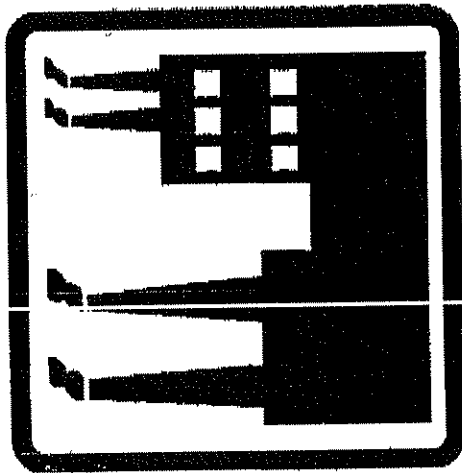
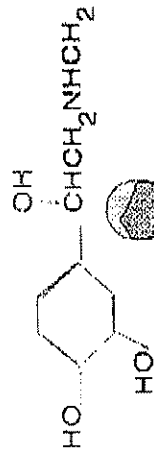
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P.S. I have a stack of old quizzys I would like regraded, Is it to late?

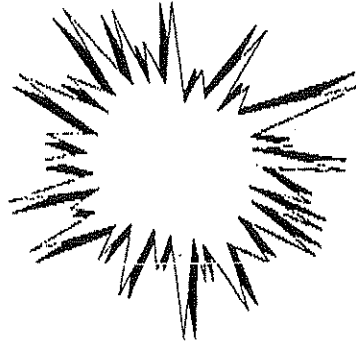
Good Luck Dr Levenspiel!!!



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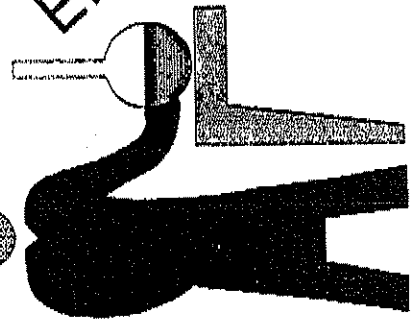


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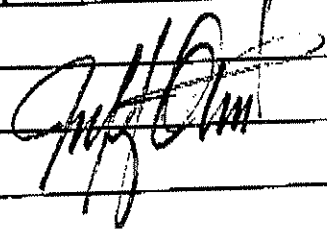
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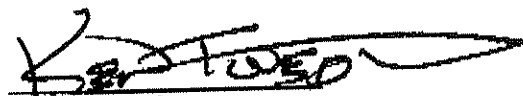
Dear Dr. Levenspiel:

You and your classes made me see engineering in everyday life as opposed to a chalkboard. I will always remember you for your unique gift as a teacher - being able to make the complex understandable.

As I have travelled through North America I've encountered many Engineers with your texts on their bookshelves. You've had a similar effect on more than just your OSU students.

I am sure you will be missed by OSU. I wish you only the best in your retirement.

Sincerely,

  
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Dr. Levenspiel  
via facsimile  
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Dear Octave,

Congratulations on your retirement  
from OSU! I hope you take  
advantage of this next phase of  
your career.

I certainly appreciated your instruction  
style and enthusiasm for subject  
and students.

Enjoy!

Regards,  
Bill Annen  
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# CONGRATULATIONS DR. LEVENSPIEL !

*I hope your retirement is long and prosperous. You have been such a productive part of the OSU Chemical Engineering Department for so long, it will be very difficult to imagine the Department without you. I have always thought of you as being a "renaissance" person. You have such a wide range of knowledge which has allowed you to expand your students' horizons as well as their education.*

*After leaving OSU two years ago, I started the Master's degree program at the University of Connecticut. I am now finishing that degree. I will start my PhD work at Clemson University in August.*

*Frances E. Salimi  
(Class of 1989)*

*GOOD LUCK!!!*

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JUNE 7, 1991

TO: DR. LEVENSPIEL  
FROM: KENTON STUVE

CONGRATULATIONS!! ON YOUR  
RETIREMENT. I WISH  
YOU THE BEST IN YOUR  
FOLLOWING YEARS OF  
LEISURE. SADLY, CHEMICAL  
ENGINEERING WILL BE  
LOSING ONE OF ITS  
BEST. GOOD LUCK, GOOD  
HEALTH, AND GOOD FORTUNE

REGARDS,  
KENTON '89

June 7, 1991

Dr. Octave Levenspiel  
Chemical Engineering Department  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dr. Levenspiel,

Congratulations on your retirement! OSU sure will miss you - your contribution to the program was tremendous.

My most memorable experiences with you were bantering in your office about how could I be a woman in engineering and that I should be home having babies. Your main objective was to get my dander up. You provided me not only a great education but a few laughs along the way.

As for me, I am working for Shell at their largest refinery and chemical plant in Houston, Texas. Environmental Compliance Department is where I work and the assignment is wonderful. Compliance primarily deals with the EPA and state regulatory agencies to maintain compliance with both federal and state environmental regulations. My life these days are air emission estimates since my projects since I've been here have been completing emissions inventories. Yes, I do technical projects as well as public relations work - what I learned at OSU has been put to good use.

Both my husband and I enjoy Houston but we really do miss the mountains - Houston's high points are the freeway overpasses and nothing comes close to Witham Hill.

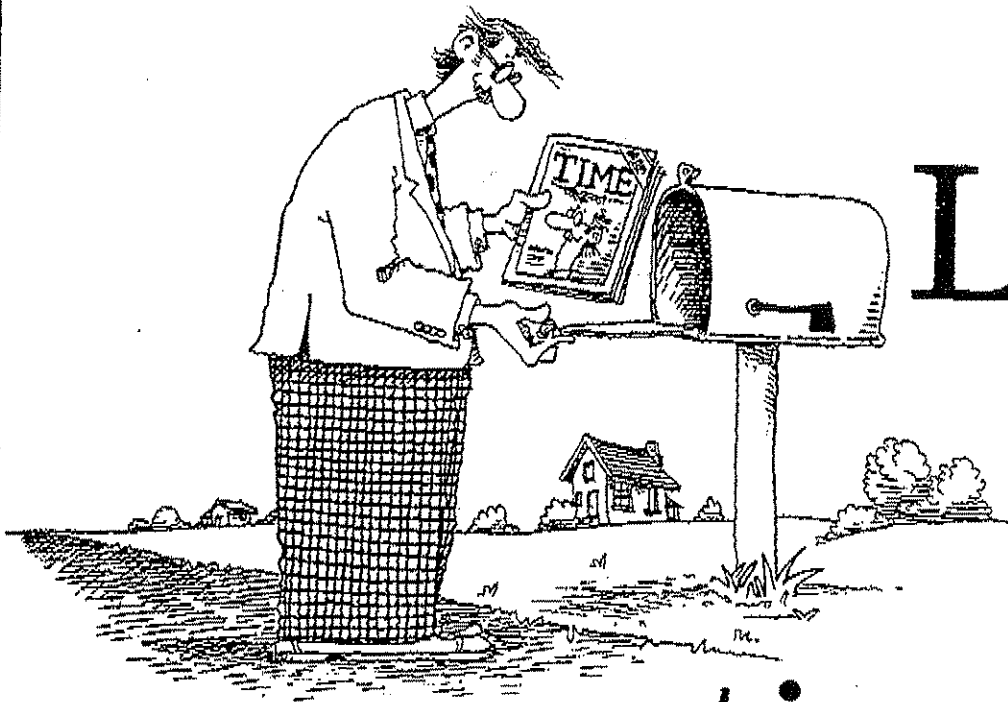
Best of luck to you - Enjoy!

*Kim*  
Kim Ziegler - Glauner  
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TO: Dr. Levenspiel

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June 3, 1991

Larry R. Benedict  
Process Engineer  
OxyChem Petrochemicals  
5761 Underwood Road  
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Dear Dr. Levenspiel,

Congratulations on your retirement! Hope it treats you well. So what will you be doing with yourself from now on? Travel, relax, write novels instead of text books, consult??? For the next few years you'll probably be reading all the FAX letters that have come in. Enjoy!

How did the Accreditation Board Audit go?? I got all my homeworks back from you that you borrowed. Thanks for returning them. I had a question about our 1990 Chem. E. Class Picture. Did we ever get one back and is it available for those that wanted a copy??

Well, Houston, Texas is not all as bad as you thought it would be. Yes, it's very humid here, but the place has a lot to offer. The year that I've been here has really flown because I've stayed so busy. I miss Oregon and hope to make it back there some day in the near future. However, Houston feels like home enough now!

The OXYCHEM plant I work at makes Ethylene Oxide; Mono, Di, Tri, and Heavy Ethylene Glycols; Glycol Ethers; Amines; and Ether Acetates. We make the Acetates in a batch reaction process and the rest continuous. These products are used to make solvents, antifreeze, polyester fibers, surfactants, soaps, jet fuel deicer, and other interesting goop. Work here keeps me busy. I've used a lot of my engineering skills doing simulations of distillation columns, material balances, control valve and orifice sizing, pressure drop calculations, etc... There's a lot out there in a plant that you just don't learn until you work in one. I hope to get a few years experience and then move on to something bigger/better (what I'm not sure).

I feel real fortunate that I was able to get a full year in at Oregon State University while you were still teaching. I really enjoyed your classes and I feel sorry for those students that won't get the opportunity. Hope retirement treats you well. Stay busy and take care.

Your student,

*Larry Benedict*  
Larry R. Benedict  
Class of 1990

P.S. - My boss here (before he was transferred) was the technical guru of the plant. We use to give each other problems to solve that were tricky or just interesting. I gave him your "Counting Canary's Italian Style" problem and he thought it was great. It didn't stump he unfortunately!!!



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Thursday, 6 May 1991

Dr. Levenspiel...

Rumor has it that you're retiring from Oregon State. Well, Jim and I both send our congratulations. I must say that I am glad I attended OSU during your era of academic instruction.

Things in Finland are just dandy. I've been here now for three months, and have settled in just fine. I'm attempting, with reasonable success, to learn Finnish. It's a terribly tricky tongue. It seems perhaps a bit ridiculous to be studying Finnish now when I will begin attending a Swedish-speaking university in the fall. 95% of the residents here speak Finnish, though, and I want to be able to converse with the native Finns.

The work here is enjoyable. The delivery of the pressurized thermobalance I will be working with has been delayed by a few months, so I haven't had a chance to research the black liquor gasification. However, Jim has assigned me to a sodium fuming project which has kept me busy and off the streets.

I plan on travelling some this summer. I will spend the first two weeks of July in Sweden, Germany, England and the Netherlands. I've already visited Stockholm and bopped around Finland a bit. It is quite convenient to live here — travel to Europe is simple and highly affordable, particularly if you are a student who would rather stay in a youth hostel than a five-star hotel.

It may please you to know that I am planning on having this awful mop of hair whacked off next week in exchange for a somewhat civilized style. I'm not sure what prompted the decision — just bored with the hippie look I suppose. Besides, summer is here (although one would not guess so from the weather) and my brain gets uncomfortable when my head sweats.

Well, that's the latest from Finland. I'll let you know if anything major happens, although at this point I can't imagine what it would be. However, it does seem that a disproportionately large amount of American men come to Finland and get married. No beauties in this kid's life, at least so far.

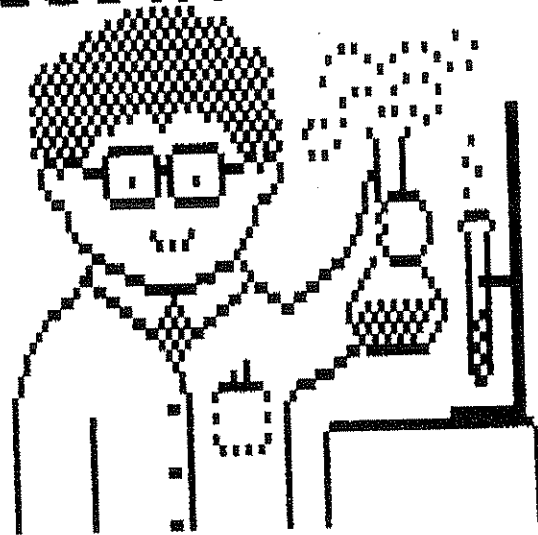
Once again, congratulations. Take care and have a wonderful summer, Octave.

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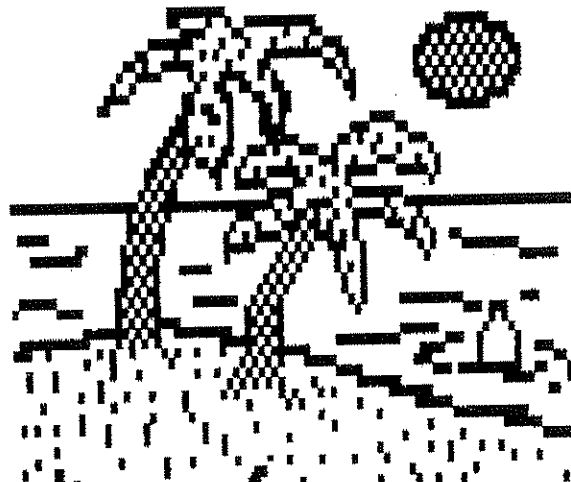


Kevin J. Whitty

Congratulations on your long  
and productive OSU career.



Dr. Levenspiel becomes ...  
Octave the beachcomber



best wishes from a grateful  
student — Tom Boubel (M.D.)