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June 7, 1991

Dear Octave,

Congratulations on surviving all the years of students like me! I hope all goes well with your retirement.

I would like to say how much I have appreciated the opportunity to take courses form you. You have been very inspirational to me. Now that I have my PhD in Applied Math and am also teaching, I am constantly drawing on your examples to guide me. However, you are one tough act to follow.

I want to be an exciting and entertaining teacher like you are. I remember the classes I took from you. Each one I looked forward to wondering what new and enjoyable ways you were going to use to get us to learn. When I get together with my former class mates, we invariably tell a few Levenspiel stories. Unlike stories about other profs that often hinge on the "you wouldn't believe what that bozo did," the ones we tell about you are more like "do you remember the time Levenspiel told the class..." which is always followed by much laughter.

I remember more than just the funny stories though. When I first graduated in 1976 with my BS and went to work for Dupont in Antioch, California, there was a problem with non-Newtonian flow mixing with this bizarre slurry. The plant manager called out some hot shot PhD from Delaware to figure out the problem. I was in a meeting where he was trying to explain to people about fluid flow properties and I was asking a lot of questions and making a lot of statements about yield stress etc. Afterwards he asked me where I went to graduate school, and I said that I just had a BS degree but I listened real well in my ChemE classes. What I was thinking of during the meeting was the time we were all playing with corn starch and water in one of your classes and how the rheological properties of the swill the plant was having trouble with was a bit like what you had us playing with in class. Your innovative teaching really paid off for me.

What I also find is that I am constantly going back to what I learned in your classes. Especially as I do research with the Bioengineering Department. Your ability to get the ideas across in your classes on reactor design and nonideal flow has been a godsend to me time and again. In fact, I was using the omnibook just yesterday to help me understand the tracer output concentration-time graphs I am trying to model for oxygen uptake in tissue. I am afraid my copy of the omnibook is falling apart from so much use over the years.

Another valuable lesson I learned from you had to do with research. Even though

TO:

we didn't do any research together, you still have had an influence on me. I remember one discussion we had where I was excited to go build some equipment and take lots of data. I was in love with the challenge of seeing if I could do the experiment. You said to me, "Wait, what are you going to do with the data? Imagine you have collected all this data, now what are you going to do with it?" This has been a powerful message that I have used over and over again. I have also used it when other people ask my advice on some research they want to do and it is not obvious what they are going to do with all the information they collect. I ask them to imagine they have already collected the data and to figure out what they are going to do with it. It seems like such a simple idea, but so many people, myself included, have fallen prey to the "climb the mountain because it is there" syndrome. Some mountains aren't worth climbing. Some mountains involve a tremendous amount of climbing only to find there is no view from the top.

Finally, I would like to say I have accomplished one thing which was to prove you wrong about me. Many years ago when I had my first class from you, I got a D. I came to you and said I didn't understand why I wasn't doing better in the class. You said that maybe it was too hard and maybe I should change majors or something. I took that as a challenge and was glad to show you that I could do it. I am glad I did because it gave me an opportunity to have you for several more classes which I enjoyed very much (I'm not sure, but I think I got all A's in them). It is wonderful to be around someone like you who expects and demands that you be better than you are. But, I guess I took your advise after all, because I did finally change majors, since I have a PhD in Applied Math. However, I was very fortunate to have had you as an inspiration and guiding light all these years.

Good luck in the future.

Sincerely,

Dick Beyer

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DEAR DOCTOR LEVENSPIEL;

In this very special day; I am happy to wish you a pleasant retirement, thanks to your daughter and Dr LEVIEN. I realize how lucky I was to be one of your student and thank you for what you taught me.

Votre étudiant dévoué

François.

Dear Dr. Leverapiel

Congratulations for the brilliant career as a Chem. E.

I feel honored by having had the opportunity of getting to know you personally.

wish you the very best in this new phase of your life.

Yours, Sincerely

Marco, Maria & Bruno Matandos

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June 6, 1991

Prof. Octave Levenspiel Oregon State University Chemical Engineering Department Corvallis, OR 97331 FAX: (503) 737-3546

Dear Octave:

Congratulations on your retirement! I would like to add my best wishes to you on this special occasion. I hate to see you retire but I really am thankful for the chance to let you know how much I appreciate your influence on me as a graduate student at OSU. You were the first Chemical Engineering professor that communicated to me the <u>iov</u> of Chemical Engineering - not Chemical Engineering just for a job, or advancement, or recognition but just plain fun. I hope I can maintain that kind of attitude!

I also remember how you encouraged me as I tried to take a history minor with an M.S. degree. Everyone else said it had never been done before, but you suggested a talk with the history department to see what could be worked out. Without your encouragement, I never would have taken Russian history from George Carson who happened to have learned his Russian from a Chemical Engineer. Nice closure wouldn't you say?

Thanks again Octave - and all the best!

Sincerely

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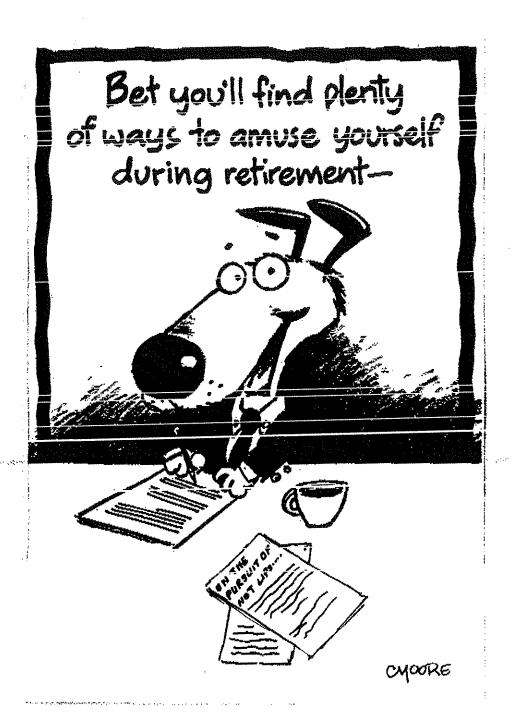
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Déarest Dr. Levenspiel

HAPPY RETIREMENT

TO MY FAVOURITE PROFESSOR!

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You always did on the job.

All the Best



June 5, 1991

Dear Dr. Levenspiel:

In 1982, when I was a student at Addis Ababa University, we used Chemical Reaction Engineering as our text book. I never imagined in my wildest dreams that in 1987 I would be a student in one of your classes. I distinctly remember that first lecture. It was like having a treasured textbook come to life.

You were an excellent professor. Your problems seemed to be characteristically simple and straight forward, but what a challenge they were. They forced us to search for the basic ideas and concepts and it wasn't often that they could be solved without one or more false starts.

Your unforgettable and unlimited supply of stories to illustrate the key points, encouraged us to think deeply about the subjects and the personal discussions were always rewarding.

From the weekly seminars to the family potlucks at your beach house, you created a warm atmosphere in the department, and many of us will have special memories of these times.

Dr. Levenspiel, you will always be my "treasured textbook" and I thank you for all of your encouragement and guidance. I wish you the very best in your retirement.

sincerely,

Sahle Demissie

Berkeley, June 6, 9

Pear Dr. Levenspiel

As you can see, I am learning innumerable skills here at Berkeley and I an advancing trusard my ultimate goal in life: a hand-writing, which would satisfy the demanding requirements encountered by an efficial Omni-Book translator. It seems, it will be possible by the time the ++++++-version is ready for print, if I keep up with my practice. With all the free time available to you now, there will be a "plus" to the pluses" every quarter of a year.

Let me end this painstaking ever-

cise now, by wishing you a baggy retirement and a full dozen of grandchildren to help save the world from the many "pluses".

Forever your friend,

(hmm, "Hubert", just

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	Tavi,
that bene anal imag	So, it is hard to believe that you are retiring from teaching today. Are you sure you y want to stop? I really cannot imagine you not being associated with teaching anymore, and believe one way or another we chemical engineers, all around the world, will continue to efit from your unique wonderful way of presenting new ideas, discussing and yzing problems, asking the right questions and stimulating so much interest and gination. Perhaps we will not see you in the ordinary classroom, but certainly there are y other ways of teaching, such as seminars, professional conventions and special are series, in which, I hope, you will keep being active.

I was very lucky and privileged having been one of your students, having you both as teacher and research advisor. Frankly, I cannot imagine anyone else doing such a great job on me. The time I worked with you was the most enjoyable period in my entire schooling experience and, therefore, I am very thankful to you, feeling sorry for those who did not have this opportunity.

I am sure that you will continue being active in research and wish you the best for many more years (in Jewish tradition we say "till 120" but I really don't limit you in any way) of productive professional career which I trust will benefit us all.

Enjoy your life and your growing family and congratulations to you, Mary-Jo, the children and all the new additions by marriage and by birth.

Chaim Gutfinger, though he was not one of your students, wishes to join in connection with the above wishes.

Joshua and Sara

Chaim and Tamar

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BONJOUR!

SEUSS IS IN PARADISE, SO ARE YOU IN BEAUTIFULL DREGON

YOU WILL NOW HAVE MORE TIME TO ENJOY MOTHER NATURE, WILDERNESS, HAPPYNESS AT HOME, AND THE DCEAN WHEN YOU ARE ON THE COAST.

THINK OF US WHO KEEP ON WAISTING OUR LIFE IN OFFICES, WITH COMPUTERS, OR WITH GODDAM'D CUSTOMERS.

OCTAVE, ALL OF YOUR FORMER STUDENTS AND PALS KNOW HOW GOOD YOU ARE AT UNDERSTANDING COMPLEX PROCESSES AND MAKING IT LOOK SIMPLE TO OTHER: HERE IS A BIG PROBLEM YOU STUDIED A LOT ALREADY AND WHICH NEED ALL THE GOODWILL HELP: HEARTH POLLUTION AND WHAT WE WILL GIVE TO OUR KIDS

THAT IS A BIG COOKIN PROCESS you could play with if you feel like.

Keep in touch, come and visit us in France, you and your familly will always be welcome.
This is a formal invitation.

Friendly yours,

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Brice DARDEL 24 rue du Diapason 44300 NANTES FRANCE phone: (33) 40.40.15.09 Dr. Octave Levenspiel
Father of "Chemical Reaction Engineering"

Dear Prof. Levenspiel

Best Wishes on your upcoming retirement.

I enjoyed your lectures, Seminars which you organized and the project you gave me in your class "Tubular catalytic Reactor" which became chapter 26 in your Omnit book.

I enjoyed also many thought provoking discussion we had in Reachion Engineering and in the department.

I hope you will increase the chemical Engineering

Section in library

Regards With Best Wishes

Sincerely
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Dear. Dr. Levenspiel.

Hill It's me Keehyun Han in Biochamica Engineering at U.C. Irvine.

About a month ago, I received a letter from BeRRi about fax-inday. Since then time has flown at the nor! speed and fax-in day has come. I have thought what to soy but I could not get an idea. While thinking, I remen my days in Corvallis. The very first day when I met you, a party at Otherock, a wonton-party in your home, so and: These good memories will be with me Even at this moment, you are with me through a picture of you appeared on the cover page of NORTHWEST. Dr. Levenspiel in the picture as too me "Are you working Rand?". Please take my best vishes for your future. I hope to see you at L.A. on this November. Till then, bye-bye.

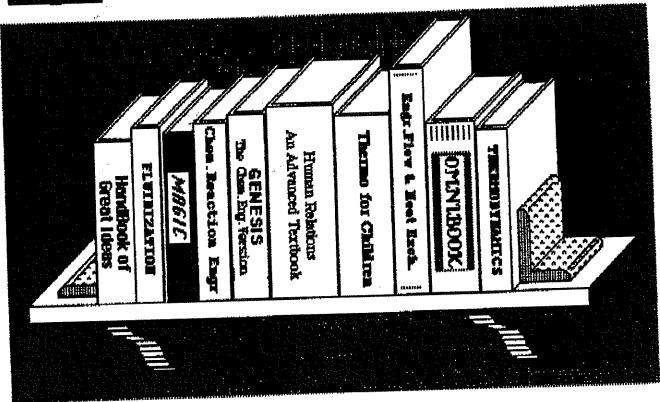
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FROM : RUBEN CRUZ.





June 6, 1991

Dear Dr. Levenspiel:

We hope to learn all. Thank you.

Enrique and Guadalupe Arriola. (MEXICO)

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June 7, 1991

Dear Dr. Levenspiel:

I first heard of you from Carlos Sanz, back in 85. He had just come back from OSU, and told me how a nice guy you are, so knowledgeable and yet so simple.... Well, after knowing you for almost three years, I think that I can add lots to the very nice "review" Sanz gave me at that time.

You are indeed a very special person. Sure you are a very good professor, an excellent author and an even better engineer. You are even a not so bad historian. But above all, you are the friendliest and most human person I have ever met. Where did you get all this humanity from? I really wish our world a few more Octave Levenspiels around, I bet you this would be a completely different world.

I would like to thank you for your friendship, guidance and counseling throughout these almost 3 years. You have indeed touched me in many, many ways. I will be soon leaving, but I will never forget our lunching together, swimming, chatting... I will take with me the fondest memories of whom I always thought of as Mr. Efficient, for to me you are as close to 100% efficiency as it gets. Maybe this is another reason you should really consider writing that Thermo book.

I wish you the very best in your upcoming "retirement" years. I am sure that this will be a most fruitful "retirement" as it has been an extremely fertile career. You have taught me a lot, about both Chemical Engineering life, but there is one thing that I still don't understand: How is it possible for a child to retire?

Congratulations on such a wonderful career. With the greatest respect and admiration,

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DR. LEVENSPIEL,

SO, YOU ARE RETIRING. THE LAST OF THE LONG TIME PROFESSORS RETIRES. OSU WILL MISS YOU!!

I HOPE YOU WILL ENDOY YOUR RETREMENT WITHOUT BO MUCH BOREOM. IF I KNOW YOU, YOU WILL HAVE A HARD TIME STAYING AWAY FROM RESEARCH AND KEEPING UP WITH REACTION ENGINEERING IN GENERAL.

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WELL, I JUST WANTED TO SAY GOODLUCK ON YOUR RETIRENT AND TRY TO ENJOY YOURSELF!
"THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES"

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FROM : RUBEN CRUZ,

Hola Professor Levenspiel!

I just heard of the world-wide effort to honor you for all your long academic achievements now that you are retiring. I know that I may not stand as high as many of the people that will be sending you faxes, but nevertheless I want to contribute too.

I definitively thank you for the influence that you have had on me. I am glad that I decided to take two of your courses some time ago since, besides getting the class from you, I learned in general from your persona. I always remember those discussions in just about anything in your office. I did appreciate your "open door" policy, since it encouraged me to reach you for comment/advise.

Our (I always said you should have been author) paper in Chemical Engineering last April will always be a long reminder of our friendship. I am looking forward to doing some other work with you once I finish my degree.

I know, I should have transferred to Chemical Engineering instead of staying in Mechanical Engineering. I thought about it for a while (maybe not long enough).

Afectuosamente:

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P.s. Ah, and any time I can I would include the Omnibook word while playing scrabble (even though your wife does not let you use it).



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exciting travels in France.

Yours Sincerely

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TAVY -

I CANNOT IMAGINE YOU NOT TEACHING! I REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT!

ALTHOUGH I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT I EVER EVEN WAS A STUDENT IN ONE OF YOUR CLASSES, YOU WERE ALWAYS MY TEACHER. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION THAT YOU BROADENED MY PERSPECTIVE AND INSPIRED IN ME THE DESIRE TO LOOK FOR FUNDAMENTAL EXPLANATIONS TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING WORLDS.

ANN AND I TREASURE THOSE TOO FEW MOMENTS WE SPENT TOGETHER WITH YOU AND MARY JO DURING THE 1950s IN CORVALLIS; THEN IN LEWISBURG (DO YOU REMEMBER THE DEBATE IN YOUR OCTAGONAL HOME WITH SKINNER); IN CHICAGO; IN OUR HOME IN NEW PROVIDENCE, NEW JERSEY (DO YOU REMEMBER THE DEBATE WITH WERNER GLASS WITH YOUR FATHER PRESENT); IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM AT ESSO OVERFLOWING WITH ENGINEERS WHO CAME TO HEAR MY FRIEND OCTAVE LEVENSPIEL; IN CHINESE RESTAURANTS AT AICHE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND WHERE ELSE? AND THAT WONDERFUL STAY WITH YOU DURING MY HOMECOMING TO CORVALLIS AFTER 35 YEARS.

HOPEFULLY, AT LEAST ONE BLESSING WILL ARISE FROM YOUR RETIREMENT -- WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

NORM AND ANN

Octave: I was surprised by your surprise party for your refirement (or refirement?)what will be your plans? Sorry I couldn't make it to Corvallis, but best of luck. I found some interesting old correspondence, but d'ace misplaced it - maybe next week I'll have a chance to find it Best algarly

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Dear Octave,

I have missed the chance to send a FAX message last week. (I was out of town.) This is my belated greeting for your "official" retirement.

It amazes me how fast the time flows and yet how little I have changed since the "Oregon State" days of my career. I may have gained some wrinkles (and lost several pounds of weight, intentionally), but I am the same student who is still doubting what he does. I frequently find a small trait of your way of approaching problems. Based on my teaching experience of mere 16 years, I can say that you did a very good job as a teacher and as a mentor. I am one of your products /results -- I am trying to keep myself as much academic as possible even in this materialistic world of research money and overhead returns!

I hope your productive and fulfilling years after the "official" retirement from teaching. Remember the retirement is only "official" and you have not stopped teaching - I am still learning from you and I will keep learning from you something new for many years to come.

Your student

Soon-Jai Khang

in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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June 6, 1991

Professor Octave Levenspiel
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Dear Octave:

It is hard to believe that you are retiring.

I am sure that this will not slow you down at all. Neither will it stop you from writing another book. After creating the first and still definitive text on chemical reaction engineering, you went on to do the same thing for fluidization, and then to take on fluid mechanics and heat transfer. I do not know what will be your next topic, but I would not be surprised if it turns out to be something on philosophy. (You would make, of course, much more money by creating a magnum opus on Chinese cooking and a guide to Chinese restaurants all over the world.)

I am also sure that you will continue to be present at the Annual Meetings of AIChE, and to hold court for your many admirers. My students were always thrilled when I introduced them to you on those occasions.

Both Helena and myself wish you, Mary Jo and your family the very best. Hope you will all visit Chicago very soon.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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Stephen Szépe Associate Dean



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June 6th, 1991.

Dear Octave,

I've been told that you're to "retire". Retire from "what"?

Retire from OSU? D.K.

Retire from Payroll? O.K.

Retire from MWF 9:30 Classes? O.K.

Retire from Committees? D.K.

This can go on and on and on, Because there are so many things you can retire from But I know you "KANT" retire

From what you do so well and love to do so much. And that's a teaching, a special brand of teaching, The teaching that none can recreate.

Congratulations. And this comes from my personal gratitude for what you've done for me.

This is "PARK", your ninth PhD-son, who you are now calling by his first name, Jin. I'll see you.

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June 6, 1991

Tavi, the internationally renowned author, educator and philosopher, have very enjoyable retirement years. Greeting to Mary Jo.

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Dear Octave:		
It must be your fault! The two topics with which I'm most comfortable are mass transfer and chemical reactor analysis - the courses I took from you at IIT in 1960-62.		
Is it true that the dimensionless number Sex/Sin will be called the Levenspiel number?		
My very best wishes on your "alleged" retirement. Don Kirwan		
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