

Heritage Committee

The main accomplishments of the Heritage Committee '07-08 were to recommend several building names to the Director, nominate a Ritter Fellow and arrange for the Ritter Lecture on the history of oceanography, carry out an open house for Old Ritter Hall, and nominate a member of the Cody Award Committee to the Director.

The committee made the following recommendations of building names: Spiess Hall for the NTV Building, Frautschy Hall for "New Ritter." For the three cottages north of the Martin Johnson house, the committee recommended names of notable long-term residents: George McEwen (Scripps' first physical oceanographer) House for T25, Claude ZoBell (father of marine microbiology) House for T30, and W.E. Allen (pioneer in the study of phytoplankton populations) House for T31. The Spiess Hall name has been approved by the Regents, and the building will be dedicated in January 2009.

On Nov. 15th the Ritter Fellow, Dr. Daniel Alexandrov, delivered a lecture titled "Soviet Oceanography: From Local Fisheries to Cold War." Also on Nov. 15th there was an open house for Old Scripps Building, in conjunction with the reception for the Ritter Lecture. Elizabeth Shor volunteered to be in attendance and hand out a history of the building that she prepared for the occasion.

Brian Palenik was nominated to the Cody Award Committee, to replace Art Yayanos.