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THE NEXT ISSUE of the Newsletter will be coming out at the end of September. Announcements, articles, etc. should be sent to Monica Clyde, 1940 Cortereal Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611 no later than September 15. Send items for Membership News to Kathleen Casey, 1130 Delaware Street, Berkeley, CA 94702.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Symposium: California and the American Civil War

Where better to learn about the effects of the Civil War on California and Californians than at the historic Presidio of San Francisco? The seventh annual military history symposium of the Ft. Point and Army Museum Association will be held on September 17, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Post Theater on the Presido. Some of the speakers and topics are: Institute member Bill Strobridge, "The Removal of the Regular Army from California at the Outbreak of the Civil War"; Robert Chandler of the Wells Fargo History Department, "San Franciscans View the Civil War"; Richard H. Dillon, former director of the Sutro Library, "California's Expeditionary Force"; Sanford Leeds of the Civil War Round Table, "Jonathan Letterman, Soldier, Doctor and Coroner of San Francisco"; and Douglas Brookes, Curator of the Treasure Island Naval Museum, "The Navy in California During the Civil War." While you are at the Presidio you should also take the opportunity to visit the handsomely-restored Civil War fortress, Ft. Point. Registration fee for non-FPAMA members is only $2.00. You can register at the conference or send your registration fee to the Fort Point and Army Museum Association, P.O. Box 29163, Presidio of San Francisco, California 94129.

Course: Building the City

Institute member and architectural historian Gray Brechin, whose presentation, "Mega-Follies," will be remembered from our annual meeting, is giving a seven-week course-- "Building the City: An Unconventional History of San Francisco and Its Hinterland"-- October 6 through November 17 at UC Laural Heights (old Fireman's Fund Building). On successive Thursday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m. he will explore such topics as "The City as Transformer: The Gold Years," "Houses Like Furniture: The Silver Years," "Overt Imperialism: The City Beautiful," "Suburban Utopias: Marin, Berkeley, Hillsborough," "Phoenix Reborn: Reform Years," "Boom, Bust, and Gathering Storm: Interwar," and "The Growing Dilemmas of Growth: Postwar." The series is sponsored by The Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage and costs $65 for Heritage members and $75 for non-members. Call Heritage, 441-3000 for more informations and reservations.

INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

A conference sponsored by the San Diego Independent Scholars in 1986 sparked a movement to establish a national organization to serve as an advocate for independent scholars and their organizations. Since its inception the Institute has been committed to furthering the interests of independent scholarship, and individual members have devoted considerable time to this new project.

The first stage was the establishment of a quarterly newsletter, The Independent Scholar, edited by Georgia Wright and published by the Institute. The second stage is the election of a board of directors, as described in the "Framework" that was mailed to members earlier this year. (If you would like to have another copy, write to Margaret DeLacy, 7938 S.E. 35th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202.) According to the framework the initial board will have six members. All independent scholars may vote. (Please vote only once, even if you have received more than one ballot.) The two nominees with the greatest number of votes will serve for three years, the next two for two years, and the final two for one year, but the Board may reconsider this provision.

Attached to this issue of UPDATE is your ballot. Please take a few minutes to read and mark it. As one of the largest organizations, we should be well represented in the voting. Vote for six names and return the ballot to Margaret DeLacy by October 1. Contributions are also welcome. Checks should be made out to "The National Organization of Independent Scholars."

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