

# EDUCATION

I graduated from UCI with five majors: English, History, Philosophy, Political Science and Economics. I was a Peer Academic Adviser for the School of Humanities. I was one of two representatives from the School of Humanities to the Associated Student Government. I obtained a grant and published the Humanities magazine, a student-edited publication of student work. I formed the Humanities Council, a school-wide undergraduate representative body. I also was instrumental in reviving student representative councils in many of the departments and in getting student representative positions filled for the departments. I was the undergraduate representative to the School of Humanities Faculty Meeting.

One of the most interesting things I did at UCI was to organize a separate graduation ceremony for the School of Humanities. The University had a great big graduation ceremony where everyone from the school stood up at one time and the Chancellor said, "You're graduated." Big whoop. So I organized a ceremony just for the Humanities graduates, about 200 of us. Each student's name and major was announced and each graduate got to shake the hand of the Undergraduate Dean. Almost every Humanities graduate attended. It was a very warm, personal ceremony that was a great success. The School of Humanities was so impressed that the administration took it over and made it a regular event. The other schools on campus heard about it and they copied it. Pretty soon everyone started to go to their school graduation ceremony and skip the main one. The University had to make a rule that the school ceremonies had to follow the main event, or some such thing.

Another amusing thing was the Spring Semi-Formal Dance. The college had tried to organize one for years and could never get one off the ground. So I volunteered to organize it. It sold out. We even made money.

The biggest thing I did at UCI involved Faculty/Staff Housing. The University had talked about faculty housing for years and had a committee that was working on it. But they didn't seem to be making any progress. I got appointed as the student representative. They were working on the survey to determine demand. It was enormous. I told them that it was too long and that no one was going to fill that survey out. I wrote a one-page survey that asked all the basic questions. The committee adopted my survey over the much longer one written by a faculty member. The response to the survey was excellent. I even had the surveyed results key-punched for computer processing. The results of that survey directly served as the basis for the first faculty housing project.

After Irvine, I went to UC Berkeley and completed a Juris Doctor (Law degree) at Boalt Hall and a Master of Public Policy degree at the Graduate School of Public Policy. It was an established 4-year joint program, but they kept telling us that no one ever actually completed it in four years. I don't know about anybody else, but I finished in four years. I was a research assistant for the State and Local Government Professor, Sho Sato. My main emphasis at Boalt Hall was in taxation.

After some adventures in the working world, I decided to return to school to complete a Ph.D. in Economics. I returned to UCI. It generally took seven years to complete a Ph.D. in Economics. I finished in just over five years. I knew I wanted to study the American Welfare System, so that helped me organize my course work and collect materials for my dissertation. The program was small, and Irvine was supportive. Typically, one gets about three articles out of a dissertation. I got 12 out of mine when I quit trying.

So I ended with 5 B.A.'s, 2 Master's, and 2 doctorates, all from the UC system. I think nine degrees just may be enough.