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(unsolicited comments)

"I think that I can honestly say that I have not enjoyed any meeting in the past decade as much as I have the one at Santa Cruz...the Fellows of the Society and associates of the Society are genuinely nice people. They are open, warm and self confident people. They are accomplished without being arrogant. They are sure enough of themselves that they have no need to parade their accomplishments. As Sandy Levinson put it, they are decent people, and you and I both know that not all intelligent, educated, successful folk are also decent people. I felt honored to have been selected to join them and I look forward to a long association with them."

James D. Hester
Vahe Proudian Interdisciplinary Honors
Program
University of Redlands
(after attending his first Fellows' Meeting)

"Thank you for your kind reply to my letter of early June requesting help in developing our course in Business Ethics at Ursinus College and for the more specific items and resources which you supplied, i.e., the set of model syllabi and other recommendations. We will do our level best to create a helpful and dynamic course and we will covet your continued interest in its development."

William B. Williamson
Professor of Philosophy
Ursinus College

"...the advantage of such meetings is that basic questions have to be tackled -- without the support of comfortable but confusing cultural presuppositions. Such questions need to be addressed occasionally if only to maintain a sense of proportion among the crowd of apparently more urgent and relevant details that preoccupy higher education nearly all the time."

Peter Scott, Editor in the
Times Higher Education Supplement,
London (July 11, 1980), commenting
on a conference sponsored by the
Rockefeller Foundation, planned with
help from the Society

"...I firmly believe that SVHE's greatest contribution is fellowship. That is not a vague amorphous thing. If there truly is a body of people with shared values they can transform education.... Just knowing that SVHE exists has sustained me and reinforced my values in teaching."

Carol Ochs
Professor of Philosophy
St. Joseph's College

"I would appreciate whatever help you could give us in identifying strong candidates for the position of Academic Dean at Guilford College. We have a number of members of the Society for Values in Higher Education on the faculty and a strong commitment to the kind of intellectual, personal and ethical considerations which members of the Society represent."

William R. Rogers
President, Guilford College

"Once again, my thanks to you all for inviting me to your membership. I can think of no more important effort in American life and culture than that represented by the Society."

Lester M. Wolfson
Chancellor
Indiana University at South Bend

"I want to congratulate you on the volume General Education: Issues and Resources. One sees so much these days written about higher education and its problems. It was encouraging to find a collection of succinct articles, with bibliographies, clearly focused."

T.C. Price Zimmermann
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dean of the Faculty
Davidson College