

LINUS PAULING RETURNS TO CALTECH

The 'Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century' exhibition opens at Caltech. Dr. Pauling left the campus 35 years ago — now, through this exhibition, he's come home.

The late Dr. Linus Pauling, father of modern chemistry, recently returned to his alma mater, the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. When an opening reception for the "Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century" exhibition was held May 14 at Caltech's Winnett Center, it was "the closing of a circle" in the eyes of Dr. Pauling's son Linus Jr.: After 35 years, his father had finally come back to the school where he completed his graduate studies, became an assistant professor at age 27 and continued teaching for 42 years.

Dr. Pauling Jr. emphasized at the opening that the exhibition's intention is to inspire youth through the example of his father's courageous life. Los Angeles youth division members, who since February have been involved in planning this second showing of the exhibition, created a play based on what they learned from Pauling's life. *The Essential Bond*, produced by Cory Taylor and written by Shan Serafin, will be performed every weekend during the exhibition's run. Starring Julie Taylor as Pauling's stalwart wife, Ava Helen, and John Astin and Matthew Ashford as the elder and youthful Dr. Pauling, respectively, the play is being staged at Polytechnic School, which many Pauling family members have attended, just across the street from the exhibition site. *The Essential Bond* focuses on how Ava Helen led her husband to the path of peace and justice.

At the same time, middle and high school students throughout the Los Angeles area have become involved in the exhibition through a curriculum program, developed first by San Francisco educators, then by Southland educators, called Teach P.E.A.C.E. (Positive Educational Action for Creating Excellence). During the exhibition's run, more than 3,000 students who have studied Pauling's life through Teach P.E.A.C.E. will visit the exhibition on field trips. The students have also written their future dreams on thousands of paper doves that have been added to the exhibition here.

Sponsored by the Pauling family, Oregon State University and the SGI, the exhibition is the result of a proposal SGI President Ikeda made to Dr. Pauling at their last meeting, in 1993. In a letter commending the Caltech showing, Vice President Al Gore thanks all the co-sponsors and says, "As we reach the end of the 20th century and approach a new millennium, it is appropriate to celebrate the life of a man whose dedication and contributions to humankind impacted all our lives."

The exhibition will run through June 19 at Caltech. For exhibitions hours and showtimes for *The Essential Bond*, call (323) 938-8255. The exhibition also has a virtual version on the Internet (see www.paulingexhibit.org) and is next scheduled to show in Washington, D.C.

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