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SECOND ANNUAL EMERITI WEEK
February 6-10, 1984

The second annual observance of Emeriti Week at California State University, Los Angeles, will take place on the University campus during the week of February 6 to 10. The event, which receives the enthusiastic support of both the administration and the teaching faculty of the University, is intended to give recognition to retired members of the faculty and to acknowledge their contributions, past and present, to the academic advancement of the University.

"All emeriti faculty of the University are most codially invited to attend as many as possible of the Emeriti Week events," says Emeriti Association President Donald Mortensen. "This special recognition of retired faculty is unique among colleges and universities. We are honored that our University sees fit to accord us this recognition."

The calendar of public gatherings for Emeriti Week features major events on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of the week.

Tuesday, February 7

On this day there will be two events.

At 1:30 P.M. the University's Academic Senate will open its session with a special salute to the emeriti faculty and will call forward for recognition all emeriti in attendance who served as members of the Academic Senate or its predecessor body, the Faculty Council, during their years of active service as teachers and/or administrators at the University.

From 3 to 5:30 P.M. there will be a Reception for Emeriti Faculty in the Alumni Lounge of the University-Student Union, with special recognition of new emeriti faculty. Among those extending greetings will be Dr. W. Ann Reynolds, Chancellor of California State University; Dr. Robert Kully, member of the Cal State L.A. faculty and the first faculty appointee to the CSU Board of Trustees, and University President James Rosser.

There will be a presentation of some of his own compositions by Professor Emeritus Robert Strassburg. Appearing with him to sing several of his compositions will be Lu Elrod, member of the Music Department faculty.

Wednesday, February 8

Featured on Wednesday will be a seminar session on retirement issues which the Chairman, recently retired Professor John Dahl, has given the descriptive title of "So You Have Decided to Retire,/Or Have Retired, and Wonder Who Can Answer Your So Far Unanswered Questions!"

The session will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. in King Hall B2017. Performing on the panel with Professor Dahl will be Charles F. Conrad, Director of the Office of Governmental Affairs of the Public Employees' Retirement Systems (PERS) in Sacramento, and Lois Wellington, Vice President of California's Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA).

This program is offered by the Emeriti Association as a service to the University faculty. All interested faculty are invited to attend.

Friday, February 10

The final event of the Emeriti Week program will be a social gathering for emeriti faculty and their guests. It will feature a dinner at the University Club at 6 P.M. followed by a performance of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the University Theatre. What better way to wind up the celebration of Emeriti Week!

Reservations for this event must be made no later than Tuesday, February 7, by sending a check to Jack Heppe, Treasurer, at 821 South Chapel St., Apt. 14, Alhambra, CA 91801. The price for Emeriti Association members and their spouses or guests is $10 per person; price for other guests is $15.50 per person.

New Committee Will Expand Relationships With Other Groups

A new committee on Emeriti Relations has been created for the dual purpose of developing relations with emeriti groups on other California State University campuses and establishing liaison with other organizations and agencies whose activities and interests involve matters of concern to members of the Emeriti Association.

Through relations with these other organizations, the committee is charged with keeping abreast of issues of potential benefit or concern to emeriti and conveying pertinent information to the Executive Committee.

Serving as Chair of this committee is Sidney Albert, Vice President—Administration. Appointed members are Arthur J. Misner, Clifford Dobson, Mary Gormly, and William Lloyd.

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Committee Structure Reorganized

In order to involve a greater number of members of the Emeriti Association in the management of the programs and activities of the organization, the structure and responsibilities of its committees has been strengthened this year. Facilitating these changes have been actions taken by the Executive Committee to refine, revise, and expand the duties of the various committees.

Members Are Appointed To 4 Major Committees

Membership of the four established standing committees of the Association has been filled by the President and Executive Committee by persons proposed by the Nominating Committee. These committees are as follows:

UNIVERSITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS — Sidney Albert, Vice President—Administration serves as Chairman, with the following as members: William Lloyd, John Dahl, and Donald Moore.

HOSPITALITY/WELFARE — Edward Nelson, Vice President-Program serves as Chairman. Serving as members are Ake Sandler, Laird Allison, Helen Truher, and Helen Zimnavoda.

FISCAL AFFAIRS — John Greenlee serves as Chairman, with Treasurer Jack Heppe, Eugene Benedetti, and George Francis as members.

MEMBERSHIP—Gene Tipton, Secretary - Membership, is Chairman. Members are Victor Payse, Jr., David Bilofsky, Hudson Roysher, and Mary Huber.

President Donald Mortensen serves as an ex-officio member of each of these standing committees.

In Memoriam

Bernard Epstein

Bernard Epstein, recently retired Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, died on December 25. Funeral services were conducted at Forest Lawn Cemetery on December 27.

Professor Epstein served on the School of Engineering faculty from 1957 to 1983. He was granted emeritus status upon retirement last summer.

He held a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree from New York University and a Master of Mechanical Engineering degree from Cal State L.A. He also was registered as both a Professional Chemical Engineer and Professional Mechanical Engineer with the State of California .

Nominating Committee Assigned New Duties

The scope of activities and responsibilities of the Nominating Committee have been expanded extensively, under a new charge adopted by the Association's Executive Committee.

While retaining its traditional job of preparing a slate of nominees for the annual elections, the committee now has the continuing responsibility of searching out and recommending to the Executive Committee persons to fill the positions on the various standing committees and also making recommendations of candidates to fill unexpired terms that occur during the year.

In assuming this year-round role, the Nominating Committee takes on a character similar to that performed by the Committee on Committees of the University Senate.

Heading the Nominating Committee is the designated Chair, Immediate Past-President Michael Grisafe. Others on the committee are President Don Mortensen, woh serves ex officio, Edwin Wandt, Leonard Mathy, and John Houk.

Treasurer Awaiting Membership Renewals

Treasurer Jack Heppe reports that he is still waiting for dues payments from 27 emeriti faculty who paid membership dues to the Emeriti Association last year but have not renewed for 1983-84. Anyone who has misplaced the self-addressed, dues-payment envelope included in the September mailing should address Jack Heppe at 821 S. Chapel, Apt. 14, Alhambra, CA 91801.

Latest membership figures show that the Association has 143 current dues-paying members, of which 12 are Contributing/Life, 55 are Life, and 3 are Supporting members. Membership in the Association continues to grow, as faculty who retired last summer are cleared through the University's procedure of granting emeriti status.

New Law Establishes Method for Adjusting Payments from PERS

The most significant new legislation affecting retired state employees (including academic employees) covered by the Public Employee Retirement System, was the passage of legislation establishing the Investment Dividend Disbursement Account Program (referred to as IDDA).

This legislation, sponsored by the PERS Board of Administration, is an attempt to establish a permanent (until 1989) method of adjusting retirees annuitant income from the PERS. The funds will come from investment income of PERS and by October, 1984 will replace the Boatwright payments which had been provided by earlier legislation.

IDDA payments will not replace the minimum 2% cost of living adjustments currently in force .

The purpose of IDDA payments to retirees is to maintain their PERS payments at 75% of purchasing power. Research by PERS indicates that for the year 1984 only those individuals who retired prior to 1979 will receive IDDA payments, as the purchasing power of those retiring in 1979 and later is still above the 75% figure.

Those retirees receiving Boatwright adjustments who may be entitled to IDDA payments will find their IDDA payments reduced by the amount of Boatwright payments up to October 1984.

The following chart indicates specific information:

Year of Retirement	Purchasing Power Retained	Monthly Allowance Income Factor
1965	59.7%	25.6%
1966	58.0%	29.3%
1967	57.7%	30.0%
1968	57.7%	30.0%
1969	57.6%	30.2%
1970	57.6%	30.2%
1971	57.4%	30.7%
1972	57.1%	31.3%
1973	57.4%	30.7%
1974	57.8%	29.8%
1975	60.6%	23.8%
1976	63.1%	18.9%
1977	66.3%	13.1%
1978	70.5%	06.4%
1979	75.8%	00.0%

Source: Public Employees Retirement System

Annual Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting of the Emeriti Association, at which elections are held and other business of the organization is conducted, has been called by the Executive Committee for April 10.

Association Adds 2 New Officers

Two new positions have been added to the corps of officers of the Emeriti Association. Constitutional changes authorizing these new officer positions were voted at the September meeting.

The position of Vice President-Program has been established to manage the social, recreational and fellowship activities of the Association formerly handled by the Vice President-President Elect. This latter positions is now designated as Vice President-Administration and is held by Sidney Albert.

Appointed to the new VP slot is Edward Nelson, and named to fill his vacated position as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee is Richard Lillard.

The other new position of Secretary-Membership was created to maintain the Association's records of its membership and work with the Membership Committee in building Association membership. Appointed to this new post by President Don Mortensen was Gene Tipton.

ASSOCIATION IS MOVING TO TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

The Emeriti Association has taken the necessary actions during the fall to achieve the status of a tax-exempt organization.

Final action was taken by Executive Committee at its November meeting, when it adopted and acted upon a report by the Fiscal Affairs Committee recommending that the Association affiliate, as a support group, with the University Development Office. This office, which serves as the promotional and fund-raising center for Cal State L.A., is established as a tax-exempt organization.

Formal action accepting the Emeriti Association as a support group is expected at the meeting of the University Development Board on January 19.

In his report, Fiscal Affairs Committee Chairman John Greenlee pointed out that this affiliation with an existing tax-exempt body at the University greatly simplified the process. It eliminates going through the time-consuming, expensive process of incorporation, and being subjected to the annual reporting requirements of the State of California.

Also, Greenlee reported, the affiliation qualifies the Association for the use without charge of the whole range of accounting and record-keeping services and the pooled investment programs for reserve funds which the University Development Office receives from the Cal State L.A. Foundation.

In September, the Association voted changes in the constitution and by-laws which qualified the organization for tax-exempt status.

TERMS OF NEW UNION CONTRACT DISCUSSED

James Semelroth, staff member of the California Faculty Association as its bargaining specialist, discussed the new collective bargaining contract signed by the CFA with the California State University Trustees at the fall meeting of the Emeriti Association in September. He was introduced by Harold Goldwhite, active in CFA affairs on the Cal State L.A. campus.

In discussing the contract, Semelroth placed special emphasis upon its retirement provisions. He pointed out that these provisions do not affect already retired faculty. The principal change is the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP), which will now begin at age 55 and will be limited to eight years. Librarians also will be eligible for this program.

Semelroth stressed that the new contract will be in force for three years, and it would be possible to re-negotiate features found unsatisfactory. He invited recommendations from emeriti faculty and from the Association, and noted that there is a special membership category in CFA for retired faculty.

During the business session presided over by President Donald Mortensen, amendments to the constitution were adopted which added the offices of Vice President—Program and Secretary-Membership, and which modified a section of the constitution so as to permit the conduct of business at any duly convened meeting.

New Emeriti Directory

A new (1984) edition of the directory of emiti faculty will be included with the March issue of **The Emeritimes.**

Professional and Personal Doings

By Richard Lillard, Associate Editor

Harry D. Kerrigan (Accounting) is now into his tenth year in the School of Accounting, San Diego State University, as a part-time lecturer, "using the rest of the time to do what I am still learning to do, to write for others to learn."

Ever the philosopher, Harry sees Cal State L.A. as "bringing education to those who otherwise would get it in trials, errors, and knocks of the workaday environment, missing the refinements, however modest in impact, that will be a part of them through the years. In these contributions the dispensers of the art of living must rate high above those found dispensing debits and credits, borrowing and lending, and hawking . . . don't you agree?"

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Since retiring, **William S. Ting** (Geography) has written "Quantitative Geography" and seen it published in Taipei. A second volume, "Geomorphology", also in Chinese, is in press. He has published articles on the Calendars of the Shang and Chou dynasties, and on Shang bone inscriptions. Mrs. Ting (Dr. Katherine S. Bao) the first Chinese women to become a cardiologist, is one of the leaders in that field of medicine in America. Recently President Reagan put her on the Committee for the President's Medal of Science.

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Jay Ziskin (Counseling Center), who is both a Ph.D. and a member of the California Bar, is a consulting psychologist. Since retiring in 1979 he has kept busy speaking and writing on the role of psychology and psychiatry in the trial courts. He has spoken or read papers at professional meetings in La Jolla, Phoenix, Tampa, Toronto, Wichita, and Lincoln, Nebraska, on topics such as "Why Insanity Defenses Do Not Work" or "Defending Against Psychic Injury Claims."

In 1979-80 Jay was an invited witness before the California Legislature's Joint Committee for the Revision of the Penal Code in hearings on the defenses of diminished capacity and insanity. He has published articles, as on "Pitfalls and Hazards for the Psychologist Testifying in Court," and a third edition of his "Coping with Psychiatric and Psychological Testimony." With evident propriety he gives his present position as "Consultant to the Legal Profession."

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Donald Lowrie (Zoology), since retiring in 1972, has helped found the American Arachnological Society and start publication of its journal, worked at the Field Museum of Natural History separating into families the spiders in its collections, and served for two years as a consultant for the Los Alamos Laboratories, for which he studied the ground-inhabiting invertebrates in a canyon. He collected about 50,000 specimens.

Also, Don did a study for the U.S. Air Force on the effects on the environment of depleted uranium. He is a consultant with the New Mexico Paleontological Task Force concerned with protecting and conserving New Mexico fossils and planning a state museum to exhibit them.

In 1980, as a member of the Peace Corps, Don did his best to help Paraguay collect specimens for a new natural history museum, but ran into all sorts of problems, including "Mañañaitis." He says, "I do appreciate the Spanish I have learned (I lived on my own for 5½ months — even survived the extensive military involvement in every day life that occurred after Samosa's murder) . . ."

During the summer of 1983 he was a ranger naturalist at Grand Teton National Park. He has taught for occasional terms at Cal State L.A., New Mexico Highlands University, and the University of New Mexico. For a year he wrote a weekly nature column in the Santa Fe "New Mexican".

In the world of scholarship Don has specialied on the Western wolf spider, whcih has a courtship "song."

He hikes twice a week in the Santa Fe area. In 1979 he placed third in the over-60 class at the Old Santa Fe Trail Run. Whether racing against his peers on carrying out scientific research, Don is a model of personal and professional momentum after formal retirement.

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Edward Guerrant (History), a historian with reach, reviewed a book on Peruvian Japanese during World War II for the October, 1982 issue of the American Historical Review and published an article, "Tarring the Past," in a May, 1983, issue of the Christian Science Monitor.

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Randolph Service (Education), now settled in Wicomico Church, Virginia, serves as a director of the Northern Neck Audubon Society and sings in the church choir. In September he returned from extensive travel in Europe to find his boat sank and his garden "burned to a crisp."

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Ake Sandler (Political Science) has a chapter in "An International Handbook on the Ombudsman" (Greenwood Press, 1983). On October 1 and 2 he served as a delegate in San Francisco at a People-to-People conference, the program started by Dwight Eisenhower in 1956 with the idea that "the peoples of the world can do more for world peace than their governments, as long as they cooperate across national borders."

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Patricia White (Physical Education), now living in Carlsbad, California, has studied the many awareness techniques flourishing in northern San Diego County, including the "somewhat strenuous yoga routine based on the work of K. Pattabhi Jois." She works with Friends of the Library, helps preserve Buena Vista Lagoon wildlife sanctuary, and supports San Diego Zoo activities. She extolls Carlsbad for the friendly people, the clean air, the mild climate and the "negative ion generating surf."

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After more than ten years of retirement, **Rudy Sando** (Education) has stopped working for Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

EMERITIMES seeks news from emeritus faculty members in all schools and departments about professional activity after retirement—performing, consulting, doing research, writing, reading to keep up with the field, taking courses, serving as a volunteer in public-service organizations, holding down a part or a full-time job . . . whatever. If you have items that can set examples for all of us, or astonish us, please send them to Bill Lloyd, 1011 Park Ave., South Pasadena 91030 or Dick Lillard, 1629 Sunset Plaza Drive, Los Angeles 90069.