Meeting Scheduled To Form Statewide Emeriti Association

The organizational meeting for a new systemwide California State University Association of Emeriti Professors will take place at 11 a.m. on January 25 in the Committee Room of the Trustees Center at the CSU Headquarters, 400 Golden Shore, Long Beach.

Emeriti representatives from the 19 CSU campuses are expected to attend. They will consider for adoption a draft constitution prepared in advance of the meeting and will elect officers.

The constitution to be acted upon has been prepared by a committee consisting of Phyllis Watts of CSU Fresno, Fred McMahon of

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20 Contributing/Life and Life Members Double Dues Payments

In response to a letter of invitation sent out by President Sidney Albert during the fall, 20 members of the Emeriti Association in the Contributing/Life and Life member categories have doubled their dues payments to the Association.

Contributing/Life Members adding $100 to their original payments were Sidney Albert, Laird Allison, Helen Brocklehurst, Roderick Langston, Ray F. March, Jay M. Metcalf, Arthur J. Misner, Ake Sandler, Bernard J. Somers, and Alice C. Thompson.

Increasing their Life Member dues payments from $50 to $100 were Ben C. Gmur, Jack C. Heppe, Stewart Johnston, Robert T. Lewis, William E. Lloyd, Leonard G. Mathy, David Jacobsohn, William B. Simpson, Helen B. Truher, and James B. Wilson.

Also, doubling her annual Sustaining Member payment was Amy G. Brainard, and making cash gifts were David Bilovsky, Morton Renshaw, Paul T. Scott and Fred T. Shanley.

These added dues payments and gifts bring to $1590 the total received for the endowment fund, designed to provide perpetual support to Emeriti Association programs in the coming years. Continued contributions, which are tax-deductible, will be welcomed.

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The more than 200 emeriti faculty of California State University, Los Angeles will be honored by a series of events taking place on the University campus during the week of February 11 through 16, 1985. This will mark the third annual celebration of this officially designated Emeriti Week.

The event was established three years ago as a means of according special recognition to those members of the University's faculty, now retired, who have contributed so significantly to the development of the University into an outstanding institution of higher education.

"We are singularly honored that the University has provided this occasion for recognizing its emeritus faculty," says Emeriti Association President Sidney P. Albert. "We urge you to respond by attending as many of the events as possible."

Tuesday, February 12

Two events take place on this day. First, the Academic Senate, meeting at 1:30 p.m., will open its session with a salute to emeriti faculty and special recognition to those in attendance who served during their active years on the faculty as members of either the Academic Senate or its predecessor body, the Faculty Council. Following at 3 p.m. in the University Club will be a Reception for Emeriti Faculty. At a special program during this event, Walter S. Beaver, Emeritus Professor of Theatre Arts, will speak on the topic: "Bifurcation and Symbiosis in Pseudoantibrynomycosis: Etiology of Revisionist Modes." For the musical portion of the program, Francis Baxter, Emeritus Professor of Music, will present a vocal ensemble singing Japanese and Chinese songs which he has arranged.

Thursday, February 14

At 3 p.m. in the University Club, the Faculty Colloquium will present Anthony Hillbruner, Emeritus Professor of Speech Communication, speaking on the subject, "Rhetoric and Rhetorical Criticism in the Quest for Knowledge." All emeriti faculty are cordially invited to attend this event.

Friday, February 22

This final event of Emeriti Week has been moved to February 22 so that those participating in this "Playnight" may attend a performance of Eugene O'Neill's nostalgic comedy, "Ah Wilderness". There will be a no-host "happy hour" at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 in the University Club.

Reservations must be made for this event no later than Wednesday, February 12, by sending a check to Treasurer Jack Heppe, 821 S. Chapel Ave., Apt. 14, Alhambra, CA 91801, or phoning him at (818) 289-0748. Dinner reservations are $10 per person for emeritus and their spouses or guests. Each emeritus faculty member will receive two complimentary tickets to the play.

For the Record, Please

The Emeriti Association is attempting to establish a list of all emeriti faculty who served on the Academic Senate or on the Faculty Council during their years of academic service at Cal State L.A. Those who were members of either or both bodies are requested to send a postcard listing the years served, if still remembered, to President Sidney Albert, 847 Eaton Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107, or call him at (818) 792-0637. Immediate response will be appreciated, so that this information may be available for Emeriti Week activities.

President's Perspective

By Sidney P. Albert

Decades ago Bernard Shaw counseled that our conduct—and wisdom—derive more from what we have to look forward to than what we have done and look back upon. Viewed in that light, we are fortunate that, aging though we are, we are able to share in the life of an organization that is young, vital, thriving, and growing. Even more, we are in the vanguard of a burgeoning emeriti movement that is opening new vistas for the academic profession as a whole. Already stirring in the various segments of higher education in California, the movement is beginning to attract national attention as well.

On February 9, 1985, our Emeriti Association will be seven years old. We hope that as many of you as can will join us in celebrating that birthday during Emeriti Week. Elsewhere in these pages you will learn of the program of events for this third annual celebration. Do help us make it a memorable occasion.

In the weeks ahead all of us will be hearing about the state of our nation, of our state, and of our university. In the narrower sphere of our Association, let me say that its state is predominantly one of flux and transition. A great deal is happening but, at the time of this writing, is still short of closure and fruition.

What can be said is that prospects appear bright for the realization of two of this year's major projects. A recommendation has been submitted that a room be assigned to us on campus for an Emeriti Center, but no final decision has yet been reached.

Much more definite is the forthcoming establishment of the systemwide CSU organization for emeriti, which we have spearheaded. On January 25, representatives from the emeriti of all, or virtually all, 19 CSU campuses will gather at CSU Headquarters in Long Beach to usher this new organization into being. Emeriti are organized on only a few campuses, but the proposal to form a statewide organization has elicited a gratifyingly warm response almost everywhere. Indeed, it has already prompted drives to set up local emeriti groups of one kind or another at several institutions in the system.

The Chancellor's Office and the Statewide Academic Senate have been wonderfully cooperative in this endeavor and have expressed interest in the future of the prospective CSU organization of emeriti. Knotty problems remain to be resolved but, all in all, grounds for optimism about that future abound. Meanwhile, efforts are afoot to found a similar systemwide association in the University of California.

With the backing of the California Conference of AAUP, Harold Goldwhite of Cal State L.A., a member of AAUP's national Council, has taken some emeriti proposals of ours to that body. The proposals, he reports, have been referred to appropriate committees, where they will be given serious consideration.

Back on our local scene, the third major project of the year—fund raising—is in abeyance until it is possible to make a clearer determination of the scope it requires. For the present, potentially serious budgetary problems have been alleviated in some measure by the generous response of a number of Contributing/Life and Life Members to an invitation to voluntarily double their dues. We are grateful for their helpful support, and accord them a special vote of thanks.

Congratulations are also in order for Don Moore, our Academic Senator, on his election to the Executive Committee of our local Senate. Success, too, has crowned our efforts to win emeriti eligibility to be awarded grants at Cal State L.A.

We hold high hopes that there will be more good news to report in the next issue of *Emeritimes* and at our spring membership meeting on April 18. Much work remains to be done, and we invite your active and continuing involvement in the life and growing pains of your young Association.

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Calendar of Events

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, April 18

At the annual membership meeting officers are elected for the coming year, beginning July 1, and outgoing officers give their reports of past year's activities and accomplishments of the Association.

Information about the program for the annual meeting, including nominations for officers for 1985-86, will be reported in a special isue of *Emeritimes* to be published in March.

Executive Committee

Meetings of the Executive Committee are held at 12:45 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month in the President's Conference Room on the eighth floor of the Administration Building. All members of the Emeriti Association are welcome to attend these meetings.

Dr. McDonald Is Not Ready To Take Place In Warm Corner By the Fireside — Even at 90

By Richard Lillard

At 90, Howard S. McDonald is a model of keeping constructively busy during retirement.

For years, he says, relatives and friends have kept saying, "You really must slow down," but he shrugged off the refrain. "How could I slow down when this world is so challenging and interesting in its problems? I could not, at any age, really be content to take my place in a warm corner by the fireside and simply look on."

The man whom I've always heard referred to as "Dr. McDonald," met me at the front door of his daughter and son-in-law's home in Los Alamitos. Tall, white haired, genial, he ushered me to his spacious room, lined with mementos, adjoining the rear garden. He seated me at a small table and sat opposite me, closely watching my face and lips. Laughing often, his blue eyes twinkling, he reminisced for almost two hours.

I asked what he had done since retiring as President of Los Angeles State College in 1962. He said he immediately became the regional representative of the U.S. Commissioner of Education. He served as the Commissioner's eyes and ears in the vast region that extends from Alaska to Arizona, Hawaii, and American Samoa. He visited school organizations and institutions of higher learning, but never reached Samoa or Hong Kong, as he'd wished to, because in 1964 David McKay, President of the Mormon Church, made him President of the Salt Lake City Temple.

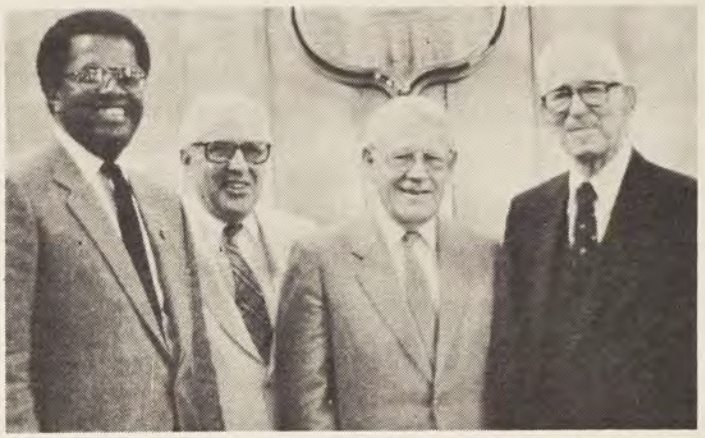
Dr. McDonald calls this temple "the greatest college in the world." There he gave the many religious instructions that are performed in the Temple and married five or six couples a day "for no fees at all, absolutely none." Mrs. McDonald served as Matron of the Temple. Dr. McDonald functioned as President until 1968, when he was 74.

I inquired what he had done since. He said he performed marriges at the Los Angeles Temple until about 6 years ago. He reads biographies, liking to see how people succeed, and auto-biographies, liking to watch how people see themselves and their careers. Appropriately, in 1978-79 he wrote *Brief Autobiography* for his descendants.

He keeps up with the news in the daily paper and the weekly magazines. For years he was an active gardener, expert with vegetables and roses. The family and doctor now discourage such exercising, but he told me with a grin that he does "a bit of garden work when no one is looking."

Though he walks far less than in the days when he habitually showed visitors around the new L.A. State campus, he takes regular strolls around the block. He carries nitroglycerin pills, and when he feels chest pains he pops a capsule under his tongue, "where blood circulates the fastest." He says his voice feels "constricted," dry and somewhat husky, lacking its former resonance. He has stopped giving speeches.

A number of years ago when his hearing slackened, he attend a Long Beach school, where he took a course in lip reading and mastered the technique. He told me that except when I turned my head he followed "distinctly everything" I said. He told me, too, that he took up latching in order to use time productively and keep his hands busy. He happily showed me his first piece, a wall hanging 6 feet high that depicts a grandfather's clock. He was completing some large Santa Claus figures, equally detailed front or back, that would be presents for children to hang on walls.



Dr. McDonald (right), with President James Rosser, Past President John Greenlee and Donald Mortensen, in picture taken at 1984 Emeriti Week Reception.

Dr. McDonald spoke easily of biographical details in his long and successfull career as he "kept moving up"—of boyhood on farms in Holladay, Utah, high school in Salt Lake City, missionary work in western Pennsylvania, military service in field artillery radio in France—through never in action.

He touched on matters given attention in *Brief Autobiography*–studying irrigation and drainage and playing football at the state college in Logan, getting his M.A. and doctor's degree at Berkeley, directing a boys' camp on the Feather River, serving as vice principal at Balboa High in San Francisco–where alumi continue to remember and honor him–as Deputy Superintendent of Schools in the same city, as Superintendent of Schools in Salt Lake City for a year, President of Brigham Young University for 4 years, and President for 13 years of colleges in Los Angeles, followed by his 2 years with the federal government and his 4 years at the Salt Lake City Temple.

He likes little stories. A few years ago, he told me, the chairman of a meeting introduced him by listing his many jobs in education and the church, dating each one. Later someone asked a friend: "What's the matter with McDonald? Couldn't he ever hold a job?"

Encouraged by my questions, Dr. McDonald dwelt on the years 1949-62, when he was for a while simultaneously president of three separate institutions: L.A. City College, L.A. State, and San Fernando State. On the Vermont Avenue campus he made his way amid the conflicting demands of State and City officials, State and City College deans, and two faculties, each wanting a 4-year institution. He remembers his first day on the Vermont campus and the joint meeting of the two faculties when he warned against

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teaching atheism and destroying the faith of students and against teaching communism-—"a false way of life."

He recalled with evident enjoyment the problem—or drama—of looking for Los Angeles state college campuses. He carried on the search by car and by plane. He picked Chavez Ravine for L.A. State; Mayor Poulson kept him out and pulled strings for the Dodgers. He picked northeastern Griffith Park; the Department of Parks and recreation kept him out. He picked the site of the later Crenshaw Shopping District, only to be thwarted by U.S.C., which feared competition for students. Finally he picked the present location, then a steep hill and a dumpsite for excavated freeway dirt.

In his conversation, as in his autobiography, which he entrusted to me for reading, he embodied dignity, confidence, and loyalty to his ideals. The student riots of the 1960s had appalled him. "I believed in constructive dissent. This is how we grow and improve our system of education. This dissent must be from those who are seeking to upbuild, not destroy. Subversive elements must be kept from our campuses." Progress for minority students, he said, came a century late.

At Brigham Young, where he struggled to enlarge a small budget, he gave a great push to the sciences, for he saw no conflict between science and religion. Give the students information and theories. Let them "know the things of the world," but don't undermine their faiths, he observed.

In 1982 a U.S.C. candidate for the Ed. D. submitted a thesis: *An Historical Appraisal of Education Development under Howard C. McDonald at Brigham Young University, 1945-1949*. By invitation, Dr. McDonald attended the oral and took part.

"I think the things that mattered most have not been the big, important things, but the small, personal things." The day after the interview, he would be off on a seven-week trip via private motor bus to visit important places "both Church and National" throughout the country, New England excepted.

Long-time associates of his whom I've talked with by phone or in person look back on his sincere, sterling character and personality, and also on some mischievous traits. Sophie Block, his secretary on two Los Angeles campuses, remembers him as remarkable for his attention to detail, and as a "charming man," a "loving, kind, fine gentleman." She was astonished when he came downtown to interview her for the job instead of having her come to his office on Vermont Avenue.

Adam Diehl recalls how once, soon after Dr. McDonald arrived at 855 North Vermont, he was speaking at a faculty affair in the Student Union in front of the three arches on the west end. He wore a blue suit that set off his white hair. He stood by the flag. While he was talking a six-year-old boy wandered up close and stared up at him. He put his hand on the boy's head and went on talking, embodying the "father figure" that some faculty members saw him as being.

He had little favorite jokes, like one he repeated to me in Los Alamitos. In a building that had once housed a chain grocery store, across Vermont from the campus, L.A. State gave a course in sex education. Dr. McDonald would tell visitors that his college was "teaching sex education in the Safeway."

He does not drive any more, but in the 1950 and '60s he was renowned for hair-raising driving. He bought a new Buick almost every year. He would drive at what companions found to be a furious speed while turning his head to talk with riders in the back seat, as on business trips to talk budget in the state capital. Al Graves once said, "Dr. McDonald would get into his car and aim at Sacramento." As highway crews completed sections of Hollywood Freeway, as near Silver Lake Boulevard, blocking them off until dedicated, President McDonald would push the road blocks aside and race along the new pavement.

Jack Heppe, who accompanied Dr. McDonald on budget trips to Sacramento, tells how the President liked to read at night in the motels where they stayed and would bring along his own light bulb, one with ample wattage for good reading. He'd unscrew the feeble low-wattage bulb provided by the management and insert his own for the night. "I'll fool 'em," he'd say.

Suzuki Reports On Gerontology Program at Cal State, L.A.

The emeriti are an untapped resource for the University's Gerontology Task Force," said Dean Robert H. Suzuki at the Annual Fall Membership Meeting in September. He observed that, the United States population lives longer, 65 is "no longer very old" and the problems and opportunities of retirement become more and more important. Cal State L.A., like Cal State Fullerton and USC, is getting into gerontology.

The Dean of Graduate Studies and research was speaking of a new University thrust with a solid place for emeriti involvement. He traced the history of the Task Force, which he initiated in 1983, and described the present status of the project. He has developed an interdisciplinary group of active faculty, equally active emeriti, senior citizens in the community, and leaders in local organizations.

Study sections are looking into such matters as local problems that seniors face, campus courses that bear on an aging population, and possible answers to such basic questions as: Why not create an elder hostel here, using the University dormitories during vacations? Since state funding is unlikely, where can the University find outside money to fund a Gerontology Center, or to set up an endowed chair, or to create and support new courses?

On the project of obtaining federal money through the House Subcommittee on Aging, Suzuki reported that Cal State L.A. will apply for a federal grant, emphasizing the needs in our ethnic neighborhoods. There will be opportunity for emeriti to teach courses in gerontology. Both Suzuki and Don Mortensen, a leader on the Task Force, agreed. Also, Suzuki foresees opportunities for young University students to specialize in the subject, carrying on research and providing services.

Statewide Association

CSU Northridge, and Sidney Albert of CSU Los Angeles, with Leonard Mathy of CSU Los Angeles serving as a resource person.

Promoting and sponsoring this effort to create a systemwide organization of emeriti is our CSU Los Angeles Emeriti Association, with valuable support from the Statewide Academic Senate and the Chancellor's Office.

The proposed structure for the association provides for a delegate body of representatives from the 19 campuses that would meet twice a year. It would be headed by an executive group of a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and two members-at-large.