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President Rosser Delivers State of the University Address

President James M. Rosser delivered the 2003-04 State of the University address at the Academic Senate on Tuesday, April 13. It was the latest in timing within the academic year for the 22-year tradition because of the financial difficulties and uncertainties now facing the state.

He began by recalling comparable fiscal stringencies in earlier decades, and appealed for renewed efforts in setting priorities. He noted that shortfalls have never been made up in subsequent years, and commented, "We'll start next year $7 million in the hole."

The CSU requested an allocation of $546.6 million for 2004-05, including mandatory costs, budget priorities, and cut restorations, and specified zero increase in statutory fees. Also specified were full costs of faculty salary increases based on service, funds for the projected 15 percent rate increase in health benefit costs, and allocations governing energy increases, electronics services, libraries, and deferred maintenance. Then Dr. Rosser commented, "The Governor said 'No.'"

He went on to summarize a number of innovative activities that will suffer from cutbacks, notably readiness assessment programs developed for 11th grade students. The Governor has expressed the intent to eliminate EOP programs, redirect more freshmen to community colleges rather than admit them even if technically eligible, and raise the overall student-faculty ratio to 20:1 averaged across all disciplines, including fields such as nursing and comparable laboratory-based majors.

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ALI MODARRES GUEST SPEAKER AT MAY 14 SPRING LUNCHEON

The Emeriti Association will hold its spring luncheon and annual meeting on Friday, May 14, in the third-floor ballroom of the Golden Eagle building. Ali Modarres will return as the guest speaker, with a talk titled, "Challenges and Opportunities at an Urban Campus."



His previous appearance was at the fall luncheon of 2000, when he presented "CSULA Student Population: An Evolving Story."

Modarres, a professor of geography and urban analysis, also serves as associate director of the Edmund G. (Pat) Brown Institute of Public Affairs. His extensive research on various factors affecting urban populations bears directly on both student and faculty interests, particularly in light of current fiscal problems in California.

Emeriti and their guests will gather at 11:30 a.m. for greetings and reminiscences. Active faculty members are welcome to attend. A brief meeting will be held between the luncheon and the guest speaker. The agenda includes announcements, the annual election of officers, and a vote on a constitutional amendment. The slate of nominees, the roster of continuing officers in two-year positions, and the proposed amendment appear on page 10.

Information regarding luncheon reservations appears in the box below.

Spring

LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2004
11:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

GOLDEN EAGLE BALLROOM
COST: $20 PER PERSON

Send check, made payable to the Emeriti Association, *due no later than Monday, May 10*, to Don Dewey, 3891 Hampstead Road, La Cañada-Flintridge, CA 91011. For more information, call Don at 818-790-2673.

Margaziotis Named Emeriti Association Webmaster

The Emeriti Association Executive Committee is implementing a long-planned project, a website that will carry news and information for all interested readers who own, or have access to, computers. The webmaster is Demetrius Margaziotis, emeritus professor of physics. Assisting him are other members of the Executive Committee with responsibilities for events, records, fellowships, and *The Emeritimes*. The website address is http://www.calstatela.edu/emeriti. It will be accessible in a few weeks at most, and there will be links to other sites of shared interest.

The purpose of this website is to make available information and news of importance to faculty, both retired and nearing retirement, in a medium that enables us to maintain timeliness. It will also carry complete issues of *The Emeritimes*, and electronic readership will be encouraged though not required.

To enable electronic communication among emeriti, a portion of the emeriti directory will be available online. Those who wish to have their names, home addresses, and email addresses displayed in this directory must authorize their listing by emailing Joe Casanova at jcasanova@charter.net with their permission. Their information will then be viewable by anyone.

The Association will continue publishing the complete directory on paper annually. Both directories need timely updates whenever emeriti move or make other changes, and the website directory will be able to reflect such changes ahead of the annual version.

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President's Message



First, let me tell you that I am looking forward to seeing you at the forthcoming luncheon and Association meeting on May 14 at The Golden Eagle. I do hope that you are able to join the group and participate in some old-fashioned camaraderie, enjoy a fine lunch, get updated on campus news, and handle the business of our Emeriti Association. It will be an informative and enjoyable occasion, so I do hope you can make it. In February, the emeriti were recognized at the Academic Senate, and afterwards we had a wonderful reception in the Fine Arts Gallery. The attendance was good and it was great to have the chance to chat with so many "old" colleagues. Maybe we're on a roll!

Next, let me share a few of the varied and exciting activities in which we are currently involved. Number one-A on our list is the emergence of the Emeriti Association website. Its construction is almost finished, and I have no doubt that you will be most pleased when you see it. It will cover everything about us from services and privileges to upcoming events and our fellowship program. The website will increase our visibility and provide our members with easy linkage to various parts of the University. When you have a chance to review the site, I do hope you will let us know your opinion. Our webmaster is Demetrius Margaziotis and he is terrific! Dimitri (ably assisted by Joe Casanova and Janet Fisher-Hoult) has taken the lead in developing the capabilities and the creativity that are inherent in the site.

Another exciting happening is the very recent award from the Bernard Osher Foundation to the Roybal Gerontology Center. This renewable grant will focus on programs for lifelong learning, and principal investigator Connie Corley is interested in involving emeriti as teachers. Program components will be worked out soon, and you will be hearing more about opportunities in a brief presentation at the May luncheon and in a future issue of *The Emeritimes*.

The University will hold two commencements this year, the first of which is on Friday, June 11 at 4:30 p.m., at which time master's degree students will receive their hoods. On Saturday, June 12 at 8 a.m., baccalaureate degrees will be awarded to new graduates. Both ceremonies look interesting and, of course, emeriti are invited to attend.

As I am notified about retired faculty and new emeriti, I am reminded of days gone by and people I knew throughout my many years on campus. I suspect that is why I stopped to peruse a recent human interest article in the *Los*

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Campus News

Carlos Gutierrez Receives AAAS Lifetime Mentor Award

Carlos G. Gutiérrez (Chemistry) received the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) 2003 Lifetime Mentor Award on February 15 at the AAAS annual meeting in Seattle. Gutierrez was honored by AAAS for "substantial contributions in mentoring students from underrepresented groups" and his "leadership in promoting Ph.D. careers for underrepresented groups in chemistry and the biosciences."

In his 27 years at Cal State L.A., Gutierrez has mentored more than 200 students through National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation funded programs. He serves as director of Cal State L.A.'s NIH-sponsored Minority Access to Research Careers and Minority Biomedical Research Support programs. He is also coordinator and mentor for the Beckman Scholars Program.

Established by the AAAS Board of Directors in 1991, this $5,000 award recognizes "individuals who have mentored or guided significant numbers of underrepresented students to the completion of doctoral studies; and significantly impacted the climate of a department, college or institution, or field in such a manner as to significantly increase the diversity of students pursuing and completing a doctorate in the sciences."

Sally Ride to Receive Award at Billie Jean King Fundraiser

Former astronaut Sally Ride will receive the Shapiro Award at the Billie Jean King campus athletics fundraiser on October 2. In addition to being the first woman in space, Ride is an avid tennis player. Her father, Dale Ride, was a member of CSU Board of Trustees in the 1980s.

Emeriti Association Founder Sid Albert Celebrates 90th



More than 60 colleagues, friends, and family joined Sidney Albert in celebration of his 90th birthday at a Monrovia restaurant on April 10. Many of the tributes to Sid focused on his successful efforts to establish the California State University, Los Angeles Emeriti Association, a campaign that he initiated years before his own retirement. There was recognition of his unstinting advocacy of emeriti rights and responsibilities at the state and national level as well. Barbara Sinclair presented him with a plaque from the Emeriti Association Executive Committee, thanking him for his support and advice. Other emeriti who spoke were Peter Brier, reading a letter from Norman Fruman, who was unable to attend because of a fall, and Don Dewey. Other Cal State L.A. emeriti there were Tom Annese, Don Burrill, Bob Kully, Vilma Potter, Sidney Richman, Pauline Schatz, and, of course, Sid himself. Chairperson Sharon Bishop spoke for the many Philosophy Department colleagues present. A UCLA professor applauded Sid's many contributions to the study of George Bernard Shaw and to the Shaw Society. Sid's sons, Larry and Allen, and daughter, Vivian, warmly described what they had gained from their father. His brother-in-law, who had known him for 70 years, and several close friends also spoke. Sid Albert responded with a series of quotations presenting his ideas primarily on retirement, teaching, and, of course, Shaw. Because the room was large and Sid's voice is not, he was invited to send a copy for the next issue of *The Emeritimes*, since there has barely been time to squeeze this into the spring issue.

Professional and Personal



Walter Askin (Art) was one of five Los Angeles artists commissioned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to create an image reflecting any neighborhood of their choosing, so long as it was a neighborhood served by the MTA. The images were made into posters that have been installed on buses, trains, and at Metro stops. Askin, like many other artists, selected the place he lives as his subject. His vision of Pasadena, inspired in part by his work on Rose Parade floats and as a onetime participant in the Doo Dah Parade, depicts a line of musicians and dancers performing under the sun. A recent *Los Angeles Times Magazine* article quoted Askin, ""Probably in one day, more people see your work riding Metro Rail than during an entire run in an exhibition or gallery."'

Joan Johnson (Physical Education) and her friend Jeri Shepard spent 16 days in January on a very long excursion to Antarctica, flying first to Buenos Aires. On board the cruise ship through rough waters, particularly around the confluence of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, they learned the real meaning of rock 'n roll. But the scenery was spectacular, as well as the livestock–more than penguins–and they did get ashore to the deepest-south continent. Joan promises a feature article for the next issue.

Raymond Landis (Engineering and Technology/Mechanical Engineering) was one of three deans recognized at the February National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators (NAMEPA) national conference for his contribution to founding (NAMEPA) plus Minority Engineering Programs (MEP) nationwide 25 years ago. All were presented with the Dream Catcher Leadership Award.

Don Dewey (History) spoke to the California Sons of Colonial Wars at their biennial lunch meeting, April 24. His topic was "The Last Colonial War and the Rise and Fall of Empire."

22nd Annual Kubal Memorial Lecture Draws Praise

On February 26, in the Golden Eagle Ballroom, the 22nd Annual David L. Kubal Memorial Lecture took an unusual turn. Noted for its distinguished speakers on criticism and cultural issues, the series featured a Mexican poet and her translator in a reading of *The Blaze Behind the Mirror* (*El fuego tras el espejo*, 2002), a book of poems dedicated to the memory of the more than a million children murdered in the death camps of Nazi-controlled Europe. Estela Alicia Lopez Lomas, a well-known poet from Tijuana, impressed the judges of a national contest in Mexico City. The contest had asked for poems written about a subject at the "center" of the 20th century. Lomas picked the Holocaust and won a prize.

Roberto Cantu, who has a dual appointment in the Chicano Studies and English departments at Cal State L.A. and who has published essays on Lomas' poetry, showed Peter Brier (emeritus, English) her poems last spring. He was struck by their strong compassion. He consulted with Geoffrey Hartman, founder of the Holocaust Fortunoff Archive at Yale University.

Hartman, a major literary theorist and critic, who gave the Kubal Memorial Lecture in 1990, recommended Moira Fradinger, a recent Yale Ph.D. in comparative literature and Spanish studies, whose dissertation on genocide in western history was nominated for a prize at Yale, to translate *The Blaze Behind the Mirror*.

Emeriti were well represented. Leon Schwartz, Jack Rathbun, and James Sullivan were in the audience. Norman Fruman (emeritus, English) rose to compliment the poet for her extraordinary empathy. She then responded by sharing with the audience her childhood experiences as an orphan in Mexico, where anti-Semitism in the church and on the streets had offended her deepest instincts of love and justice. Fradinger's translations rose to the challenge of Lomas' passionate and dramatic lyricism.

Jeanne Gee, English Department staff member, summed up the evening: "Awesome!" Carl Selkin, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, addressed the group, announced the winners of the Kubal Essay Contest, and informed the audience that Cal State L.A. would soon initiate an experimental program in Jewish Studies.

Health Briefs

The Connection Between Sleeping and Health

By Marilyn Friedman

Most seniors believe that, as they age, they require less sleep than when they were younger and more active. Well, it's simply not true that you need less sleep as you get older.

Adequate sleep is important for human beings regardless of their age. Probably all of us would agree that feeling "pooped" can make a person feel "crummy" and impair his/her ability to learn and retain information. But new studies are showing that poor sleeping patterns can be much more serious and long-standing than just temporarily making a person feel tired or have short-term memory and learning problems.

The *New England Journal of Medicine* recently reported studies that demonstrated that there is a price to be paid for losing sleep. Research now states that regular, ample sleep is one of the essential ingredients for good health, just as are eating healthy and exercising. Lack of sleep makes people more vulnerable to infection because resistance to disease is compromised. When we short-change sleep, the human immune system also seems to nod off and produce fewer infection-fighting antibodies. Metabolic systems are also affected by lack of adequate sleep. Researchers who studied sleep-deprived subjects found that hormonal and metabolic systems were adversely impacted. The researchers' conclusion was that chronic sleep loss might hasten the onset of diabetes as well as increase the severity of diabetes, hypertension, and obesity.



Memory and learning are impacted because sleep very substantially affects brain functioning, especially "complex cognitive procedures." Research where subjects play cognitive games under various conditions has illuminated the role that sleep plays in thinking, retention, and reasoning ability. For instance, subjects needed at least six hours of normal sleep in order to remember how to play games they learned the day before. Moreover, researchers found that depriving people of REM (rapid eye movement) cycles was just as effective in creating the above cognitive problems as depriving subjects of all sleep.

How much sleep do you need? In the years before electricity, most people got about nine hours of sleep per night. But with the advent of the electric bulb (light at night) and all the things that compete for our attention (computers, working long hours and commuting, TV, etc.), the average person in the U.S. now sleeps only seven hours a day. Yet in laboratory experiments that allowed subjects to "find" their natural amount of sleep, most subjects needed a little more than eight hours a night.

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Age is a factor influencing the amount of sleep we get. As we age, we generally get about the same amount of sleep or less sleep than when we were younger. However, this sleep is combined with more frequent daytime naps. Among seniors, there are various reasons for losing sleep: the aches and pains of arthritis, coughing, heartburn, feeling depressed, multiple medications, and nighttime trips to the bathroom. And sleep among people with certain diseases, such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, is directly disrupted.

Practical suggestions for sleeping better abound. Three of the common sense remedies are: 1) don't use alcohol as a sleeping pill, as it usually disrupts normal sleep patterns and awakens people later in the night; 2) use the bed for sleeping and not work; and 3) avoid caffeine after noon. Coffee, for instance, can linger in the body for up to 12 hours after ingestion.

As sleep researchers tell us, many of us need to change our attitude about sleep. Sleeping normally and sufficiently may make individuals demonstrably smarter and appreciably healthier. Sleeping is definitely one of the essential ingredients of a healthy lifestyle, particularly as we age and are confronted with health conditions that challenge our ability to get a good night's sleep.

State of the University *(Continued from Page 1)*

Dr. Rosser discussed in detail the proposals to institute higher fees for graduate students and other postbaccalaureate students, including those enrolled for a teaching credential. His view is that if there is to be a higher fee charged for programs beyond the baccalaureate, the state should also provide funds for them at a commensurately higher rate. Also discussed was the proposal to cap the number of units a student could take for a degree, with "excess" units charged at full cost. That provision would severely limit changes of major. He summarized the situation with the comment, "Students are paying more and getting less, and quality is being eroded."

The projections for capital outlay funding are contrastingly high, based on previously enacted bonds as well as other funds. Emeriti will shortly need new maps, because construction now in progress and committed for the near future will change the geography of the campus. A third parking structure is already under construction over Lot C. A Welcome Center is planned for the south entrance to the campus.

Two buildings are scheduled for demolition, because retrofitting for safety would be more costly than replacement. The University-Student Union will be torn down and a new Union built on the same site. It will blend architecturally with the new Golden Eagle building and will include conference facilities. The Physical Sciences building will eventually be replaced by a complex of science buildings of much different design, to be built where the tennis courts are now situated, next to the Student Health Center. The courts will, of course, be relocated. The existing Physical Sciences building will be torn down after its replacement is ready for use. The existing Biological Sciences building will undergo extensive modification.

Pacific Dispatch

Singapore Engaged in Population Discussion

By Margaret J. Hartman

As reported in the Winter 2004 issue of The Emeritimes*, Margaret Hartman and Bob Zahary have returned to Singapore and established a higher education consulting practice, SpringStart Education Group PTE LTD. Their clients are not limited to Singapore, and include a number of institutions that want to establish a presence there, as well as some that want to branch out to other parts of the world.*

The big debate in Singapore right now is about population policy. To an American, Singapore is already crowded. Its current population density is 6,050/km^2. To put this in perspective, the population density of the U.S. is 31.1 people/km^2; California has 84.8 people/km^2. The extremes of the individual states range from Alaska at 0.4/km^2 to New Jersey at 443/km^2. I was therefore appalled when the newspapers here reported that the birthrate was too low to sustain the country and the government is calling on families to increase the number of children that they have.

In 1970, Singapore had a population of about two million, with a population density similar to the current population density of Washington, D.C. (3,500/km^2). At that time, the median age was 19 and the country had a 4.4 percent growth rate. The government realized that it could not provide services with that kind of growth rate and initiated a "Stop at Two" population policy. The 2000 census indicates the population has grown to 4,017,700, which is about 6,050 people/km^2. The median age of the population is now 34. The birthrate is 11.4 per thousand and the death rate is 4.4 per thousand. This means the population is still increasing, although at a greatly reduced rate. So, population pressure on the country's resources is going to continue to increase.

What bothers me most as a biologist is that I have seen no discussion at all about the environmental impact of a further increase in population on this little island.

Of course, the issue of needing more babies born here in Singapore has led to a number of jokes about the low libido of Singaporeans. There have been announcements of a midnight television talk show, which promises to include bathtub tutorials on how couples can massage each other, and a reality television program in which 10 couples will compete in a "baby race" to be the first to conceive. All this just proves that television here can be just as tasteless as in the U.S.

Government planning, however, has proceeded for some time on the assumption that there needs to be 50,000 live births per year, which, assuming equal numbers of male and female babies and subtracting for infant and youth mortality and disabilities, would lead to about 24,500 to 24,800 men entering national service (the military) at age 18. Last year, the number of live births dropped to below 38,000. I can't find any information about when or why the number of 50,000 was settled on, but I also don't see any indication that that number is going to be reconsidered. Instead, there is a call to increase the birthrate. If the only reason for 50,000 live births is to have enough people in National Service 18 years from now, there are other options. One would be to require women to do national service (Malaysia has just implemented national service for both sexes).

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Another way to increase the population of Singaporeans would be to allow immigrants to become citizens. However, even though Singapore considers itself a "nation of immigrants", citizenship for non-Singaporeans is very strictly regulated. To be a Singaporean, one or both of your parents must themselves be Singaporeans. If only the father is Singaporean, the father must have been legally married to the mother. Recently, a case was reported in the papers of an "undesirable" twenty-something male, born and raised in Singapore, who was going to be deported to Indonesia because he had a long rap sheet. He has never lived in Indonesia, although his mother is Indonesian. However, in spite of having a Singaporean father and being born, raised, and educated in Singapore, he is not a Singaporean and is subject to deportation.

But it appears that neither putting women into national service nor making citizenship easier is high on the government's agenda. How then, is the government going to increase the birthrate? The government has received a large number of suggestions. It was interesting to watch these suggestions unfold in the press. The first wave of letters to the editor was from people who see financial resources as the limiting resource for their procreation. They want more benefits: free childcare, additional child supplements, the expansion of the resources given to first two children to subsequent children, increased maternity and paternity leave, etc. The second wave of letters, probably in response to the first letters, was from the professional men and women and dealt with problems that we would all be familiar with—the balance between careers and family. Frequently cited is the inability of professionals to provide quality time for children if a couple had more than one or two children, since most professionals work either from 8 to 6 Monday through Friday, or 8 to 5 Monday through Friday and four hours on Saturday. There are no "telecommuting" or "job-sharing" opportunities for the professionals. (Bob and I are two of the few people in Singapore who work at home.)

The women's caucus of the political party has taken the novel approach of asking women in the country what benefits would be most important to them. In addition to the ones cited above, the women's caucus has raised two major points.

If there is going to be a campaign to increase the number of babies born, don't make it a campaign to tell women how many children to have. Women fear that they will be discriminated against regardless of what they do. If they have the "right" number of children, they will be discriminated against on the basis that they can't handle a professional job as well; if they choose not to have children, they will feel discriminated against for not meeting target. Much better would be a campaign to celebrate the joys of parenthood.

The second thrust is that employers must be flexible in dealing with employees with children. If they are going to continue to be inflexible and require 44-hour work weeks, no number of benefits given to parents is going to stimulate the birthrate among the professional class.

The women have spoken out and warned the government. The government has promised to provide its new plan in a couple of months. The key government players here are all men. Hopefully, the men will listen to what the women have to say.

Note added at press time: The government has just announced that the program for increasing the birthrate will not be released until National Day (August 8).

In Memoriam

DANIEL A. AMNEUS

Professor of English, 1950-1986

Daniel A. Amneus, Shakespeare scholar and emeritus professor of English at Cal State L.A., died peacefully on December 18 at the age of 84 after suffering a stroke several weeks earlier.

Dan joined the English Department in 1950 and taught a variety of literature, language, and writing courses in his 36 years as a respected member of the University faculty. Among them were two courses in Shakespeare, a course in the Bible as literature, a course in American English, another in English language dialects, and courses in the art of writing and advanced writing. An author himself, he published several books and numerous articles. Among his book publications are *Back to Patriarchy*, *The Mystery of Macbeth*, *The Three Othellos*, *The Garbage Generation*, and *Need T*. No stranger to controversy, Dan angered feminists with his book on patriarchy, in which, echoing the 18th-century political and social philosopher J. J. Rousseau, he asserted that society was better served by a clear differentiation of the roles of the sexes, the "natural role" of the female being domestic. He was also an outspoken opponent of the Vietnam War and his *Vietnam Chronology* and articles advocating our withdrawal from Indochina were a noteworthy contribution to the literature surrounding that tormented period in our history.



He was born on October 15, 1919, and earned his B.A. degree at the University of California, Berkeley in the spring of 1941. As with many young men of his generation, his college education was interrupted by World War II, in which he served as a combat engineer and participated in the Battle of the Bulge and liberation of Belgium. Returning to his university studies after the war, he earned an M.A. in English at the University of Southern California in 1947 and, after joining the Los Angeles State College faculty, his Ph.D. in 1953.

An avid reader, Dan had many interests ranging from chess to military history, but his greatest pleasure was his children, Paul Daniel Amneus, of Placerville, Colorado, and Pamela Phelps, of Shelter Cove, California. He is survived by them as well as his son-in-law Todd Phelps, grandsons Clayton and Clark Phelps, and his devoted wife Patricia, who has called him "a blazing star . . . [whose] compassion, kindness, humor, honesty, dignity, and intelligence will always be a wonderful part of our lives."

POLLYANNE BAXTER

Associate Professor of Music, 1970-1997

Pollyanne Baxter, associate professor emerita, passed away on Sunday, December 14, after 15 months of battling breast cancer and its complications. Beloved by many students, colleagues and friends, she was one of the most dedicated and talented voice teachers in the Music Department, both in her part-time and her full-time career there.



Born in Watsonville, California in 1932, Pollyanne attended Watsonville High School, then various colleges and universities, among them San Francisco State College, Glendale City College, and Los Angeles City College. She earned her B.A. in music at this university when it was still L.A. State (1956) and her master's degree in 1978, also at Cal State L.A. Of course, this does not tell the whole story: her extensive voice training and pedagogical studies went beyond regular college curricula. Her greatest influence was probably Esther Andreas, noted singer and pedagogue, and she also coached with Gerhard Albersheim and Henry Jackson. All three were members of the Department of Music faculty during their lifetimes. In addition, she coached with such notables as Nadine Connor, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera; Norman Shetler; and Hugo Strelitzer, formerly of the Berlin Opera. She also worked with Jean Pilon in vocal pedagogy and participated in the vocal program at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria (1976).

Baxter's career encompassed both teaching and performing. As a teacher, she reached beyond her normal load at the University with her extensive private studio, and before her appointment as tenured associate professor, also with positions at the University of Redlands, Cal Poly Pomona, and Mount San Antonio College. In 1988 and 1992, she also taught master classes in Tianjin, People's Republic of China and Tianan, Taiwan.

Pollyanne Baxter was a gifted singer, blessed with a lovely soprano voice. Needless to say, her extensive vocal training played an important part in her formation as a performer. Her numerous concerts and recitals on and off campus included appearances in the award winning series, *Characters in the Arts*, on NBC, as well as many performances benefiting the opera workshop and scholarship programs such as the Faculty Vocal Extravaganza for the Friends of Music scholarship programs from 1985 to 1993.

In addition to all the above, Pollyanne was also a church musician, functioning both as soloist and music director. Throughout many years, she worked at various churches, especially First United Methodist Church in Whittier, where she served as soloist from 1962 to 1986 and 1989 to 2002. In the interim between these periods, she also served as director of music there. From the fifties on, she directed choirs at such churches as Huntington Park Methodist Church, Sierra Madre Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, and First Congregational Church, Covina.

For 10 years (1955 to 1965), she directed the Cannon Choraleers for Cannon Electric Company, Los Angeles.

After her retirement from full-time teaching at Cal State L.A., she continued teaching under the Faculty Early Retirement Program, mainly to see her master's degree students through to completion of their programs. Another aspect of her many activities was her wonderful service on the Board

of the Friends of Music until she was too ill to travel to the meetings. She especially did a magnificent job as program chair for the fall musicales. Hers was a life of giving, service, and unselfish support to family, friends, students, and colleagues.

Pollyanne Baxter is survived by her husband, Francis Baxter, formerly head of choral organizations and music education at Cal State L.A.; son Norman; daughters Dawn Ann Gladden and Anna Beth Bernhard; son-in-law Gregg Bernhard; and grandson Jason Tyler Bernhard. Her memorial service took place December 23 at her church in Whittier.

RODERICK G. LANGSTON

Professor of Education, 1952-1982

Roderick G. Langston, emeritus professor of education, died on August 9 at his home in Monterey Park. He was 88 years of age. His wife, Charlesetta, followed him in death on December 30.

Rod came to Los Angeles State College in 1953, and served as chair of the Department of Education from 1953 to 1956. Previously, he had served as president of Eastern Oregon College, in La Grande, Oregon, from 1950 to 1953. He was an assistant professor of education at the University of Oregon from 1948 to 1950, immediately following conferral of his Ed.D. degree in 1948 at Stanford University.

A native of San Diego, he earned a B.A. and an elementary teaching credential in 1938 at San Diego State College, and taught in elementary schools in San Diego and National City prior to World War II. In 1941, he earned an administrative credential at the University of Southern California.

Rod was a commissioned officer in the Navy from 1942 to 1946, with assignments in Hawaii and Alaska territorial ports as well as stateside. He went up the ranks from ensign to lieutenant early in his service. Graduate study at Stanford followed his honorable discharge.

At Cal State L.A., Rod's research and scholarship led to publications in major education journals. His interests were centered on the problems encountered by elementary teachers and on the teaching of American ideals. He developed the curriculum for the master's degree option in elementary teaching, and in addition to teaching the courses serving that option, he administered and graded the comprehensive exams for degree candidates. He also supervised student teachers placed within the University's service area. For the University, he served two terms in the Academic Senate, 1966 to 1969 and 1975 to 1978. He retired in 1982.

Rod and Charlesetta are survived by their daughter, Laurie Ann Langston Marsh. She and her husband now reside in the Monterey Park home in which the Langstons formerly lived.

DONALD C. LOWRIE

Professor of Zoology, 1956-1972

The Emeriti Association has belatedly learned of the death of Donald C. Lowrie, emeritus professor of zoology, on January 10, 2000, following a brief illness. He was 89, and had been retired from the University since 1972, residing in Santa Fe.

Don received his B.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago, respectively in 1932 and 1942. His research field was arachnids, but his broader scientific interests led him to life membership in the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society. He was an active hiker and rock climber.

During World War II and the Korean War, Don served in the Navy, stationed in Okinawa, and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. Prior to his faculty service in our ranks, he taught at the University of Idaho and New Mexico Highlands University.

He joined the faculty of Los Angeles State College in 1956, when there were separate departments of zoology and botany within the Division of Science and Mathematics. Through all the administrative reorganizations of the faculty structure, including the formation of a combined department of biology, he continued to teach zoology courses until he retired in 1972. The Lowries later relocated to Santa Fe, where Don hiked and studied the vast southwest desert and taught at a local college. In the late 1970s, at the age of 69, he joined the Peace Corps and served in Paraguay.

Don is survived by his wife Jackie and their three children.

EARL H. PHILLIPS

Professor of History, 1966-1986

Earl Harold Phillips, professor emeritus of history, died in Pomona on January 23, at the age of 77. The cause of his death was brain cancer.

Earl was born on December 1, 1926, in Liverpool, England. He came of age during the Depression and World War II, and after military aviation service in the British Army, he emigrated to the United States. Always disdainful of the monarchy, especially in the 20th century, and with an older sister married to an American G.I., Earl saw the United States as his future. He and his new wife, Audrey, settled in southern California after trying life in Sioux Falls, and he worked at a series of jobs ranging from milkman to land appraiser. But he also pursued higher education; indeed, the early morning schedule of a milkman allowed him to complete a B.S. in history at Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences in 1961, the only alumnus to become a member of the Cal State L.A. history faculty.

With a Woodrow Wilson scholarship, Earl went on to graduate study in history at the University of Southern California, and



became a specialist in African history following field research in Nigeria. Eager to embark on a career in academia, he began teaching at CSU Fullerton, but soon moved to the Los Angeles campus, where he remained until retirement. In addition to a very successful teaching career, Earl's major achievements included the establishment of the first African studies program at the University, and he also co-founded the Korean-American studies program. He chaired the Department of History at different intervals for six years, and built a reputation as an outstanding administrator.

Among his many personal interests, Earl was a student of the violin from childhood, and he maintained sufficient skill to venture amateur performance as a member of a string quartet. He was a man of absolute honesty and integrity, with a personality that captured the devotion of everyone privileged to know him. He is survived by his wife Audrey, three children, six grandchildren, and a sister. A memorial service was held on January 31, led by Reverend Albert Cohen. The fam-

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ily has established the Dr. Earl H. and Audrey G. Phillips Music Scholarship at Cal State L.A.

CLARENCE K. SANDELIN
Professor of English, 1949-1983

Clarence K. "Sandy" Sandelin, emeritus professor of English, died on February 12 of undisclosed causes. One of the few remaining faculty members from the 1940s, Sandy joined the original Division of Language Arts



at the Vermont campus of Los Angeles State College in 1949, and taught in the American Studies program as well as English courses until his retirement in 1983.

Sandy received his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Iowa, respectively in 1939 and 1942, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He subsequently went on to the University of Wisconsin for his Ph.D., awarded in 1956. His scholarship centered around 19th century American literature, with an emphasis on criticism, and the work of Henry Adams was the subject of his dissertation. Later in his career, his book, *Robert Nathan,* was published in 1969, and his papers included articles on Muriel Spark and Henry Adams. He was a prolific book reviewer, and he served on the staff of *Abstracts of English Studies*.

Prior to his relocation to southern California, he taught at the Army Command and General Staff College and several civilian institutions, including the University of Wisconsin. Following his appointment to Los Angeles State College, he became as distinguished for nontraditional as well as traditional teaching. He served as an instructor for two series of television courses, one of which was titled The Absurd Arts: Mass Media in Critical Perspective. His long-time colleague, Paul Zall, wrote, "He braved teaching children's literature and any class where he could show his collection of Charlie Chaplin movies."

Sandy was a leader in educational travel programs, and directed tours for students interested in history, culture, and literature to several countries in northern Europe and to the American Southwest. For the latter, he developed expertise in the tribal cultures of Native Americans.

Charlotte Sandelin preceded her husband in death in 1999. Three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive them.

INEZ R. SCHUBERT
Professor of Music, 1955-1983

Inez R. Schubert, emeritus professor of music, died on February 14 at the age of 84. The cause of death was lung cancer.

With a background as a singer, Inez joined the music faculty at Los Angeles State College in 1955, where her principal teaching area was music education. She received her Ed.D. degree from the University of Southern California in 1969, and taught until her retirement in 1983.

Inez pursued other artistic interests, notably writing poetry. On campus, she was very active in the Friends of Music, the department support group that provides a number of scholarships for music students in all areas of study and performance. The Inez Schubert Scholarship in Music Education was established for prospective teachers of music, and contributions in her memory would be welcome.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church, Glendale. Inez is survived by her husband William, a sister, two brothers, and their families.

ALBERT TILLMAN
Professor of Recreation, 1956-1995

Albert (Al) Tillman, emeritus professor of recreation, died in Seattle at the age of 75 on January 16, of undisclosed causes. He had been living on an island in Puget Sound, having moved there in the mid-90s.

Al was born in Los Angeles, and as a boy of 10 he began diving, a sport in which he became expert as an adult. He furthered his skills in diving classes at the University of Hawaii during his Army service in World War II, while stationed in Honolulu.

Returning home after the war, he attended the University of Southern California and received his A.B. degree in 1950. He advanced his training further in diving classes at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. In 1953, he organized and taught diving classes for the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department, and developed certification courses for prospective diving instructors.

In 1956, Al received his M.A. degree at Los Angeles State College and was appointed to the faculty in what then was the Department of Recreation Education. He participated in the development of the recreation curriculum and authored a textbook in the field. He also organized a scuba diving club for students.

Concurrently with his teaching career, he served as a contributing editor for *Skin Diving Magazine*. He collaborated in the establishment of the National Association of Diving Instructors, which became the first international certification agency in scuba diving. Al retired from full-time teaching in 1984, but continued teaching part-time until 1995. In 2000, he was inducted into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame, along with Jacques-Yves Cousteau, in the initial cohort.

VIRGINIA HALE FICK

Virginia Hale Fick, wife of Otto W. (Bill) Fick (emeritus, English), died on February 23 at the age of 78. The cause was lung cancer.

The Ficks came to Pasadena in 1956, when Bill joined the Los Angeles State College faculty. When their three children were grown, Virginia returned to her study of English and received her M.A. degree from Occidental College. She joined the faculty of Los Angeles City College, and served as chair of the English Department for many years, the first woman to do so. Her interests and activities included garden design and fiber arts, notably the weaving of Rya rugs. Her own garden was a showplace.

In 2002, the Ficks moved to Cotati, to be closer to some of their family members. In addition to Bill, Virginia is survived by three children and five grandchildren.

Four New Emeriti Named

The following recently retired faculty member has been awarded emeriti status:

JOANNE A. COLLINS
(Accounting, 1982-2004)

STUART P. FISCHOFF
(Psychology, 1972-2004)

NORMAN KLEIN
(Anthropology, 1971-2004)

BARRY LOWENKRON
(Psychology, 1973-2004)

We congratulate them and hope to welcome them into the membership of the Emeriti Association.

CSU-ERFA State Council Spring Meeting Emphasizes Health Care Concerns

Health benefits constituted the main issue before the State Council of CSU-ERFA at its spring meeting in San Francisco on April 17. The guest speaker was Priya Mathur, a new member of the CalPERS Board of Directors. She stated that the increase in premiums foreseen for next year was under 10 percent. Materials were distributed on SB 921 (Kuehl), which would establish a single-payer health care system in the state. It is a two-year bill and has many endorsements.

In addition, Milt Dobkin, chair of the Health Benefits Committee, reported that CalPERS is greatly concerned about retirees who neglect to apply for Medicare B coverage while they are still on salary with the Faculty Early Retirement Plan (FERP) and continuing in the coverage they carried before retiring. That prevents payment of the Medicare contribution to medical costs, which in turn limits costs covered by PERS in "Medigap" coverage.

Flashback: 1966 Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament



Rosemary Casals and Billie Jean King pose with Cal State L.A. President John A. Greenlee at the Women's Open Invitational Singles. Billie Jean went on to beat Rosie in the finals. Photo credit: The Blakeleys, Ojai, as posted at http://www.ojaivalley.org/. Reprinted by permission of the Ojai Valley Tennis Club.

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Angeles Times. It spoke of a 97-year-old man, Arthur Winston, who still works as a service attendant for the MTA and has done so for over 70 years. In all of that time, he missed only one day of work, the day his wife died; has never been late; and has never left early. He continues to supervise a crew of cleaners and, when needed, goes about the various tasks himself. His advice to others is to "just keep moving". I am in awe! The image that the article raises not only reinforces an outstanding work ethic, but also supports my own belief in the concept that aging is relative and keeping as alert and active as possible for as long as possible is truly a good piece of advice.

By the way, speaking of alert and active, our own Sidney Albert, founder of the Emeriti Association, just reached the rank of nonagenarian last month. So, on behalf of all of us, dear Sid, we wish you a blessed birthday and many more.

Barbara Peterson Sixkiller

Do You Still Have an Unforgettable Photo?

Just in case you were wondering what to do with that priceless Cal State L.A. (or L.A. State!) photo you found up in the attic, please lend it to *The Emeritimes* and we will publish it as a featured Flashback. Please contact Ellen Stein at 323-343-3798 to make arrangements for scanning and the photo will be returned to you shortly.

EMERITI ASSOCIATION NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 2004 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES

Placed in Nomination

President	Barbara P. Sinclair (2004-2005)
Vice-President, Administration	Louis Negrete (2004-2005)
Membership Secretary	Karen M. Johnson (2004-2006)
Treasurer	Robert A. Miller (2004-2006)
CSULA Academic Senate Representative	Donald O. Dewey (2004-2005)

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Immediate Past President	Donald O. Dewey (2004-2005)
Vice-President, Programs	Clement Padick (2003-2005)
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Executive Committe Members-at-Large	Peter Brier, Donald Burrill, Jackie Lee Hoyt, Donald A. Moore, Carol J. Smallenburg

Proposed Amendment to Emeriti Association Constitution

Article V, Section 3. The current Section 3 would become Section 4.

Inactive* members of the Executive Committee shall be asked if their absence from Committee meetings is temporary. If they declare that they do not intend to resume regular participation, they may, at the recommendation of a majority of the Executive Committee (present and voting), be awarded Honorary Membership and continue to be listed on the Committee roster. All inactive Committee members who intend to remain inactive may be replaced by newly elected active members.

* Inactive is defined as continuous absence from Executive Committee meetings for more than one full quarter.