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ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, May 20

President's Message

Laird Allison

It is a pleasure to express my thanks and appreciation to each of the Emeriti Association officers, members, and others who participated in emeriti activities this year. Thanks are extended to University President James Rosser and his office staff, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mary Shutler, Carol Numrich of the University Development Office, and Academic Senate Chair Howard Holladay. Emeriti faculty of the School of Business and Economics are especially thankful to Dean Charles Inacker for continuing his tradition of providing a luncheon for them during Emeriti Week.

Special thanks are owed also to Carol Smallenburg for her work in providing for luncheons, dinners, theatre parties, and the Emeriti Week programs. We are very grateful to Patricia Shroyer for continuing the compassionate service of sending sympathy cards to surviving spouses of deceased emeriti. William Lloyd deserves a

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LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Members of the Emeriti Association who wish to make reservations for themselves, their spouses, or other guests for the Annual Meeting luncheon on May 20, should send their checks ($7.75 per person) to Carol Smallenburg at her home address: 840 So. Sunset Canyon Drive, Burbank, CA 91501.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, May 15.

Carmela Lacayo will speak on "New Issues About Aging"

The Annual Meeting of the Emeriti Association will be held on Saturday, May 20, in the University Club at Cal State L.A. The meeting will begin with a 12:00 Noon luncheon, followed by the business meeting, at which the election of officers for 1989-90 will take place, and reports on the past year's activities of the Association will be presented by President Laird Allison and other officers. (See page 2 for the nominations for officers for 1989-90, presented by the Nominating Committee.)

The climaxing feature of the day's program will be an address on "New Issues About Aging" by Carmela Lacayo, internationally recognized speaker, researcher and Hispanic leader with a special interest in the problems of the aging. Ms. Lacayo will be introduced by Dr. Ruth Wu, Dean of the School of Health and Human Resources at the University.

Ms. Lacayo has made the bringing about of social change that will benefit the under-privileged in our society her lifetime professional and personal commitment. Her dedication to helping Hispanic, low income and aging people has led her to political involvement from local communities to the national level.

Her concern for the unmet needs, and the untapped potential, of the Hispanic community led her to found the National Association for Hispanic Elderly, a non-profit organization with an annual budget of more than $12 million.

In the political sphere, Ms. Lacayo was nominated by President Carter as First Vice-Chairperson of the Democratic Party, and was elected unanimously to membership on the committee. She thus became



the first Hispanic and youngest woman in history to hold such an office on either of the nation's major political parties.

National recognition also has come to Ms. Lacayo through her election as Chairperson of the Forum of National Hispanic Organizations, a coalition of 22 national groups, and by her being named a Fellow of the prestigious Gerontological Association of America. She has been given special awards by the cities of Los Angeles, Corpus Christi and Laredo (Texas), Detroit, and Philadelphia.

Ms. Lacayo also founded El Pueblo Community Development Corporation, which is constructing affordable housing for low-income families in the City of Los Angeles.

President Rosser Presents Report On the University

by Mary Gormly

The Executive Committee of the Emeriti Association met on April 13 with University President James Rosser, who said that this would be a difficult year because of cuts in the CSU budget, particularly in capital outlay and in maintenance staff positions.

The President reported that Cal State L.A. has 13,000 FTE and 22,000 students, but in spite of the enrollment decline there will be no layoffs. He reported that Cal State L.A. has the largest number of minority students in California, that the student body is 28% Hispanic and 29% Asian. He said that transfer students from the community colleges is down, that about 300 are coming from Pasadena C.C. and 500 from East Los Angeles C.C.

The President reported that $4 million of the $7 million needed for construction of the Performing Arts Complex has been raised privately. When the $7 million goal is reached, the State of California will provide matching funds.

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California State University, Los Angeles

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Professional and Personal

All too infrequently we receive communications from colleagues we haven't seen or heard from for some time. We wish, and I am confident that readers of **The Emeritimes** *wish, that these items arrived more frequently. Especially pleasing are those reporting continuing activity in professional fields, as is true of several of the items in this edition.*

GERHARD ALBERSHEIM sent his annual letter, this time from his new place of residence in Basel, but it arrived too late for inclusion in the Winter issue. He reports:

"This year, I have to report some news to you. A big change in my daily life routine took place in July when, upon advice of my doctor, I gave up driving and sold my car. This complicated commuting very much, but it also makes me walk far more than before, and that is good. When I returned my driver's license to the police, they wrote me a letter thanking me for giving up driving voluntarily!

"Another change, of course, is my move to this new address (Kapellenstrasse 17, CH4052, Basel, Switzerland) on October 4. After staying 18 years (since my return from America) in Arlesheim where I liked it, this decision was not easy for me. But my doctor, who takes good care of me, suggested earlier this year that I should try to find a place in a home for the aged, and this building complex is called an "Alterspension" (pension for the aged). It consists of three seven-stories high buildings, located in a big (formerly private) park with very many high trees, so that I have a beautiful view from my windows, although being in the center of the city of Basel. Conforming to my age, this flat is smaller than the previous one (only two

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Nominations for Officers in 1989-90

The slate of nominees for Emeriti Association offices in 1989-90 were announced by Michael Grisafe, Nomination Committee chairman, at the March meeting of the Executive Committee. The slate will be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 20, when the election of officers for the coming year will take place.

Serving with Grisafe on the Nominating Committee were Pauline Schatz, William Lloyd, Don Moore, and Victor Payse. Their report follows:

PRESIDENT: Mary Gormly, Librarian Emeritus, who served the past year as Vice President Administration (President Elect).

VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION: Mildred Massey, Emeritus Professor of Economics and Statistics, who has served for the past two years as Membership Secretary.

VICE PRESIDENT PROGRAM: Carol Smallenburg, Emeritus Professor of Secondary Education, serving the second year of her two-year term.

SECRETARY: James Dunkelberg, Emeritus Professor of Physical Education, serving the second year of his two-year term.

TREASURER: John A. Greenlee, University President Emeritus, named to serve his third two-year term of office.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Victor Payse, Jr., who has served previously as Membership Secretary and as a Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee.

ACADEMIC SENATOR: Eloise M. King, Emeritus Professor of Nursing, nominated to serve a second term of office.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: William Hanson, Emeritus Professor of Biology, and Lloyd M. Ferguson, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry (nominated for second two-year term). Serving the second year of their two-year terms are John L. Houk, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, and Leonard G. Mathy, Emeritus Professor of Economics.

Continuing to serve as a member of the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President will be Laird Allison, Emeritus Professor of Management. The new slate of officers will begin their terms of office on July 1, 1989.

University Grants Emeritus Status to Eight Faculty Members

Eight University faculty members, including five from the Department of Art, have been awarded emeritus status upon their retirement.

From the Art Department faculty, with the year in which they came to the University, are:

Wachtung Dzobadze (1968)
Virginia Hoffman (1952)
Malcolm McClain (1965)
Ronald H. Silverman (1965)
Lee J. Wexler (1959)

Others granted emeritus status were:
Saralyn R. Daly, English (1952)
Ben F. Scherer, Safety Studies (1963)
Morris Polan, University Librarian (1955)

HELP! HELP! HELP!

You'd think that retired people would settle down and "stay put" for a reasonable period of time. But, alas, it is not so. Listed below are the names of ten emeriti faculty members for which we no longer have current mailing addresses. If you can help, please phone or write Carmen Norona, who manages the Emeriti Center services in the President's Office at the University.

William Bright, Economics
Allen Bristow, Criminal Justice
Samuel L. Caplin, Botany
Seymour Chapin, History
Bruce Dayton, Physics
Leonard Edmondson, Art
Margaret Moche, Physical Education
Leonard Schneider, Psychology
Howard Schug, Engineering
Kent Steckmesser, History
Leon Surmelian, English
Roy B. Tozier, Education

Obituaries

JOHN NIEDERHAUSER
Educational Administration

John Niederhauser, Emeritus Professor of Education, died February 17. He resided in Upland, and had been retired from his post in the School of Education since June, 1979. He was 78.

Professor Niederhauser came to Cal State L.A. in 1961 to serve as Assistant Dean of Student Personnel, in charge of Admissions and Records. After several years in this position, he joined the School of Education faculty to teach in his specialty of Educational Administration. He served a term as Chair of Department of Educational Administration, and represented his School in the Academic Senate, serving as Chair of that body in 1971-72.

Dr. Niederhauser pursued his undergraduate studies at Heidelberg College in Ohio and earned his master's and doctor's degrees in education at Ohio State University. He served as a teacher and administrator in the Ohio schools, including five years as superintendent of Canton City Schools.

He served during World Ward II as a naval air navigator.

In addition to his wife, Eleanor, John is survived by a daughter, a granddaughter and a sister.

THEODORE W. LITTLE
Professor of Art

Theodore (Ted) Little, Emeritus Professor of Art, who was a member of the University faculty from 1950 until his retirement in 1981, died January 11.

A lover of art and nature, Ted's special interest area was design, the field in which he did most of his teaching at the University. His reputation in this specialty led to his working with the California State Fair as a designer.

Ted served as Chair of the Art Department for the final five years of active service at Cal State L.A. He is survived by his wife, Pat, a brother, and three nieces.

JESSE B. ALLEN DIES

Jesse B. Allen. who taught Marketing in the School of Business from 1958 until he transferred to Humboldt State University in the early 1970's, died in Eureka, CA on March 5. He was 74.

A genial, well-liked person, Jesse was active in campus affairs while at Cal State L.A. After moving to Humboldt, he was chosen as the Dean of the School of Business there.

ADAM E. DIEHL
Professor of Education

Adam E. Diehl, Emeritus Professor of Education and Director of Audiovisual Services at Cal State L.A. from 1955 until his retirement in 1970, died February 20. He resided in Hollywood.

A native of Pennsylvania, Adam moved as a youth to California, graduated from Hollywood High School, earned his B.A. in Economics at UCLA in 1927 and his M.B.A. at USC in 1930. Later in life (1950), he earned his D.S.c. at Los Angeles College of Optometry.

Adam became an instructor in Economics at Los Angeles City College in 1929, and moved to the post of Registrar at LACC in 1937. He served as a naval officer from 1943 to 1945, involved in the instruction of naval personnel at Harvard University and the production in Hollywood of 30 naval training films.

Mustered out as a Lieutenant Commander in 1945, Adam returned to LACC as Personnel Director and then as Director of Audiovisual Services and Assistant Dean.

Adam moved with the Los Angeles State College faculty and staff from LACC to the present Cal State campus, where he directed the development of the Audiovisual Services, precursor to today's Instructional Media Services. As a member of the School of Education faculty, he directed the instruction of future teachers in the use of audiovisual equipment, a required skill for credentialing of teachers in the 1960's.

Surviving Adam is his wife, Margarite, whom he married in 1927, and a son living in Northern California.

FRED W. ZAHRT, JR.
Professor of Technology

Fred W. Zahrt, Jr., Emeritus Professor of Technology, died February 20.

He joined the faculty of the Department of Industrial Studies, now known as the Department of Technology, in 1959,

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rooms), but it has the advantage of providing lunch (except on Sundays) and being much closer to my relatives and my good friend and former (and again present!) pupil, Mrs. Rosemarie Ebner, who most kindly watches over my health.

"Fortunately, Andi (my stepson-in-law) took care of all this business and its complications while I was gone on another concert tour with my tenor friend, Christoph Gobel...On this trip, we did six Lieder and Ariaprograms, with three different selections from Mozart and Schubert compositions and spent three days in the rebuilt city of Dresden. There we also attended a fine performance of "The Marriage of Figaro" in the beautiful Semper-Operahouse, while in Weimar we had the privilege of being shown privately through the publicly-closed Goethe house.

"My health is holding up pretty well and my doctor takes good care of me...In my new home (which is less isolated than was the Arlesheim place) still feel like living in a nice hotel apartment, but I will soon get used to it and then will have to find a project of some duration to which I can devote myself actively.

"I close with my kindest regards and love to you and your dear ones."

EDWARD GUERRANT (History) reports that he "edited a small part of my grandfather's Civil War Diary, which appeared in *The Register* of the Kentucky Historical Society, Autumn 1987 issue. He was an officer in the Confederate Army. The title of the article is "The Diary of Edward O. Guerrant Covering the June, 1864 Kentucky Raid of General John Hunt Morgan."

BURTON HENRY (Education) writes from his home in Temecula, CA, commenting on the "terrible decades" which we have been going through politically and concludes: "In contrast, this beautiful and peaceful high inland valley where we now live encourages us to keep planting the soil and replenishing the earth's supply of oxygen!"

KEITH SNYDER (Music), the first president of the Emeriti Association, sends a note from his Tehachapi, CA home, reporting that "I keep active and life is good. Both Evelyn and I are in good health — but moving more slowly — and sometimes with a limp. We both have knee problems, but no operations —yet.

"Say hello to all of the old gang for me."

GEORGE MANN (Engineering), who has continued teaching part-time ever since his retirement in 1980, has accepted an invitation to teach computer-aided design and other subjects in the field of aeronautical engineering at Nanjing Aeronautical Institute in China, beginning in September. He and his wife, Madelena, will live in a guest house on the campus for the duration of their stay until February, 1990. They hope to stay on for a period of time, visiting places of interest in China.

ROBERT STRASSBURG (Music), also continues teaching at Cal State, attracting close to 500 students each Fall Quarter to his class in "Music and World Culture." An aggressively active person, Bob is constantly involved in activities in the field of music. His latest passion is promoting a centennial celebration in 1992 of the death of the well known American poet Walt Whitman, for whom he has nurtured a scholarly devotion over many years. He is spearheading efforts aimed at national, and even an international, celebration, as well as a special celebration at Cal State L.A.

Bob is serving as curator of a special exhibition of Whitman's art and poetry on campus and has formed a "Friend of Walt Whitman" organization, which meets monthly for discussion of Whitman's poetry.

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special commendation for his long and competent service as Editor of *The Emeritimes*.

The Emeriti Directory, long maintained by Victor Payse, now lists over 300 retired emeriti faculty, of which more than 200 are members of the Emeriti Association. Also, eighty-five Cal State L.A. emeriti are members of the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA), which now has a total of 1,041 members from the nineteen CSU campuses. There are 156 retired faculty and staff who are members of the Cal State L.A. Chapter of the Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA), a statewide organization with 32,000 members. Your membership in these organizations supports your interests in retirement rights and benefits, which are major concerns of these organizations.

It has been an honor for me to serve for the past year as President of the Emeriti Association.

Attending Conference

President-elect Mary Gormly and Past Presidents Don Moore and Sid Albert are attending the 5th annual Conference on Reitrement in Colleges and Universities at University of Washington on May 12-13.

Summer Social Events

A variety of social get-togethers are being planned for the summer months by Carol Smallenburg, Vice President for Programs. Look for special announcements of these events in your mail.

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where he taught until his retirement in Summer '88.

Fred earned his B.A. degree in 1950 at Iowa State Teachers College and his M.A. in 1959 at Los Angeles State College. During his years at the University, he was active in academic affairs, serving on a number of department, school and University committees.

MOLIN LEO
Senior Assistant Librarian

Molin Leo, who served for 20 years (1963-1983) in the cataloging division of the University Library, died January 14.

He earned his B.A. degree at National Wuhan University in China in 1941 and his Master of Library Science at UC Berkeley in 1963.