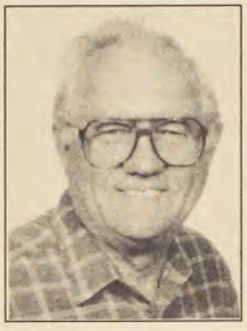
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President's Message



This has been a year of achievement and a year of sadness.

The quarterly gatherings for dinner and drama (known as "Playnights"), Emeriti Week in February, and the spring and fall business meetings have become traditions. New this year, we began a series of distinguished lectures, with Hudson Roysher presenting a slide-illustrated lecture on his ecclesiastic silver art work. During Fall Quarter, we hope to present a lecture by alumnus Walter Williams, John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Viriginia. This will be given as a memorial lecture honoring Gene B. Tipton, our Association president who died March 20.

Adding to our sadness have been the deaths in recent months of Addison Potter, Tom Black, Ted Bradbury, Joe Sacher, Wirt Williams, Frank Williams, and Virginia Chamberlain, all emeriti professors. We miss them all.

Sid Albert, concluding his term as Immediate Past President, has contributed nine years of energetic and highly productive work to the Association and to emeriti in general. He has been the Association's prime mover, to make it a recognized institution. His efforts have been an inspiration to emeriti on other CSU campuses.

Sid organized the CSU Association of Emeriti Professors (AEP), and is serving his second year as president of the only systemwide organization of retired faculty in the U.S. As a result of Sid's efforts through AEP, almost every CSU campus now has an organization of emeriti faculty.

We do face challenges. Raiding of the funds of the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) is a favorite sport in Sacramento. (See *Legislative Alert* in this issue). I urge you to call or write the Governor and/or your legislator.

The Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) also is under attack. The Trustees' bargaining position this year is to eliminate it, and this may have been accomplished by the time you read this. If so, begin pressing your CFA representative to re-open the issue.

Also, if the limit of age 70 is still there, press to have that resolved. Not many want to teach beyond 70, so the system is protected fromn dodderers.

Have a good year. We expect to be seeing you at the meetings, play night, and — well — just around.

DON MOORE, President

Emeriti Invited to Opening Day on September 22

When the University holds Opening Day on Monday, September 22, it will be well into the celebration of its fourtieth anniversary. Actually the yearlong observance, designated as "Festival 40," was launched during Commencement Week in June.

Opening Day is expected to follow the traditional schedule of events, beginning with the Faculty Convocation, addressed by President James Rosser, and followed by school and department meetings. Of course, all emeriti faculty are welcomed as participants in all of these events.

As part of the day's activities, the Emeriti Association will gather for its fall meeting, with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Monterey Park Room of the University-Student Union, followed by a business meeting at 1:30 p.m. The program for the post-luncheon meeting will be a presentation by University Past President John Greenlee and Emeriti Association President Don Moore of their impressions and experiences during a summer visit to Russia, entitled "A Retrospective on Russia by Two Tourists."

Reservations are required for the luncheon (sirloin steak). Checks made out to "The Emeriti Association" in the amount of $9.50 per person should be sent to Laird Allison, 1615 S. El Molino St., Alhambra, CA 91801, by September 12.

Exceptional Service Awards Recipients

Selected by the Executive Committee to receive Exceptional Service Awards for 1985-86 were the late Gene Tipton, President, and Helen Truher, Chair of the Hospitality and Welfare Committee. The awared was presented to Gene at her bedside a few days before her death; Helen was honored at the annual meeting in April.

Mathy and Albert Appointed to State Senate Positions

Leonard Mathy, a former member of the statewide Academic Senate, has been named an observer to that body, representing the CSU Association of Emeriti Professors.

Sidney Albert has been reappointed for 1986-87 to the Academic Senate's Emeriti Professors Advisory Committee.

Professional and Personal Doings

ROBERT STRASSBURG (Music) was honored in March, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, by the Jewish Music Association at an event organized by Valley Beth Shalom. The program for "Celebration of Jewish Music IV" featured three compositions by Strassburg: "Voice of the Psalmist," "Chelm," and "Shir Hashirim."

He also was presented with a Special Life Achievement Award in Jewish Music at the concert.

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PAULINE SCHATZ (Home Economics), who has continued her vigorous rounds of activities in her professional field since her retirement in 1983, has been honored by the California Dietetic Association with the presentation of its 1986 Distinguished Service Award.

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ALICE C. THOMPSON (Psychology), 1982-83 Association president, reports that she is keeping busy professionally as a half-time volunteer psychologist with the Laguna Beach Community Clinic and as half-time consulting psychologist for the Anaheim School District.

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When MARY GORMLY (Library) isn't speaking at a club meeting on Indian art or exhibiting her collection of Hopi Indian dolls, she is attending a meeting somewhere as an officer or delegate. Examples: As Cal State chapter president, attended ACSUP Spring Meeting; as past president of Pasadena chapter of Air Force Association, attended 40th anniversary celebraton in Las Vegas in April; attended CFA Delegate Assembly in May. To be sure she keeps her calendar full, she has been elected curator of the Alhambra Historical Society, re-elected recording secretary of the University Women's Club, and is the incoming president of the Southern California Local History Council.

And what does she do for relaxation? She took off in June for a three-week trip to China.

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SIDNEY ALBERT (Philosophy) addressed the National Council of AAUP in Washington, D.C. in June, challenging the organization to provide support to the burgeoning emeriti movement. He outlined a program aimed at benefitting both the AAUP and the emeriti movement.

Sid also authored an article which is appearing in the July-August issue of "Academe," national publication of AAUP, accompanied by the California Conference of AAUP's "Emeriti Bill of Rights."

Sid has been named to serve on a subcommittee of AAUP's Assembly of State Conferences, to re-examine the issue of mandatory retirement at age 70 for the academic profession.

TULLY E. WARREN (Political Science) followed up an article he published in 1975 by publishing last August a second article entitled "Women's Struggle for Equality." Since 1982 he has taught one quarter each year. His "purposeful travel" since he retired has been considerably on foot, for as he writes, he "has had the goal of lowering his golf handicap a point each year. This mission is as yet unaccomplished."

On the subject of retirement he says it "is a wonderful world if one has goals, keeps a persistent, determined manner of life and has everything in balance. Three children, five grandchildren, and a wonderful wife are a help."

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PAT SHROYER (Associate Member) has completed a two-year course in James Joyce at Santa Monica City College's Emeriti Division. Her professor was Patrick Burke, of University College, Galway. She has started a course on Greek tragedies and is doing research on Joyce and Shakespeare at the Huntington Library.

Pat keeps active in the Phi Beta Kappa alumni group and writes poetry. One poem has appeared in *Bridge Teachers' Quarterly*. Another appears here:

THE GOLDEN YEARS — ONLY SLIGHTLY TARNISHED

Retirement beats the alternatives
by any well known measure.
In spite of sadness, aches, and
trials, there's still a lot
to treasure!

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WILLIAM B. SIMPSON (Economics and Statistics) wrote "Revitalizing the Role of Values and Objectives in Institutions of Higher Education: Difficulties Encountered and the Possible Contribution of External Evaluation," which appeared in *Higher Education* last year. Bill was concerned with how leaders can improve institutions of higher learning by enhancing the role of values and objectives in guiding efforts and evaluating outcomes. "It is an indication of the institutional vitality of a college or university when its members engage in discussion, at the various organizational levels, on matters of consequence."

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17 More Retired Faculty Granted Emeritus Status

Seventeen more recently retired members of the University faculty have been granted emeritus status, as of August 1, and additions to the list are expected as recommendations are processed.

Those granted emeritus status, with the year they joined the University faculty, are:

Seymour I. Chapin (1962)
History

Cameron Scott Deeds (1951)
Physical Education

Robert H. Ewald (1957)
Anthropology

Lloyd N. Ferguson (1965)
Chemistry

Lester Hirsch (1960)
Physics

Sigmund Jaffe (1958)
Chemistry

Aaron Kriegel (1956)
Education

Fred H. Marcus (1955)
English

Thomas McEnroe (1960)
Political Science

Arthur H. Niehoff (1968)
Anthropology

Helen I. Nicklin (1964)
Education

Reid E. Nilsen (1955)
Physical Education

June DeBode Oxstein (1962)
Education

Earl H. Phillips (1966)
History

Virgil H. Stevens (1963)
Political Science

Albert A. Tillman (1956)
Recreation

Jeanette R. Wituchi (1967)
Anthropology

Also granted emeritus status retroactively was Leon Surmelian, Associate Professor of English, who did not qualify under the rules in effect when he retired in 1974, but does qualify under the current requirements for granting of emeritus status.

AEP Seeking Members

The CSU Association of Emeriti Professors is conducting a membership drive. Dues payments ($5 Annual, $10 Sustaining, $25 Contributing) may be sent to AEP Treasurer Sue Earnest, 1770 Fort Stockton Drive, San Diego, CA 92103 or to AEP President Sid Albert, 847 Eaton Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107.



NEW LEADERS—New officers for 1986-87 in attendance at the annual meeting in April were, left to right, Laird B. Allison, Morton J. Renshaw, Donald A. Moore, Leonard G. Mathy, Pauline E. Schatz, John L. Houk, and Carol Smallenberg.

New 1986-87 Officers Lead Association

The new team of officers elected at the annual meeting in April have assumed leadership of the Emeriti Association for 1896-87. The slate is listed on page 2.

Preparations are being made for the Fall Quarter Opening Meeting in September, the Emeriti Week in February and the series of theatre dinner parties in November, March and May.

Detailed information about the Associations calendar of events will be reported to the membership in the issues of *The Emeritimes* and in special mailings during the year.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

This is serious! The Board of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) voted 7 to 6 to seek an amendment to AB 368 (Frizzlele) which would take $404 million or more from PERS' Reserve for Deficiencies and Purchasing Power Account. The money would go to the State's General Fund to plug a deficit. *This is not a loan; we would lose the money and the inerest on it forever!*

All seven ex-officio and appointed members of the PERS Board voted for it, and all six elected members voted against it. It hasn't happened yet, but we must stop it. Call or write Governor Deukmejian, State Capitol, Sacramento, phone (916) 445-2841.

This makes it more important to get ACA41 on the ballot this fall and to get out the votes to pass it. It would make PERS an independent constitutional entity, and increase the elected members to seven, to balance the seven appointed and ex-officio members. We should oppose AB3308 (Sterling), which would add the Director of Finance to the Board.

For your convenience, I have prepared a list of local area legislators, with district office addresses and phone numbers. Write or call me if you would like to have them.

Don Moore

Total Membership Expected to Rise In Coming Year

Total membership in the Emetiti Association, which reached 176 for 1985-86, is expected to increase during the coming year, as a larger than usual number of members of the University faculty decided during the spring and summer to retire.

Enclosed with this issue of The Emeritimes is a message from Membership Secretary Victor Payse about enrollment as a member of the Emeriti Association for the coming year.

A new directory of emeriti faculty of the University will be prepared in December for inclusion in the January issue of *The Emeritimes*. Those wishing to be listed as members of the Emeriti Association are urged to make their dues payments.

Obituaries

Gene B. Tipton

Gene B. Tipton, Emeritus Professor of Economics who was serving as the 1985/86 president of the Emeriti Association, died on March 20.

Gene served on the University faculty as a teacher and administrator for 26 years (1957-83). Prior to coming to Cal State L.A., she taught at Whittier College and UC Riverside.

A native of El Monte, Gene prepared for her career in economics by earning her BA, MA, and PhD degrees at UCLA, graduating *summa cum laude*. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

In addition to her academic achievement, Gene also was an outstanding tennis player, winning state titles in her collegiate days. A highlight of her tennis career was defeating Alice Marble, an international star in her day.

In addition to her teaching, Gene was in demand as a consultant. She served as a special economic consultant to the Federal Reserve Board in San Francisco for 17 years.

A Gene Tipton Memorial Lecture, under the joint sponsorship of the Emeriti Association and the Department of Economics in the School of Business and Economics, is being arranged for the Fall Quarter at the University.

Gene is survived by her husband, Vern, three children and six grandchildren.

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Joseph A. Sacher

Joseph A. Sacher, Emeritus Professor of Biology, died of pneumonia on March 22. He had been in declining health for some time.

A graduate of Syracuse University (BS) and UC Berkeley (PhD), Joe became a member of the University's Biology Department faculty in 1955 and taught until his retirement in 1983. He served as chairman of the department from 1964 to 1969.

Characterized by his colleagues as a quiet, gentle, dignified person, Joe was equally at home with his graduate students and with gifted high school students with whom he worked. He was the recipient in 1967 of the University Outstanding Professor Award.

Joe had a worldwide reputation as a reseacher and was the recipient of numerous grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Health.

A memorial service was held April 5 in Pasadena. A memorial scholarship fund has been established in his honor at Cal State L.A.

Wirt Williams

Wirt Williams, Jr., Professor of English and a noted novelist who had just retired from teaching at the University, died June 29 following a stroke. He had served 33 years on the University faculty.

Wirt began as a journalist, where his writing won him honors, including a Pulitzer nomination for his investigative reporting. A longtime friend and admirer of Ernest Hemingway and his writing, Wirt turned his efforts to writing novels and teaching college students to write.

He wrote six novels, one of which, "The Trojans," sold more than a million copies, amd two of which, "The Far Side" and "Ada Dallas," won Pulitzer nominations. The latter was made into the movie "Ada," starring Susan Hayward. His other novels were "The Enemy," and "A Passage of Hawks," and "Love in a Windy Space."

Wirt served as a naval officer in World War II. In "The Enemy" he wrote of his experiences as commander of a landing ship in the Pacific.

He is survived by a daughter, a brother, a sister, and two grandsons.

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Virginia Chamberlain

Virginia Chamberlain, Emeritus Professor of Home Economics, died at her retirement home in Cambria, CA, on July 2.

A member of the University faculty from 1953 to 1972, Virginia earned her college degrees at the University of Utah and Teachers College, Columbia University. She did additional graduate study at BYU, USC, and UCLA. She was a specialist in food preparation and food services, and helped develop the Cal State L.A. program for training home economists in business.

Virginia will be remembered by many for her cookbook, "A Collection of Family Favorite Recipes," which she published four year after her retirement.

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Ted C. Bradbury

Ted Clay Bradbury, Emeritus Professor of Physics, died in May following an extended illness.

Ted was a member of the University faculty until his retirement in 1983. He came to the University upon the completion of his doctoral study at Cornell University in 1961. He did his undergraduate study at the University of Nevada.

Thompson Black, Jr.

Thompson Black, Jr., Emeritus Professor of Political Science, died on April 25.

Born in England, Tom came to the U.S. as a youngster, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and served through World War II, suffering wounds at the Anzio Beachhead. Retiring from the service, he returned to college, earning MA and PhD degrees at UCLA.

Tom joined the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1950, where he taught until his retirement in 1974.

Active in academic affairs at the University, he served on a number of university-wide committees and was Chairman of the Faculty Council, predecessor organization to the Academic Senate, in 1960-61.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine, 2 sons, 2 daughters, and 9 grandchildren.

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Frank W. Williams, Jr.

Frank W. Williams, Jr., Emeritus Professor of Art who retired in 1983, died May 10.

Holder of degrees from Colorado State College of Education and the University of Denver, Frank joined the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1956, and went on to earn another degree at Claremont College.

Frank was active as an exhibitor in his field of art and served as an officer in the Water Color Association.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a son, a daughter, and a grandson.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Fulbright Awards

Two University faculty members have been awarded Fulbright grants for teaching abroad this year. Clement Padick, Professor Geography, will teach in Vienna, Austria, and Francisco Balderrama, Associate Professor of Chicano Studies will teach in Rome.

Kormondy Departing

Edward Kormondy, Vice President for Academic Affairs for the past four years, has accepted the position of Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo/West Oahu, effective in September.