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Emeriti Executive Committee on Record Opposing Prop. 92

At its meeting of December 13, the executive committee of the Emeriti Association unanimously voted opposition to Proposition 92 on the February 5 election ballot – Community Colleges: Funding, Governance, Fees; Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. As Harold Goldwhite states in this issue's President's message, enactment of that initiative would place in the state constitution a provision for a guaranteed portion of money for community colleges that could be met only by curtailing support for the CSU and the UC. That restriction would not improve prospects or progress for California residents seeking degrees, and might burden them with increased fees, curtailed offerings, delayed completion, and added loan costs.

The editorial by Ted Anagnoson, which was published in both the *CSU-ERFA Reporter* and *The Emeritimes* in their Fall 2007 issues, presents a detailed discussion. Both papers are now posted on their respective websites, www.csuerfa.org, and www.calstatela.edu/emeriti.

The executive committee of CSU-ERFA took similar action earlier, and the following message has been sent to all CSU campus associations, which are CSU-ERFA affiliates, by Donald Dewey, president of CSU-ERFA:

"The appropriate solution to chronic underfunding of higher education by the State of California is *not* a constitutional amendment that would permanently divert an increased proportion of those limited funds to a single segment of higher education. Therefore, the Executive Committee of the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association unanimously opposes Proposition

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Emeriti Association to Celebrate Thirtieth Anniversary in February

On February 9, 1978, the Emeriti Association was established after years of debate in the Academic Senate and in administrative channels, led by Sidney P. Albert, who now is recognized as the founding father of the organization. On February 12, 2008, emeritus faculty members will be guests at the Academic Senate meeting for a joint observance of the association's 30th anniversary. Although the visit to the Senate is an annual tradition for emeriti each February, milestone years are especially noted. The tradition was established by the Senate's executive committee in 1980, honoring Sidney's request.

Following the meeting, emeriti, senators, other faculty, and guests will gather at a reception in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library's conference room and patio, LibNB530, on the basement level. The theme of the celebration will be "Looking Back," as emeriti pause at the Library's current exhibit of past yearbooks to find photos of their former students, themselves, and other colleagues, taken during their teaching years. That exhibit is being presented in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the University's founding in 1947 as Los Angeles State College. It will be on view in the Library's exhibit area, in the southwest corner of the main floor.

David Sigler, the Special Collections librarian, will speak briefly about the yearbook collection. Harold Goldwhite, current president of the association, will be the keynote speaker on "Our Emeriti Association: Thirty Years Young." In addition to Sidney Albert, now a nonagenarian, recognition will be accorded Leon Schwartz, historian and archivist of the association for many years, who has gathered documents and photographs of emeriti in files and albums. The albums will be on display for further reminiscences.

Call for Judges: Student Research Symposium

The 16th Annual Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, sponsored by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, will take place on campus on Friday, February 29. This event is held annually to provide a local forum for Cal State L.A. students to gain experience in delivering a professional presentation. The Symposium is juried, and 10 local winners will be selected to represent Cal State L.A. at the systemwide competition, where they will be eligible for cash prizes. Judges are always hard to recruit, as many faculty have their own students compete in the event. If you are interested in volunteering as a judge for your discipline, please contact Ben Figueroa at 323-343-5366.

Fellowship Recipients Gather at Fall Luncheon



(L. to r.): President James M. Rosser; fellowship recipients Karla Padron and Silva Shakaryan; Janet Fisher-Hoult, Emeriti Fellowship Fund chair; fellowship recipient Christine Do; and Harold Goldwhite, Emeriti Association president. Recipient Mark Steckler did not attend.

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President's Message

The Association's fall luncheon meeting, held on October 12 in the Golden Eagle ballroom, featured an exceptional program. The well-attended and well-organized event – and we owe our Program Committee and its dedicated chair, Hildebrando Villareal, a vote of thanks for a splendid afternoon – included an inspirational presentation by former Association president Barbara Sinclair, on the goals and achievements of the Association. Fellowship Committee chair Janet Fisher-Hoult then introduced the 2007-08 student recipients of Association awards. An excellent lunch was followed by President Rosser's address, "The Legacy Thrives." A comprehensive look at the present and future prospects for our campus, the President's talk was decidedly upbeat. The President's talk is now posted on our website (www.calstatela.edu/emeriti), and I urge you to read it if you were not able to attend the lunch. You will learn a lot.

In 2008, our Association will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The first event marking this anniversary year will be the annual meeting with the Academic Senate in February, followed by a reception hosted by the Association. We are planning a theater party to attend an evening of Gilbert and Sullivan at the Luckman on March 8. Please check our website periodically for "forthcoming attractions."



Included with the Fall 2007 issue of *The Emeritimes* was a unique document: Sidney P. Albert's paper on "The Development of Emeritus Policy at California State University, Los Angeles." Albert was the founding father of our campus Emeriti Association, the first in the CSU, and tirelessly worked to have our campus senate and the full faculty of the campus adopt policies on emeritus status, rights, and privileges. A few months later, the CSU Academic Senate adopted a resolution urging campus senates to follow Los Angeles' lead. The formation of the systemwide association, the Emeriti and Retired Faculty Association (ERFA), was also due to Albert's tireless work. Emeriti throughout the state owe a debt of gratitude to Sidney Albert. I am happy to say that he was present, and suitably acknowledged, at our Association's fall lunch on October 12 and at the State Council meeting of ERFA on October 13.

On the ballot in the upcoming election in February will be Proposition 92: Community Colleges: Funding, Governance, Fees; Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. At its meeting of December 13, the Executive Committee of the Emeriti Association voted unanimously to oppose this proposition, and I urge you to do the same. The arguments against this proposition have been persuasively presented in articles by Ted Anagnoson, in both *The Emeritimes* and the *ERFA Reporter*. You can review those arguments by going to our website.

Harold Goldwhite

CSU Russian Lecture Program Continues in 2008

CSU emeriti professors and other professionals in medicine, business, and other fields have been invited to lecture in Perm, Russia from May 14-18, 2008. The itinerary will include Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Helsinki, Finland, in addition to Perm. Arrival and departure dates will be determined by the group's interests. Participants may also arrange their own travel plans.

Jim Pierce of Value World Travel in Fountain Valley (800-795-1633) will make the group arrangements, or reservations may be booked individually. For further information, contact Rita Jones, professor emerita of CSU Long Beach, at rhjones@socal.rr.com or 1170 N. Linda Vista Street, Orange, CA 92869.

Emeriti Association Gains Five New Members

These emeriti have joined the Emeriti Association:

Ann Bingham-Newman
(Annual Member)

John Cleman
(Life Member)

Giorgio Canarella
(Annual Member)

Christine Givner
(Supporting Annual Member)

Richard Hurst
(Contributing Life Member)

We welcome them and look forward to their participation in Association activities.

Emeriti Association Fellowship Fund Donors: 2007

With the January 2008 issue of *The Emeritimes*, we initiate the publication of an annual list of donors to the Fellowship Fund, covering the calendar year just past. Names in parentheses show the person or fund commemorated by the corresponding donor. We regret that space does not permit us to publish retrospective lists for previous years, but we can assure earlier donors that they were equally appreciated by the Association and by the students receiving previous Emeriti awards.

BARBARA CASE
(Charles Brinkley)

MARILYN FRIEDMAN

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Early Emeritus Professor of Psychology Commemorated in New Bequest

Evelyn Troup, a nationally noted clinical psychologist, taught at Cal State L.A. from 1953 to 1970, and was instrumental in the development of the clinical-area curriculum of the Department of Psychology. An expert in developmental and educational psychology, Evelyn worked with both gifted children and children of special needs. Her career was somewhat shortened by severe arthritis; she retired in 1970 and was accorded emeritus status. However, she continued to follow her professional interests as her health allowed, and died in 1986 at the age of 82.

Evelyn was the wife of William Hobson, a highly successful businessman who demonstrated his devotion to higher education with planned gifts to institutions across the country, acting in consultation with expert advisers. It was one of those advisers who made initial inquiries about the psychology program at Cal State L.A.

The program of scholarship support for outstanding students in psychology at Cal State L.A, was begun in 1986. This year the sources of that funding, in the form of a trust and a significant will gift, was donated to the University. The William Hobson and Evelyn Troup Charitable Remainder Trust will support the Evelyn Troup Fellowship in psychology for graduate students and the William Hobson and Evelyn Troup undergraduate scholarships in psychology.



Professor Emeritus Michael Roffe and donor William Hobson during arrangements for the bequest.

Underlying this bequest is a story of path crossings. William Hobson was a student at Los Angeles State College in its early years, when it offered an upper division program in selected fields at the campus of Los Angeles City College. Michael Roffe, former chair of the Department of Psychology and Professor Emeritus, earned his M.A. here, and regarded Evelyn as his mentor. The Hobson and Troup bequest will nurture future generations of psychology students at Cal State L.A., some of whom Michael will undoubtedly mentor.

Professional and Personal

Charles Borman (Art), having closed his Montrose gallery, is very busy doing his own artwork. He recently curated a show at the Burbank Creative Arts Center Gallery. There were 28 artists in the exhibit, including his work as well as the work of Walter Askin, Joe Soldate, Roy Walden, and Dave McNutt.

Harold Cohen (Physics) is the author of *Complex Analysis with Applications to Science and Engineering*, 2nd edition, published by Springer and dated 2008.

Charles Coleman (Physics) is the author of a recently published textbook, *Modern Physics for Semiconductor Science* (Wiley, 2006).

Stuart Fischoff (Psychology) was quoted in "Falling stars. Public meltdowns: How do celebrities make a comeback from such embarrassments?," by DeNeen L. Brown, *The Washington Post,* March 5, 2007; "Look at me, his vid demands," by Jane Ridley, *New York Daily News*, April 19, 2007; and "Can't change the channel on these ads: As people avoid TV commercials at home, advertisers take new tacks – even in restrooms," by Alana Samuels, *Los Angeles Times,* June 10, 2007.

Margaret Hartman (Biology) and **Robert Zahary** (Accounting) spent the year working on a single project – bringing a degree program from the U.S. to Singapore – that is still in progress. Apart from work, they took several trips, the first of which was a three-week birding trip to northern India. They were rained out in the plains and snowed in in the Himalayan foothills, but they still saw over 200 new species of birds. In early July, they went to Langkawi, an island off the northeast coast of Malaysia, and in August, they visited Bali for a week. In Bali, a guide drove them off the beaten track, including to a sanctuary for macaques. Margaret recalled, "I was walking about 10 feet ahead of Bob with my guide and I noticed that my guide was starting to feed the macaques. My guide asked if I wanted a macaque to get on my shoulder and I emphatically said 'No!' Just then, I heard a yell from behind me and turned around to see Bob with a macaque sitting on his head. I started to laugh just as three pounds of something furry

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Erratum

In the Fall 2007 issue of *The Emeritimes*, the end of the President's Message was inadvertently deleted. The last sentence should have read, "I look forward to an active and constructive year serving your Association." We apologize for the omission.

Special Anniversary Feature

An Interview with Sidney Albert

By Leon Schwartz

The Fall 2007 issue of *The Emeritimes* contained a substantial article that included information provided by Judson Grenier, the current CSU-ERFA archivist, on the donation by emeritus professor Sidney Albert of a large collection of documents on the foundation and early history of CSU-ERFA, as well as on the Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association, which preceded the statewide organization by seven years. Subsequent to our mutual receipt of these important additions to our respective archives, Judd and I agreed to tape an interview with Sid, who was eager to elaborate in a very personal way on the events in which he played so large a role. Our interview took place on August 1 at my home in Altadena, and lasted about three hours, with a short break for the taking of pictures of the three of us by my wife Jeanne. The interview was very informal, with Judd starting out by asking Sid about his background in academia and how it contributed to his passion for organizing emeriti.

It was obvious from the start that Sid's experiences as an aspiring young professor gave him a sense that the academic life was a calling, with a grand role to play in the cultural and intellectual life of the nation, and that justice demanded that those engaged in it be accorded the institutional respect they deserved. After graduating from Syracuse University with B.A. and M.A. degrees in philosophy, a Ph.D. from Yale just before the outbreak of World War II, and a stint of almost five years in the U.S. Army, Sid spent 10 years in mostly temporary teaching jobs at five different universities in Connecticut, New York, and Illinois before being hired by the Los Angeles State College Philosophy Department. At L.A. State, he found Robert Kully, an old friend from the University of Illinois, where, with his special interest in and doctoral dissertation on *Esthetics and Drama*, Sid had been a colleague for one year in the Speech Department.

Sid taught philosophy at our university from 1956 to 1979, but as he approached his retirement, he reflected on situations he encountered among University colleagues that to him were symptomatic of an attitude toward retired professors – even the most distinguished – that needed changing. Typical, in his eyes, was the case of professor emeritus Solomon Diamond, one of the four earliest recipients of our Outstanding Professor Award (1964-1965), whose request for the use of the University copying service for a professional paper he was scheduled to deliver was refused on the grounds that retired faculty had no further right to University services.

Sid Albert had been a member of the AAUP for many years and had become president of the California Conference of AAUP. Imbued with the AAUP's goal to advance the status of the professoriate, and having interacted with AAUP members from around the nation, Sid began to investigate the treatment of retired faculty at other universities, especially at three local institutions: Caltech, UCLA, and USC. He found the models at UCLA and USC particularly noteworthy. Although by November 1977 the Cal State L.A. Academic Senate had passed a policy statement granting recognition and certain perquisites to our emeriti, there was as yet no emeriti organization either on our campus or on any other campus in the CSU system. It was at this period that Sid began to recruit a cadre of interested faculty and retirees.

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Sid's account is spiced with ironic and amusing stories, such as one regarding President Greenlee's conversion. When, toward the end of 1977, Sid approached the President about whether he would sign on to the Senate's proposed emeritus policy, the latter replied in the negative, adding that, "When you retire you should get as far away from the University as possible." Apprising Bob Kully of the bad news of the President's rebuff, he was advised to "sit tight." And Kully added, "He'll sign one day." Not only did he sign, although it was not until the following summer, but shortly after the Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association was formed and President Greenlee himself retired, he joined the association and became an active member of the Executive Committee.

Judd and I were interested in some of the major issues that confronted the association founders. One such issue concerned the model to be used for membership eligibility. Would it be the traditional model as it existed at UCLA and USC, limiting eligibility to emeriti only, or a broader model such as existed at the University of Washington that included all retired faculty as well as retired staff? I knew that Sid had held out for the traditional model, which prevailed at the outset. I also knew that it was subsequently modified to include an "auxiliary" (later "associate") membership category that Sid had strongly opposed, and I wanted him to explain his position. Sid made reference to the AAUP ideal of the professoriate's unique identity, and he feared that an association combining emeriti and staff could present the problem of conflicting priorities. Citing the case of the statewide organization, which had begun as the Association of Emeritus Professors, Sid lamented that when it later became the CSU-ERFA and opened its membership to staff, "the organization almost broke up," but he did not elaborate on the issue of the non-emeritus retired faculty other than referring again to his admiration for the UCLA and USC examples and advocating that, as in the cases of those prestigious universities, all the separate retirement associations cooperate to advance their common causes.

Other major issues were recognition of the emeriti associations by the Chancellor's Office and Trustees, and representation in the statewide and local academic senates. Sid spoke of his many advocacy trips to the Chancellor's Office and credited Bill Lloyd, our campus' news service and publications director in those days, with helping him on those missions. Keith Snyder, our association's first president, was also a strong campaigner for emeriti causes, especially in our Academic Senate. When a respected chair of our Senate argued against Emeriti Association representation in that body because he feared that other campus interest groups would also want representation, Sid, Keith, and their allies – especially Donald Moore – countered that the emeriti, as a distinguished group of former professors, were not to be treated like other "interest groups" and had earned the right to a continuing, if diminished, role in academic affairs.

A similar campaign was conducted for emeriti representation in the CSU Academic Senate, and an AAUP document entitled "Recommendations of the California Conference on Emeriti" that was composed by a committee chaired by June Pollak and with members from UCLA and USC, was presented to our statewide Senate. Another document, entitled "Emeriti Bill of Rights," drafted by Sid Albert for the AAUP, was presented by him personally to the same body with the help of Bob Kully, who was then the Senate chair. This

begun in 1978, but it was not until 1987 that the Senate finally added a representative of the emeriti, in spite of some opposition from Chancellor Ann Reynolds – opposition that was finally overcome, said Sid, with the help of Joy Phillips, the Chancellor's secretary.

A third campaign Sid remembered was for the university funding of emeriti research. He lays claim to having been the first to file a formal application for such a grant but was unsuccessful. "I lost the battle but won the war," quipped Sid, who applied later for another research grant and got it. The cause of parking rights for emeriti was yet another campaign that Sid took up on our behalf, and he personally approached Caesar Naples, who was then a vice chancellor, to plead it. Although Naples refused to respond directly to Sid's plea, it was, as we know, eventually approved.

Asked about the relationship in 1985 between the statewide association (then AEP) and ours, Sid stated that our constitution was the original model for the new organization and then, after the latter's first meeting, held at Northridge, the next several meetings were held at our campus, with Sid as president.

Although, as noted, the AEP constitution was modeled on ours, its provision that the vice president automatically become the next president was, according to Sid, an imminent problem, for, if the vice president turned out to be unpromising, as seemed to be the case with Sid's vice president, the association could face a serious problem. Sid felt the strong need for a revision of that provision in the constitution, but not wanting to offend his own vice president, he agonized over how best to handle the matter. He finally solved the problem by offering the chairmanship of a committee to review that portion of the constitution to the vice president himself, a devilishly clever solution, for he was convinced that the gentleman did not really want the presidency. The ploy worked and the automatic succession was jettisoned.

After serving as the first president of the statewide association for two and one-half years, Sid had a hard time finding anyone to succeed him. Luckily, he got around to calling Jack Byrom, who accepted and was able to get the president of CSU Northridge to give the association a permanent office, a perquisite that it had not previously had.



Judd Grenier, Leon Schwartz, and Sid Albert peruse archive papers.

Judd then asked Sid to assess the success of the two associations he had pioneered. Had they performed up to his expectations and hopes? Sid responded that the statewide association had performed beyond expectations, but that our local organization, while generally good, did not have all its priorities in the right place in relation to each other, citing our emphasis on fundraising for emeriti scholarships, on which he felt we "expended more energy" than on issues regarding the welfare of the faculty and emeriti. One such issue, as made specific toward the end of our interview, was the shrinking funding of the University library, a major issue to that avid, nonagenarian reader and researcher.

The question regarding Sid's active participation in so many faculty and retired organizations – AAUP, CFA, CSU-ERFA, our association, and others – intrigued both Judd and me, for his donated papers were full of clippings, notes, and letters he had written on the issues facing retired academicians and the elderly in general. In response to my question about the connection between his presidency of our association and then of the statewide association that immediately followed it, he confirmed that they were directly related. "So L.A. can claim to be the father of AEP?" queried Judd. "Yes," said Sid.

Asked about other members of our local association he wished to mention for the key roles they played in the early years of emeriti struggles for recognition and rights, he named Len Mathy, whom he credited with being "the most responsible" for faculty breaking a 20-year absence of emeriti representation in the Statewide Academic Senate and becoming its first emeritus member.

In concluding our interview, I congratulated Sid for his unique role in the early history of the two associations, a man "at the heart of everything and a great advocate." Sid did not want the interview to end without some further comments on emeriti organizations and how the retired in general need to engage all the power players in our society, including the members of Congress. In regard to the latter, he told of a visit he paid to the offices of our two Democratic senators in Washington while attending an AAUP meeting in our nation's capital. His purpose was to urge an end to age discrimination – in the case of professors, the 70-year-old age barrier. Although he was received cordially by the administrative assistants of both senators, he was particularly touched by the warm solicitousness of Senator Boxer's aides.

Sid again paid tribute to the UCLA and USC emeriti associations. He admired them for hewing closely to the AAUP ideal of an academic community with great interaction and cooperation among the various segments and their many university-supported activities. "One of the biggest problems of this nation and the world," said Sid, "is what to do with the elderly. The solution must be national in scope."

Although it was at this point that Sid brought up his concern over the Cal State L.A. association's need to pay attention to its library problem, he praised our association's trailblazing and, in particular, our old brochure, "which set an example" for emeriti organizations and was a national leader, and he again praised our statewide association, "the largest such organization in the nation."

Judd ended the interview by commending Sid for his many years of leadership, and thanked him for his large donation of archival papers to CSU-ERFA and the Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association, both of which will conserve audio copies of this interview.

Two New Emeriti Named

The following recently retired faculty members have been awarded emeritus status:

ROGER BOWERS
(Biology, 1972-2007)

Timothy Steele
(English, 1987-2007)

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

Health Briefs

Back Pain: What to Do About Spinal Stenosis

By Marilyn Friedman

A very common health problem among seniors is spinal stenosis, often referred to by its symptoms, such as "low back pain" or "sciatica." Spinal stenosis refers to a narrowing of the lumbar (back) and/or cervical (neck) spinal canal, which causes compression of the nerve roots. Most cases of spinal stenosis (75 percent) are in the lumbar area in the lower back. Spinal stenosis mainly affects middle-aged or older persons and is usually due to aging and the related presence of osteoarthritis, although Paget's disease, an injury that causes pressure on the nerve roots or spinal cord, or other more rare conditions, can also cause spinal stenosis. When osteoarthritis of the spine develops to the point where the discs are worn away and vertebrae rub against adjoining vertebrae, the body attempts to remedy this painful condition by forming bone spurs. These bone spurs may compress the spinal cord or the nerve roots. Degenerative changes in spinal ligaments can also lead to stenosis. Over time, these ligaments may stiffen and thicken, which, in turn, compresses the nerve roots or spinal canal.

Symptoms of spinal stenosis include pain or cramping in the legs; pain in the back that may or may not radiate to the legs; pain in the buttocks, hip, thighs, or calves that worsens with walking or exercise; numbness in the buttocks, thighs or calves, especially when standing, walking, or exercising; leg weakness; neck and shoulder pain; and difficulty or imbalance when walking. These symptoms start gradually and grow worse over time. A neurologic examination often reveals that there is asymmetry of the reflexes of the lower legs, or perhaps leg weakness and decreased sensation in the legs. Diagnostic tests are needed to produce a definitive diagnosis. Confirmatory tests for spinal stenosis include an x-ray of the spine showing degenerative changes and a narrowed spinal canal, spinal MRI or spinal CT showing spinal stenosis, and an electromyelogram (EMG) showing active and chronic neurological changes.

"Diagnostic tests are needed to produce a definitive diagnosis."

In most cases of spinal stenosis, conservative management is recommended. Anti-inflammatory medications, other pain relievers, and possibly steroid epidural injections are suggested. Rest or restricted activity, physical therapy, and use of a back brace or corset may also be advised. If the pain is persistent and does not respond to these conservative measures, then surgery is considered to relieve the pressure on the nerves (laminectomy) and to maintain the integrity and strength of the spine (fusion). Laminectomies and fusions are recommended only for advanced cases, and can involve a lengthy recovery period. Innovative new, less invasive surgical techniques, such as laser-assisted procedures that remove a portion of a disc or bone spur that is pressing against a nerve root or spinal cord, are being used for certain types of spinal stenosis. Due to the newness of these less invasive procedures, I could find no evaluation of their effectiveness. What is known about the traditional types of back surgery for spinal stenosis is that the surgery usually provides some relief. However, it cannot repair damaged nerves or stop the degenerative processes. Unfortunately, even after surgery, symptoms of spinal stenosis may recur or worsen over time.

Although we may not always be able to prevent age-related changes in our backs, preventive measures can be followed to keep the spine and joints as healthy as possible. Regular exercise is the number one recommendation. This helps maintain strength and flexibility in the spine, joints, and ligaments. Using good body mechanics is also important, especially being conscious of sitting, standing, and lifting heavy objects in a way that protects the spine against undue stress. Last, maintaining a healthy weight is significant, as extra weight puts additional stress on joints and bones.

Campus News

VP Steven Garcia Leaves CSULA After Decade of Service

Steven N. Garcia, vice president for administration and chief financial officer since June 1997, has left the University to become senior vice president for finance and administration at Claremont Graduate University, beginning January 2, 2008. At Cal State L.A., he has been responsible for facilities, budget and finance, human resources, public safety, housing, and other key areas.

Garcia has overseen a period of major construction that has enhanced the architectural beauty of the campus and modernized its facilities. He has also worked effectively with communities, agencies, and corporations to create lasting partnerships in support of the University's academic programs, including recent efforts to establish the Marc and Eva Stern Math and Science School and the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center. In addition, he has served as a member of the Joint Powers Authority, with county and city leadership representatives.

The interim vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer will be George A.Pardon, who served in the same capacity at CSU Dominguez Hills from 1998 to 2006. Since 2006, he has been a property development consultant at CSU Long Beach. From 1987 to 1998, he held financial management positions at the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Dean Riffle, Printing Center Supervisor, Dead at 52

Dean Riffle, a Cal State L.A. staff member for 32 years, died suddenly over the winter holiday break at the age of 52, reportedly of cardiovascular disease. At his death, Dean was serving as the electronic pre-print supervisor, and had played a significant role in the preparation of *The Emeritimes* for publication. He began his employment in the campus mail room, and developed his skills in subsequent assignments. Services were held on January 10 at Rose Hills Memorial Park, with colleagues in attendance.

L.A. County Programs for Senior Citizens

Barbara Sinclair, past president of the Association who serves on the L.A. County Commission on Aging, reminds readers of the wide range of County programs serving the public. The booklet describing these programs runs to over 200 pages, and describes many programs and centers serving senior citizens. Copies of the booklet and further information are available on the website, http://www.lacounty.gov; by calling 213-974-1311; or by looking in the local telephone directory under the heading "Los Angeles, County of."

In Memoriam

Clifford J. Craft

Professor of Accounting, 1977- 1987

Clifford J. Craft, emeritus professor of accounting, died on October 27 of undisclosed causes. He was 82 years old, and was under hospice care in Newport Beach.

Cliff joined the Cal State L. A. faculty in the Department of Accounting in 1977, following his extended service in the Marine Corps, including both active and reserve status. He was born in Philadelphia on January 6, 1925, and was just 17 when he enlisted in August 1942. After basic training, he was assigned to the Navy V-12 program at the University of Michigan. He earned a B.S. degree there and a commission as a second lieutenant in 1946. In 1949, he received an M.S. from Michigan and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He resumed his studies later in life, receiving an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1954.

He went on to earn a second M.S. in 1976 and a Ph.D. in 1984, both at USC. He worked on Navy-related projects related to areas of his expertise, and was actively associated with the journal *Business Forum*.

Cliff and his wife Carol were married in 1948 and had six children. They lived in Malibu, and at one time had to rebuild their house after the kind of fire to which that area is prone. Carol, their children, and 16 grandchildren survive Cliff, as do two brothers and one of his two sisters, as well as nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at Our Lady of Malibu Catholic Church, of which he and Carol were members.

Earl W. Denny

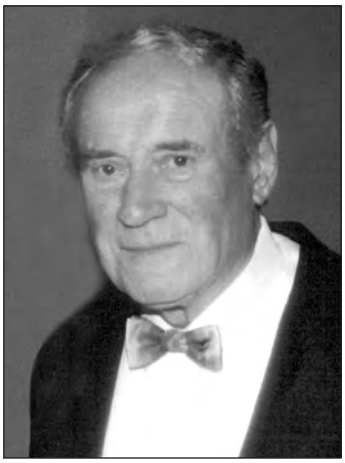
Professor of Education, 1959-1983

Earl W. Denny, emeritus professor of education, died at the age of 87 on September 27 in Los Angeles. He encountered complications following hip surgery on August 16, to which he finally succumbed.

Earl served on the faculty from 1959 to 1983. During his tenure, he served as chair of the Department of Elementary Education, associate dean of the School of Education, and acting dean of the School of Education.

Born in Helena, Montana, Earl walked out of his college classes to join the U.S. Navy within days of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Navy sent him to officer training school at Harvard College and the Montana School of Mines in Butte, Montana, where he met and proposed to his future wife, Marie Mernin. During the war, he served throughout the Pacific, where he was well known for being unbeatable at checkers. He served his final assignment on a minesweeper clearing the Japanese harbors.

Earl received his B.A. and M.A. from Montana State University, and in 1958, his Ed. D. from the University of Washington. Relocating to Los Angeles in 1959 to join the faculty at Los Angeles State College, Earl took great pleasure in teaching. Among his teaching assignments, he trained and supervised Peace Corps elementary school teachers working in the Dominican Republic.



Earl and his wife Marie were equally passionate about duplicate bridge and golf. Following retirement, they traveled extensively throughout Europe and South America. Earl is survived by his daughter Cheryl, his grandson Daniel, and his three nieces and their families, as well as his beloved Maltese, Souffle.

Wachtang Djobadze

Professor of Art, 1968 - 1988

Wachtang Djobadze, emeritus professor of art, died on February 10. He taught art history at Cal State L.A. from 1968 to 1988.

Hired by the Art Department sight unseen and without an interview, Wachtang had impressed then-department chair Leonard Edmondson with his vita and many publications, and Len had hired him after reviewing his files by sending him a letter of invitation. Unknown to Edmondson and others was the fact that Djobadze did not speak any English. He would communicate his lectures in German to his wife Irene, who would translate them into English for Wachtang to repeat in his lecture. Colleague Abbas Daneshvari recalls that Wachtang lectured with great zest and enthusiasm. Students often said that they learned a lot from him because he was funny and had an unusual view of life and art.

Wachtang's field of study was Georgian and medieval Christian art, and he rarely ventured outside of his area. His studies on Georgian art often explored the connections between Byzantine Europe and the Eastern provinces. His contributions in this field will endure and are still fully in use by scholars.

John V. Haralson

Professor of Psychology, 1951-1980

John V. Haralson, emeritus professor of psychology, was reported to have died during the summer of 2007 at the age of 93. The Emeriti Association received this information from CSU-ERFA, following their notification from PERS.

John joined the Los Angeles State College psychology faculty in 1951, having received a Ph.D. that year from the University of Indiana. He was an experimental and comparative psychologist, and did behavioral research primarily with fish and sea anemones. His focus was on the effect of various drugs on the emotional behavior of fish. His wife, Sally, was also a psychologist, and both were active members of the American Psychological Association's Division 6, Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Psychology. She predeceased him by a few years.

A native of Minnesota, John was born in Minneapolis on May 13, 1914, and earned a B.A. in 1940 from the University of Minnesota. He taught at Cornell University from 1948 to 1951, when he completed his doctoral study and came to California.

In addition to his teaching, John carried out his research with support from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. His papers were published in the *American Journal of Psychology, Journal of Comparative Physiological Psychology, Proceedings of the Western Psychological Association,* and *Integrative and Comparative Biology.* He presented papers and chaired sessions at many regional and national professional meetings.

John served as associate chair of the Psychology Department in the 1960s, acting chair in 1970-71, and chair from 1978 to 1980, when he retired. He continued his research for a number of years afterward, most recently in a lab prepared for water containment that was set up in the basement of the Physical Sciences Building. Seen coming and going there for a

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years, his final withdrawal was not noted.

He is reported to have spent his last years in a senior facility, following Sally's death. He is survived by their two children.

Richard McComb

Professor of Music, 1979-1992

Richard McComb, emeritus professor of music, died on November 11 from the complications of Parkinson's disease. He had lived in Lynwood, Washington for a number of years.

Known for his own lyric tenor voice, Richard taught vocal performance during his years at Cal State L.A., and coordinated the Voice area in the department's curriculum. He joined the faculty in 1979, following his earlier musical preparation. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music in 1974 and 1976, respectively, from Indiana University.

Richard is well remembered and much appreciated for the Music Department's biennial "Vocal Extravaganza" performances, which he organized and co-produced. Marked by high comedy as well as high art, the programs raised money for the department's scholarship program. Faculty and staff members from other departments, as well as administrators on several occasions, joined colleagues in music in a number of those performances. Plans are under way to establish a scholarship in his memory.

Esther Penchef

Professor of Sociology, 1948-1973

Esther Penchef, emeritus professor of sociology, died on August 29 at the age of 101. She had been in failing health for several years.

Esther joined the Los Angeles State College faculty in 1948, shortly after the college was established. Her initial position, in an era when female students were still "coeds," was as the dean of women. She was subsequently tenured as an assistant professor of sociology, and advanced through the faculty ranks. She retired from Cal State L.A. in 1973, but not from active professional life.

Born in Ohio on July 18, 1906, Esther remained in that state through most of her education. She received a B.A. in 1935 from Bowling Green State University and an M.A. in 1948 from the University of Toledo. Following her relocation to California, she went on to earn a Ph.D. in 1947 at USC. She taught at USC and at Los Angeles City College before her appointment at L.A. State, which at the time was housed on the LACC campus and offered only an upper-division curriculum.

In the course of her faculty career, she developed a related interest in law, earned an LL.B. in 1957 from the Southwestern University School of Law, and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1960. She practiced law in Los Angeles and Glendale well past her retirement from the faculty. She resided in Glendale.

Esther is remembered as a devoted friend and aunt, and is survived by many nieces and nephews.

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Your contributions to the Emeriti Fellowship Fund keep working for Cal State L.A. students! The Emeriti Association now manages at least five scholarships, four for graduate students and one for undergraduates. Recipients are selected each year, around Commencement week. They greatly appreciate these awards, now more than ever in fiscal hard times. Tax-deductible donations are welcome year round, and may be sent to us at the University's address.

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92 on the February 5th California ballot and urges CSU-ERFA members to vote against this proposition."

The CSU-ERFA website carries this statement, and also lists the large number of other organizations in opposition, including California Teachers Association and several major labor unions. Unfortunately, the voters' information pamphlet does not disclose the number and identities of opposing groups, so that a reader's first impression might be of a boon to education. The leaders of both emeriti associations urge California readers to vote against this measure, which they judge to be poorly conceived.

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landed on my shoulder. Bob had the camera, had disentangled himself from his macaque, and was taking pictures of me. Then, a second macaque had joined the first one, forcing the first one onto my head. For a minute, they were both totally engaged in getting food from the guide, but when the guide tried to get them off me, little paws started grabbing my baseball cap and my prescription sunglasses that I was wearing. I saved my cap, but not the sunglasses." Their most recent trip was to Borneo, where they visited the Mulu Caves and viewed the bat migration out of the cave at dusk. A flight on a Twin Otter to a remote spot in the highlands, close to the Malaysia-Indonesia border of Borneo, enabled them to be the first "eco-tourists" for the Sustainable Forest Management program.

Robert R. Morman (Education) has written about issues plaguing the administration of George W. Bush in an Xlibris book, *Bush's Fourth Year – Post War Iraq: Governance and Re-election."* His discussion includes the premises on which the preemptive war on Iraq was rationalized and subsequently discredited, and how the post-9/11 invasion of Iraq affected the Bush administration and Iraq. Other topics include immigration, the deterioration of the U.S. education system, the privatization of Social Security, and the president's re-election. Other recently published works include *The Clintons' Agenda for Change: Assault on Traditional America*, 1996; *Fundamentals of Statistics, Research, Mental Disorders and Americans with Disabilities Act: An Omnibus*, 2001; and *Bush's Third Year – Iraq War, Rebuilding Amid Chaos*, 2004.

Janet Seaman (Physical Education) just released the fourth edition of her textbook: *Making Connections: From Theory to Practice in Adapted Physical Education,* published by Holcomb-Hathaway. The book is co-authored with Karen DePauw, former part-time instructor in the Physical Education Department, now vice provost and graduate dean at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). Other co-authors include Kimble Burke Morton and Kathy Franck Omoto, former graduate students at Cal State L.A.

Barbara Sinclair (Nursing) was invited by KOTRA, the Korean Trade Association, to give a paper on "The Graying of America: Present and Future" at a large International Exposition on Aging in Seoul. They were interested in demographic data concerning our older populations, as well as specific health problems and housing issues. She was later informed that the same information had been requested of speakers from Germany and China. Barbara stated, "Little did I realize that I was representing the U.S." She described it as an interesting experience, with about 6,000 attendees at the three-day exhibit. In addition to a large number and variety of exhibits appropriate to older persons, there were opportunities to gain specific health information; programs of interest, such as a fashion show, with all models over the age of 65 (the oldest was a man of 98 years); examples of traditional Korean attire and actions; and musical interludes.