

SILVER BULLETIN

Newsletter of CSU, Sacramento Emeritus Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT by Jerry McDaniel

Some of the advantages of being president of an Emeritus Association are that one doesn't have to keep an eye on the popularity polls, and it's not necessary to have to apologize for any (recent) "youthful indiscretions." Meanwhile, the Association moves along, growing in total numbers as more and more colleagues from the 1960's retire, and also growing in paid members, which makes it possible to continue our social events and to make contributions both to the Library and to the Faculty Endowment Fund. With only about 25% of the potential emeritus group paying the annual \$10 dues, we would like to encourage those others to join us, especially to help meet the cost of producing more than one issue of The Silver Bulletin. As always, our Bulletin editor, Alan Wade, is anxious for news, anecdotes, raw humor, reminiscences, travelogues and poetry to help fill the columns. Let us know of your own or other emeriti activities, honors and accomplishments. We would especially be glad to hear from former faculty who live in far-flung comers of foreign fields such as Hawaii, Arizona, Texas, Oregon, et al.

In an effort to improve our presence on the Faculty Senate, Bob Donaldson is seeking names of local emeriti who will be available to represent us at our bimonthly meetings. If you are interested, please call Bob at 481-0368.

The emeritus tentacles spread further recently with the appointment of Bob Curry as the Emeritus Association representative on the Sacramento State Alumni Board of Directors. Bob is an Alum himself as well as a distinguished professor of economics and guru of sorts to Singapore, Vietnam, and Hawaii. Let Bob or me know if there are emeriti interests you'd like to see raised in alumni councils.

In closing, a special thanks to those members who have responded to calls for help in various mailings, and to those who have been bringing their books to the Library for the twice-a-month sales. To arrange for your book delivery, call Library Support Services at 278-6171 or Friends of the Library, at 278-5154. (See notice on page 2)

VIEWPOINT MORE = less

CSU president gets big raise. Faculty gets nothing. So what else is new? CSUS president Don Gerth took his share of this largesse without comment--his mouthpiece says it is his "policy" not to comment on such matters. Gerth's latest \$20,000 increase (with yet another scheduled for next year) brings his annual income (including perks) to over \$200,000 per year. Meanwhile, the corporate leaders in Long Beach refuse to bargain seriously with the faculty, who remain without a contract

We shouldn't be surprised. For years the CSU has been moving in the direction of the corporate world, which means more part-time and fewer full-time faculty, increasing workloads with no corresponding increase in compensation, downgraded working conditions; and unconscionable compensation packages for top management.

What's more, at the same time the "accountability" screws are being tightened on faculty, those at the top get huge raises with no identifiable performance standards. We all know that Don Gerth works hard for his money, and that he is totally committed to the mission of CSUS. Still, faculty morale has deteriorated markedly. The Senate as the traditional voice of the faculty in academic matters is largely ignored, replaced by Quisling committees who do the bidding of the administrators who dominate decision-making. Gerth asked for and got \$7.6 million from the last bond issue for a road. There was no public discussion of the need for this project. Other presidents asked for and got (in several instances) over four times that much for building new classroom facilities. Why is there no opportunity to express concern about the public interest in such matters? About accountability to the taxpayers in the performance of highly-paid public officials? About accountability to students whose fees keep increasing?

So long as we disinvest in the work force, while providing huge compensation packages for our so-called leadership, we will fall short of the goals of high quality and accessible higher education in California.

The Getty - A GREAT MUSEUM - - BUT! by Jim and Rose Jolly

In early April, Rose and I, with friends, had the delightful opportunity to spend a day at THE GETTY. The many articles published in newspapers and magazines about the wonders of THE GETTY, from my view point, are all true. It is a castle on a hill with a view of the great city of Los Angeles. It is truly an eighth wonder of the world. My comments here are not to subtract from its greatness, but rather to advise persons planning to visit to plan for the problems related to the intense popularity that has developed.

The ticket to the museum is a pass to the parking facility. There is an underground garage at the foot of the mountain that will accommodate around 1,500 cars. Persons who have a parking pass are permitted to park in the garage and have a priority to ride on the tram up the mountain to the museum. People who arrive by taxi or bus may have a long wait. The day we were visiting, the wait for persons who did not have a parking pass had to wait as long as two hours to get a ride to the top of the hill to the museum.

On the day we were there, a Saturday in April, there was a backup wait for the tram of about 20 minutes, even for those who had parking passes to the garage. The tram system is efficient and swift, but with expected visitors of over 5,000 per day one should expect some delay. There are provisions for disabled persons.

There are wheel chairs available at the tram station and wheel chairs are permitted on the tram. At the museum there are elevators where needed.

Once one arrives, via the tram, most often there are lines for all services, i.e. food, rest rooms, museum entrances. Because it is in Southern California, the complex is designed with many patios and separate entrances to facilities and museum halls. The rest room and the book store were popular places with lines with 20 or more persons in the queues. There may even be a delay of 10 to 20 minutes to ride the tram when it is time to go home.

Is it worth it? My answer is yes, but it is important to anticipate the delays and have your mind adjusted. THE GETTY is something you will remember and talk about many times over.

SILVER BULLETIN SHORT NOTES MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Coffee Klatch with President Gerth-Wednesday, March 10, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sierra Room of the Administration Building, now named "Sacramento Hall." (Ed. Note: Emeritus Association President Jerry McDaniel irreverently observes that it "should have been named San Andreas Hall so we'd at least know where the fault lies.")

Faculty Senate Dates -- for the rest of this semester, regular meetings are scheduled for: October 22 and 29, November 5 and 12, and December 3 and 10. Under Bob Donaldson's leadership, we have vowed to make our presence officially known. Former senate chairs who have agreed to participate as emeritus representatives include: Donaldson, Alan Wade, Dick Cleveland, Jerry Tobey, and Erwin Kelly. Other volunteers for the Spring semester meetings of the Senate should phone Donaldson at 481-0368.

<p>CSUS EMERITUS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER</p> <p>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1998 at 6 p.m.</p> <p>DETAILS ON PAGE 5</p>
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CSUS Alumni Board date -- these meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the University Library, 5th Floor Conference Room from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. As indicated in the President's Message, Bob Curry is our representative. TWICE-A-MONTH BOOK, POSTER SALE The Friends of the Library at California State University, Sacramento, is hosting used book and art poster sales twice each month.

The sales feature hundreds of selections at inexpensive prices. They are held the first and third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the lower level of the Library. Scheduled days are: Nov. 5 and 19, Dec. 3 and 17, Jan. 7 and 21, Feb. 4 and 18, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17. More information is available at 278-5154, or the Web site at <http://www.csus.edu>

BUSY GRANDPARENTS BY Peggy Cavaghan

Peggy and Barry Cavaghan spent much of the spring on the road (or on the ocean). A brief January visit to daughter Melissa Cavaghan, M.D., in Chicago, let them enjoy her new apartment there. Then February saw the Cavaghans in Sydney, Australia to join a cruise which disembarked them practically on son Hugh Todd's doorstep in Hong Kong. After visiting and touring Hong Kong and the New Territories, the Cavaghans returned to Sacramento to unpack, wash and repack for Peru in March and April, where they hiked and visited Inca ruins and monuments.

The couple stayed home in June for "Grandchildren's Week." Nine of their ten grandchildren, aged 6 to 16, stayed with them; swimming, yakking, playing games and making bread together.

In July, Peggy and Barry flew to Iowa to celebrate daughter Candace Todd's graduation from U. of Iowa with her Ph.D in Rhetoric. (Candace is teaching parttime this semester in the Comm Studies Department at CSUS, and also at U.O.P.) Pretty heady stuff, but the ceremony in Chicago in September, where Barry manned daughter Melissa to Paul Helft (also M.D.) took place in conjunction with a family reunion. Getting together for such an event was an ultimate high for all participants!

Peggy swears to stay home for the rest of the year, but Bellingham, WA (where daughter Jonica ToddGallery resides) is calling for Thanksgiving.

JIM GOES TO L.A.

Jim Saum represented the Sacramento Emeriti at the October 3 meeting of CSU-ERFA in Los Angeles. Bill Crist, who heads up the State PERS was the main speaker and was well received. He is up for reelection on a ballot mailed out October 1. He also said that it was important for PERS members to elect Gray Davis for Governor. Wilma Krebs reported on legislation:

The governor vetoed the first four bills listed:

SB 234 which would have guaranteed funding pensions at 75% of original purchasing power; AB 2295 to provide a special enrollment period for retirees who miss enrolling in a PERS health plan; AB 1100 to have additional steps toward parity in treatment of mental illness with other health condition; SB 1098 and AB 1643 to eliminate age discrimination in firing older people; and SB 1504, a managed care bill which would have allowed for independent external review, died in the Assembly Health Committee.

The governor did sign AB 1166 to expand PERS home loan programs to out-of-state members, and SB 1537 to provide increased consumer protections. The governor wasn't too popular!

IN MEMORIAM

James Bell, CSUS 1956-1973
 F. Claude Brashears, CSUS 1960-1980
 Kelly Eldredge, CSUS 1955-1991
 Charles V. Hume, CSUS 1949-1979
 Robert Hurley, CSUS 1955-1983
 Morris Val Jones, CSUS 1964-1985

Frank Kofsky, CSUS 1969-1997
 Carl E. Ludwig, CSUS 1949-1980
 Bradford N. O'Neil, CSUS 1969-1983
 Ralph E. Talbert, CSUS 1969-1998
 Harold Wolfe, CSUS 1952-1983
 Dorothy Zietz, CSUS 1955-1976

The Silver Bulletin joins in fond remembrance of these colleagues-for their contributions to the University, and for the many ways in which they enriched our lives.

WORKIN' AT CRUISIN by Bob Donaldson

As in my professional life, I have combined my avocation with my vocation-teaching European history, especially courses on World War I and World War II; for over a decade, I've also been teaching and directing bridge games on cruise ships. "Work" involves a fifty minute lecture and directing a two hour bridge game during the days we are at sea-there will be two such days on our next cruise. Persis and I also "earn" our shore excursions by assisting the official guide.

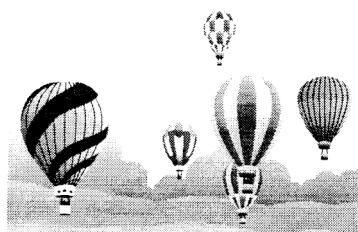
Our favorite cruise has been two weeks touring the Baltic capitals, with St. Petersburg the highlight with the marvelous Hermitage Museum and its splendid palaces; we also spend an additional four weeks in England. We are looking forward to our third such cruise in the near future. Last year we spent four weeks visiting Australia and New Zealand, including an extra week in Sydney. We also took a four week cruise of Bali, Java, Singapore, Malasia, and Thailand, including an extra week in Singapore. This summer we will visit Paris for a week and London for two weeks followed by a cruise to Amsterdam, Rouen, Cork, Dublin, Liverpool, Glasgow, and Inverness.

FLYING BIRD LADY By Orville Nordberg

Recently retired faculty and faculty families are increasingly taking advantage of the rewards of travel. The latest long-distance award; however, must go to Louise McCullough. Not content with eleven lifetime bird-counting trips to Alaska, in the last 18 months she has been everywhere from Bhutan and India to Dutch Harbor and Rhode Island. Starting in the fall of 1996, her itinerary has included Arizona, New Mexico, the Rio Grande valley, Arcata and the California Redwoods, Australia, New Hampshire, a three-week French immersion program in Quebec, then San Diego, Santa Barbara, New Hampshire, and Tucson.

Whew! Then there were later excursions to Darien in Panama, India, Santa Cruz Island off California, North Carolina and Virginia, Elko, Nevada; the Ruby Mountains in Texas, and this year on to Southern California; Hartford, Connecticut; San Antonio, Texas; Crescent City, California; St. Lawrence Island and Dutch Harbor, Minneapolis; Mono Lake and Yosemite. Would you like to compete with Louise? Having relatives in many places, and birder colleagues apparently everywhere, gives her an advantage. But we may have unsung heroes and heroines yet to be heard from. It will be interesting to compare travel records. Send your record to:

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HOT AIR (Abridged to fit Academia)

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts: "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?" The man replies: "Yes, you're in a hot air balloon, hovering 30 feet above this field." Says the balloonist: "You must be a professor." "I am," replies the man. "How did you know?" "Well", says the balloonist, "Everything you have told me is technically correct, but it's of no use to anyone." The man below says, "You must be a university administrator." Says the balloonist, "I am--how did you know?" "Well", says the man, "You don't know where you are, or where you're going, and you expect me to be able to help.

You're in the same position you were in before we met, but now it's my fault!"

(gleaned from one of the few e-mail jokes fit to print in a family publication, out of hundreds received)

SMALL WORLD

Duane and Bettye Anderson visited Alaska last summer, and stayed at a small Bed and Breakfast in Homer. They got to talking with the proprietors, who were none other than Sara and Bob Peterson. Sara retired from CSUS (School of Education) over 20 years ago.

A HERO AMONG US

Lou Bronson has been selected as one of 25 "Senior Heroes" to be honored during the Area 4 Agency on Aging's 25th Anniversary celebration. The County Board of Supervisors has joined with the agency's governing board to honor Lou for his many years of outstanding service to the community. "Out of the Mouths..."

(one quote from some 11 year olds' science exams:) "When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire."

CSUS EMERITUS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1998 - 6 P.M. - REDWOOD ROOM - STUDENT UNION

BUFFET SERVICE: Please choose one entree offering and write in the number of persons for each choice.

Chicken Wellington: (\$12.95) _____

Vegetarian Lasagne: (\$8.95) _____

Also served: salad, rice, seasonal vegetable, dessert and coffee. **NO HOST BAR**

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

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Please return this sheet and your payment, which may also include your 1998-1999 dues of \$10.00, to:

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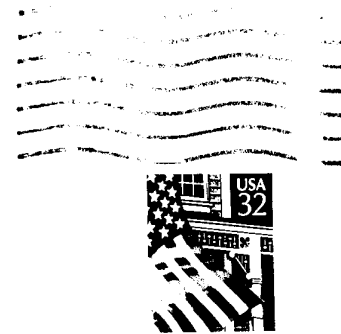
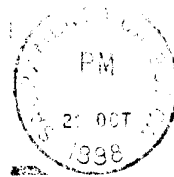
DEADLINE FOR YOUR RESPONSE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1998.



SPEAKER AT FALL DINNER

Association President Jerry McDaniel announces that our speaker at the dinner on November 1, 1998 MY be James Lake, newly appointed principal of Kennedy High School in Sacramento. Mr. Lake has two degrees from CSUS, and has been a teacher and administrator at several high schools in Iowa as well as in California. He is uniquely qualified to speak on some of the current issues facing the public schools, and their implications for higher education. We can expect a most interesting presentation, followed by an opportunity for questions.

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