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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jerry McDaniel

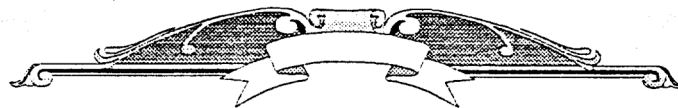
In this final missive before passing the torch to the next emeritus association president, I want to express my belief that there is a growing potential, particularly with the influx of new, campus-activist retirees, that the CSUS emeriti can become a "critical mass" that ought to have increasing impact on the campus and its policies. Currently there are about 450 CSUS retirees, most of whom live in the Sacramento metro region. Mobilized even in small ways, as individuals or as a group, these emeriti should have a continuous voice in campus affairs.

Former faculty leaders such as Bob Donaldson, Alan Wade, Erwin Kelly, Jerry Tobey, and Peter Shattuck and others are coming on, have energized the emeritus representation on the Faculty Senate. They are speaking out and being given a respectful hearing. They bring to the current faculty an institutional wisdom and a commitment to first principles that are a reminder that there was a time 20-40 years ago when, in Max Rafferty's inglorious phrase, "the inmates took over the institution."

It is no secret that the state university system is increasingly being pressured to become even more of an "assembly-line" to move students through and out, with faculty being isolated from each other, forced to negotiate with a hierarchy of bosses for their schedules, their pay increases, and their perks, with "distance-learning" becoming the norm. The litany of concerns being posed is much longer, but for those of us who have struggled at an earlier time to overcome local and statewide administrative malfunction or worse, to oppose the demeaning of the teaching profession and establish meaningful collegiality, and to institute an appropriate curriculum, the current situation calls again for every concerned member of the campus community, especially emeriti, to bring their, your, wisdom and energy into the fray.

I am the first to say that such isn't easy. I like the new and varied life of retirement away from the rat-race as much as anyone, and I plead guilty to enjoying afternoon naps. Even so, if the profession and institution in which you served so well is threatened with radical, and not necessarily beneficial change, we ought to be informed, responsive, active in letting the powers-that-be know that it can be better. To let current faculty know that they can unite and work together to keep from being overwhelmed. Our association may be able to mobilize some of this effort, but much of it will have to depend on you to be aware and to follow your concerns with action.

Carpe diem and have a good life.



ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1999

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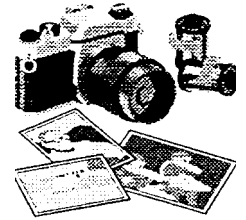
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Gene Sahs ... photographer

Gene Sahs, Professor Emeritus, California State University, Sacramento, has worked with people all throughout his professional life, both in Criminal Justice and in Health and Welfare Systems.

In recent years he has utilized this interest in people to photograph persons from different cultures and backgrounds. This includes faces from Southeast Asia, China, Spain, Portugal and Madeira, people of the Black Sea (following Glasnost), Southwest USA, and landscapes from Maine and Cape Cod.



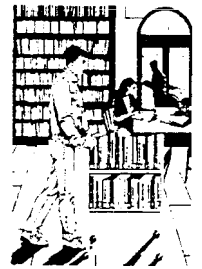
The primary focus of Sahs' work has been on people coupled with occasional landscape shots to reflect the uniqueness of the areas. In each instance he has been able to capture the essence of the moment.

Sahs' selections reflect use of Cannon Surshot, Yashica Samurai (half-frame) and Cannon EOS cameras. The primary medium for his work is 20x30 color enlargements with all processing through commercial color outlets.

A recent showing of his work included selections from his "New China" series.

Libraries and Liberty

After a thirty-year tenure in the CSUS Library, one might think that even a dedicated researcher might be ready to rest. Not so in the case of John Liberty, who has been volunteering part-time as an adjunct faculty member, continuing the collection development on the Dissent and Social Change Project that he established in the 1960's.



"It's something of an intellectual freedom and First Amendment thrill for me to be active in developing a collection of dissenting and alternative research materials to be used by our students and faculty."

The books and periodicals in this collection present a wide variety of alternative political and social viewpoints: communist, socialist, populist, feminist, gay, libertarian, ethnic, conservative, radical right-wing, and racist. "There's something here to offend --- and to broaden -- the minds of almost everyone," Liberty said.

The Library has established a Dissent and Social Change Fund. Persons interested in contributing to the fund can obtain information from John Liberty at 451-9821. See page 6 for more information.

Kudos for Beth Howes

Beth Howes was Assistant College Librarian (under Pearl Spayde) in the year of the then Sacramento State College's move from its temporary housing on the Sacramento City College campus to the present CSUS site on the American River, 1952-53. She later worked for several years as a librarian in the Sacramento City Library and the California State Library before retiring in 1966. Her husband, Ed Howes, Emeritus Professor of History, taught in the CSUS History Department, 1952-1985.

While Beth has seen some of her nonfiction writing in print, her first mystery novel, *MENDOCINO MENACE*, was published in December 1998, by ReJeGe Press, a new Sacramento publisher. The book was launched with a very successful author's reading and book-signing session (over 100 persons attending) at Carol's Bookstore on South Land Park Drive, December 5. The first shipment from the printer sold out in December with many orders unfulfilled, but the book is again available at Carol's for any CSUS friends who may be interested. A short feature article about the book and its author appeared in the January issue of *INSIDE THE CITY: SACRAMENTO'S PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS*, and Beth gave an on-camera interview with a reporter from KCRA-TV for a segment on a Channel 3 News telecast in late January.

RETIREMENT IS GREAT! By Bob Phillips

I had spent about half of my last eleven years at CSUS actually working on one project or another in Southeast Asia, mostly in the Mekong Basin. Moving into retirement has been quite seamless; I continue to be affiliated with Khon Kaen University, doing research and giving an occasional lecture.

Southeast Asia, especially Thailand and Laos, are fascinating, but a little intimidating to some. Several years ago I began taking tour groups to the area; all of the tours are interesting and fun, and some are "soft adventure." A fall trip followed a part of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Another was planned for February.

Retirement is great! About half the time I'm in Oregon and the other half in Southeast Asia and Borneo.

Bob's address: Robert Phillips, President
c/o Mekong Tours
7135 Fawcett Cr. Road
Tillamook, OR 97141 (503) 842-6226

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST IN DAVIS

Jim Saum reports keeping busy in Davis with many community activities. He initiated another when he organized 'Committees Anonymous' for those as addicted to committees as he was. The twelve steps were just to say "no" twelve times. He had a number of potential members but had to drop it when he couldn't find an evening free for a meeting.

Jim recently received an additional honor in the form of the City of Davis Lifetime Achievement Award, most notably for his involvement in the Uman (Ukraine) - Davis Sister Cities Project.

HISTORY SWINGER SCORES!

It had been a long, frustrating January day for recently retired history professor Peter Shattuck as he had hacked his way around the difficult San Juan Oaks Golf Course near San Juan Bautista. Then, on the 169-yard par 3 sixth hole (he had begun on the 10th) "I just got mad," he said, and laced a 3-wood shot dead to the green and into the cup for his first ever **hole-in-one**.

His fellow golfers, Jerry McDaniel (Govt.), Murray Work (Psych.) and Joe Morrow (Psych.) leaped with joy in anticipation of a free beer, while Peter was characteristically modest, or maybe stunned. If you ever play that course, Peter's name will be on a plaque in the clubhouse, only the eighth golfer to accomplish the feat on the sixth hole.



Peter has no plans to join the Senior Tour.

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE!

According to a list published October 20, 1998, the number of Emeritus Faculty at CSU, Sacramento, has increased to 427. Of that number, 128 have paid 1998-1999 annual dues in the CSU Sacramento Emeritus Faculty Association.

We are hopeful that the membership will increase significantly in the upcoming 1999-2000 year which begins on July 1, 1999. Send your \$10.00 dues to:

Floyd Mullinix
1539 Gannon Drive
Sacramento, CA 95825-4008

We think you will agree that this is a real bargain for what we get: A means of keeping in touch with colleagues, and significant annual contributions to the CSUS campus.

CSUS BULLETIN MAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU

Anyone interested in receiving the weekly CSUS Bulletin at your home address need only ask. You may leave the request by calling the Office of University Affairs, 278-6156. Renee Hayes is the person to ask for, but any of their nice folks can help you. You may also request via E-mail using hayesr@csus.edu. Because the Emeritus Association sometimes has an announcement in the Bulletin, it is a good way to keep up with any of our future activities.

FROM: A "LETTER TO CHARLIE"

Faculty members seem to be complaining about the time _ and effort they must spend on evaluation and accountability measures. Perhaps there is more of it than when we were on campus. Here are excerpts from a letter to Chancellor Reed, which express one professor's view:

"Charlie, Charlie, Charlie, please Charlie, we don't do enough evaluating, we don't do enough ranking. Neither, dearest Charlie, do we ourselves get ranked enough--get evaluated enough. Charlie, Charlie, hear my plea: There's not enough accountability in our lives . . . Let us have more assessment! Let there be more ranking, more committees, more meetings, more forms, more dossiers, more tables. And let there be less time less time in libraries, in classrooms, in laboratories. Let there be less thinking, Charlie Reed! Less thinking and more--many more--year-end reports, clean, bound, thick. Thick, Charlie. Let there be thick reports, reports bristling with charts, reports weighing ten pounds each and with fine gold logos on their vinyl splines, stretching on shelves in Long Beach, Sacramento, Washington, stretching for miles, Charlie! And let them be dusted And grant that there be committees to assess the dusting Save me, Charles Reed! I spent four hours yesterday afternoon preparing for class, when I could have been reading thirty colleagues' applications for merit raises. I spent an afternoon the day before in the library, Charlie--reading--when I could have been in an assessment meeting assessing things. And had I not already wasted that morning in classrooms teaching students, when it would have sufficed merely to certify their outcomes instead? Charlie, liberate our students from seat-time, from real time. Let seat time become screen time. Phase out face to face, and let place become no place."

Commentary on the current state of the CSU, as seen by Jerry Farber, English and Comparative Literature, of San Diego State University.)

CAMPUS DIRECTORY

If, like many of us, you've been depending for too long on an old directory--take heart. You can pick up a new one (1998-99) from the University Telecommunications Center in the Science Building (or have they changed its name?), Room 312, or phone them at 278-7707. We are told that you may request one by mail.

A LOUSY CONTRACT?

Arguments were advanced on both sides during the run-up to February's vote on a new Tentative Agreement for CSU faculty. Those favoring a "yes" vote seemed to argue that the faculty had better take what they can get now, or Chancellor Reed will unilaterally impose far worse conditions later.

Jeff Lustig (CSUS Department of Government) expressed the contrary view: "...the results will go far beyond the CSU. We've been thrust into a critical role nationally by all this. The CSU is the nation's largest university system; the CFA, the largest voluntary faculty union and first to be assaulted by the full-scale attempt to impose an industrialized model of higher education. If Chancellor Reed succeeds without resistance in California it will give the green light to his ilk throughout the nation, and weaken our colleagues in other universities accordingly. It's essential that we show an example of resistance rather than capitulation to our colleagues around the country."

Lustig's words were apparently not lost on our campus where, with a turnout of 64% of eligible voting member, the noes prevailed 248-56. Statewide results were 56% no, 44% yes. Clearly, the long battle for the heart and soul of teaching and learning in the CSU has only begun. Or this is only the most recent skirmish in a war that began many years ago.

LIBRARY DEAN LARSEN TO SPEAK AT SPRING LUNCH

You will not be fooled on Thursday, April 1, 1999 if you attend the annual Spring Lunch of the Emeritus Faculty Association. It will be held in the new University Center Restaurant on the first floor of the recently enlarged Student Union. Your meal can be chosen from a "Deli Luncheon Buffet" selection with make-your-own sandwiches, several salad choices, dessert, ice tea and coffee at a cost of \$8.95.

Our program is still in the formative stages, but we will have the usual election of officers for the next year and a report from Wilma Krebs on Legislative issues affecting retired faculty. Patricia Larsen, University Library Dean, will speak on the state of the CSUS Library.

Thank you for letting us know by Monday, March 29, if you can attend and if you will have one or more guests. Please call Floyd Mullinix at 922-1372 or Jerry McDaniel at 457-8498. Your costs may be paid at the restaurant when you arrive or, if you want to pay in advance, send your check to Floyd Mullinix, 1539 Gannon Dr., Sacramento, CA 95825.

AFRAID OF COMPUTERS? DON'T BE!

There is no real need to be. They are nothing but tools for enhancing life, whether in work, recreation, or creativity. A quick glance at the white pages of the new campus directory suggests, however, that only about one out of four of the emeritus faculty listed have e-mail. Many emeriti don't know that help is available through the campus computer cent in various forms, including the twice yearly "Update" newsletter, which always contains a number of helpful hints for computer users, plus listing of classes available for faculty at all levels of expertise.

If you would like your Emeritus Association to provide helpful information so that you can get started, or just overcome your resistance to plugging in the computer that you received as a gift two or three Christmases ago, call, write, or send an e-mail to your Silver Bulletin Editor.

IN MEMORIAM

James Adair, Music--1949-1973
 Jo Ann Bulf, Operations Analyst, Science and Mathematics--1973-1998
 Peter Griffin, Mathematics---1965-1998
 Mabel Weaver, Nursing--1964-1985

CSUS EMERITUS ASSOCIATION FINANCES
for period July 1, 1998 to January 31, 1999

EXPENSES:

Fall - 1998 Silver Bulletin.....	\$ 569.38
(copywork, layout, typing, postage and printing)	
Fall- 1998 Banquet.....	765.52
Special communication with members.....	<u>284.93</u>
(photocopying, envelopes, postage, etc.) Regular Expenses.....	\$ 1,619.83
1998-99 Library Endowment.....	1,500.00
1998-99 Faculty Endowment.....	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	3,619.83

INCOME:

CSUS ERFA Rebates.....	2nd qtr. Aug. 10.....	\$ 262.80
.....	3rd qtr. Nov. 9.....	287.55
1998-99 Member dues 128 @\$10.00.....		1,280.00
Fall 1998 Banquet.....		<u>572.87</u>
Total Income.....		\$ 2,403.22
Less Expenses.....		<u>3,619.83</u>
Reduction in checking funds.....		<1,216.61

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

Golden 1 - Checking Account balance July 1, 1998.....	\$ 2,910.39
Golden 1 - Checking Account balance January 31, 1999.....	1,693.78
Golden 1 - Savings Account balance January 31, 1999.....	1,143.35



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Dear fellow emeritus faculty member,

As a defender of free speech in a democratic society, and as an advocate for intellectual freedom, you are invited to contribute to the building of the University Library's Dissent and Social Change Collection. This is a vital and important new undertaking.

The Dissent and Social Change Collection is an extensive collection of journals, books, monographs, pamphlets, microforms, and media materials reflecting the major social, political, and economic movements of twentieth century America. A primary emphasis is upon periodical literature because of the dual contemporary and archival nature of such literature. The library's publication, *Journals of Dissent and Social Change*, by librarian emeritus John Liberty, reflects this part of the collection. Established in 1965 and nationally recognized, the collection encompasses the perspectives of right wing and left wing groups, African-American, Asian-American, Latino-American, and Native American peoples, as well as feminist and gay organizations, civil rights advocates, environmental and peace movement activists, and libertarians. The purpose of the Dissent and Social Change Collection is to make available to the academic community the broadest spectrum of alternative viewpoints, so that out of the clash of conflicting opinions new and constructive ideas can emerge.

The use of private contributions to support university programs is not a new concept; but it is relatively new in the libraries of the California State University system. The cost of books and periodicals has greatly exceeded the rate of inflation, and State funding alone is proving to be inadequate. Special collections, such as the Dissent and Social Change Collection, have been at a particular disadvantage.

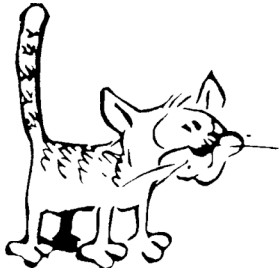
It is for this reason that I am appealing to you. It is the library's intention to establish a fund to support the continued growth of the Dissent and Social Change Collection. The structure has been created, and a number of donations have been received and credited to the fund. This is encouraging. Nonetheless, it seems likely that, because of the nature of the collection, most future contributions will come from individuals who value intellectual freedom and constructive social change, rather than from sources whose emphasis is upon a narrow vision of "truth" and a protection of the status quo.

The Dissent and Social Change Collection exists to facilitate free inquiry into many alternative points of view. If you embrace the ideals of the First Amendment, as I do, I hope you will join with me in contributing to the Dissent and Social Change Collection fund. No amount of money is too large and none is too small. All contributions are tax deductible. Please help!

Checks should be made payable to the "CSUS Library--Dissent and Social Change Collection" and should be mailed to: Director of Development, CSUS Library, 2000 State University Drive East, Sacramento, CA 95819-6039.

Sincerely,

John Liberty Librarian Emeritus



MEANING OF COLD

"Cold" is a relative term. Use the handy list below to overcome the confusion.

Degrees (Fahrenheit)

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| 65 Hawaiians declare a two-blanket night. | 50 Miami residents turn on the heat |
| 60 Californians put on sweaters (if they can find one) | 45 You can see your breath |
| 45 Vermont residents go to outdoor concerts | 45 Michiganders play golf |
| 45 Minnesotans go swimming | 32 Water freezes |
| 35 Italian cars don't start | 25 Michigan water freezes |
| 30 You plan your vacation to Australia | 25 Michigander eat ice cream * 25 Canadians go swimming |
| 25 Californians weep pitifully | 20 New York City water freezes |
| 20 Politicians begin to talk about the homeless | 15 French cars don't start |
| 20 Miami residents plan vacation further South | |
| 15 Cat insists on sleeping in your bed with you | 5 American cars don't start |
| 10 You need jumper cables to get the car going | -10 German cars don't start |
| 0 Alaskans out on T-shirts | |
| -10 Eyes freeze shut when you blink | -15 Arkansans stick tongue on metal objects |
| -15 You can cut your breath and use it to build an igloo | |
| -15 Miami residents cease to exist | -20 Politicians actually do something about the homeless |
| -20 Cat insists on sleeping in pajamas with you | -20 Japanese cars don't start |
| -20 Michiganders shovel snow off roof | |
| -25 Too cold to think | -30 You plan a two week hot bath |
| -25 You need jumper cables to get the driver going | -40 Californians disappear |
| -30 Swedish cars don't start | -40 Canadians put on sweaters |
| -40 Michiganders button top button | -50 Congressional hot air freezes |
| -40 Your car helps you plan your trip South | -80 Hell freezes over |
| -50 Alaskans close the bathroom window | -80 Lions fans order hot cocoa at the game |
| -80 Polar bears move South | |
| -90 Lawyers put their hands in their own pockets | |

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