

Campus Connections

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Board presidents' message



Alex McCalla, UCDEA president, and Yvonne Marsh, UCDDRA president. (Photo: M. Ahl)

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *Campus Connections*, incorporating *EmeriTimes* and the *UC Davis Retiree*. Combining these two communication tools presents both associations with an opportunity to share resources and information—two vitally important elements in furthering our goals and the goals of the campus.

Although the Emeriti Association and the Retirees' Association have different constituents, much of the news, information and activities highlighted in one association's newsletter is of interest to members of the other group. It's our belief that discovering those shared interests and building on them will enhance the value each of us receives from membership in our particular association. Whether our role was as a faculty member, a staff member or an administrator, we can put those shared interests to work in support of the campus while strengthening our own associations. And in this period of economic challenges, pooling our collective newsletter budgets allows us to retain our current publishing schedule without sacrificing either quantity or quality.

We hope you'll find *Campus Connections* timely, informative and useful in maintaining your own "campus connection." Let us know what you think.

Fall Meeting Monday, October 19

Activities and Recreation Center (ARC)
Ballroom A

Social Hour/Refreshments

2 to 2:30 p.m.

Program

2:30 to 4 p.m.

UC Post-Employment Benefits Task Force Panel

Charles E. Hess, Chair, Council of UC Emeriti Associations (CUCEA)

James Chalfant, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Karen Hull, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Human Resources Officer

John Meyer, Vice Chancellor, Resource Management and Planning

UC President Mark Yudof established a new task force that will study and recommend funding, policy and design alternatives for post-employment benefits. We are fortunate to have several members of the UC Davis community serving on various workgroups within the task force. Panelists listed above will speak about the charge to the task force, issues that have surfaced, and the challenges with which the workgroups are grappling.

Guerren Solbach, the campus healthcare facilitator, will also be present to speak briefly on Open Enrollment changes so that you may decide whether you wish to attend further sessions on this topic.

The ARC is located at the intersection of La Rue and Orchard Roads on the Davis campus. Parking is available in Lot 25; you may use your retiree parking permit.

Get carded!

Retirees from both the Davis and the UC Davis Health System campuses are eligible for retiree photo ID cards. The cards can be used to apply for borrowing privileges at the UC Davis Library and for discounts at the Mondavi Center, Aggie athletic events, and Department of Campus Recreation programs and classes.

You should have received a temporary pink retirement card when you retired, which can be exchanged for a permanent ID card at Dutton Hall on the UC Davis campus. If you need a replacement pink card, contact your Benefits Office. For more information, contact the employee ID program, 530-754-7766 or <http://employeeid.ucdavis.edu>

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Meet your *Campus Connections* co-editors

The merger of *EmeriTimes* and the *UC Davis Retiree* brings another merger of effort, that of the publications' two editors. Joining forces to co-edit *Campus Connections* are *EmeriTimes* editor Nora McGuinness and, for the *UC Davis Retiree* side, Barbara Anderson.

Nora's editing experience includes more than a decade as administrative editor for the College of Engineering, which followed earlier stints in the Publications Office and the Chancellor's Office and numerous free-lance assignments in various campus departments. She also served on the faculty, teaching in and directing Integrated Studies, the Freshman Honors Program, and Summer Sessions International.

Barbara Anderson spent 20 of her 31 years at UC Davis writing and editing, first as editor of *Staff News* and *Campus Record* (the "Green Sheet") and was the founding editor of *Dateline UC Davis*. Before retiring in 2004, she was the associate editor of *UC Davis Magazine*, edited the *UC Davis Annual Report* and co-edited the *General Catalog*.

Nora and Barbara anticipate that their collaboration will blend the best elements of the two former newsletters into *Campus Connections*. They welcome your comments and suggestions.



Joint editors of *Campus Connections*, Nora McGuinness (left) of the UC Davis Emeriti Association, and Barbara Anderson of the UC Davis Retirees' Association. (Photo: Marjorie Ahl)

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Thank you, Bob Bynum!

The inauguration of *Campus Connections* brings to a close Bob Bynum's tenure as editor of the *UC Davis Retiree*. Perhaps no one but a fellow editor can appreciate just how much time, energy (and occasional frustration) go into the job, and Bob performed yeoman service to bring news of the association to its members.

On behalf of the Executive Board and from all of us who benefited from his many years of service to the Retirees' Association, here's to you, Bob—enjoy your well-deserved status as *UC Davis Retiree* editor emeritus.

— Barbara Anderson

Retirees' Association hosts first annual New Retirees Reception

Nearly 100 new UC Davis retirees and guests were honored at the first annual New Retirees Reception, held at the University Club the evening of Monday, June 15. Invitations were extended to all employees who retired from UC Davis and UC Davis Health System during the 2008/09 academic year, and each retiree was invited to bring one guest. By all accounts, the event was a resounding success.

Retiring UC Davis employees typically have been honored within their individual departments. Several members of the Retirees' Association felt that an official campus event would build an ongoing connection with new retirees at the campus-wide level and suggested that the association sponsor the event. The group evolved into a committee led by Deanna Falge Pritchard. The committee was assisted by Retiree Center staff in planning and implementing the reception.

Speakers at the reception—including Enrique Lavernia, provost; Dr. Edward Calahan, associate dean for academic affairs at the health system; and Robert Chason, retired CEO of the medical center—congratulated the new retirees on this important milestone and thanked them for their years of service to the campus. Attendees enjoyed a variety of appetizers, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. A violinist provided background music.

Planning has already begun for the second annual New Retirees' Reception, which will be held in June 2010. Judging by the success of this year's program, the event will be a popular one.



New retirees Bob Bullis (left) and Bob Kerr (right) discuss their retirement plans with Provost Enrique Lavernia.



*New retirees and their guests enjoy socializing at the reception honoring their campus service.
(Photos: Sue Barnes)*

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9 a.m.–noon and 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

We are a two-person office; please call ahead before visiting to ensure someone is available.

Greetings from Chancellor Katehi

August 17, 2009

Dear UC Davis Community Members,

Today I officially join UC Davis' family as chancellor, honored beyond measure and eager to get to work on this university's behalf.

Spyros and I flew to Sacramento yesterday morning, waiting for the movers to arrive today, hopefully with everything intact. It will take us a couple of days before we can find our things!

Our first day on campus started yesterday afternoon with a welcome to the law school's alumni board, followed by a barbecue for first-year law students. Both were very exciting events. I particularly enjoyed meeting with the students because they and I have many things in common—we are both very new to the campus and eager and anxious about the days ahead. The day ended with a red-eye trip to Washington, D.C., so I can participate in an education policy dinner discussion tonight hosted by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. While in Washington today, I will also meet with Department of Energy officials, advocating consideration of UC Davis as the home of a DOE energy innovation hub. DOE couldn't ask for a better partner in this area,

nor could the State Department find a surer bet in its priority area of science diplomacy. And I will take advantage of every opportunity to advance UC Davis' interests.

Most immediately, in the days ahead, we must stabilize our state budget. UC President Mark Yudof has called for shared sacrifice in the short term, and the regents have launched a commission on the long-term future of UC. They recognize that furloughs, salary reductions and steadily increasing student fees are simply not sustainable, and that ingenuity and determination are required if we are to ensure the continued long-term quality of this university. I share that view, knowing that we have difficult choices ahead to close this year's budget gap, to resolve uncertainty, and to identify ways that will ensure financial stability and preserve our capacity to lead. We will do that together, openly, honestly, and with care because these choices have deeply personal consequences. And, at the same time, we will focus intensely on identifying and responding to new opportunities that have the potential to help us financially but also bring the academic excellence and vitality our institution strives for.

My first 100 days will continue an intense "listening tour" begun when my appointment was announced last May. This first week I am meeting with faculty, student, staff and legislative leaders, key funding partners, and our provost, deans and vice chancellors. I am planning visits to all of the colleges and schools and town hall meetings, and I'll continue the tradition of brownbag chats at both the Davis and Sacramento campuses. As well, I plan to make good use of my Web page (<http://chancellor.ucdavis.edu>) for sharing information and for seeking your comments.

I look forward to working with you and learning from you as, together, we ensure a sustainable and transformative future for UC Davis.

Best,

Linda P.B. Katehi
Chancellor

Maintaining the Emeriti Association's paper trail

As the new archivist for the Emeriti Association, my first task has been to identify what materials have been collected. My preliminary review found that the association has done a very good job of collecting and retaining records of official activities and events. These materials are currently housed in two locations. Early materials, beginning in 1970 with the formation of UC Davis Emeriti Association and running through 1998, are housed in the Shields Library Special Collections department. Some later materials, such as *EmeriTimes* (1990 to date), Treasurer's Reports 1991–1997, and more recent records are housed in the UC Davis Retiree Center files.

I have noted some missing records, and I would like to fill in the gaps. This brings me to my request to all current and former Emeriti Association officers. Please check

your closets, shelves and filing cabinets, or miscellaneous boxes in your garage for any older records of Emeriti Association activities, reports, surveys and copies of *EmeriTimes*, and bring them to the Retiree Center in Everson Hall. While I don't have all the gaps identified, I know we are missing all issues of *EmeriTimes* for vol. 2 Fall 1991–Spring 1992 and vol. 13 Fall 2002–Spring 2003. There is only one issue for vol. 1, no. 1, November 1990, in our files. Ideally, archivists like to have two copies of each document, so bring any issues you have. Thank you for helping me ensure that our archives are as complete a record as possible of the association's business and activities.

—Jo Anne Boorkman, archivist

A look forward at fall and winter events

As detailed in the fall edition of the *CenterNews*, the Retiree Center is planning several fun activities for fall quarter. There is still time to register for the Football Tailgate Party on November 7 and the King Tut day trip on February 3. Event information and registration forms are available at retireecenter.ucdavis.edu. If you do not have access to the Internet, call 530-752-5182.

Mark your calendars now for the winter wine tasting (Saturday, March 6) and the Healthy 'til 100 Challenge (launches January 22). Details will be available in mid-January in the *CenterNews*.

Football Tailgate Party and Retiree Center Day with Aggie Football

Saturday, November 7, Aggie Stadium, Davis campus
 Tailgate Party: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Game: Cal Poly vs. UC Davis: 1 p.m.
 Price: Lunch and Tickets: Members/\$24 Non-members/\$28
 Lunch only: Members/\$12 Non-members/\$16
 Deadline to register: **Tuesday, October 20**

Our group will enjoy lunch from a local vendor under a tent outside the stadium before the game. Price includes lunch and non-alcoholic beverages. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

After lunch, help us cheer on the Aggies from reserved seats in the stadium. Season ticket holders may join the retiree group for lunch, paying the lunch-only price, and then watch the game from their regular seats

Tutankhamun Exhibit Day Trip

Wednesday, February 3, de Young Museum, San Francisco
 6 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Members/\$69 Non-members/\$79
 Deadline for entry into lottery registration:
Monday, September 28

We will travel to the de Young Museum in San Francisco for this exciting opportunity to view artifacts from King Tut's tomb.

The cost includes exhibit and de Young Museum entrance fees, a private docent-led tour of the King Tut exhibit, chartered bus transportation, continental breakfast, and a boxed lunch at the museum.

For more exhibit information, visit the de Young exhibit web site: <http://tutsanfrancisco.org/>.

A look back at spring events

In addition to the New Retirees Reception mentioned on page 2, the Retiree Center and both associations worked together to sponsor Picnic Day activities, the "Healthy 'til 100" Wellness Challenge, the Older Americans' Month Speaker Series, the Steak Bake, and a volunteer appreciation luncheon. Don't miss these annual events in the coming year.



Volunteers honored at the Appreciation Luncheon included (clockwise from left) Nora McGuinness, Lorena Herrig, Peter Hays, Al Harrison, Shirley Goldman, Verne Mendel, and Bill Rains.
 (Photos: Sue Barnes)

Chancellor Vanderhoef (center left) is inducted into the Hall of Chefs by celebrity chefs (from left) Bill Rains, Bob Halferty, Charlie Hess, Dick McCapes, and Gary Schultz.



President Yudof's call to action on state funding for UC

Editor's note: Although the Legislature began its fall recess before Campus Connections went to press, we encourage you, as annuitants, to express your opinions to your elected representatives and to the Governor on this ongoing, important matter.

Dear Friends of UC:

I'm writing to urge you to be part of a letter-writing campaign on behalf of UC and public higher education in the remaining few weeks before the Legislature's fall recess.

The University of California is a vital engine of opportunity, possibility, and leadership for California. For 140 years, the university has worked to develop the human capital of California, energize its economy, and advance its health and wellbeing. UC education and innovation have helped power California's rise to its position of global economic and cultural leadership.

That can continue to be the case—but we need the state's support. As you know, the state budget process for 2009–10 ended recently with a budget that leaves UC with 20 percent less state funding than it had at the beginning of last year. Faculty and staff pay reductions, student fee increases, and program cuts at campuses and the Office of the President all

are being implemented to cope with this immediate budget crunch.

But this short-term response is not sustainable. Already, our campuses are seeing signs of “brain drain” as faculty recruitment is slashed dramatically, programs are pared back or put on hold, and competing institutions seek to lure our world-class faculty and staff away.

As we look to the 2010–11 budget, we face even more challenges: Federal stimulus funds probably won't be continuing. Emergency measures we took this year—such as the employee pay reduction—can't be continued without doing major harm to UC's quality. Health benefit costs are continuing to rise. And a dramatic turnaround in the state revenue picture simply does not appear likely—already, there are warnings of a \$7 billion–\$8 billion budget deficit in 2010–11.

Academic quality, student access, and student affordability are all at risk. More than that, California's innovation economy and the educated workforce that sustains it will wither if the slide in state support for public higher education is not halted and reversed.

Now is the time to let the Governor and Legislature know that you care. about investing in California's future through higher education.

We're not just holding out a tin cup. We're making huge efforts across the UC system to save money, achieve efficiencies, re-examine our financial models, and be creative about how to operate in the new fiscal reality. But state support is still critical to the core instructional program at UC, and if it doesn't rebound, the impacts to California will be more shocking than I think most people realize today.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to email the governor, the legislative leadership, and your local members of the State Assembly and State Senate and tell them:

- how UC has made a difference in your life and in the life of California.
- what diminished investment in opportunity and innovation will mean to you.
- and ask that public higher education be a priority in next year's state budget.

Please join us in this movement—one that will continue throughout the coming year—to ensure that California's future is one of hope and promise.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Yudof
President, University of California

New parking privileges for UC retirees

The Retiree Center has arranged with Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) to offer complimentary RT parking permits to retirees from other UC campuses or the Office of the President who join either the UCDEA or the UCDDA.

We don't anticipate that this will affect a large number of people, but those who live in the area, and who retired from a campus other than UC Davis, will benefit from parking at no charge while they visit the Retiree Center, use the library or the ARC, or attend events at the university.

Association members who retired from other campuses should contact the Retiree Center, and Center staff will notify TAPS of the member's eligibility for a parking permit. If you are a UC Davis retiree and know of someone who might be eligible, please pass the word along.

UCDEA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Balance forward	\$21,716.91
Credits	\$2,000.96
Debits	\$786.94
Closing balance 8/19/09	<u>\$22,930.93</u>

UCDDA Treasurer's Report

Bank of America checking account	
Balance forward	\$12,222.91
Credits	\$3,360.00
Debits	<u>\$1,705.53</u>
Closing balance 8/31/09	<u>\$13,877.38</u>

Maintaining a UC Davis e-mail address

Having a *ucdavis.edu* e-mail address is a benefit to retirees. For example, AT&T offers a discount on cell phone service to affiliates of UC Davis, and requires a UC Davis e-mail address as proof of affiliation.

When they retire, emeriti can request, through their departments, to keep their e-mail account as a lifetime benefit. Staff have the option of applying for a complimentary service that will forward their *mailid@ucdavis.edu* to an external e-mail address of their choice (e.g., *user@yahoo.com*).

Until recently, this service has been available only to those who retired after 2005, but the Retiree Center has worked with campus Information and Educational Technology (IET) to offer this benefit retroactively to pre-2005 retirees.

Recent retirees must submit forwarding requests within 90 days of retiring to: <http://emailforwarding.ucdavis.edu>.

Retirees who left campus prior to 2005 may contact the Retiree Center to request the reinstatement of their *ucdavis.edu* address and register for the forwarding service. Retirees may not be able to retain their original address if it has already been assigned to another employee.

Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship

The Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship, which was held in 2008–09 by Manny Epstein, will be open again in 2009–10. The call for nominations is going out a little later than normal this year, as funding had to be confirmed. The Awards and Recognition Committee invites emeriti or emeritae to apply by submitting a proposal stating how they would use the stipend attached to the professorship, projected to be \$10,000 or less, to support teaching, research and/or public service projects for the benefit of the Davis campus.

Applications are due by November 13 to Ed Rhode, chair of the committee. Applicants for this professorship should submit a concise proposal to the committee with a budget and justification for categories such as salaries, supplies and travel. The Awards Committee will evaluate the proposals and submit those deemed meritorious to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel for approval. The awardee will hold the Professorship through August 31, 2010, and must submit a report on the project at the end of the appointment. Questions should be directed to Ed Rhode, earhode@ucdavis.edu.

Call for UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a Award

It's time to nominate a colleague for the UC Davis Distinguished Emeritus/a Award which honors outstanding scholarly work or service performed since retirement. Service may be in professional, university, Academic Senate, emeriti, departmental or editorial posts or committees.

Initial nominations should be addressed to the president of the Emeriti Association, c/o UC Davis Retiree Center (retireecenter@ucdavis.edu). Please include a candidate's curriculum vitae and a nomination letter. Nominations must be received by November 13.

Nominations will be passed on to the Awards and Recognition Committee. The committee will select one or more finalists for whom a full dossier containing support letters from leaders in the nominee's field will be developed. The award will be announced in spring 2010, and the nominee will be honored at a campus event and given a suitable memento or cash award.

Newsletter Mailing Options

We encourage you to consider choosing to receive *Campus Connections* electronically. Electronic distribution will allow us to save printing and postage costs and is more environmentally friendly. If you wish to convert to an electronic subscription, contact the Retiree Center at retireecenter@ucdavis.edu.

In Memoriam

Below are the names of association members who have died in recent months.

Emeriti Association members:

Arthur L. Black, Physiological Sciences

John B. Dobie,

Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Anthony Hance, Pharmacology

Takayuki Tamura, Mathematics

Retirees' Association members

Robert W. Cound, Facilities

Arleen Kasmire, Primate Center

Arleen Kasmire

November 19, 1930 – August 6, 2009

Memorial services were held for Arleen Kasmire August 13 in the Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Room of the Buehler Alumni and Visitor Center.

In 1987, Arleen retired from her position as management services officer after many years of service at the California National Primate Research Center. Soon after her retirement, she became involved with a group of retirees wanting to form an association. As one of the founding members of the Retirees' Association in 1989, she served the association almost steadily for 20 years. Arleen served as president of the Retirees' Association in 1992–93 and again in 2000–01. She held numerous other positions on the Association's board—including vice president, past president, secretary—and chaired various committees. Her generous heart and enthusiastic laugh will be dearly missed by many Association members.

Joint Program Committee announces 2009–2010 schedule

Join us for these informational talks at the International House in Davis on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Bring your brown-bag lunch; the associations will provide hot beverages and cookies. Talks begin at noon, and speakers usually allow time for questions. Use your retiree parking permit in the I-House parking lot. If the lot is full, street parking permits can be obtained from I-House.

UC Davis Emeriti Association/Retirees' Association Noon Talks

Date	Speaker	Topic
Thursday, October 8	Larry Vanderhoef, Chancellor Emeritus	It Changed My Life
Thursday, November 12	Alan Taylor	The Global Economic Crisis
Wednesday, December 9	Davis High School Madrigal Singers	Christmas Program
Thursday, January 14	Charan Ranganath, Center for Neuroscience	Neurobiology of Memory
Thursday, February 11	Bob Segar, Resource Management & Planning	Campus Planning Update
Thursday, March 11	Christian Sandrock, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine	Infectious Diseases
Thursday, April 8	Heather Young and Debbie Ward, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing	An Introduction to the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing
Thursday, May 13	Bob Wolcott, City of Davis	Davis Senior Housing Strategy

Note: Speakers and topics subject to change. Check <http://retireecenter.ucdavis.edu> for latest information.



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