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Winter General Meeting

Thursday, February 24, 2005

at the I-House Community Room 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

featuring

Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs, Judy Sakaki
“UCD Admissions”

The Emeriti Association will provide cookies and beverages starting at 2 pm.

UPCOMING MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

All meetings are held jointly with the Retirees Association.

The Emeriti Association will provide cookies and beverages for all luncheon meetings.

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Luncheon Meeting at the I-House Community Room

11:30 am – 1 pm

Featuring Roger Romani
“Old House, Old Family, A New UC Farm”

Thursday, March 10, 2005

Luncheon Meeting at the I-House Community Room

11:30 am – 1 pm

Featuring Warren Roberts
“Spring in the Arboretum”

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Luncheon Meeting at the I-House Community Room

11:30 am – 1 pm

Featuring Jerry Gillespie
“Food Safety and Security”

from the President’s desk... **CHARLES HESS**

There have been some significant developments since the Fall issue of EmeriTimes. Included in this issue are:

- Retiree parking permits will continue to be available at no cost to retirees for the next two years
- Progress in Planning for a Retiree Center
- Photo ID cards are available this month
- Changes in Executive Committee Membership

Also included are an invitation from Provost Hinshaw to participate in the Freshman Seminar Program for the 2005-2006 academic year and an article by UCLA emeriti Moses Greenfield and Charles Berst. They provide a very interesting report on the results of the 2001-2003 Biobib Survey.

Attendance at the luncheon meetings at I-House has been very good. A listing of the remaining luncheons and general meetings are on page 1.

We should achieve a new record in the number of paid and life time memberships in our Association. If you have not already sent in your 2004-2005 membership dues, please accept this as a friendly reminder. Send a check in the amount of \$25 to Kimberly Pulliam, Academic Senate Office, One Shields Avenue, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

Invitation to Give a Freshman Seminar

When Provost Virginia Hinshaw spoke to the Emeriti Association's General Meeting last year, she encouraged Emeriti to participate in the Freshman Seminar Program. As the size of our campus increases, it is especially important that new students have a chance to interact with a faculty member in a small group learning situation. Freshman Seminars present a special opportunity for Emeriti to share their knowledge and experiences on a topic that they particularly enjoy and substantially enhance the educational experience of new students.

The seminars can be delivered as a 1 or 2-unit course. The one unit course will be offered for 10 hours and the 2-unit course will be offered for 20 hours during the academic quarter. Enrollment in these seminars is limited to 20 students.

As an added incentive to participate, the Provost's Office offers instructional research support in the amount of \$1,500 for a 1 unit seminar and \$2,000 for a 2-unit seminar. The funds will be transferred to your home department. Emeriti are also eligible to apply for a mini-grant to defray expenses associated with conducting the class, up to a maximum of \$500.

If you are interested, information is available on the TRC web site including an online application: <http://trc.ucdavis.edu/trc/freshSem/call.html>. If you have any questions, contact Janet Chambers in the Teaching Resources Center. Her email address is jchambers@ucdavis.edu and the phone number for the TRC is 752-6050.

These seminars are really enjoyable, so please participate.

The deadline schedule is listed below for academic year 2005-2006.

First deadline:	May 6, 2005
Fall Quarter:	September 9, 2005
Winter Quarter:	October 14, 2005
Spring Quarter:	January 13, 2006

What is a charitable gift annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a simple, contractual agreement between a donor and UC Davis. Under this arrangement, you may transfer cash or marketable securities to UC Davis in exchange for lifetime, fixed payments to be made to you, or to you and another individual. You also qualify for an income tax charitable deduction that produces tax savings if you itemize in your tax return. In short, a charitable gift annuity is a wonderful way for you to

support the campus while at the same time having the security of fixed lifetime payments. The following are current sample charitable gift annuity rates:

<u>One Life</u>		<u>Two Lives</u>	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Rate</u>
65	6.0%	65/60	5.5%
70	6.5%	70/65	5.7%
75	7.1%	75/70	6.1%
80	8.0%	80/75	6.6%
85	9.5%	85/80	7.3%
90	11.3%	90/85	8.4%

For more information and gift annuity rates for your specific situation, contact Richard Vorpe, Director of Planned Giving, at (530) 757-3231 or rvvorpe@ucdavis.edu. The UC Davis Planned Giving Office can work with you in confidence to determine your personal financial needs; develop an appropriate planned giving strategy; and respond to requests from attorneys, accountants, and financial planners.

Also, please check our website. <http://www.development.ucdavis.edu/develop/plan.html>. For further information about the planned charitable gifts above and more, just click on "Planned Giving Guide." If you've already provided for UC Davis in your estate plans, please click on the "Shields Society" to learn about this very special donor-recognition society. The Planned Giving Office would be honored to have you join!

Have you made a planned gift benefiting UC Davis that you would like to share with your fellow emeriti? Please contact Richard Vorpe at (530) 757-3231 to talk about sharing the story of your wonderful gift in the [EmeriTimes](#).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Emeriti Association Bylaws call for two Members-at-large, elected for two-year staggered terms. Last year Bob Campbell completed two years of service and a new member was not elected. Vacancies on the Executive Committee can be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and the appointees serve until the next annual meeting of the Association. The Committee has elected Alex McCalla to fill the vacancy. Richard Wydick is the second Member-at-Large. Haig Zeronian is the 2004-2005 chair of the Academic Senate Emeriti Committee and serves as an Ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

VIDEO RECORDS COMMITTEE (JOHN GOSS)

Video record interviews began in 1993. By the end of December 2004, 250 interviews had been conducted. Three VHS tapes are made of each interview. One is

deposited in the Special Collections of the Shields Library, which can be 'checked out' at the Special Collections desk. The other two are given to the Interviewee and Interviewer. A special S_VHS, is made for the weekly showing on Channel 15, Davis Community Television starting at 8:30 pm each Tuesday. Please see the Spotlight Section of the Davis Enterprise for the weekly Channel 15 Schedule.

A listing for the tape number, interviewee, interviewer and date of interview is available on the UC Davis Emeriti web site at:

<http://emeritiassociation.ucdavis.edu>

After signing onto the web site, click on **Organization** and then click on **Video History Project**. To view the table, wait a few moments for the tale to appear in the active window.

The interviews are conducted in Room 65 in the basement of Mrak Hall on Tuesday and Thursday of the First and Third weeks of each month from September through the following June. Interviews are normally scheduled at 10 and 11:30 am. The interviewee usually selects his/her interviewer. The less than hour long interviews are recorded on digital camera caches. The camera records are read into computer files from which they are edited and copied onto video tapes.

The Committee invites all Emeriti who have not been interviewed to schedule an interview with Jim DeVay (752-7310) Campus or (753-2224) Residence.

The closest and most likely available parking for the Tuesday and Thursday interview days is the South Entry Parking Structure on the South side of the Mondavi Center. It is a 5 to 10 minute walk to the basement of Mrak Hall. Money is available in Room 65 for reimbursing round trip taxi fare for interviewee and interviewer for people that do not have personal transportation, or if the walk is too burdensome. There are (4) Handicapped parking spaces in the parking area on the West side of Mrak Hall.

My thanks to all who have participated and are participating in this on-going campus project with special thanks to the current operating crew of Verne Mendel, Bob Leighton, Bill Breidenbach, Bill McCoy, and Jim DeVay.

RETIREE PARKING PERMITS

The recommendation that retirees should pay for parking permits originated in the Academic Senate Committee on Parking and Transportation in the

2002-03 academic year. The Committee was concerned that parking fees were being used by the campus for purposes other than for the construction and operation of parking and transportation services. The suggestion that free parking permits be discontinued raised the concerns of emeriti and retirees. The Emeriti and Retirees Association officers met with the Advisory Committee on Transportation and Parking, Stan Nosek, Vice Chancellor, Administration, and sent letters to the Chancellor. The case was made that any financial gain to the campus from retiree parking fees would be offset by a loss of goodwill, service and donations to the campus. It was agreed that before making a change in policy, more information was needed to accurately determine the impact of retiree parking on campus. A survey was mailed to all retiree permit holders in December 2003. The results of that survey and a one-day count in February 2004 were published in the fall issue of EmeriTimes (Volume 16, Number 1). Following the release of the survey information, the Emeriti Association and the Academic Senate Emeriti Committee sent letters urging that the policy of free parking be continued. The Academic Senate Committee on Parking and Transportation also wrote and recommended that free parking for emeriti be continued but the costs of the retiree permits should be covered by another source such as development funds and not be charged to Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS).

A follow up one-day count was conducted last fall during the first week of classes and at a Mondavi Center event and at a football game. The results were similar to the initial one-day count. The daily average of "RT" permits on campus was 40 compared to the initial count of 35. The average use at the Mondavi Center event and at the football game was 16. Based on the relatively small impact retiree permits have upon campus parking and acknowledging that retirees make valuable contributions to the campus, Vice Chancellor Nosek recommended and the Chancellor and Provost agreed that "RT" permits would be continued for the calendar years 2005 and 2006. Funds from a source other than TAPS will be used to cover the costs of the Retiree Permit Program. The Retiree Parking Program will be re-evaluated for the calendar year 2007 and the results will be provided to "RT" permit holders during the 2006 fall quarter. We are very pleased that the "RT" permit program will be continued and thank emeriti, retirees and the relevant committees and organizations for vigorously supporting the Retiree Permit Program.

If you have not received a letter from Clifford A. Contreras, Director of Transportation and Parking Services, mailed in early December with a "RT" permit application, it may be that you do not meet the eligibility requirement. If an emeritus returns to attend UCD as a student, or to work for the University and are being

compensated for their services, they are not eligible for a "RT" permit. When you terminate your paid employment, you may obtain a "RT" permit at the TAPS office on Extension Lane (adjacent to Recreation Pool and Rec Pool Lodge). If the Payroll and Personnel System has not updated the TAPS database with current employment information, you will need to bring a letter from your department chair stating that your employment has been terminated.

Spouses of deceased emeriti are eligible for "RT" permits as long as they meet the same eligibility requirements as retirees. That is, they are not a student at UCD and are not being compensated for working at UCD. Surviving spouses should bring photo identification, such as a driver's license, to the TAPS office.

PICKPOCKETS: A Cautionary Tale
By Charles Higgins, Geology

On a tour to Portugal and Spain last May our Program Director forcefully cautioned us about pickpockets, telling us to leave our passports, credit cards, and extra money in the room safe, not to carry a wallet in a back pocket, and so on. I know we all listened attentively but probably thought that would never happen to us.

However, early in the trip while four of us were walking back to our bus after visiting the St. Jerome Monastery in Lisbon, three young men came up close behind me. One beside me had a map in his hand and I soon felt his free hand begin to slide into my side pocket where I keep my wallet. I let out a yell and my friend grabbed the man's wrist, foiling his crude attempt. The other two young men faded away, leaving the clumsy perpetrator to mutter something about meaning no harm, and we went on to our bus.

That same afternoon another member of our tour had his wallet lifted, losing money, credit cards, and his passport. I should have paid closer attention to what had occurred, for I wasn't so fortunate a week later in the same area when my wallet was successfully stolen despite my having moved it from my side pants pocket to an inner Velcro pocket in my travel vest.

Here's what happened. After visiting Lisbon's Coach Museum, we walked across the street to a corner deli-café for light lunch. As we approached the counter to order, a group of young persons—a young woman and three or four young men—crowded up behind us as my wife placed her order. The woman spread a city map on the counter in front of me and seemed to be asking me something about the Metro. I should have stood back out of the way while the young persons were waited on but my wife already had her order and had turned away with it. So I stayed to order a sandwich and a drink.

In the process of getting my wallet from my inside vest pocket to pay the bill, put the wallet back, put the change away, and pick up my order, someone in the group deftly snatched away my wallet. My reaction was outrage for what had happened as well as appreciation of the daring skill involved in the heist.

I had two credit cards, and ATM card, Medicare card, about 80 or 90 Euros and 40 or 50 U.S. dollars cash as well as the usual other valuables one carries. Not my passport, though, which was safely in the safe.

I experienced the theft as a kind of violation and it struck at my feelings of confidence and competence. It was also very humiliating, especially since our program director had been warning us about pick-pockets.

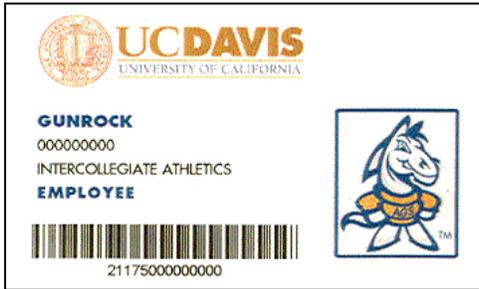
This experience taught me that one cannot avoid a really skilled pickpocket. My advice is to buy a cheap simple wallet and carry in it only the name and address of your hotel and as much local currency and/or dollars as you will need that day. If you must have your passport for cashing a traveler's check for instance, carry it in a travel pouch or money belt under your clothes. Put your credit card in your shoe and leave everything else in the hotel safe. Take care and have a good journey!

UCDEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
2004-2005	
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Program & Agenda	Charles Hess
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Video Records	John Goss
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NEW RETIREE IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Campus identification cards, including the formerly punk retiree identification card, have received a facelift. Campus employees, students, and now retirees are eligible to receive, if they choose, new identification

cards with the same look and feel throughout the campus community. Retiree cards will be available by mid-January, 2005.



For those who wish to obtain one of the new ID cards, the following information will be helpful.

Required Documentation:

- **A pink retiree identification card must be exchanged for one of the new plastic retiree ID cards. If you have lost or destroyed your pink retiree ID card, please contact UC Davis Human Resources at 530-752-1765 to obtain a replacement card before contacting the employee ID card office.**
- **If you have an existing library circulation card, bring it with you when you come to get your picture taken. If you are sending in your photo, include your library card number in the email with your photograph. If you do not bring or send your library card number when requesting the new retiree card, a new library card number will be assigned. You will not be able to use this new library card number until you re-register at a library circulation desk.**

The new ID can be made in two ways as a photo will be required for production of your new retiree ID card:

- 1) You may come to Dutton Hall, room 2100, between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday to have your picture taken (follow the signs for "employee ID cards"). The cards will be printed immediately upon taking the pictures and receiving the proper identification.
- 2) You may also choose to send in a high quality digital picture of yourself through an email at employeed@ucdavis.edu. Those sending in pictures can pick-up their new ID in Dutton Hall three business days after sending in your photograph. If travel to Dutton Hall is not possible, pink cards must be mailed to : ID Program, Student Accounting, 2100 Dutton Hall, One Shields Ave, University of California,

Davis, CA 95616. After the receipt of the pink card through the mail, the new ID card will be forwarded to the address provided by the requestor.

PROGRESS IN PLANNING FOR A RETIREE CENTER

On October 20, 2004 a meeting was held to reactivate planning for a UC Davis Retiree Center. Attending the meeting was Bob Loessberg-Zahl, Assistant Executive Vice Chancellor, Charles Hess, President of UCDEA , Ed Costantini, Past President of ECDEA, Barbara Nichol, President of the UCDRA, Anne Gray, Past President of UCDRA, and Deanna Falge Prichard, representative to the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education. Dennis Shimek, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources was scheduled to attend but was unable to do so. The group decided the best way to reactivate the planning process was to request the Provost to formally appoint a planning committee. Membership and the charge to the committee were discussed and a draft was subsequently prepared for submission to the Provost..

On December 1, 2004 Provost Hinshaw appointed the following UC Davis Retiree Center Planning Committee.

Ed Costantini, Past President, UCD Emeriti Association
Anne Gray, Past President , UCD Retiree Association
Elizabeth Hansen, Manager, Benefits, Human Relations
Charles Hess, President, UCD Emeriti Association
Bob Loessberg-Zahl, Chair, Assistant Executive Vice Chancellor
Don Margolis, President, University Club
Barbara Nichols, President, UCD Retirees Association
Deanna Falge Pritchard, Representative, Association of Retirement Organization in Higher Education
Dennis Shimek, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Relations
John Yates, Director, Special Projects, ORMP
Richard Vorpe, Director of Planned Giving

The aim of the Retiree Center is to enhance retiree's participation in campus life by consolidating and expanding program offerings, providing dedicated campus space for offices, and enhancing staff support. The Provost asked the committee to develop and recommend to her an implementation plan for a UC Davis Retiree Center with the following elements:

- A statement of mission, goals, and organizational relationships that proposes mission, functions, relationships to campus units and other campus organizations, and principal point(s) of contact within the campus administration. Attention should be given to the priority of mission components so that the statement provides clear guidance for directing scarce resources to the Retiree Center's functions.

- A statement of operations that (1) defines the operational requirements implied by the mission priorities of the Center, including staff, budget, and space, and (2) reviews the possible sources of funds to support the operational requirements, including campus resources, fundraising, and member fees. The plan should explicitly consider multiple options for the Center's operating budget and physical space to reflect the strong likelihood that the current limited availability of financial resources and facilities will favor a phased approach to the establishment of the Center. For example, a plan might address a 'maturing' of program scope and operations from near-term and provisional arrangements to long-term, more permanent arrangements.
- A draft, long-term charge for an oversight committee that will guide the implementation of the Center and ensure its long-term viability.”

The Provost also requested the Planning Committee to review the organization, budget, staffing, facilities, and programs at other UC campuses that have retiree centers. Currently there are Retiree Centers at four UC campuses. The first was established at UCLA in 1969, followed by Santa Barbara in 1978, Berkeley in 1997 and Irvine in 1998.

The Committee has been requested to complete its work and present its recommendations to the Provost by April 29, 2005. This would permit an assessment of what steps the campus might take to begin the implementation of the Committee's recommendations in the 2005-06 academic year.

As currently envisioned the primary function of the Retiree Center would be to serve as the central focal point for coordinating the activities of and services for UC Davis retirees. Within that broad vision are specific functions that are related to the campus and community, directly related to retirees, and functions which would benefit the retiree associations, UCDEA and UCDDA. The following are examples in each category.

Campus and Community Related Functions

Work with the campus administration to explore ways by which retirees can enrich and contribute to campus life, and better serve as advocates for the University and its missions. Examples include the Freshman Seminar Program and the Comprehensive Campaign. Promote participation and support for campus organizations where involvement would be mutually beneficial, such University Art Museums, the Mondavi Center, the Arboretum, University Extension, Lifelong Learning and the University Club.

Facilitate the ability of campus and University units to more effectively reach the retiree community.

Participate in pre-retirement planning and counseling programs for UCD faculty and staff.

Provide an interface with relevant local organizations and agencies such as the University House, the Davis Senior Citizens Center, Citizens Who Care, the Yolo County Senior Center, and with the general community.

Identify and maintain a record of the continuing research, teaching, and service activities of retirees, and bring these achievements to the attention of the campus administration, active UCD employees, and retirees.

In cooperation with the Campus Library, serve as a repository for historical information about retirees, including the oral history and video records projects of the Emeriti Association.

Functions Directly Beneficial to Retirees

Provide information and/or referrals for retirees on such matters as health services, long-term care insurance, taxes, estate and financial planning, and retirement housing.

Interface with the campus Health Care Facilitator and other Human Resources offices such as the Academic and Staff Assistance Program.

Serve as a gateway to other retiree services available at UC Davis and the UC Office of the President.

Help plan and facilitate social activities for retirees including the luncheon programs and general meetings and explore new activities such as group trips, tours, dinners, outings, and fitness or other classes. Traditionally successful events such as the Fall Wine Festival, the Goose Stew, and Easter and Mothers Day Brunches could be reintroduced in cooperation with the University Club.

Functions Beneficial to Retiree Organizations

Maintain an accurate list of retirees and including their mailing and email addresses.

Maintain and enlarge membership in the retiree associations including the collection of annual dues and life memberships. Maintain a list of life members, members who pay their dues annually, and associate members of the Emeriti Association.

Facilitate the publication of the retiree association newsletters, EmeriTimes and the UCD Retiree.

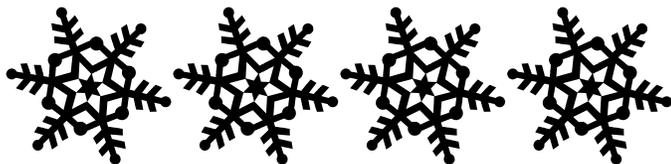
Mail notices and send email messages to members about monthly luncheons and general meetings.

Facilitate the retiree association's web pages.

Facilitate cooperation and coordination between the Emeriti and Retiree Associations including periodic joint board meetings and activities, thereby minimizing duplication of effort and deriving benefit from sharing information from each group's experience.

Serve as the contact office for the Council or UC Emeriti Association (CUCEA), the Council of UC Retiree Association (CUCRA), and the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE).

If there are additional functions that the committee should consider from the perspective of emeriti, please send a note or email message to Charles Hess, 3104 Beacon Bay Place, Davis, CA 95616 or cehess@ucdavis.edu.



Awards and Recognition

On November 6, 2004 one of the housing units in the Colleges of LaRue was named in honor of Professor Emeritus **John R. Whitaker**. Professor Whitaker has played a key role in teaching and advising undergraduate students in Food Science and Technology. His book, "Principles of Enzymology for the Food Sciences" is a seminal text. Undergraduate students nominated Professor Whitaker for the national William V. Cruess Award for excellence in teaching that he received in 1973. Dr. Whitaker also served as the department student advisor for 20 years. He has a deep appreciation for the importance of quality advising in helping students make career decisions and to achieve their academic goals.

In 1977 Professor Whitaker took over advising for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He recruited and trained outstanding advising staffs who still serve the students in CAES. He was highly regarded for his thoroughness and fairness. When students found themselves in academic difficulty, John worked with the students to develop a

successful three-quarter contract to work their way back to an acceptable grade point average.

Professor Whitaker also has an unmatched record of service to foreign students and universities. He has facilitated the opportunity for foreign students to come to UCD that enriches the experience of all students attending UCD. In the years since his retirement, he has continued to teach enzymology courses in many countries and was appointed an Honorary Professor at the University of Queretaro in Mexico. He is currently an advisor to the Mexican and Thai Student Associations.

Charles E. Hess received the Gamma Sigma Delta 2004 International Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award. The Award was presented at the annual meeting of the Davis Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta in recognition of his long and distinguished career in agricultural research, teaching, service and academic administration. One quote from the nominating form is: He is a visionary who has demonstrated the ability to bring visions to reality. Gamma Sigma Delta International with more than 100,000 members is an Agricultural Honor Society.

Professor Emeritus **Donald Crosby** has written a new book about plants that cause skin reactions – "The Poisoned Weed." The 266-page guide describes plants that adversely affect human health by contact with the skin. Two-thirds of the population is sensitive to poison ivy and poison oak but other plants such as buttercups, chili peppers, and figs also are itch- or rash inducing. Professor Crosby taught and conducted research on toxic plants, their products, and toxic substances for more than 40 years. He is a founding member of the Department of Environmental Toxicology, the first in the nation.

2001-2003 Biobib Survey – Defies Emeriti Mortality

A news headline in 2003 reported a stunning matter:

MINERS REFUSE TO WORK AFTER DEATH

This sobering situation utterly failed to stir UC campuses, however, because here things are often the other way around. Academic miners by nature, many UC emeriti pursue their professional work unabated no matter how many colleagues drop around them. In fact some seem driven to persist into the Great Beyond, as though there's an Elysium where tenure blesses those who publish after perishing.

Such commitment, or compulsion, risking commitment, has appeared in the results of the Council of UC Emeriti Associations' biobibliographic survey for July 2001 through June 2003, the third of a biennial series launched in 1997. Reported this summer, the university-wide tally and supporting materials have been

forwarded to all chancellors, selected deans, the President's Office, and the Regents.

This time a new question asked retirees whether they were more, or less, or about as busy as they had been before retirement. Of those who took a moment from more serious work to answer, 10% checked more, 25% less and 65% the same.

Odds don't favor attempts to pry much biobibliographic data from emeriti since most bask in their liberation from the repeated nuisance of similar prying in their old promotion-ladder days. Then too, although the impressive data of former surveys have promoted emeriti prestige and benefits, still-youthful souls may find the siren call of a recreational hour more seductive than a biobib form. So it would seem on one campus where survey fuses fizzled at a 2% response rate. On another, however, spirited communal incentives coaxed forth 46%. And all told 725 emeriti responded, 21 more than for the 1999-2001 biennium and 20% of those canvassed.

From a broad perspective, a landmark distinguished this survey: for the first time since the mid '90s, the number of non-VERIP respondents (pre-1990 and post-1994 retirees) nearly equaled the number of VERIP respondents (1990-1994 retirees). As the three VERIPs had abruptly lured many faculty into departing before they planned to, such emeriti formed not only an exceptionally large retirement group, but also a younger one with more continuing academic involvement than typical of emeriti before or after them. Now the relative decline in their numbers, and the six to eight years since the last VERIP, largely neutralized the VERIP warp, making this survey the most balanced, "normal" one to date.

Reflecting this normalcy, figures this time show somewhat less teaching and service than in the previous biennium. Thwarting reason, however, they also reveal that emeriti publications actually increased. So to make an argument fit the data one may guess that age is becoming ever more youthful; or new emeriti reflect the increasing prestige of the university; or surveyors have slipped; or perhaps pre-retirement promotion priorities prevail perpetually as academic miners among us seek immortality more than ever.

Whatever the perversity, publication entries for the 2001-2003 biennium are striking: 301 books, 2,949 articles, and 612 book chapters. Not far behind are 379 book reviews, 730 abstracts, 385 professional reports and 203 consulting reports. Meanwhile colleagues with an artistic bent report 27 literary works, 175 art works (many displayed in 72 exhibitions), 50 film or video productions, and 298 performances of music, dance, or theater.

In pursuing this plethora, respondents utilized 121 extramural grants, hiring 247 graduate research assistants, post-doctoral fellows, other professional staff, undergraduates, and secretaries. About 10%

express a need for funding, and another 12% could use secretarial help, a laboratory, or office space. The fact that 352 report having campus space, however, suggests that most campuses have been accommodating, perhaps reflecting an increased awareness of emeriti contributions.

Responses to queries about emeriti teaching, on the other hand, flag a matter that might be actively addressed. Given current budget cuts and objections to the university's reliance on non-faculty instructors, emeriti seem to be an underutilized resource. Since the previous biennium, the number of respondents teaching on their home campuses declined from 211 to 179, a drop probably reflecting expiring VERIP recall arrangements more than expiring emeriti. As talents of emeriti seldom retire with them, some of the 107 who report teaching elsewhere, and many of their colleagues, might have been tapped closer to home.

As it is, many were often tap-tapped for professional and university service. Although their numbers declined from the last biennium, 155 served on professional committees, with 75 employed as officers. Editorial appointments were held by 187 who, along with other respondents, reviewed a total of 881 articles for hundreds of journals. The repute suggested by such activities emerged in 186 professional honors.

Meanwhile departments snared 112 from this group for various slots plus 179 for doctoral committees, and Academic Senate Committees on Committees, desperate to fill vexing vacancies, seized scores, depositing 94 in nooks and crannies of the Senate. One even chaired a division. Administrative demands were not far behind, engaging 75 while 41 took on advisory roles and emeriti interests attracted 85. "Other" committees employed 37, and fundraising occupied 19, a significant number since emeriti financial contributions to the University totaled \$ millions in the biennium.

Combined with work on 253 local, state, and national committees and support groups, survey respondents thus filled at least 1,237 service slots besides their research, publishing, teaching, artistic, and recreational activities. In total, the results of the survey provide a spirited riposte to budget woes currently swirling through the University as though it were Florida, echoing another headline of 2003:

THYPHOON RIPS THROUGH CEMETARY HUNDREDS DEAD

Not if we can help it.

Moses Greenfield & Charles Berst for CUCEA

Calendar

Feb. 24 – UCDEA Winter General Meeting
Mar. 23 – Winter Quarter Ends
Mar. 25 – Cesar Chavez Holiday
Mar. 29 – Spring Quarter begins
May 26 – UCDEA Spring General Meeting
May 30 – Memorial Day Holiday

IN MEMORIAM

2003

Robert Allard, Applied Genetics
John Brewer, Mechanical Engineering
Charles Franti, Biostatistics
Robert Kepner, Chemistry
Dale Kester, Pomology
Harry Laidlaw, Entomology
Jack Moulton, Veterinary Pathology
Harold Parker, Veterinary Medicine
Peter Schaeffer, German
Dinsmoor Webb, Viticulture & Enology
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