

# The Emeritimes

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## President's Message

Mary Gormly

As our new year of activities begins, we gather for the celebration of a major event, the Emeriti Association's 12th anniversary, during Emeriti Week, February 5-9. Retired faculty members will be honored at a series of events, which are told about in this issue of *The Emeritimes*. Everyone is encouraged to attend, to gather and visit with former colleagues.

As part of the festivities, the presidents of the emeriti organizations on Cal State University campuses in the Southland are being invited to attend the events on Tuesday, February 6. A luncheon will be held for them in the Marianne Moore Room of the University Club at noon. All emeriti on campus are invited to have lunch with them.

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## Dinner, Playnight Serve as Opening for Emeriti Week

As a prologue to the celebration of Emeriti Week, arrangements have been made for emeriti to gather for a dinner and a play on Saturday, February 3 (dinner at 6 P.M. and play at 8 P.M.).

The play will be "The Meeting", a critically acclaimed fictional meeting between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr., written and directed by Jeff Stetson, who is now teaching at Cal State L.A.

Reservations (\$11.50 per person for dinner) should be made no later than January 31 with Carol Smalenburg, 840 S. Sunset Canyon Drive, Burbank, CA 91501.

## Emeriti Week to Honor Retired Members of University Faculty

*All Emeriti Invited to Attend Series of Events Scheduled to Take Place During the Week of February 5 to 9*

The eighth annual Emeriti Week, an official event on the calendar of the University each year, will be held this year during the week of February 5 to 9. The major events which will take place during the week are described in the "Calendar of Emeriti Week Events" below.

A proclamation designating the week as a special time for welcoming former faculty members back to the campus will be issued by President James Rosser during January. Special announcements concerning individual events will be circulated throughout the University.

Also being observed during the week of celebration will be the twelfth anniversary of the founding of the Emeriti Association, which occurred on February 9, 1978. More than 200 of the University's retired faculty members now belong to the Association.

## Calendar of Emeriti Week Events

### Tuesday, February 6

#### 1:30 P.M.—Academic Senate Salute to Emeriti Faculty

As its first order of business, the Senate will recognize visiting emeriti in attendance and welcome them to campus. The Senate meets in King Hall Lecture Hall No. 1.

#### 3:15 P.M.—Reception Honoring Emeriti Faculty

This annual event, held at the University Club (Choices), provides the opportunity for returning faculty members to visit with current faculty. Also, faculty granted emeriti status during the past year will be recognized.

### Thursday, February 8

#### P.M.—Colloquium

This presentation of the annual series of faculty colloquia has been specially scheduled for Emeriti Week. Professor of History Seymour Chapin will deliver a lecture on "The French in the Pacific in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century: An Early Chapter in International Competition Around the Pacific Rim". The event will take place in the University Club.

### Friday, February 9

#### 2:00 P.M.—Leon Pape Memorial Lecture

This seventh annual lecture honoring a former Professor of Physics on the University faculty has been incorporated this year as a special event during the celebration of Emeriti Week. The lecture will be delivered by Leon M. Lederer, Professor of Physics at the University of Chicago. He, like Leon Pape, is a Nobel Laureate.



# Directory of Emeriti For 1989-90 Enclosed With This Mailing

A new directory of emeriti faculty of the University is included with this mailing of *The Emeritimes*. Listed with names of all emeriti are their addresses and, where available, their telephone numbers.

Assuming the task of maintaining the directory is Victor Payse, Emeriti Professor of Electrical Engineering, who currently is serving as Membership Secretary of the Emeriti Association. He welcomes all information about changes of addresses and phone numbers. He may be reached by mail at 1407 Vista Lane, Pasadena, CA 91103, or by phone at (818) 793-4527.

Especially helpful is information concerning the whereabouts of persons listed in directory with "Address unknown".

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## Professional and Personal

### Greetings from Abroad

*Arriving in time for publication in this Winter Issue of The Emeritimes is our annual message from good friend Gerhard Albersheim, Emeriti Professor of Music, who continues at 87 years of age as a performer and teacher in his beloved field of music.—The Editor*

Dear Friends:

The most important item in my 1989 report seems to me to be the fact that I have now been over one year in my new home and that I like it: it is situated in quiet surroundings with many trees and lawns, it provides lunch on weekdays, it has a nice swimming pool which I enjoy usually before breakfast, and it is friendly and efficiently administrated. Thus, I live very regularly and comfortably, which evidently is good for my health, which remains good except for a few bouts of gout in the toes occasionally. On evenings, I enjoy the company of my good friend and former student, Mrs. Rosemarie Ebner, and on Sundays I usually have lunch with my stepdaughter and her husband.

In the beginning of June, I spent a few enjoyable days with Mrs. Ebner in Vienna, where we saw two opera performances and visited the art museum and an Egon Schiele exhibition. And of course, I saw some good friends and thoroughly enjoyed the city, which has remained very close to me through so many memories. The occasion for this trip was an invitation by the University of Vienna, which celebrated the golden anniversary of my doctorate with a nice personal celebration and presented me with an anniversary copy of my doctorate.

Professionally, I am continuing my activities as far as opportunity arises. In February, I had four recitals of a Schubert-Goethe program here and in Germany with my tenor friend, Christoph Göbel. Unfortunately, he does not feel well enough presently to go ahead with three Schumann programs which were scheduled for this month. But I had a nice Lieder recital with Kammersängerin Ilse Ludwig from Dresden in Ochselbronn in August. I also enjoyed two choir concerts, conducted by my former pupil Lukas Reinitzer (one of them

the "Deutsches Requiem" by Brahms). In May, a program of Schumann Lieder, given by my friend Helga Wangen with me was broadcast on the radio here.

I am grateful and happy to have retained the ability to perform on the piano and to teach at my age, which will be 87 years next week. I actually feel privileged by these favorable circumstances of my life. I hope to get good news from you, too, and I close with my very best wishes for you, including for a good holiday season and a Happy New Year.



WALTER BEAVER, Emeritus Professor of Theatre Arts, and his wife, BETH, report in their annual letter to friends and relatives that they have been busily involved in both acting and directing during the past year. Their performances in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Albuquerque have actually kept them away from their home base in Santa Barbara so much of the time that they have acquired a condo in the Monterey Hills development of Los Angeles that "will give us more glamorous resting place in the city."

If you wish to keep up with the Beavers, Walt reports that you should watch for a film titled "Sparks", which is to air as the CBS Movie of the Week, some time in February. His role, as you might expect he would be chosen for, is that of a "genial drunk spilling his martinis on Victoria Principal and the lead man; Beth (Elizabeth O'Reilly is her theatrical name) has the role of a conventioneer "cavorting in a hotel lobby." Walt describes their appearance as a "comedy vignette", which come at the start of the film. So don't be late turning on your TV for the CBS movie.



A scholarship in the name of the late Fred Zahrt, Jr., Emeritus Professor of Technology, has been established by his widow, in conjunction with his many friends and former students.

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## Around Campus

### University Undergoing Accreditation Review

The University, which has been fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges since its early years, is currently undergoing its fifth accreditation review in its 42-year history. Emeriti faculty who have participated in previous WASC accreditation reviews will recall that it is a complex process, involving the entire faculty and staff and lasting over an extended period of time.

The current review team is composed of 13 academic administrators and professors selected from colleges and universities throughout the western U.S. and chaired by Robert Rosenzweig, president of the Association of American Universities. The review team will arrive on campus January 30 for a four-day visit, during which individual interviews will be conducted and reports of preliminary findings will be made.



### Faculty Recruitment

The University has announced a listing of more than 50 tenure-track and full-time temporary faculty positions that are open for the Fall Quarter 1990. The departmental listings range from five tenure-track and four full-time, temporary positions in the Department of Accounting to one or two tenure-track positions in other departments.



### National Recognition

Thomas P. Onak, Professor of Chemistry, has received the prestigious American Chemical Society Award for research at undergraduate institutions, sponsored by the Research Corporation.



### Honors Program

Gerald Beer, Professor of Mathematics, has been appointed director of the General Education Honors Program. He will be responsible for scheduling GE Honors classes, advising honors students and directing special activities of the Honors Program.

## Obituaries

### ALBERT R. WISE, *Emeritus Professor of Physical Education and Associate Dean*

Albert R. (Bud) Wise, who served as a faculty member and academic administrator at Cal State L.A. for 33 years, died October 23 following a stroke. He had been troubled by a series of health problems during the latter years of his life.

Bud came to Cal State L.A. in 1950 as an assistant professor, assuming the chairmanship of the Men's Physical Education Department, along with teaching and coaching assignments. His coaching duties included baseball, tennis and water polo. In 1955 the men's and women's physical education programs were merged, and Bud was named chairman of the Department of Physical Education, a post he held until 1969. He was promoted to Associate Dean for Graduate Studies in the School of Fine and Applied Arts in 1973 and served in this post until his retirement in 1983.

A native of Ohio, Bud earned his BS in '47 and his MA in '48 at Ohio State, where he participated in athletics as a member of the basketball team. He came to California for his doctoral study, earning his EdD at USC in '52.

An avid sportsman both as a spectator and a participant, Bud played golf, as his health would permit, well into his retirement years. A resident of West Covina, he is survived by his wife, Betty, whom he met during his service in the U.S. Army during World War II; his son, Brad, his daughter, Julie and her husband and one grandchild.

### RICHARD HOFFMAN, *Emeritus Professor of Industrial Studies*

Richard J. Hoffman, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Studies who developed the program of Graphic Arts and Printing Management at Cal State L.A., died September 25, following a hospital confinement of about a month.

The program he developed, one of only two such degree programs in California, has provided the academic preparation for many of California's leaders in the printing industry. Richard came to Cal State L.A. in 1959 from an academic position at L.A. City College, where he had already established a reputation as one of the outstanding printers in the West. He retired in 1978.

Richard earned his B.A. degree as one of seven members of Cal State's first graduating class in 1948, when it was known as L.A. State College. He earned his M.S. degree at USC in 1956.

Though he was in declining health, Dick continued active in his chosen profession after retirement, crafting what have generally been judged as some of his most outstanding books and manuscripts. Many were limited edition publications.

In an article he wrote about Dick for *The Emeritimes* in 1985, Emeritus Professor Richard Lillard characterized him as follows: "Both modest and immodest, factual except for final, authoritative judgments, self-reliant, quick with wry humor, ready to laugh at absurdity, happy to confess to admiration for the skill of others, Dick brims with the careful energy of a busy person skilled at concentrating on one thing at a time, yet keeping numerous other projects moving along or firmly in mind."

Richard is survived by his wife Ruth, three daughters and a number of grandchildren.

### HELEN ZIMNAVODA, *Emeritus Associate Professor of Russian*

Helen Zimnavoda, a member of the University faculty from 1958 until her retirement in 1974 as Emeritus Professor of Russian, died last September 12. In declining health for several years, she had undergone major surgery a year before her death. She was residing with her daughter, Joy, in Redondo Beach at the time of her death.

Jestingly referring to herself as a "native of Finland", because Helen was born in 1908 in a section of that country, which was alternately an independent nation and a part of Czarist Russia. She was actually of Russian Jewish descent. She lived as a child in Leningrad and could recount her many rigorous experiences during the Russian Revolution of 1917-18.

Helen escaped with her parents to the U.S. in 1918, coming first to Chicago and then to California to join a large colony of Russian emigrants who settled in Boyle Heights. Her father, a physician, continued his practice in America, but her mother, a dentist, did not.

Helen earned her B.S. degree at the University of Chicago in 1931 and her

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M.S. degree at the University of Southern California in 1939. Before joining the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1958, first as a member of the School of Education faculty and then as a teacher of Russian in the Department of Foreign Languages, Helen taught sciences in the junior and senior high schools.

Helen was a lover of people, a highly knowledgeable person in a number of academic fields, and a charming and entertaining conversationalist. She traveled ex-

tensively throughout the world, making many extended visits to her native Russia.

In addition to her daughter, Helen is survived by a son, a stepson and six grandchildren.

### **David Lindsey, Emeritus Professor of History**

David Lindsey, a member of the Department of History faculty for 27 years (1956 until 1983), died August 26, 1989, at his Long Beach home. He was 74 years of age.

A noted authority on Civil War history, Professor Lindsey was the author of a number of books in his field of study. However, he will be best remembered for

his devotion to teaching. He received one of the University's early Outstanding Professor Awards.

David received his BA at Cornell University in 1936, his MA in 1938 at Pennsylvania State University, and his doctorate in 1950 at the University of Chicago. He was an active member of the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians.

In recognition of his talents, David was recipient of three Fulbright Grants for teaching abroad.

A David Lindsey Memorial has been established in his honor at Boys Town, Nebraska. Surviving are his wife, Suzanne, and a son.

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The Executive committee and I wish to thank those who wrote letters or phoned state and federal legislators urging repeal of the Catastrophic Coverage Act and its unpopular surtax. Now that it has been repealed, the task is not ended. We still need to encourage the members of Congress to write a proper act, one that will include the much needed long-term health care provisions.

On a happier note, I am pleased that the Emeriti Fellowship Fund is coming along nicely and that we hope to award a fellowship at our Spring Meeting. Please continue to send in your contributions to Treasurer John Greenlee.

I expect to see all of you at the Emeriti Week events.

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JOSEPH SETO, Emeritus Professor of Microbiology, traveled to West Germany to conduct seminars on "Nucleotide Sequences of the Genome of Host Range Mutants of Sendai Virus" at the Institute of Virology, University of Giessen; the Institute of Virology, University of Marburg, and the Max-Planck Institute for Biochemistry in Munich.



ALFREDO O. MORALES, well known as co-founder and, for the past 10 years as co-director of the Teatro Universitario en Espanol, has been granted emeritus status as Professor of Spanish following his retirement in June. The project he directed is the only one of its kind in U.S. higher education.

## Outstanding Professors Honored

Four members of the University faculty, three of whom are members of a new generation of professors who have come to Cal State L. A. in the past ten years, were the recipients of the 1989 Outstanding Professor Awards, announced at the University's Fall Faculty Day on

The honored faculty members were Kazumitsu Kato, Professor of Japanese and member of the faculty since 1963; Betsy Peitz, Professor of Biology, who joined the faculty in 1977; Derek Chang, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, who came to Cal State in 1983, and Yuen-Sang Philip Leung Associate Professor of History who joined the faculty in 1986.

These four new honorees bring to 108 the total number of recipients the Outstanding Professor Awards since the program was established in 1963 to publicly acknowledge and reward faculty members for excellence in teaching, scholarship, research, and professional achievement. The choosing of each year's recipients of awards is made by the Outstanding Professor Awards Selection Committee from among nominees proposed by faculty members, students and alumni of the university.

Also selected by the Committee is a nominee for the California State University Trustees' Outstanding Professor Awards, chosen from among previous recipients of the Outstanding Professor Award on campus. Nominated for the CSU Trustees' Award was Olga Termini, Professor of Music.

Professor Kato, who earned his doctorate at the University of the Pacific, is given very high ratings by his students for his excellence in teaching, is internationally acclaimed for his numerous publications, including books, articles, book reviews and translations. He has held visiting professorships both at home and abroad.

Professor Peitz earned her Ph.D. at Case Western Reserve University, and her excellence as a teacher is attested to by the number of her students who have been inspired to go on to graduate and professional schools. She has an outstanding record of publications and has been the recipient of research grants totalling more than \$300,000.

Associate Professor Chang, who came to Cal State six years ago following completion of his doctorate at UC Riverside, has a reputation for demanding maximum performance from his students while at the same time retaining a high level of rapport with them. He also is active in academic governance.

Associate Professor Leung a Ph.D. graduate of UC Santa Barbara, is only in his fourth year on the Cal State faculty. In addition to maintaining a record of excellence in teaching, he is a prolific writer, having written three books in the last year alone. His other work includes nine journal articles, five book chapters, eight magazine articles, and a number of book reviews.

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