The Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association, first in the CSU system, organized on Sid Albert’s initiative, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2003. Officially inaugurated in February 1978, the Association will observe the anniversary with a series of events open to all faculty. Participation is not limited to Association members.

The series begins with the Academic Senate’s recognition on February 18, an annual event attended by many emeriti, but one that assumes greater import this year. That Senate meeting will be followed by a reception in the Alumni Lounge of the University-Student Union, at which there will be an exhibit of art works by emeriti artists, including Charles Borman, Walter Askin, Jon Olson, and others, curated by Borman. Also featured at this reception will be a piano recital by Milton Stern.

Much of the memorabilia exhibited during the University’s 50th anniversary celebration in 1997-98 will be shown again in the Library, curated by Mary Gormly. Items that are the personal property of emeriti may be brought to the reference desk in the Library for placement in the emeriti librarians’ mailbox. This exhibit will remain on view at least for all of February.

March is idle, but April has two events. On April 15, the Faculty Colloquium will be presented by an emeritus faculty member whose lecture is selected by the Colloquium Advisory Board from among the proposals submitted by the deadline of January 31, as indicated in the postcard mailed out at the end of 2002. The second April event is set for April 25, when the Honors Convocation.

Read your Emeritimes for more details.

While you are here, you should visit the large, new University Auxiliary Services building (buildings?). I’ve not yet heard it described as a

Outstanding Professors Announced at Fall Faculty Day

Cal State L.A. named its 2001-2002 Outstanding Professors at the University’s Fall Faculty Day on September 23. Those honored were Linda Beamer, professor of marketing; Alfred Bendixen, professor of English; Jean Phimney, professor of psychology; and William Taylor, professor of physics. These awards are made primarily for excellence in teaching, but significant achievements are expected in scholarly inquiry or creativity, professional activities, and service to the campus and community. Martin Roden, professor of electrical engineering, was selected as the recipient of the President’s Distinguished Professor Award. This award recognizes superlative teaching and exceptional commitment to students, as well as professional accomplishments and service.

Fellowships Awarded at Fall Emeriti Luncheon

(L. to r.) Emeriti Association president Donald Dewey; fellowship winners Kristina Haake, Casey Sarafinas, Elizabeth Sze, Griselda Quintanilla, Shirley Loneli, and DeAnna Stansbury; Fellowship fund chair Marie-Antoinette Zrimc; and scholarship coordinator James Howard.Recipient Thomas Harjuno was not present.
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Task Force Recommends Faculty Augmentation

Statewide Senate chair Jacqueline Kegley, associate vice chancellor Gary Hammerstrom, and California Faculty Association president Susan Meisenhelder reported to the Cal State L.A. Academic Senate October 29 on the task force response to ACR 73, which directs the California State University to initiate steps to achieve 75 percent tenured and tenure-track faculty by the academic year 2010-11. This year, the tenured and tenure-track faculty are expected to be 63.1 percent.

Between 1,800 and 2,000 searches would be required each year. To assure that these searches are productive, the state should provide expanded funding for both recruitment and hiring. The first year would require funding of $35.6 million, with later years requiring $4.8 million as funding from the first year would roll forward. The average recruitment expense for a tenure-track faculty member is assumed to be $11,000 and the hiring cost (for relocation, computer equipment, etc.) is assumed to be $7,500. They expect new faculty to be funded at real cost rather than “marginal cost” as at present. Thus, a positive adjustment of $4,358 per position would be required to reach the actual average compensation of $70,200.

The task force recommends that all new positions required to accommodate enrollment growth and a decrease in the student-faculty ratio from the present 19:1 to 18:1 would be filled by tenure-track faculty.

All of the foregoing figures refer to dollars and salaries as of 2002-03.

Thirteen New Emeriti Named

The following recently retired faculty members have been awarded emeritus status:

SHIRLEY J. BETTER
(Social Work, 1969-2002)

BARBARA S. CASE
(Library, 1973-2002)

NEIL A. COHEN
(Social Work, 1976-2002)

WILLIAM A. COHEN
(Marketing, 1979-2002)

WILLIAM D. DARROUGH
(Sociology, 1973-2002)

HERBERT GOLDBERG
(Psychology, 1965-2002)

W. KEITH HENNING
(Speech Communication, 1966-2002)

Howard Rosen
(Biology, 1970-2002)

ALICE M. ROY
(English, 1984-2002)

JOSEPH E. SOLDATE
(Art, 1966-2002)

ELENI N. PITSIOU-DARROUGH
(Sociology, 1973-2002)

We congratulate them and hope to welcome them into the membership of the Emeriti Association.

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will include recognition of the emeritus faculty, with a reception to follow. Emeriti are encouraged to attend; all who have kept their academic regalia are invited to wear it and march in the procession.

The annual Spring Luncheon is scheduled for May 16, featuring a reminiscence panel that includes Ake Sandler, on the beginning era of Los Angeles State College; Len Mathy, on the beginning of faculty governance; Frieda Stahl, on the emergence of women on the faculty; and Sidney Albert, on the genesis of the Emeriti Association.

The Fall Luncheon, set for September 22, will feature literary readings by emeriti authors and poets. Further events for the fall quarter have not yet been decided upon, but as they are devised and scheduled they will be communicated. Postcards will precede each event, with the exact details of time and place. The calendar to date is summarized on page 9, but the postcards will be specific.
Emeriti Association News

Fisher Memorial Scholarship

The Emeriti Association has now acquired its first undergraduate scholarship to administer, the David Cameron Fisher Memorial Award, endowed by emerita professor Janet Fisher-Hoult in memory of her late son. Its intended recipients are students majoring in biology with an emphasis in environmental science; preference will be given to students who are interested in marine ecology or marine biology. The Association’s Fellowship Fund Committee will work with the scholarships office in announcing the award’s availability and screening applicants, as it does for the five graduate fellowships it manages.

Emeriti Visits to Russia

Rita Jones, emerita professor at Cal State Long Beach and widow of Cal State L.A.’s John Jones, directs a program that takes emeriti lecturers to Russia to speak on a wide variety of topics. She expressed regret that she has never had any participants from Cal State L.A. Anyone who might be interested in such an opportunity in the future may contact Jones at 1170 Linda Vista Street, Orange, CA 93012, or by telephone at 714-633-4625.

Emeriti Golf Tournament Raises Money for Fellowships

The second annual Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association Golf Tournament and Reception was held on Friday, October 25 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course. It brought in about $1,800 for the fellowships administered by the Association.

Initiated in 2001 at the suggestion of Bob Miller, and enthusiastically approved by the Executive Committee, the event now qualifies as “annual” and the last Friday of daylight savings time now becomes a tradition. In the future, the venue and other details may change, but the event will continue.

This year’s participants included 25 players (how that was handled in “foursomes” was not explained) for the tournament, and seven duffers were added to the reception contingent. The third annual event will be announced in the fall issue of The Emeritimes, but a note on the calendar will allow readers to plan ahead. The need to support the emeriti fellowships is increasingly urgent, in light of increasing student fees and lower earnings for endowments.

A Drama in Two Acts

By Bob Kully

Following Bob Kully’s illness last year, the Emeriti Association Editorial Board invited him to write about his recent health experiences.

As many of you know, I suffered a severe heart attack last January. But that is only the first act of this two-act drama!

The First Act

One year ago, my friend, Linda Lederman, and I took a mini-vacation to the Pismo Beach/San Luis Obispo area during her visit from New Jersey. Linda, a professor at Rutgers University, spends as much time as she can spare in L.A. and I go to New Jersey once or twice a year. While on our mini-vacation, we went out for a great breakfast one morning, but there was so much food that we took a huge doggie bag back to the hotel and put it in the refrigerator. The next day I decided to take the leftovers to the small dining room, where the hotel serves continental breakfast, and heat them in the microwave. Great idea, or so it seemed at the time. I heated the leftovers, took one bite, and told Linda I just didn’t feel well. She suggested that we go back so I could lie down, and that we take the food and put it back in the refrigerator. When I told her not to bother, but just throw the food away, she knew I must be very sick! I had some pains in my back and under my arms, but since I had no chest pains and didn’t fall over grabbing my chest as happens in the movies, I didn’t think I was having a heart attack.

However, Linda insisted that I call my doctor in L.A., and he told me to get myself “looked at” as soon as possible. Within minutes of our arrival at the little hospital in Arroyo Grande just a few miles from our hotel, I was diagnosed as either having had a heart attack or having one. I was then transported to the French Hospital and Medical Center in San Luis Obispo by ambulance and immediately taken into an operating room, where they performed an angioplasty and other procedures.

During the time I was in the hospital, Linda called most of my relatives and some close friends. When we returned to L.A., we decided that a follow-up message needed to be sent to the people who received a call and to those who did not. I believe Linda’s note was a good message — informative, to the point, and modestly positive. It began: “I am writing this letter on behalf of Bob Kully. The good news is that he is at home recovering; the bad news is that he is recovering from a serious heart attack.”

Are you ready for Act II?

After a month or so, my recovery was going well. I was under the care of a cardiologist, my family doctor, a pharmacy doctor, and a care management nurse. The cardiologist and the internist both thought I was doing fine. I was taking the prescribed medication, watching my diet (limited fats and sodium), walking a mile and a half to two miles almost every morning, driving and shopping, and returning to my duties as a consultant to and executive director of the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (CSU-ERFA). Much of my work was done at home, although I did go to the Association’s office located on the Cal State Northridge campus four or five times. Everyone told me I looked good, and I felt good. One of my chores was to make arrangements for the Association’s State Council meeting to be held near the San Francisco airport on April 20. I consulted with both doctors about my attending the Council meeting and neither saw any problem. In fact, they encouraged me to make the trip.

I flew to San Francisco on Friday, checked in, had lunch, met with some Association members that afternoon, and later had dinner with a few colleagues. The next morning, I helped arrange the meeting files, made my usual announcements and reports, reported on the 2001-02 and the proposed 2002-03 budgets on behalf of the chair of the Finance Committee, who was ill and not able to attend the meeting, and participated in some of the Council’s discussions. The guest speaker was the president of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration and long-time, very close friend, Bill Crist. He mentioned, as did a couple of other people, that I did not look well and should go to the hospital to rest.

I decided to hear his comments first. As the first question was being asked, I lost consciousness and collapsed. Fortunately, Barbara Sinclair is a member of the Council, and she administered CPR immediately, assisted by a

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Photo: Howard L. Seemann, Editor, CSU-ERFA Reporter

Kulley and Barbara Sinclair at October 26 meeting.
Sidney Albert (Philosophy) served as consultant to the production of George Bernard Shaw’s *Major Barbara* by the South Coast Repertory, which inaugurated its new Folino Theater Center in Costa Mesa. The revival, directed by the Repertory’s artistic director, Martin Benson, ran from October 11 to November 17. Benson invited Albert to attend the second rehearsal, where he was introduced to the entire cast, to whom he spoke for approximately four hours. He also was interviewed, via telephone, by Orange County Register theater critic Paul Hodgins, about the play. Excerpts from the interview were in the October 18 Register.

Last August, Albert’s article, “From Murray’s *Mother-in-Law to Major Barbara: The Outside Story,*” was published in Volume 22 of *Shaw: The Annual of Bernard Shaw Studies.* His works in progress are the revision and update of his book manuscript, *The Way from Athens,* a large-scale study of *Major Barbara,* and completion of a lengthy catalog listing of his second Shaw collection. Albert has also been invited to become a member of the advisory board of the new International Shaw Society, which he initiated and which is in the course of development.

Walter Askin (Art) created 12 lithographs in a Limited Edition Folio, commissioned by Brigham Young University in collaboration with master lithographer Wayne Kimball to celebrate the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Aside from being shown at two venues in Utah, these lithographs were exhibited at the Studio Channel Islands Art Center, CSU Channel Islands, from January to March 2002.

A dozen emeriti were part of a large audience for Askin’s lecture, “The Art of Giving: A Discussion with Walter Askin,” at the Norton Simon Museum on October 18. After humorous reminiscences about growing up in Pasadena and comments on his diverse interests that include painting, sculpting, drawing, and printmaking, Askin showed many slides of his work.

Charles Borman (Art) had another group show at his Village Square Gallery in Montrose from August 29 to September 28. Among the artists featured were Walter Askin, Borman, Roy Walden (Art), and David McNutt (Public Affairs).

Brian Capon (Biology) was featured in *The San Diego Union-Tribune* this past August, after the drought-tolerant garden that he planted around his home caught the attention of *Better Homes and Gardens.* Capon also continues to pursue his love of painting in oils. Not surprisingly, his paintings reflect his interest in gardens, plants, and landscapes, as well as an interest in travel. The works, which are displayed in his home, include scenes of the Canadian Rockies, the eucalyptus groves in Rancho Santa Fe, and courtyards in Spain. Although some of his paintings have an impressionistic look, Capon prefers to paint from photographs he takes during his travels rather than setting up an easel on site. In retirement, Capon has also found time to write and illustrate a plant ecology book, *Plant Survival, Adapting to a Hostile World,* for age 10-14 readers. Published in 1994, the book explains how plants have evolved to life in deserts, mountains, tropical rain forests, tundra, eastern deciduous forests, and under water.

Capon did the illustrations for the book in colored pencil to give the appearance of a field notebook of sketches done in the various parts of the world described in the text. When he’s not painting, gardening, or traveling, Capon likes to make ship models and cook. His culinary specialties include French, Italian, Asian, and English cuisine.

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beautiful building, but I can’t imagine that there is anyone who doesn’t regard it as interesting; I would even say spectacular. Also plan on stopping at your college (no longer school) office to view your personnel file and start it on its way to perpetuity.

The College of Health and Human Services follows in the worthy footsteps of the College of Business and Economics by hosting a lunch for emeriti faculty. Acting dean Mitch Maki follows the example of acting dean Alfredo Gonzalez. Let’s hear it for acting deans!

I’m happy to say that we will have a greatly enlarged Association membership as we enter our 25th year. Because of streamlined methods of handling our membership checks, we haven’t reported new memberships as often as in the past. So I’ll happily report the following new and returning members of the Emeriti Association as the class of 2002: Shirley Better (life member), Bob Blackmon, Matilde Castells, Joe Chrzanoski, Barbara Case (contributing life member), Bill Cohen, Doug Currell, Bill Darrough (sustaining member), Robert Douglass, Herb Goldberg (sustaining member), Pete Goodman, Greg Graham, Evelyn Granville, Janet Fisher-Hoults (life member), Anne Hess, Dorothy Keane (life member), David Laird, Vince Mazzucchelli, Carol McKenzie, Bob Meade, Maxine Miller, Joy Morin, Helen Nicklin (life member), Jonathan Nwomoho (life member), Dorothy O’Brien, Eleni Pitsiou-Darrough (sustaining member), Rashad Razouk, John Rees, Bob Reeser (sustaining member), Howard Rosen, Alice Roy (life member), Inez Schubert, Lily Shen, Ron Silverman, Milton Stern, Jim Sullivan, Elizabeth Vialu, DeAnn Young, Eui Young (Jim) Yu (life member) and Wanna Zinsmaster. (Names of the brand-new members are in bold-face.) It’s got to be a good year when the new members outnumber the obituaries!

While recognizing one group of good citizens, please keep your hats off for another group. If you don’t commit The Emeritiimes masthead to memory, you may have missed these recent additions to our Executive Committee. Janet Fisher-Hoults replaces Marie-Antoinette Zrimc after many years as chair of the Fellowship Fund Committee. If you become in need of a get-well card, it will come from Marilyn Friedman, who has replaced Ellie King as corresponding secretary. Karen Johnson has replaced Fleur Yano as membership secretary, even while returning to her administrative roots as acting associate dean of the College of Health and Human Services. Other recent additions to the Executive Committee are Lou Negrete, Vilma Potter, and Don Burrill.

A significant change of policy this year has been the mailing of The Emeritiimes to each department chair, as well as to deans and University administrators who have previously received it. Our hope is that it will be posted so that department, division, and school colleagues will be aware of the activities of their retired colleagues. So, if any chair has read this far, please post the publication for your colleagues. And for anyone who happens accidentally upon it in a unit where unsolicited and unanticipated mailings proceed immediately to the wastebasket, please dig this one out and post it for your colleagues. I will guarantee that it transcends in quality much of the paper that passes through your hands.

March of Dimes Seeking Volunteers

The Southern California Chapter of the March of Dimes needs volunteers for community outreach to communicate information on their vital activities to many constituencies of the public. Interested emeriti are invited to call the program officer, Susan Uretzky, at 213-637-5032, for further information.
Greetings from the United Arab Emirates!

By Margaret J. Hartman

The Emeritimes has been featuring occasional articles by Margaret Hartman, who has been living and working in Singapore with her husband, Robert Zahary. Due to the recession in Singapore and the subsequent major cutback at Overseas Family College, they decided to leave Singapore. While planning their next step, they did a lot of traveling within Southeast Asia: a two-week driving tour of Malaysia; a trip to northern Thailand and Laos, including a two-day trip floating down the Mekong; a three-week hike, train, and boat trip through Vietnam; 10 days in Myanmar; and a week in Borneo. They left, according to Margaret, “about the time that India and Pakistan were talking about nuking each other and moved to the safe Gulf region.” Margaret accepted a position as deputy provost and chief academic officer at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates at the Abu Dhabi campus, and felino family member Porky had his name changed to Perky on official documents so that he’d be allowed to enter an Islamic country. The University, a women’s college for UAE citizens with instruction in English, is about four years old and is just graduating its first class.

The United Arab Emirates is a small country, situated along the Gulf. (Since there is a major historical tension between Iran and Arabia, on this side of the Gulf it is called the Arabian Gulf; on the other side, it is called the Persian Gulf.) The UAE was developed from the union of seven “trucial” sheikhdoms in 1971; the eighth trucial sheikhdom dropped out at the last minute and became the independent sultanate of Oman. The independence of the UAE came within a decade of the independence of Singapore and Malaysia as the British were implementing their west-of-Suez policy. Although the land mass is considerably larger than Singapore, most of it belongs to the “Empty Quarter,” along with Arabia. Other than the coastal cities, the maps of the UAE show a network of towns around a place called the Liwa Oasis, southwest of Abu Dhabi and Al Ain (meaning The Spring), a town due east of Abu Dhabi on the Omani border. The country is located on the Tropic of Cancer, with Qatar on the west, Saudi Arabia on the south, Oman on the east, and the Gulf on the north. The climate on the coast is very humid, particularly in the summer, when the humidity can stay at 95 to 98 percent. On July 31, when we arrived, the temperature was 120 degrees F with 96 percent humidity. As I write this in mid-November, the daytime high is probably in the mid- to high 80s and the nighttime lows are getting down to 70, or maybe even a little lower. Both August and September were pretty much unbearable, and October was a transitional month—100 during the day and 80 at night. I understand that the temperatures will start rising again in April and May and be unbearable by June. I can confirm that I was here in mid-June for my interview and it was pretty bad for all of those three days.

The population is just under three million people, but only about 600,000 are emirati. Everyone else is an ex-pat foreigner, with the professional classes being filled with people of European ancestry and some Indians, and the laborers being imported from Pakistan, India (I haven’t been asking, but I bet most of the Indians allowed in on work permits are Muslims rather than Hindus), Sri Lanka, and the Philippines. Because its small population is very inbred, a large proportion of the girls at the University have genetic diseases.

This is a Muslim country. Normal dress for women is a black, floor-length abaya, with full-length sleeves worn over slacks or floor-length dresses, and a sheyla, which is a head scarf draped over the head and wrapped around the neck. The sheyla allows the more daring and the younger girls to show off their bangs and the front part of their hair on top. The most conservative wear a veil so that only their eyes show, and some of the older ones that I see on the streets wear a black facemask. The extreme costume includes black gloves, black socks, and close-toed black shoes. At the other extreme is my office assistant, who comes to work in her abeya to show off her low-cut, tight-fitted blouse and floor length skirt, and by 10 a.m. she has usually also discarded her sheyla as well. Then, at quitting time, she puts on her abeya and sheyla to go home. As far as the students are concerned, a few have given up the abeya and just wear the scarf. About 10 percent wear the abeya, sheyla, and veil. All of them are very adept at throwing part of the scarf over the lower part of their face when they don’t want to be seen, e.g., when news cameras are filming on campus. I have heard that some wear veils when they are in classes with male professors, but not when they are in classes with female professors.

Normal dress for men is a white, floor-length robe called a dishdasha and a white headdress held in place with a black cord. All the men sport a beard and mustache; they must trim their beards daily, since the beard never seems to grow. On their feet they wear sandals (no socks, even on formal occasions) or wingtips. I have no idea what they wear under their dishdashes.

Acceptable dress for westerners is, for women, blouses with sleeves at least to the elbow and either slacks or skirts knee-length or longer. The statement is that this is not required by the government in any way, but any less and the woman will be made to feel uncomfortable by the attention she receives from the emirati. The men wear long pants and a shirt. The University has a dress code—believe it or not! For men, long-sleeve shirt and tie and long slacks. A jacket is not mandatory, but is recommended. Shoes must not be sandals.

One of the most difficult things for me to get used to is finding my way around this city…There are no building numbers and no street addresses.”

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Peter Quan to Lead New Division

President James M. Rosser has announced the creation of the Division of Information Technology Services, headed by Peter Quan, previously associate vice president for information resources management. Quan assumed the post of vice president and chief technology officer January 2. The new division comprises services formerly administered by the Division of Information Resources Management and Academic Technology Support.

Quan has responsibility for four major technology areas: a newly created department for information technology security management and compliance; technology support services that include user services, help desk, and baseline support; enterprise application systems that include CMS and PeopleSoft applications; and information technology infrastructure support for network telecommunications, desktop, and servers.

The Division of Academic Affairs now has responsibility for the following services formerly reporting to Information Resources Management: instructional technology consultants, the University’s Open Access Labs, and Analytical Studies (now Institutional Research).

Gary Novak Named Associate Dean, NSS

Gary A. Novak was appointed acting associate dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences, effective July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Novak has been a professor of geology at Cal State L.A. since 1970.

Johnson and Papenhausen Share HH&S Associate Deanship

Karen Johnson, emerita professor of kinesiology and physical education, and Judith Papenhausen, director, School of Nursing, have been appointed acting associate deans of the College of Health and Human Services, each on a half-time basis, effective July 1.

R. Dean Calvo Named New UAS Executive Director

R. Dean Calvo has been appointed as the new executive director of University Auxiliary Services, Inc., effective August 15. Calvo comes to UAS with 16 years of extensive experience with the University Corporation of CSU Northridge. His most recent position was as associate director and chief operating officer of CSUN’s University Corporation.

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close friend from San Jose State. The paramedics arrived within minutes and found me in ventricular fibrillation. When I arrived at the hospital, I was a “comatose patient” with little neurological response. The reason for admission was “cardiac sudden death.” I am glad that I was in a coma and did not hear that admission statement!

In the above paragraphs, everything written after I checked in to the hotel was told to me. I remember absolutely nothing about Friday afternoon or night or Saturday. I came out of the coma sometime Sunday morning or early afternoon. My friend Linda was called by Medic Alert, and she arrived at the hospital early Sunday afternoon. There were so many tubes stuck in my throat I could not speak, but I was aware she was there. It was only much later that I was told that when I arrived at the hospital there was doubt about my survival (50-50, my doctor said), and there was concern about my mental status given the time I might have been without oxygen. When the doctor called Linda, he told her I was in a coma and might not come out of it. And, if I did, I would be quite a different person.

However, when I came out of the coma and was alert and able to communicate, one of the first things I heard was a staff person calling me their “miracle boy.” What? It seems my survival and my mental alertness were considered a “miracle.” Well, that is a helluva lot better than “cardiac sudden death!” When I came out of the coma, I asked what had happened. When I was told I had passed out, it is alleged (I don’t remember saying it) that I observed that someone must have said something intelligent! I deny saying anything like that, but Linda tells me that was the point at which she realized I was the same as I was before my cardiac arrest.

Some time later, while discussing my condition with my doctor, I mentioned to him (trying to be humorous) that it sounded as if I had a “near-death experience.” Maybe, I suggested, I could get on TV, on the Rosie or Oprah shows, where they talk about such things as “near-death” experiences. The doctor responded with just a slight smile and said, “You did not have a near-death experience—you had a death experience.” That certainly dampened my attempt at sick humor. Incidentally, he asked me if I had seen a bright light. If I did, I couldn’t remember—I was in a coma. I believe the strangest question I have had is, “What was it like to be in a coma?” How in the hell do I know I was in a coma!

Subsequently, I have read quite a bit about heart attacks, heart disease, and cardiac arrest. But, when I read that only five percent of cardiac sudden death victims recover fully, I quit reading! Well, not really, but I was finding out more than I really wanted or needed to know. I was in the hospital for two weeks—excellent care and first-rate doctors. And I now have a cardioverter defibrillator/pacemaker implanted in my left shoulder. Since my return home, I am about where I was before I went to San Francisco, except that I take much more medication now (21 pills/tablets daily), watch my diet, exercise and try to walk every morning, and have returned to my duties with CSU-ERFA.

So, medication, exercise, I do not miss drinking at all. Also, I would not recommend what I went through for a diet, but I am about 15 pounds lighter than I was when I had the heart attack last January.

Probably most frustrating for my cardiologist and me is how the cardiac arrest could have happened. It was clearly not another heart attack. What really annoys me is that I had a treadmill test just a couple of weeks before my trip to San Francisco, and the results were so good that I was encouraged to get into a rehab/exercise program as soon as possible. The test showed no problems. For whatever reasons, I decided to wait until after the trip to get into the rehab program. My cardiologist speculated that if I had been on different medication after my heart attack, the cardiac arrest might have been avoided. He said that had been considered, but at that time my blood pressure was so low that he did not believe that beta blocker therapy and ACE inhibitors were a good health risk. Obviously, I am on them now. I am also in a rehab/exercise program. I started the first phase at Kaiser in its Cardiac Rehab Center at the end of August, for 12 weeks. I am now working out at Huntington Hospital’s Cardiac Rehab Center in Pasadena. I go twice a week and my workload increases slightly each time I am there. On the days that I am not at Huntington, I walk briskly for a mile and a half or two. Interestingly enough, friends and former colleagues occasionally call and walk with me.
MARY ALICE PEIRS
Curriculum Librarian, 1952-1972

Mary Alice Peirs, retired Cal State L.A. curriculum librarian, died in early November at the age of 98. She joined the staff of the Los Angeles State College Library at the old Vermont campus at Los Angeles City College in 1952, and retired from the Library at Cal State L.A.’s present location in 1972.

Mary Alice was born in Australia, but emigrated to Switzerland, where she was educated through the early grades. In the U.S., she received a B.E. degree from the National College of Education, followed by a B.S.L.S. from the George Peabody College for Teachers. She later studied at the Otis Art Institute, but remained a librarian specializing in curriculum. Mary Alice was instrumental in developing the collection in that field for the Library at this campus, which trains so large a number of prospective teachers.

She is survived by several sisters, along with nieces and nephews.

HAROLD STORCH
Professor of Electrical Engineering, 1955-1987

At press time, word was received that Harold Storch, emeritus professor of electrical engineering, died on December 28 in Mission Viejo. An obituary will be published in the next issue.

ALICE C. THOMPSON
Professor of Psychology, 1950-1979

Alice Thompson, née Cary, one of the founders and most distinguished members of the Cal State L.A. Psychology Department, died on December 19 of lymphoma in Eugene, Oregon. She was 92.

Alice was born in Miltonvale, Kansas in 1910, and began her teaching career at age 18 as an elementary school English teacher in Idaho. She earned a bachelor’s degree in literature and sociology at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho in 1932. With her B.A. degree, she taught English in high school and then, interested in emotional and learning problems in children, she enrolled as a psychology major at UCLA, where she earned her master’s degree in 1939. In 1942, she married Donald Scott Thompson, with whom she had two children, Cary and Shelly.

Alice came to our Psychology Department just three years after the opening of L.A. State College and, within several years, was teaching many of the Department’s most advanced courses. She was especially qualified to teach psychological testing—mental and atypical—and marital psychology, and on the graduate level she directed field study and taught case study techniques. She was a major force in initiating the pupil personnel credential program, which trained school psychologists and psychometrists, and was very active in the Associated Clinics, conducting numerous interdisciplinary programs with the five participating departments. She was also the recipient of a federal fellowship to develop a graduate program in special education for teachers of students with learning and emotional handicaps.

In 1958 Alice, recently divorced, became a California certified psychologist and, in 1959, she was granted a clinical psychology doctorate (Docteur d’Université) by the University of Paris, Sorbonne. Promoted to associate professor, she assumed important service functions in the University, such as principal department graduate adviser and psychological counselor in the office of the Dean of Students. After receiving her full professorship, she served one term as department chair.

She was also very active in the local community, founding the Escalon School for developmentally and emotionally handicapped children in Pasadena. Alice devoted her knowledge and energies as president and chairman of the board of Escalon from the 1950s to the 1970s. She also published manuals and articles on children’s learning and behavior problems, and served as editor for at least two journals in her field. She was an Outstanding Professor for 1977-78.

Among her most memorable off-campus achievements was her work for the U.S. Department of Defense as consultant to schools in Japan for children of U.S. military personnel (1968-70). In this capacity, she was granted the civilian rank of GS-15, the equivalent of a brigadier general.

Alice joined the Emeriti Association as soon as she retired in 1979 and served as its fourth president (1981-82). She also endowed a scholarship in the Department of Psychology. She subsequently moved to Laguna Beach, where she opened a free clinic for psychological counseling and a private practice of her own. In 1992, she moved to Waldport, Oregon and attended a school to become, belatedly, a Unitarian-Universalist minister, but age was taking its toll and the project was abandoned. Four years later, she moved to Eugene to be close to her son Cary, his wife Joan, and her grandson Miles, who have survived her, daughter Shelly having died in the mid-1990s.

A memorial service was held for her on January 11 at the Eugene Unitarian Church.

ALYCE S. ROBINSON
Education Librarian, 1958-1972

Alyce S. Robinson, former education librarian at Cal State L.A., died last August after a brief illness. She was a member of the Library staff from 1958 to 1972, when she went to Southwest College as a librarian. She retired there in the late 1980s from the position of assistant to the president.

Alyce received the B.S. degree from what then was Geneseo State Teachers College, in upper New York State, now part of the State University (SUNY) system. Following her relocation to California, she earned the M.S.L.S. at USC. She is survived by her husband, Thomas.

AMNON FRIEDMAN

Amnon Friedman, husband of Marilyn Friedman, emerita professor of nursing, died at the age of 70 on November 17 from the effects of a brain tumor. He was a special education teacher at Arcadia High School, following more than 20 years of teaching at Bell Gardens High School.

A Marine Corps veteran, Amnon saw active duty in the Korean War, including a campaign in which his division broke through Chinese lines. Following his military service, he was educated
MILDRED (BOBBY) ORLEBEKE SIMPSON

Mildred (Bobby) Orlebeke Simpson, widow of former dean Floyd R. Simpson, died suddenly of a heart attack on October 16 in Friday Harbor, Washington, where she had moved several years ago to be near her sons. She was 84.

Bobby was born in 1916 in Clara City, Minnesota, and grew up during the depression years in a number of small towns with colorful names like Blackduck, Warba, and Littlefork. She attended the University of Minnesota, where she became one of the first women to receive her bachelor’s degree from the University’s School of Business. Following graduation, she married one of her professors, Floyd Simpson, in 1941. They lived in Seattle, where Floyd taught at the University of Washington Business School, before moving to California in 1949.

The Simpsons lived in Montrose during Floyd’s active years at Cal State L.A. Bobby raised their three boys and was active in church music, opera workshops, PTA, and the Cal State L.A. Faculty Wives Club. She was an active environmentalist before the word was coined. In the early ’70s, they had built a second home on Whidbey Island, Washington, at which they anticipated enjoying their summers. In 1974, as Floyd was cutting down a tree he wanted to clear away, it fell on him and injured him fatally. Bobby remained in their Montrose home until she decided to relocate to the area in which her family was living.

She is survived by her three sons, Steven, Robin, and John; four grandchildren; two sisters; and a niece and nephew. A memorial service was held at St. David’s Episcopal Church in Friday Harbor on October 22. A graveside service will be held in the spring at Littlefork, Minnesota, where her ashes will be interred alongside those of her husband Floyd.

HAROLD (HAL) CHARNOFSKY

Cal State L.A. emeriti who have served on the CSU Academic Senate will remember Harold (Hal) Charnofsky, professor of sociology at Cal State Dominguez Hills, who died on December 21 from the effects of pancreatic cancer. He was 71 and had not retired from his faculty position at the time he first became ill. He served on the statewide senate for 27 years, often elected to office or appointed to chair a standing committee.

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Roden’s off-campus activities include service as co-chair, Los Angeles chapter of the IEEE division of Communications, Signal Processing and Vehicular Technology. In community service, he has chaired the board of the United Way of San Gabriel Valley. He has been a consultant to a variety of organizations, including Hughes Aircraft Ground Systems Group, Magnavox Advanced Products Division, and KOR Electronics, and has regularly conducted research for JPL, NASA, and the National Security Agency. His recent research has focused on blind equalization in low signal-to-noise ratio environments. A former student, now a department chair at East Los Angeles College, notes: “Of all the teachers that I have encountered in 20 years of education, [Martin Roden] has had the most profound and lasting effect on me. He not only gave exciting lectures, but was hardworking and always available for his students.”

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accolades also include the 1981 Cal State L.A. Outstanding Professor Award, 1984 IEEE National Outstanding Adviser Award, 1992 Outstanding Educator Award from the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering, and 1997 Engineering Educator of the Year Award from the Engineers’ Council, Inc. In 2000, he received an IEEE Millennium Medal. He is a Fellow of the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering.

A member of the Cal State L.A. faculty since 1991, Linda Beamer’s field is intercultural business communication. She has written more than two dozen papers and coauthored a prominent textbook, *Intercultural Communication in the Global Workplace*. Beamer has received the Outstanding Publication award from the Association for Business Communication and its Distinguished Member award recognizing her service since 1981; she will serve as the Association’s 2003-04 president. She has been associate editor of the *Journal of Business Communication* and editorial board member for *Business Communication Quarterly*. Over the past decade, she has made nearly 40 professional presentations.

Beamer’s international interests began in 1985 when she taught a three-week communication skills workshop in the West Bank, followed by a year teaching in China. She was adjunct professor at an institution in Auckland, New Zealand and external adviser to the applied communication program at a Hong Kong university. She also taught faculty workshops at a university in Argentina. Beamer has developed intercultural business communication and workplace diversity courses that offer students opportunities to learn skills and knowledge about other cultures, and has given many workshops on intercultural communication. In 2001, General Education Honors students voted Beamer “Professor of the Year;” she recently became director of the program. In 1997, she was named a Fellow of the International Academy for Intercultural Relations at its founding meeting. In 1992, she helped found a local chapter of SIETAR International (Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research) in Southern California. She has been an active member of the International Communication Association and the Academy of International Business.

Alfred Bendixen began teaching in the Department of English at Cal State L.A. in 1988. He is the founder and executive director of the American Literature Association (ALA)—the most important organization in his field. Bendixen has taught courses on American women writers and feminist theory, California writers, American historical novels, and realism and naturalism. He has published numerous articles and book reviews, is frequently invited as a keynote speaker, and has delivered numerous lectures. Bendixen is an author and editor of five books, with a sixth book forthcoming, entitled *Companion to the American Novel*. His 1986 edition of the 1908 composite novel *The Whole Family*, drew considerable critical attention, and an updated version of his introduction—called “the first accurate and complete account” of the novel’s creation—was included in the Duke University Press reprinting in 2001. He is widely acclaimed for conceiving, designing, and serving as associate editor of the *Continuum Encyclopedia of American Literature*, a leading work in his field.

Bendixen’s professional activities include service on the PBS Advisory Panel in New York for the documentary, *The American Novel*; the editorial board for the Resources for American Literary Study; and the advisory board for the Colloquium for the Study of American Culture at the Huntington Library. He is also a member of the prestigious Salzburg Seminar. His excellent record of service includes his leadership as chair of the Department of English, co-coordinator of the Liberal Studies Program, director of the Writing Proficiency Examination, and academic governance service.

Jean Phinney, who joined the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1977, is a developmental psychologist with particular interest in adolescent development, and ethnic and cultural differences in developmental processes. For the past 15 years, she has been studying ethnic identity and adaptation among adolescents from diverse ethnic and immigrant groups in the United States. She is part of an international team studying adaptation of immigrant adolescents in 12 immigrant-receiving countries. Her current activities include research on adolescent-parent relationships across ethnic and cultural groups, and a longitudinal study of factors that predict positive academic outcomes of ethnic minority college students who are the first in their families to attend college.

During the past 20 years, Phinney has published more than 40 articles in refereed journals, including *Psychological Bulletin* and *American Psychologist*. She serves as an assistant editor of the *Journal of Adolescence*. She has made more than 50 professional presentations at universities and professional conferences. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. Since 1982, Phinney has been supported by National Institutes of Health research grants and has mentored dozens of minority students who have served as her research assistants. She is an active member of the Society for Research in Child Development, *Society for Research on Adolescence, International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, International Society for the Study of Behavior Development, and Western Psychological Association*. She was a visiting research fellow at Shinshu University, Tokyo, in 2001 and at the University of Bristol, England, from 1982 to 1983.

Over the course of his 32-year academic career at Cal State L.A., William Taylor has taught a total of 44 different courses and laboratories, supervised seven students through the master’s research program, and has been principal or co-principal investigator for grants totaling one million dollars. In 1998, he was inducted into the CSULA chapter of the Golden Key Honor Society and was elected faculty member of the year by the Associated Students, Inc. In 1997, he brought the Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research to Cal State L.A., making it the first public university to host the annual conference. Taylor is recognized as one of the cofounders of the acclaimed University Preparatory Program, established in 1989. Now a widely imitated model, UPP works to increase the number of underrepresented minority students who earn a baccalaureate degree in science- and mathematics-based fields. The program, aimed at students who complete middle school with grades in the B-to-C range, provides a support structure and high school curriculum that prepares students for success in science- and mathematics-based majors.

Demonstrating leadership and commitment to academics, Taylor has also served as acting vice president and associate vice president for academic affairs, associate dean for academic resources in the former School of Letters and Science, member of the University Strategic Planning Committee, and president and vice president of the Cal State L.A. chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. He is the immediate past chair of the Academic Senate and is currently chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Taylor has been a member of the California Museum of Science and Industry Foundation Advisory Board and chair of the California State Science Fair Planning Committee. He was a visiting scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena during the summers of 1997, 1998, and 1999.

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Other events to follow, to be announced when scheduled.
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official Arabic names, the European ex-pats sometimes use the street numbers, and the taxi drivers seem to know only the colloquial names. Inside each of the squares formed by the intersection of the major streets is a maze of two-lane streets, which, as far as I know, are unnamed. These streets are also lined with businesses. So finding a place, particularly one that you haven’t yet learned the way to get to, is always an adventure. For example, when I have to direct someone to my apartment, the directions are something like the Al Kamzi building, across from the old fort. Unfortunately, the Al Kamzi building is a new building, so many people don’t recognize the name. To make matters worse, we are across “Fifth” Street from the fort and there is also an Al Kamzi building across from the 22nd street entrance to the Old Fort. And neither building is labeled the Al Kamzi building. So the next question is, What business is located on the ground floor of the building? Well, we are in a brand new building, and no business has moved into the ground floor yet. We are on the 10th floor of the Al Kamzi building on Al Nasr Street that has the Crystal House lamp store on the ground floor of the building next door. This has become simplified over time as Bob and I have learned the answers to the questions that we can expect.

However, every time we go somewhere new, we run the risk of not getting there easily. For example, one night when Bob was out of town, a friend and I decided to go to the cultural center to a concert. I had taken the precaution of getting someone to tell me the Arabic name of the cultural center. We got in the taxi and I gave the driver the Arabic name. He didn’t understand. All the cab drivers with whom I have ridden so far have been from Pakistan, and most understand English better than Arabic. So I told him I wanted to go to the Cultural Foundation. He indicated that he didn’t understand that. I told him to drive up Airport Road (the colloquial name for Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed/Al Maktoum Streets), hoping I would recognize the building when I saw it (it was now dark). I saw the building on the other side of the street and pointed to it and asked the driver, “What is that building called?” He looked at it and said “Cultural Foundation.” Neither my friend nor I can figure out why he couldn’t understand.

As either a cause or an effect of this, there is no postal delivery to homes or businesses. Everyone has to go to the post office to pick up mail. Fortunately, all mail for University employees, both personal and business, is delivered to the same post office box, and one of the employees goes daily to the post office to pick up and deliver our mail.

An outcome of the lack of street addresses is a very interesting set of yellow pages. You can get the phone number of a business in the yellow pages, but of course, you can’t find out how to get there. If anything, you get their post office box. So you have to call the company and get directions that you can give a taxi driver, who hopefully will understand where you want to go. If not, you get out of the taxi and flag another one down. As I said, every trip is an adventure the first couple of times.

Right now, we are in the holy month of Ramadan. Experiencing Ramadan is quite different from reading about it. I assume that most of you know that during Ramadan, a Muslim is not supposed to eat, drink, smoke, or kiss during the daylight hours. What Bob and I have found is that all restaurants and most of the stores are closed during the day. Infidels are not allowed to eat or drink in public during daylight hours either, although we are allowed to eat in private. You take your life in your hands driving or riding about an hour before sunset because all of the drivers have very low blood sugar levels. Fortunately, this year Ramadan is in the cool season and the daylight hours are less than twelve hours long. As soon as the sun sets, it is iftar, the breaking of the fast. Unfortunately, too many of the Muslims gorge themselves and the hospitals are full of individuals with major digestive problems during Ramadan. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the five pillars of the Islamic religion. The other four are declaring the holiness of Allah, praying five times a day, giving alms, and making a pilgrimage to Mecca (if you can afford it). Nothing at all about killing the infidels or engaging in a holy war.

To all of you who have sent email messages inquiring about our safety, you probably know more than we do. The newspapers don’t carry any real news and we haven’t hooked into CNN yet because the building isn’t supplied with cable. There haven’t been any troubling incidents that I have heard about here in Abu Dhabi, so, until next time . . .

Don’t Forget the Fellowship Fund!

Your contributions to the Emeriti Fellowship Fund keep on working for you and Cal State L.A. students! The Cal State L.A. Foundation now allocates endowment earnings—those in excess of funds made available for scholarship support—back to the account principal. In this way, account balances can grow from year to year and generate larger scholarship distributions to students.

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Rose Ochi to Head Forensic Science Institute

Cal State L.A. alumna Rose M. Ochi, former Clinton administration presidential appointee in the White House and U.S. Department of Justice, was appointed executive director of the California Forensic Science Institute at Cal State L.A. She was the first Asian Pacific-American woman to serve at the assistant attorney general level. On her return to Los Angeles, Mayor James Hahn appointed her to the Los Angeles Police Commission, where she assumed an active leadership role. In her new capacity, Ochi will advise the University on the establishment of the California Forensic Science Institute, which will serve as the academic, research, and training arm of the Regional Crime Laboratory—a partnership among Cal State L.A., the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the California Criminalistics Institute at the California Department of Justice.

Department Name Change

The Department of Biology and Microbiology was recently renamed the Department of Biological Sciences.

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Joseph Chrzanowski (Modern Languages and Literatures) gave a talk, “Translating Poetry,” to students in the Department of Translation and Interpretation at the Universidad Europea de Madrid on May 29. He was appointed Exam Leader for Spanish Literature by the Educational Testing Service and served in that capacity at the annual reading of the Advanced Placement program in Spanish at Trinity University, San Antonio, from June 9-19.

Annette Ehrlich (Psychology) continues to work as an editor and consultant on research design for people in the biological sciences. She is especially proud that a book she edited has now been published—Beginnings, Mass Murder, and Aftermath of the Holocaust: Where History and Psychology Intersect, by Norman Solkoff.

Milton Meyer (History) led a series of lectures on the history of China at the Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena last August.

Emil Wroblicky (Physical Education) is the state chairman of the “American Legion Military Tribute to Bob Hope.” The American Legion, among others, hopes to raise funds for the monument that will be erected on the western shores of San Diego Bay. The dedication will take place on May 20, Hope’s 100th birthday.