Dues Increase

The Executive Committee has acted to recommend an increase in annual membership dues to offset rising expenses. For regular members, the amount will go from $15 to $25 annually. For sustaining members, the amount will go from $25 to $35 annually. This recommendation will be acted upon at the general membership meeting in May, which takes place at the annual spring luncheon. If approved, the new dues schedule will become effective in the 2007-08 fiscal year. (Dues for Life Members were increased by $100 annually nearly 10 years ago.)

Emeriti Association Awards Fellowships To Eight Outstanding Candidates

The Emeriti Association awarded seven graduate fellowships and one undergraduate scholarship to students selected from more than 50 applicants for the 2006-07 year, and named two alternates with promising records who will be eligible to reapply next year. Their official recognition was part of the program at the October 10 reception for the exhibition of Native American artwork shown in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library during the fall quarter. Co-sponsors of that exhibit included the Emeriti Association and the Library, honoring the late Mary Gormly, an emerita librarian, who had bequeathed the collection to the University.

In addition to the fellowships established by the Emeriti Association applicable to graduate students in any major subject, there were several commemorative awards in specified fields for which the Association serves as the judging body. One commemorative award, in biology, is designated for an undergraduate. Janet Fisher-Hoult, emerita professor of education, serves as chair of the Association’s Fellowship Fund Committee.
**President’s Message**

I am pleased to report that our Mary Gormly Native American art exhibition on campus was a smashing success. Emeriti Fellowship awards to deserving students contributed much to the success of the event. I wish to extend appreciation to Lupe Cadenas, vice president for programs; Janet Fisher-Hoult, chair of the Emeriti Fellowship Fund Committee; and the Executive Committee for their outstanding work. I also thank Alice Kawakami, University Librarian, and her staff for excellent preparation and presentation.

As you know, the generous financial support of our retired emeriti faculty allows the Emeriti Association to provide financial aid in the form of emeriti fellowships to deserving students from all majors. We continue to take pride in our faculty, the success of our alumni, and the hard work of our current male and female students.

In that regard, I noticed a larger proportion of women now make up our student body. This observation prompted me to wonder if we are losing our male students. I became curious.

I discovered that in May 2006, the campus offices of Institutional Research and Public Affairs distributed data showing a headcount of students by gender based on Fall Quarter 2005 as 12,487 females (62.3 percent) compared to 7,547 males (37.7 percent). Apparently, this gender disparity among students on our campus has existed for many years.

I also found out that, according to the 2000 federal census, the ratio of males to females at the both the state and national levels is nearly equal. The same 2000 census report for Los Angeles County indicated that the population was 50.6 percent female and 49.4 percent male. So, why such a female-to-male ratio difference on our campus?

The gender disparity in our student body appears related to a national phenomenon. According to a recent study by the U.S. Department of Education, 135 women graduate from college for every 100 men. The federal education agency projects that the gap will grow in coming years.

I read with interest Barbara Dafoe Whitehead’s recent column on what she called “the boy problem.” She noted that we celebrate overachieving girls in education but give little attention to underachieving boys. She credits the women’s movement for positive changes in the way girls are raised and the way they are prepared for college and the professions.

The wide base of support for the movement included a strong component of mothers and women in education and the professions. However, she said, a similar broad effort for...
Portrait Unveiled at Salazar Hall Rededication

Rubén Salazar Hall was rededicated on October 12 in a standing room only ceremony in the large conference room of the Institute for Applied Gerontology. A portrait of the famed Chicano journalist and broadcaster, who was killed August 29, 1970 while covering the Chicano moratorium against the Vietnam War, was unveiled along with a framed copy of the Los Angeles Times column that was published the day before his death.

Felix Gutierrez, editor of the Los Angeles State College Times and student body president at the end of the 1960s, gave a powerful and inspiring yet humorous talk on Rubén Salazar’s impact on young Latinos of that period. His talk was replete with memories of East Los Angeles and the role of the college in that community. He is now a distinguished professor of journalism at the University of Southern California who has held major administrative positions, with special emphasis on Hispanic journalism. There was frequent reference to his pride in being an alumnus of Cal State L.A. It is hoped that a printed copy of his lecture, or better yet a video, will be available for general viewing by students.

Another former editor, by then of the University Times, Hector Becerra, whose byline frequently appears now in the Los Angeles Times, spoke briefly about the college and read the lengthy article that will be displayed. Other major speakers included President James M. Rosser and Rita Ledesma, president of the Chicano(a)/Latino(a) University Association, which planned and sponsored the event; both lauded Rubén Salazar’s impact on the community and the campus. Salazar’s daughter Lisa Johnson, who was nine years old when her father died, spoke and was visibly moved by the recognition and delighted by the portrait that was painted by John Martin, a Cal State L.A. alumnus in art, who was teaching in the County High School for the Arts when this project was initiated in the Academic Senate in spring 2005. Lisa’s son Christopher was also present. Senate chair Kevin Baaske spoke briefly.

Senate vice chair Deborah Schaeffer introduced three colleagues integral to this belated recognition of Rubén Salazar. Andy Pesich is a staff member who brought attention to emeritus senator Donald Dewey that Salazar Hall was the one “named” building on campus for which there was no visual recognition. Dewey then took charge of the campaign and won unanimous Senate acceptance for his resolution that a portrait of Salazar be commissioned, along with other appropriate recognition. He then bird-dogged the project to guide it through the various administrative hurdles for more than a year, including selection of the artist. Then Senate chair Raymond Garcia immediately added his support and cooperated fully in gaining administrative and technical support. Rosemary McNutt also provided key support and President Rosser funded the project.

CALL FOR JUDGES: STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The 15th Annual Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity, sponsored by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, will take place on campus on Friday, February 23. This event is held annually to provide a local forum for Cal State L.A. students to gain experience in delivering a professional presentation. The Symposium is juried, and 10 local winners will be selected to represent Cal State L.A. at the statewide competition, where they will be eligible for cash prizes. Judges are always hard to recruit, as many faculty have their own students compete in the event. If you are interested in volunteering as a judge for your discipline, please contact Evelyn Winchester at 323-343-3817.

Fratiello NMR Facility Dedicated

On July 24, emeritus chemistry professor Anthony Fratiello was honored when the Physical Sciences lab that houses Cal State L.A.’s new, powerful nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer (NMR) was dedicated as the Anthony J. Fratiello Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer Laboratory. Having been instrumental in obtaining the University’s first NMR equipment through research funded by the National Science Foundation, this was a fitting tribute. The new 600-megahertz NMR will enable researchers to analyze the three-dimensional structure of molecules and observe small animals in vivo. Funded jointly by the W. M. Keck Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and Cal State L.A., the new NMR will enhance the University’s ability to secure grants that enable students to engage in research with faculty and gain hands-on experience with this leading-edge technology.

Cal State L.A. to Receive $72 Million from Proposition 1D Funds

With the passage of Proposition 1D, California voters showed their support for the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, furthering a strongly held commitment to public education as an investment in the future. President James M. Rosser announced in a letter to the Cal State L.A. community that the University will receive $50.5 million to support the construction of Wing B of the new interdisciplinary science complex.

“With its state-of-the-art laboratories and modern lecture space, this complex will offer a suitable space where students and faculty can benefit from the active, innovative integration of many disciplines,” states President Rosser. “This is not simply a new science building; it is a dynamic new framework for learning and discovery, one that will benefit the entire region.”

Cal State L.A. will also receive $15.1 million to build a Corporation Yard and Public Safety/Parking facilities, replacing the existing temporary buildings. The new Corporation Yard will support the University’s Facilities Service Operations, Facilities Planning and Construction, Risk Management and Environmental Health and Safety, and Shipping and Receiving. The Public Safety/Parking building construction will also be supported by non-state parking funds.

An additional $6.5 million will be provided for minor capital outlay and capital renewal funds to upgrade or renovate facilities, including enhancement of energy efficiency and accessibility.

According to President Rosser, “This $72 million investment will strengthen our ability to recruit exceptional students, faculty, and staff.”
Health Briefs

Metabolic Syndrome, a Precursor of Cardiovascular Disease and Diabetes

By Marilyn Friedman

Most of us are not familiar with the term metabolic syndrome. This cluster of primarily cardiovascular risk factors, however, is increasingly used to describe a condition that increases a person’s chance of acquiring cardiovascular disease and/or diabetes later in life. In some of the literature, the syndrome is referred to as pre-diabetes. Research has shown how having metabolic syndrome for a long period of time can predict serious disease. In one study, adults who had had metabolic syndrome for three decades were 8½ times as likely as those without the syndrome to have cardiovascular disease (especially myocardial infarctions and congestive heart failure) and three times as likely to have diabetes.

According to the American Heart Association, metabolic syndrome includes central obesity (measured by waist circumference), high triglyceride levels, high fasting glucose levels, low HDL levels, and hypertension. Three of these risk factors need to be present to be considered metabolic syndrome. It is probably the interrelation of a number of these factors that leads to disease, rather than the presence of one or two factors. Nonetheless, some authors point out that in persons with metabolic syndrome, inflammation (as seen by higher white blood cell counts) is an important marker for the onset of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

The obesity epidemic, along with Americans’ love of junk food and a sedentary lifestyle, have led to an enormous growth in the number of persons with metabolic syndrome. It is estimated that 41 million Americans have metabolic syndrome. In one large prospective study, 38 percent of subjects ages 70 to 79 had this condition. Diabetes, one of the outcomes of metabolic syndrome, is also becoming more and more common. It was estimated in 2000 that one out of every three children would develop diabetes in his or her lifetime.

What can be done to fight this syndrome? Well, it seems like a no-brainer to me, but certainly easier said than done. Reducing certain risk factors appears to be the key. Losing weight, obtaining a normal weight, and becoming physically fit are the most cited strategies for combating this dangerous constellation of signs and symptoms. Exercise and becoming physically fit are important because of their role in combating inflammation, a precursor to heart disease. Research has shown that persons who had metabolic syndrome, but had a high level of fitness, did not have the inflammation component of the syndrome. In this case, exercise reduces the possibility of inflammation, which then reduces the possibility of heart disease. These above strategies are crucial elements of a healthy lifestyle.

Five New Emeriti Named

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

**BETTY BAMBERG**
(English, 1996-2006)

**ALFRED BENDIXEN**
(English, 1988-2006)

**IVAN N. CURY**
(Broadcasting, 1990-2006)

**JOHN A. KIRCHNER**
(Geography, 1979-2006)

**CARL M. SELKIN**
(Dean, College of Arts and Letters, and English, 1970-2006)

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

Outstanding Professors Honored at October Reception

Peter Brier (English) led the discussion for the first program of the Shatford Library’s free six-part reading and discussion series, “Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature,” at Pasadena City College on June 28. His review essay, “Prolonging the Long Eighteenth Century,” on the *The Cambridge Companion to English Literature* 1740-1830, edited by Thomas Keymer and John Lee, was published in the *Huntington Quarterly*, Vol. 68, No. 4, 2005.


Frieda Stahl (Physics) is a co-author of two chapters, on Mildred Dresselhaus and Rosalyn Yalow, in the anthology, *Out of the Shadows: Contributions of Twentieth Century Women to Physics* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).
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In a recent related article, Alex Kingsbury discovered a gender imbalance at major U.S. universities. He found that the percentage of women in higher education has been growing steadily. And women do better than men in college. An unexpected result was that qualified female applicants are rejected in favor of male applicants to increase the number of male students. Apparently, both female and male college applicants tend to disfavor campuses dominated by female students, especially when the ratio reaches 60-40, women to men. More students attend universities with a 50-50 ratio. They seem to prefer experience in a coeducational college environment.

So, let’s celebrate the success of our female students on campus. I thought, at the same time, that the evolving “boy problem” deserved comment.

I invite your comments and suggestions. My e-mail address is LRNegrete@aol.com.

Arlie J. Stops Appointed Assistant VP, Student Affairs

Arlie J. Stops was named as the new assistant vice president for student affairs/enrollment management, effective July 24, 2006. Stops assumed the responsibility for developing, refining, and maintaining the comprehensive and strategic enrollment management plan for the University. He is responsible for oversight, planning, organization, direction, and evaluation of activities in Outreach and Recruitment, Admissions and Records, Student Financial Aid, the Career Development Center, the University Testing Center, and the Early Entrance Program. In addition, he will work with Academic Affairs to foster the development of an infrastructure that effectively leverages collaboration among all divisions in order to establish a concise enrollment management agenda and a reliable mechanism for assuring its success. Stops’ experience includes 16 years with the Community College of Southern Nevada as an associate vice president of admissions and records and director of enrollment management. Previously, he held key administrative positions at other community colleges and universities in the southwest.

Memorial Service Held for Robert Nakamura

The University community mourns the loss of Robert Nakamura, professor of biology, who died on September 18 at the age of 52. A memorial tribute celebrating Bob’s life and contributions was held in the John F. Kennedy Library Conference Room on November 21, where colleagues and family spoke of Bob’s focus on biology at an early age, as well as his dedication to students and the pursuit of excellence. The memorial was followed by a reception on the Garden Patio. A scholarship has been established in his memory.

Distinguished Women Honored at May 23 Reception

At the 8th Annual Distinguished Women Awards on May 23, 10 faculty, staff, and administrators were recognized for a variety of accomplishments, including achievements in their field, significant contributions to Cal State L.A., commitment to students, commitment to women’s issues, community involvement, and professional recognition. Honored this year were Dionne Espinoza (Chicano Studies), Gaithri Fernando (Psychology), Judy Jenkins (Educational Opportunity Program), Diane Klein (Special Education and Counseling), Rita Ledesma (Social Work), Kelly Madison (Communication Studies), Collette Rocha (University Development), Sandra Sharp (Biological Sciences), Melinda Vasquez (Social Work), and Kayley Vernallis (Philosophy).

New Regional Crime Lab Partnership

The Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center, a partnership among Cal State L.A., the Los Angeles Police Department, and the L.A. County Sheriff’s Department, is nearing completion. The lab, located at the southern tip of Lot A at the south entrance to the campus, will facilitate collaborative forensic science internships, research opportunities, and in-service training. The opening is planned for May 2007.

New Science Complex in Progress

A new Science Complex, made possible through voter support, will provide classrooms, offices, and state-of-the-art laboratories to serve multiple disciplines, replacing the existing physical science building. The first phase of this complex is a three-story, 106,217 gross square feet building located adjacent to the Career Center, on the former site of the tennis complex. Completion is planned for late 2007.

New Student Union Under Construction

A new student union is under construction on the site of the old University-Student Union. The new building will feature an expanded computer lab, a state-of-the-art fitness center, a 200-seat theater, and increased meeting and lounge space. The completion date is scheduled for September 2007, with occupancy set for January 2008.
Hispanic Excellence Scholarship and, in 2001, undergraduate career. She has been awarded the focused on her studies and, although she worked Bakersfield, after a rough academic start, Viridiana education is the ultimate key to success, she was the summers between her years in high school. farm workers with minimal education, she worked the field of criminal justice. As the eldest child of education instructor at East Los Angeles College. After completing her Single Subject Credential in Art and her M.A. in Art Education, Mary Lynn Simpson will be equipped, as she puts it, “to get back to the trenches where our culture is alive and thrives.” Living many years in Italy has given Mary experiences that influenced her life and her work as a graphic designer. She has lived the multicultural life and considers herself a “proud hybrid” in Los Angeles. Mary has received design awards both in the U.S. and Italy, as well as a Ford Foundation Scholarship for Art. She actively continues her work as a designer and consultant under the banner of Maryl Simpson Design. She has worked as an Italian interpreter, and as a teaching aide in art classes at the Lycee International of Los Angeles.

Jessica Gundy is most passionate about improving mental health. Prior to entering graduate school, she volunteered with Planned Parenthood Middle School Outreach Program in L.A., teaching sex education in schools in very low socioeconomic communities. Recognizing that a significant number of the children she worked with develop behavioral and social problems, she decided to enter the graduate program in psychology at Cal State L.A. Upon completing her M.A., she will continue her studies for a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Jessica’s research interests focus on women and adolescents from diverse and multicultural populations who have eating disorders and behavioral problems. She joined the Women’s Health Project Lab as a volunteer research assistant and has recently taken a graduate assistant teaching position in the Department of Psychology at Cal State L.A.

Viridiana Gallardo is completing her M.A. in Criminal Justice and looking forward to holding an administrative position in a government agency in the field of criminal justice. As the eldest child of farm workers with minimal education, she worked with her parents in the fields picking grapes during the summers between her years in high school. With their encouragement and insistence that education is the ultimate key to success, she was able to put her life in perspective. At Cal State Bakersfield, after a rough academic start, Viridiana focused on her studies and, although she worked part-time, was on the Dean’s List throughout her undergraduate career. She has been awarded the Hispanic Excellence Scholarship and, in 2001, she received a Dewitt-Wallace Scholarship, which enabled her to study in the Netherlands for a semester. As a volunteer for CASA of Kern County, she visits children in foster care and reports any type of abuse or mistreatment to the court. Currently, she is working for the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office, Victim Assistance Program, as a victim service coordinator, where she assists victims of violent crimes filing with the Victim of Crime Compensation Program.

The Jane Matson Memorial Fellowship was awarded to Cynthia Pereira, who is planning to practice as a school psychologist in the public school system. Her work as a student in the School of Social Ecology at UC Irvine allowed her to explore both psychological and linguistic theory, and helped spark a passion for working with disadvantaged children and their families. As an undergraduate, her passion for advocacy also led to a field study project involving homeless families that was given special faculty recognition. Cynthia has been involved as a tutor in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, which is designed to help at-risk middle and high school students gain admission to and prepare for a four-year university. She is currently completing an internship at the Whittier City School District.

Steven Laguna received the William E. Lloyd Memorial Fellowship. His goal is to become a community college instructor of political science, specializing in American government. He has overcome many obstacles in that pursuit, including a learning disability that was not diagnosed until he was a student at USC. After receiving his B.A. in International Relations in 1998, rather than working in his field, his athletic ability led him into his current occupation as a track coach and physical education instructor at East Los Angeles College. The first in his family to attend a major university, Steve realized that he can provide a greater contribution to the education of society and to the community by focusing on his academic strengths and interests. As a volunteer at homeless shelters and community centers, he has seen firsthand the need for education.

As the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Cal State L.A. continues its program for students of retirement age, emeritus faculty members are invited to submit proposals for short courses in their respective interest areas, avocational as well as professional. Courses in all fields are welcome. Connie Corley, professor of social work, is the program director, and Peter Brier, emeritus professor of English, serves as liaison between OLLI and the Emeriti Association.

OLLI courses are enjoyable for both students and faculty by virtue of three omissions: no homework, no exams, and no grades. Class meetings are one and one-half hours in duration, and courses may run for either three or six weekly sessions. In addition to classes offered on campus, OLLI has arranged sessions at satellite centers in nearby communities, including Alhambra, Arcadia, and South Pasadena.

Emeritus faculty may submit short descriptions of prospective courses to Peter Brier at pbrier@yahoo.com, or by phone at 626-376-0300. Connie Corley may be reached on campus at corceley@calstatela.edu or by phone at 323-343-4695. After acceptance by the OLLI board, the schedule will be arranged for a subsequent quarter.

Because of limited funding for the program, instructors are not paid at present. However, volunteer service is a traditional hallmark of retirement. Prospects for future funding by the Osher Foundation may be heightened by the educational quality achieved in this early stage.

Godina Ying, recipient of the Gerald F. Sorensen Memorial Fellowship, has been in love with geography since she was a child. One of the few foreign students to major in the field, she graduated cum laude from the University of Houston in 1980. After teaching geography, English, and other subjects at a high school in Hong Kong, Godina came to California as an immigrant in 2002, and enrolled at Cal State L.A. in 2004 to finish her dream of obtaining a postgraduate degree. Close to completing her studies in geographic information systems (GIS), Godina has also been trained in Earth Science for Elementary Teachers, which she taught last fall as a teaching associate in the Geography and Urban Analysis Department. A world traveler, Godina has visited 22 countries to expand her geographic knowledge and has become an avid photographer of the places she has been. Her collection of rocks and of artifacts from different cultures enriches her teaching.

The David Cameron Fisher Memorial Fellowship was given to Michelle Morales. An Early Entrance Program student, Michelle is beginning her senior year at the age of 18. In pursuit of her goal to become a physician, she has excelled in her premedical coursework, majoring in biology and receiving numerous honors. In addition to being the founding president of the Pre-Medical Society at Cal State L.A., she facilitates a physics tutoring course in connection with the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation grant. Michelle learned the importance of compassion and care of chronically or critically ill patients at her grandmother’s bedside. After volunteering in New York’s Presbyterian Hospital and completing the Gateway to the Laboratory Summer Internship in the Laboratory of Urological Oncology at Weill Cornell Medical College, she knew she would become an oncologist. In addition to her studies of science and medicine, Michelle volunteers as a mentor for middle school students in Boyle Heights.

The graduate students recognized this year as alternates are Erica Maresh (Music) and Sandra Cardenas (Social Work).
EVELYN MALKIN BARCLAY
Nursing, 1957-1969

Evelyn Malkin Barclay, the founding director of the Cal State L.A. program in nursing, died on April 20 in Newburgh, New York, where she had moved when she retired from the faculty in 1969. She was 94, and had suffered a hip fracture earlier this year.

Evelyn came to this campus in 1957 from UCLA, where she served as associate dean of nursing. She built a faculty noted for its skill in teaching as well as clinical practice. The initial program was designed to advance junior-year students holding an R.N. at the associate degree level to the BSN. Beginning in 1959, when the present campus was opened and the curriculum expanded to four years, the department under Evelyn’s leadership developed a four-year generic program leading freshman students directly to the BSN and eligibility for the R.N. She earned an Outstanding Professor Award in 1968.

A graduate of hospital-based programs in nursing, Evelyn held R.N. licensure in New York State, the District of Columbia, and California, beginning in 1931. She went on to the Catholic University of America, where she earned a B.S. in Public Health Nursing in 1947 and an M.S. in Nursing Education in 1950. Then she went west.

Early in her career at this campus, when the faculty was small and closely social, there was a faculty picnic at which Evelyn was introduced to a widower, Vladimir Malkin, father of Irina Malkin Cromwell. They were married a few months afterward. Vladimir died in 1968, and Evelyn chose to retire in 1969. She then returned to her home town, Newburgh, and married Peter Barclay. Their home was built on a large parcel of land, and Evelyn enjoyed a semirural life, including gardening and quilting. Peter unfortunately died the following year. Evelyn was able to continue her favorite activities, swimming, quilting, and bridge. She also enjoyed the theater. Her memory remained keen.

DONALD A. MOORE
Professor of Economics, 1956-1982

Donald A. Moore, emeritus professor of economics and statistics, died at the age of 90 on December 6. He had suffered from worsening consequences of emphysema for the last few years.

Don joined the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1956, following completion of his doctorate at Michigan State University. He was instrumental in the development of the department and its curriculum, particularly in quantitative methods. He was further distinguished for his leadership

in the Cal State L.A. Academic Senate, the CSU Academic Senate, and the Association of California State University Professors (ACSUP). Following his retirement in 1982, he became active in the Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association and the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (CSU-ERFA).

A decorated veteran of World War II, during which he served as an artillery liaison pilot in the Pacific, Don continued his service in the Active Army Reserve during his graduate study years and early in his faculty career. He retired from the military in 1961 at the rank of major. He continued flying in general aviation until his crash in 2001 and the loss of his Comanche, after which he needed extensive surgery for his fractures.

Don was born on August 20, 1916, in Vegreville, Alberta, in a family that traced its lineage to Scotch-Irish immigrants to North America in the 18th century. His early childhood was spent in a rural community, on a homestead-sized farm. When he was six, his parents had to sell the farm and its implements, after which they moved to the U.S. Both parents, originally American, had become naturalized Canadian citizens, which presented no problem upon their return. But Don’s citizenship status was omitted from his parents’ reentry, and was not cleared up until after he was drafted for service in the American Army.

Before the American entry into the war, Don earned a B.A. in 1941 from Linfield College in Oregon, for which he had a scholarship as well as part-time employment. However, before matriculating there, he spent two years after his high school graduation working at a pulp mill and saving money, because there was no possibility of parental support during the lingering depression of the thirties. At Linfield, he met Kathleen Ross, a staff member at the college, whom he married on May 23, 1942.

Having been called up by the Selective Service System in 1941, Don was granted a one-year deferment that allowed him to accept a graduate scholarship at Tufts University’s Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He completed the requirements for an M.A. in May 1942, although the degree was not conferred formally until 1946. At that point, he reported for his induction. As soon as he completed basic training, he was hustled into Officer Candidate School.

At the end of that program, when he was being reviewed for the commission, the question about his citizenship arose. His application for naturalization had followed him around the country as he had moved, from Washington to Oregon to Massachusetts, with the inevitable bureaucratic delays. It was finally resolved by the direct intercession of the chief of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration, and he was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Flight training followed officers’ training, and he earned his wings in 1943. As a liaison pilot, he flew light planes, and later continued flying light aircraft as a civilian.

After the war, Don and Kathleen went to Providence, Rhode Island, where Don joined the faculty of Brown University as an instructor as well as a doctoral student. Because veterans’ enrollments were high due to the G.I. Bill of Rights, he was kept busy teaching and was neglected for his own progress toward the degree. After four years he gave up, and in 1950 went to Michigan State. There, in addition to teaching, he was able to complete the degree requirements, and he received his Ph.D. in 1956. That fall, Don and Kathleen, with the first two of their three children, moved to Southern California and long-needed permanent roots.

Once settled, Don began a commitment to community service that increased as his other activities waned, first upon his retirement from the military reserve, and again after his retirement from the faculty. He joined Angel Flight, an organization of private pilots who flew critically ill patients to medical centers. He also participated in the Young Eagles program, introducing postwar teenagers to aviation as a possible career.

On the ground, Don and Kathleen worked with local shelters for the homeless and with programs of food distribution for those in need, serving cities in the Pomona Valley.

They spent a decade in conservation-centered camping, in a program sponsored by the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, flying to various scenic locations in west-coast states. They were drawn to these interests by Roland Ross, late professor of biology at Cal State L.A., a dedicated preservationist.

But the 2001 crash, when Don was 85 and Kathleen 83, became the terminator for such travel. Before that, their personal flights had taken them to areas of North and Central Amer-
Gerard R. Rasmussen, emeritus professor of education, died on July 20 of congestive heart failure, from which he had suffered for several years. He was 80, and also had a history of surgeries and treatments for other illnesses.

Gerry came to the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1964, following an extensive career in public school administration in his native Michigan. He taught in what then was the Department of Educational Administration, and served two terms as its chair. He was very active in the National Council of Educational Administrators, which held its 1990 annual convention at this campus, with Gerry as organizer. His professional papers were published in the Michigan Journal of Secondary Education and the American School Board Journal.

A major interest on Gerry’s part was the Work Training Program for Youth Rehabilitation directed by former sheriff Peter Pitchess. His parallel interests and studies in sociology were reflected in his practice of taking his students to the site of that program every quarter.

Gerry was born and educated in Michigan. His college studies at Michigan State University were interrupted by World War II, during which he served in the Navy. Following his B.S. in 1949, for which he majored in chemistry with minors in physics and math, he went into public school teaching for four years, and concurrently began graduate study in education. In 1953, he received an M.A. from Michigan State, having majored in school administration and minored in sociology. He spent most of the decade following in public school administration, moving from a superintendent’s position in a small community to a principal’s position in an urban area. He also became active in the American Field Service Program (AFSP).

Concurrent graduate study at Michigan State culminated in an Ed.D. degree in 1962, for which his major was school administration, with additional studies in sociology and in social and philosophical foundations of education. He was then appointed as an assistant professor of education at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. But the west lured him as it did so many contemporaries, and he accepted a position as associate professor of education at Cal State L.A. in 1964.

Gerry’s principal teaching areas were in secondary school administration and school plant planning. He also served as a coordinator of the Peace Corps’ technical training program in educational television for Colombia, reflecting the interest in international education that he had developed earlier through the AFSP. He retired from the faculty in 1989, but remained active professionally. He and his wife Jacqueline spent the 1994-95 academic year in Jamaica.

The Rasmussens resided in West Covina during his active faculty service and relocated to San Clemente in 1992. In addition to Jacquie, Gerry is survived by a brother, two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was interred in Owosso, Michigan. A memorial service was held in San Clemente on July 28.

Maurine Timmerman, emerita professor of music, died on November 14 from complications following a hip fracture. She had observed her 100th birthday on May 30.

Maurine joined the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1950. Her teaching specialty was elementary music, and she wrote several books in that field. She was an active member of both state and national organizations of music educators, and of Sigma Alpha Iota, the national honor society for music. In addition to teaching, she participated in the administration of the Music Department.

Born in Colby, Kansas in 1906, Maureen became a K-12 teacher of music as early as 1927. Moving to Minnesota, she continued teaching and earned a B.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1934. She then went on to teach in Wisconsin. She earned an M.A. from the University of Idaho in 1941. Then, as the nation went to war, she joined the WAVES and served in Washington, D.C. until 1946, retiring as a lieutenant.

In 1946-47, she was an assistant professor of music at the University of Oklahoma, after which she became the director of music education in the school system of Spokane. In 1950, she came to Cal State L.A., and along with her faculty service, she earned an Ed.D. from USC in 1960. But her penchant for moving around became a yen for travel. She made several trips to Europe and Asia, and enjoyed a sabbatical year in Japan.

Maurine retired from the faculty in 1974. In the mid-1980s, she moved to Villa Gardens, a Pasadena retirement facility, where emeriti colleagues were her neighbors. She is survived by a sister-in-law and three generations of nieces and nephews.

Adeline Bilovsky, wife of David Bilovsky, died on September 24 in Prague, during a vacation trip. The Bilovskys were active travelers, undiminished by age. Adeline was 85.

As a teacher in the Los Angeles public schools, Adeline was an advocate for the developmentally disabled. In their retirement, David and Adeline maintained an active intellectual life, borne out in their extensive travels. They were married for 65 years.

Besides David, Adeline is survived by two sons, a daughter, five grandchildren, and two sisters.

Hilard Kravitz, husband of Ellen King Kravitz (Music), died at the end of October after a long, debilitating illness. Ellen was his primary caregiver as his disability progressed. A highly respected cardiologist, Hilard was eulogized at a memorial service by former patients, who spoke of his caring warmth throughout their treatment.

Ellen and Hilard founded Friends of Music, the Music Department’s scholarship program, in 1976. During the early years of its growth, they hosted musicales in their home to advance the program’s progress. Now one of the University’s major student support activities, Friends of Music is in turn a tribute to the Kravitzes.

Hilard is survived by three sons from his first marriage, two of whom are physicians, and by two daughters whom he and Ellen adopted.

Also Remembered:

Ellenore C. Takeda
Librarian, 1959-1978

The Emeritimes regrets that obituary information is not available at this time for this colleague.