

# The Emeritimes

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## Sunday Matinees Are Offered for Theatregoers

In an effort to attract larger numbers of emeriti and their spouses and friends to the Association's annual program of social events, the Executive Committee decided to move the program of on-campus theatre performances from Friday or Saturday nights to Sunday matinees. The rationale was that this switch to a daytime event might appeal to those who do not care to go out at night.

Of course, the change also means that the theatre performances are now preceded by a luncheon gathering rather than dinner, and that, also, these gatherings must be held at an off-campus location.

Three of these Sunday events have been scheduled by Winona Brooks, VP Programs, during the Winter and Spring, as follows:

### Sunday, January 13, *The Merry Widow*

Luncheon is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. at Colonial Kitchen, 1110 Huntington Drive, San Marino, followed by the performance at the State Playhouse at 2:30 p.m. of Franz Lehár's "The Merry Widow", at which we will be the guests of the Music Department.

For the purpose of making arrangements, reservations for luncheon and theatre (either or both) **must be made no later than January 10** with Winona Brooks, 149-B Casuda Canyon Drive, Monterey Park, CA, 91754, or phone (818) 289-8966. Payment for luncheon will be made at the restaurant (chef's salad, \$8.00, or full lunch, \$12.00). *Please respond as soon as you read this announcement.*

### Sunday, March 3, *Guys and Dolls*

Performance of this long-time favorite will be directed by Maris Ubans. A special announcement about the time and place of the luncheon will be mailed out in advance of the event, but mark your calendars now.

### Sunday, April 7, *Carmen Zapata*

"Our Lady of the Tortilla", performed by the Bilingual Foundation, will be directed by Carmen Zapata. Again, a flyer will be mailed, but you should mark your calendar now.

## President's Message

Happy 1991! As we Emeriti start this new year, I want to invite all of you to join me in participating in the Emeriti Week program of activities which will take place during the week of February 4 through 9. It is the time when University gives special recognition to the more than 300 members of its retired faculty. It is also the occasion for the celebration of the thirteenth anniversary of the founding on February 9, 1978, of the Emeriti Association.

A number of events are planned, some in the Schools and Departments, others University-wide. The latter are described in this issue of The Emeritimes.

In addition to the Emeriti Week celebration, your officers have put together a program of Sunday matinee theatre events, with luncheons, that are intended to bring emeriti together socially. This program also is described in this issue of the Emeritimes.

*Mildred Marney*

President

## Calendar of Event During Emeriti Week February 4 through 9, 1991

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### Tuesday, February 5, 1991 — Greetings from Academic Senate Reception

During the meeting of the Academic Senate, which begins at 1:45 p.m. in Lecture Hall 2, King Hall, Senate Chairman Harold Goldwhite will acknowledge the presence in the hall of members of the emeriti faculty, and offer them a special welcome to campus.

A reception, to which all emeriti and active faculty are invited, will follow from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the University Club (Choices). Addressing the assembly will be Milton Dobkin, current president of the statewide organization of retired faculty, the Emeriti and Retired Faculty Association.

### Wednesday, February 6, 1991 — A Retirement Workshop

This workshop, co-sponsored by the Emeriti Association and the California Faculty Association, is intended especially to provide recent and upcoming retiring faculty with information to assist them in retirement planning. However, already retired faculty are invited to attend, as both recipients and purveyor of information. The time and place of the workshop is to be announced.

### Friday, February 7, 1991 — Leon Pape Memorial Lecture

We are fortunate that one of the outstanding faculty events of the year takes place this year during Emeriti Week. This lecture, presented annually by the Department of Physics and Astronomy to honor the late Professor Leon Pape, Nobel Laureate and former faculty member at Cal State, will be given in Room 158 of the Physical Science Building at 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Francis Crick, a Britisher who is also a Nobel Laureate and is currently associated with the Salk Institute for Biological Studies and UC San Diego. His subject: "Visual Awareness".

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## New Emeriti Faculty

The following members of the University faculty have been granted emeritus status upon their retirement from active teaching:

**CHARLES E. BECKWITH**

*Professor of English*  
Joined faculty in 1957

**ELEANOR M. TWEEDIE**

*Professor of English*  
Joined faculty in 1968

**PAUL K. ROAN**

*Professor of Sociology*  
Join faculty in 1956

**BUTRUS ABD AL-MALIK**

*Professor of History*  
Joined faculty in 1969

**FERNANDO B. MORINGO**

*Professor of Physics*  
Joined faculty in 1963

**FRED M. REINMAN**

*Professor of Anthropology*  
Joined faculty in 1967

**RICHARD L. STONE**

*Professor of Anthropology*  
Joined faculty in 1971

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## A Tribute to Leadership

During the decades of the 1950s and the 1960s, California State University, Los Angeles grew from a small college to a major university. As the enrollment increased at an average of 1,000 students per year, there were never enough classrooms, never enough faculty members to teach the classes, and never enough funds to finance the ever-growing needs. It was a time that called for innovative and creative leadership. Problems arose daily, almost hourly, that required immediate answers.

Among those leadership contributed in a major way to the growth of the University were two men whose death during Fall 1990 are reported here—John Salmond, Emeritus Vice President for Administration, and Rudolph Sando, Emeritus Professor of Education and Dean of the School of Education.

### RUDOLPH SANDO

Rudolph Sando died of a cardiac arrest following surgery for cancer on October 5, 1990. He was 82.

Rudy, who has resided in Citrus Heights, near Sacramento, since his retirement in 1973, came to Cal State L.A. as Professor of Secondary Education in 1952 and chairman of his department from 1954 to 1956. He was promoted to Chairman of the Division of Education in 1956, and when the University reorganized its academic program into schools, he was named Dean of the School of Education.

During his 17-year tenure, the School of Education maintained a record as the leader among California colleges and universities in the preparation of credentialed teachers for public elementary and secondary schools.

A Minnesotan by birth, Rudy earned degrees at Luther College in Iowa, the Univ. of Montana, and UC Berkeley. He served as a teacher and administrator in the public schools of North Dakota and Montana before coming to California.

For ten years following his retirement from Cal State L.A., Rudy served frequently on secondary school accreditation

### JOHN SALMOND, JR.

John Salmond, who died August 31, 1990, in his retirement home city of Palm Springs, came to what was then known as Los Angeles State College in 1951 as Registrar. During the 29 years he served until his retirement in 1980, John held successively the posts of Associate Dean of Institution, Dean of Instructional Services, Vice President for Business Affairs and, finally Vice President for Administration.

A native Californian, John attended the University of Southern California, interrupting his studies in 1942 to spend four years as an officer with the 13th Armored division of the U.S. Army during World War II. He returned to USC after the war to earn his B.A. degree in 1949.

John is survived by his wife, Ginny, a son Steve, who lives in Ashland, OR, and a daughter Andrea, who resides in Long Beach.

teams for the Western Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

He is survived by his wife Ruth, sons Robert and Gordon, and two sisters.

## In Memoriam

**Michael F. (Mike) Abbadessa**, longtime member of the staff of the Physical Education Department who was known to many as an organizer and promoter of faculty-staff golf tournaments for the CSEA and the Athletic Department, died October 1 of cancer at 64 years of age. He had been retired since 1989.

Mike was a well-known figure in sports circles throughout Southern California. He served as an official in baseball, basketball

and football, from Little League through all college sports.

**Walter (Rico) Burrell**, a Public Affairs Manager who was well known on campus for his outstanding skills as a writer and photographer, has died after an extended illness. In addition to his services on the staff of the Office of Public Affairs, Rico was actively involved in the programs in the Department of Music, including the Saturday Conservatory, the Friends of Music, the Extravaganza, and the Bel Canto Singers.

## Campus Briefs

### New Associate Dean

Costello L. Brown, Professor of Chemistry and a member of the University faculty since 1969, has been appointed as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, to serve with Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Theodore J. Crovello. A prolific researcher and a dedicated teacher, Brown is known nationally as a consultant on minority student recruitment and retention in the sciences. He has been the recipient of significant federal grants in support of his research in organic chemistry and his development of science career programs for high school and undergraduate college students.

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### New Center Director

Marie S. Torres, holder of a B.A. in Social Welfare from Cal State L.A. and a master's in Social Work from USC, has assumed the directorship of the Roybal Center for Applied Gerontology. The Center was established in 1989 for developing collaborative training, service, and research programs with community agencies and other institutions. The objective is to address the unique contexts of ethnic diversity among the elderly population.

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### New Juvenile Dependency Court Rising Near Campus

A new Juvenile Dependency Court, the nation's first "child-sensitive" facility designed to remove child abuse and dependency cases from the downtown court facilities is being built by the Los Angeles County in Monterey Park on a site south of the freeway from the Cal State L.A. campus. Groundbreaking took place last May, with President Rosser participating, and completion of the facility is scheduled for 1992.

The New court represents a cooperative effort by L.A. County, the L.A. Superior Court, state government officials, and Cal State L.A. The new court will incorporate "child-friendly" features, such as small courtrooms with low ceiling, a circular arrangement of courtroom furniture and a judge's bench no higher than six feet from the floor. There will also be "quiet-time" areas for children, as well as recreation and learning areas—all of this in an effort to ease the trauma of court appearances for the young victims of neglect and abuse.

# 1989-1990 Outstanding Professors

Four members of the University faculty were announced as the winners of the 1989-1990 Outstanding Professor Awards during the Fall Faculty Meeting on Opening Day, September 24.

Recipients of the awards were E. Dale Carter, Jr., Professor of Spanish and Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures; Dorothy L. Keane, Professor of Education; John Y. Lee, Professor of Accounting and Chair of the Department; and Janet A. Seaman, Professor of Physical Education and Director of the Associated Clinics. In addition, Phoebe Dea, professor of Chemistry and recipient of the Outstanding Professor Award in 1980-81, has been selected as the Cal State L.A. nominee for the 1990 CSU systemwide Outstanding Professor Award.

Hendrik Keyzer, chairman of the Outstanding Professor Awards Selection Committee, "made the presentation with his characteristic wit, charm, and humor", according to *University Reports*.

The University's Outstanding Professor Awards program, established by the Academic Senate to recognize excellence in teaching, scholarship, research, and professional achievement by faculty. Since the first awards were given out in 1963-64, a total of 112 members of the faculty have been honored. Up to four recipients are selected for the awards each year by a special selection committee from among nominations received from the campus community.

Cal State L.A. has an enviable record of nine of its faculty members having been recipients of the CSU Trustees' systemwide award, which is given each year to two nominees from the 20-campus system each year. Two other campuses have each five winners of the award. The University's past winners have been four in Chemistry and one each in Art, Home Economics, Music, Psychology, and Sociology.

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## Emeriti Week Calendar

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### Saturday, February 9, 1991 — Faculty/Staff Extravaganza

**Serendipity Takes Over!** A not-to-be-missed event will finish off Emeriti Week. This always highly enjoyed production will be the sixth biennial "Extravaganza", sponsored by the Department of Music to fund student scholarships. Your \$8.00 admission is a donation to the cause. Richard McComb is the director of the performance, described as a vocal ensemble, comprising a delightful mixture from faculty, staff, and administration, coming together on stage in a common love of music. Performance excerpts from musical comedy, opera, and operetta in two fully staged and costumed acts."

For emeriti and their guests, arrangements have been made for a 6:00 p.m. dinner at the Colonial Kitchen restaurant on Huntington Drive in San Marino. Reservations: send two checks (one to "Friends of Music" for \$8.00 per person and another to "Emeriti Association" for \$11.25 per person) to Winona Brooks, 149-B Casuda Cyn. Drive, Monterey Park, 91754. The reservation deadline is Monday, February 4.

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Cal State L.A. will assist the court and its support agencies by providing specially trained personnel. The facility will provide unique training experiences for Cal State L.A. students preparing to work in the field.

Three graduates of Cal State L.A. who are much involved in the development of the new programs are Frank Zolin, Executive Officer of the Superior Court, L.A. County Sheriff Sherman Block, and L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

### Allison Replaces Ferguson

Laird Allison, Emeritus Professor of Management and a Past President of the Emeriti Association, has been selected by the Executive Committee to fill out the unexpired term of Lloyd Ferguson as a Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee, extending through 1991-92.

Ferguson, an Emeritus Professor of Chemistry, has moved to Sacramento. Since his retirement in 1986, Lloyd has been a frequent speaker in the Los Angeles area junior and senior high schools.

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## Professional and Personal

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# Greetings from CSU-ERFA

By Milton Dobkin, CSU-ERFA President

**GORDON SEVERANCE** (Business and Economics), who took early retirement in 1980, sends the following report of his activities since moving to Northern California ten years ago:

"Just concluded ten years as Professor of Business Law at the University of Nevada, Reno, where I served as Chairman of the Managerial Sciences Department and as Acting Dean of the College of Business Administration. I am now Professor Emeritus.

"In the Spring of 1990 I was visiting professor at Makerere University School of Law in Kampala, Uganda, and will return to that post again in the Spring of 1991.

"In January, I climbed to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,300 feet), Africa's highest summit. In April I went white-water rafting down the mighty Zambezi River below Victoria Falls. During the Spring Semester, as a member of the secular Franciscans, I designed, built, and raised financing for a medical clinic that is treating 15,000 needy Ugandans each year in the infamous war-torn Luwero Triangle, 30 miles north of Kampala.

"When I return to the Makerere Law School, I will be teaching Constitutional Law and also will be consulting with the Republic of Uganda, which is in the process of revising its constitution.

"The fourth edition of Severance's co-authored text, *Contemporary Business Law* has just been published by McGraw-Hill.

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**WALTER BEAVER** (Emeritus Professor of Theatre Arts) and his wife, **BETH**, seem to have developed a whole new career in the theatre arts—motion pictures, theatre, and television—since their retirement. Their annual Christmas letter and other mailings tell their story.

There was a new play, "To Be Let Alone", in which both appeared and was so well received that it may be made into a movie, Walt reports. There was Walt's performance with Linda Evans in ABC's Movie of the Week, "I'll Take Romance", and "Defense Play", all of which showed around Thanksgiving time.

Walt's role in the film as a drunk, very well played indeed, had the added bonus of allowing the Beavers to spend several weeks on location in Seattle. It gave them the chance to dine atop the Space Needle and go

First let me express our appreciation for your action to affiliate with us. It is particularly gratifying to have the Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association be one of the first campus organizations to affiliate, since CSU-ERFA's Founding President is one of your emeriti.

CSU-ERFA began as a bright gleam in Professor Sidney Albert's eye. After several years of monumental effort, the organization began a period of rapid growth during Professor Jack Byrom's (Northridge) presidency. During that growth many changes took place which are in accord with the statement of purposes in the CSU-ERFA Constitution.

A number of CSU-ERFA members from your campus, among them Professors Leonard Mathy, Mary Gormly, John Houk, and Victor Payse, contributed major efforts during that time. Examples of these labors were Mathy's shepherding action culminating in the Trustee Resolution which gave CSU recognition to the status of emeriti (over resistance from the former Chancellor Reynolds) and Payse's labors on computer related matters, including an interpretive summary of CSU-ERFA member concerns and needs.

This work, along with the efforts of others, has led CSU-ERFA into activities which are never competitive with those sponsored by campus emeriti organizations but are attempts to be responsive to expressed interests of CSU emeriti generally, as well as helpful to affiliates.

Thus CSU-ERFA has cooperated with, and at times led, other organizations representing retirees in matters of legislative advocacy, such as the revolt over the catastrophic care premium provisions and resistance to the recent raid on PERS funds. CSU-ERFA Vice President Wilma Krebs (Sacramento) currently also serves as President of the Senior Coalition, and Past President Byrom (who is also our Executive Director) is our active representative to the PERS Betterment Committee.

And that's not all. Other liaison work continues. Professors Nicholas "Perk" Hardeman and James Ryan (both Long Beach) represent emeriti interests to the Statewide Academic Senate and the California Faculty Association, respectively, while as CSU-ERFA President, I have expressed emeriti concerns to Chancellor McCune and the Trustees. Furthermore the recent CSU-ERFA State Council recommended that these liaison functions be expanded to include other organizations who influence the welfare of emeriti.

Beyond such matters of representation, CSU-ERFA's activities are varied and growing. Our negotiations with the Emeriti Placement Service have been successful and our participation in that program is up and running at no cost to individual CSU-ERFA members. The Association's Long Term Health Care Committee is continuing its labors and may have recommendations ready for the first Executive Committee meeting in 1991.

Ever increasing attention is being given to the concerns of retired faculty who have moved away from their home campuses and wish contact with emeriti faculty in new locations.

As our membership grows we will be able to provide more (and we hope, better!) service. Are you a member of CSU-ERFA yet? Enrollment forms can be obtained by calling the main office, 818-886-1196.

Thanks for permitting me to give you these comments.

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on tours, including a trip to Victoria, B.C., for tea at the famous old Empress Hotel.

Early in the year there was Walt's role as a middle-aged lover in "Clandestine at Crystal". And the list goes on about the 1990 odyssey of the Beavers. But don't be surprised if Walt shows up in the 1991 edition of the "Extravaganza" on campus on February 9. But, can he sing, too?

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**AKE SANDLER** (Emeritus Professor of Political Science), is continuing his long-time interest in promoting the role of the ombudsman in our society. In addition to writing extensively on the subject, he has

been testifying before the State Legislature in support of establishing an ombudsman for the State of California

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The name of **DONALD LEARY** (Emeritus Professor of Zoology) keeps popping up in the news, as he continues to pursue the research of spiders. The latest mention came in an article by Charles Hillinger in the *Los Angeles Times*, in which he reports that Don visits a research center at Zzyzx in the Mojave Desert to study desert spiders. The site, owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, functions as the California State University's Desert Studies Center.

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