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## **“... Of Cabbages and Kings”**

The newsletter of the University of the Pacific Emeriti Society  
January, 2012

### **SPRING EMERITI LUNCH, March 28, 2012 by Mike Sharp**

The Emeriti spring luncheon will take place this year on March 28<sup>th</sup> in the Regents' Dining Room. Mark your calendars and get your reservations in early because this is an event you won't want to miss! Our speaker will be Courtney Lehmann, the Tully Knoles Endowed Professor of the Humanities at Pacific, one of our most prolific scholars and outstanding teachers. Courtney, who came to Pacific only in 1998, has in her few years here not only developed a Pacific Humanities Scholars' Program to attract excellent students to campus but has been a very active scholar as well. She celebrated the publication of her 5<sup>th</sup> book last year—Screen Adaptations: Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet,' the Relationship Between Text and Film.

Our approximate schedule will be:

10:00 to 11:00 social hour with coffee and doughnuts.

11:00 to 12:00 Courtney's talk with the intriguing title:

**"Unbearable Lightness: Being without the Humanities?"**

Election of new president and vice-president.

12:00 to 1:00—another excellent lunch from Bon Appetit.

1:00 Chris Goff, Academic Council Chair, on news from the Council

The cost for all this—including lunch, coffee, set-up, and various services—is still \$20 per person. As always, spouses are encouraged to attend. Finally, we again welcome your donations to help keep our finances in the black. We very much appreciate your support in the past!

You can, of course, pay by check (to the UOP Emeriti Society) or cash either by mail or at the door, but to avoid confusion about numbers of attendees, please let me know as soon as possible if you're coming and if your spouse will accompany you. Direct all replies and checks to me at: [fsharp@pacific.edu](mailto:fsharp@pacific.edu) or by snail mail at:

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To ensure that we have correct numbers on time to Bon Appetit, we need to have all replies by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thanks and we are looking forward to seeing you on March 28<sup>th</sup>!

## **SPRING WINE AND CHEESE: FEBUARY 23, 3:30-5:30 PM**

Our first event of the spring semester will be a wine and cheese gathering in the Regents Dining Room on Thursday, February 23 from 3:30 to 5:30pm. We have invited Phil Gilbertson to come and speak about his work on the history of the University. He has completed a draft of the first chapter (1851-1923) and has some wonderful tales to tell. He'll tell us why he is considering "Pacific, on the Edge" as the title of the book. Come and join us for wine, cheese, history and good fellowship.

## **FOSTERING EMERITI/ALUMNI CONTACTS by Neil Lark**

We are thinking about developing ways for Pacific emeriti to get together with Pacific alumni in regions outside Stockton. There are a few active alumni clubs in areas where some faculty have retired. With permission from individual emeriti we could share contact information with the club officers there. Other possibilities are under discussion. If you are interested or have questions or suggestions please contact Neil Lark at [nlark@comcast.net](mailto:nlark@comcast.net) or (209) 466-6530. We will have more details in the next issue of Cabbages & Kings.

The Alumni Association publishes the electronic newsletter "What's Up Pacific?" If you have not signed up for the newsletter and would like to receive it, go to [www.pacificalumni.org](http://www.pacificalumni.org). At the top is a note "SIGN UP FOR EMAILS." Click it and register.

## **EMERITI SOCIETY HISTORY by Doris Meyer**

It's November 30, 1988, and eighteen individuals have gathered for the first organizational meeting of a "university group." Les Medford, Sy Kahn and Fay Goleman are voted in as the new officers, the Executive Committee, of "the group."

Who made up the group? Who were they? Old minutes tell us that they were faculty and administrators so honored at retirement with the designation of emeritus/emerita.

Push "Fast Forward"! It's now 2012. And we've decided that our Society history is worth recording. So four of us have started to drag through old Executive Committee minutes, and "... of Cabbages and Kings." We've found letters and memos. And we are beginning to piece the puzzle pieces together.

Who will read our history? Who will view our website? Who cares? We're not sure. . . . but we're moving.

So far our layout includes a chronological list of seemingly important Society dates. The second format is organized by topics/areas of Society involvement, i.e., the early years of founding, the development of the "relationship statement" with the University, the organizing of retirement seminars with Human Resources, the creation of the Oral History Project with the expertise of the Library Special Collections, etc., etc.

Investigating the Society has been interesting. It's a time consuming job, still a work-in-progress. Yet, hopefully, the project will be worth the effort.

Acknowledgements are due to Roy Whiteker, Les Medford, and Doris Meyer for their work on the history. We'll keep you updated!

## **CURRENT BUDGET FROM OUR NEW TREASURER by Ed Pejack**

Ed Pejack, our new Treasurer, reported at our December meeting that there is \$1889 currently in our account.

## **ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS CONTINUE**

An Oral History interview has been scheduled for Jed Scully, Nominations for Oral History Interviews should be sent to any member of the Executive Board.

## **New features for online content of Oral History Interviews by Mike Wurtz**

Holt-Atherton Special Collections and University Archives has updated the software for viewing online collections including the Emeriti Oral History Collection. There are many ways to get to the oral histories including any links that you have already saved. If not, go to [tinyurl.com/uoporahistory](http://tinyurl.com/uoporahistory). The new viewer contains an easy to use search bar. So if you are interested in, say, the football program, simply type "football" in the line and hit the search button. The results will show all the Oral Histories where the interviewee mentions football. There are more complex searches available too.

Special Collections and University Archives offers a couple of other online sources too. Aerial Views of Pacific includes over 50 aerials and maps of campus from 1924 to 2006. Look carefully and you can spot the railroad line that skirted the Calaveras River or take another look at the beloved Quonset huts. You can visit this collection by starting at the oral histories and clicking on "Digital Collections" at the top of the page. Once at the digital collections home page look for the icon called "Aerial Views of Pacific." Once at the items, you can zoom in and get a good look by following the on-screen buttons.

If you need assistance with either of these, let Trish or Mike in Special Collections know.

## **TO ACCESS ORAL HISTORY:**

There are about three dozen transcripts of oral history interviews on line now.

The most direct path to them is:

1. Go to the Pacific website, [pacific.edu](http://pacific.edu)
2. Click on the A-Z Directory at the top of the home page
3. Click on Oral History Collection under "O"
4. Click on photo or name of interviewed person

For more information about the background of the Oral History Project go to the Emeriti site on the University website. To get there go to Emeriti in the A-Z Directory.

## **NEW FORMAT FOR THE RETIREMENT DINNER by Roseann Hannon**

We received an offer from Bill Coen, Director of the Alumni Association, to co-sponsor the Faculty Retirement Dinner and to invite Alumni to attend the Dinner. Provost Maria Pallivicini agreed to try the new format for two years.

This year Alumni as well as Faculty will be invited to the Retirement Dinner. The Dinner will be held at the new Vereschagin Alumni House. A joint Committee has been formed to plan the event. Roseann Hannon and Ralph Saroyan are the Emeriti Society Representatives on the Committee. The Retirement Dinner will be held on April 24.

## **REPORT FROM THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL by Roland di Franco, Emeriti Academic Council Representative**

The Academic Council now has its own office on the sixth floor of Burns Tower. The office is now staffed by the Council's Administrative Assistant Lourdes Reyes.

In September President Eibeck stated her five goals for the year: Plan for the future through the development of an academic strategic plan, Improve student success, Prepare for a fund raising campaign, Develop a more vibrant Stockton campus, and Enhance institutional effectiveness.

The new Director of Sustainability is Shanna Eller. Council members raised the issue of noise from leaf-blowers interrupting classes. The issue is under continued attention.

The new Executive Board consists of Chris Snell, Kieran Holland, Jeff Miles (School of Dentistry), and Tamara Phelan and ex-officio members Chris Goff, Susan Giraldez and Harriet Arnold.

The Policy on Scholarly or Scientific Misconduct was approved. It calls for the appointment of a faculty member on each campus to whom initial allegations of misconduct would be referred.

A new Strategic Planning Committee was established. In addition 12 study groups were established to study specific issues of Strategic Planning. Each group was asked to develop a written report by December 9, 2011.

The decreased enrollment at the Law School is of concern to the Regents. They discussed the possibility of reducing the size of the Law School.

The Provost's office is being reorganized. Four new positions have been created: Vice Provost, Assistant Provost for International Affairs, Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs, and Assistant Provost for University-Wide Programs.

To provide better communication between committees and the Council each member of the Executive Board has been given liaison responsibilities for a number of committees.

President Eibeck reported on the move of the Dental School to new facilities in San Francisco. She also reported that a new residence hall north of the Calaveras is in the planning stage.

A new Institutional Effectiveness Committee has been formed to look broadly at program review.

The Student Academic Grievance has been simplified. There have been only 2 grievances a year.

Vice President Pat Cavanaugh reported that the University was moving to a plan in which the University contribution for healthcare would be the same for each choice of healthcare plan.

This year's freshman class is 927 students. The average SAT was 1177. The goal is to raise the SAT score by 10 point each year until 1200 is reached.

The students planned to hold "Occupy Pacific" on January 20. Apparently it did not happen.

In December Moody's visited the University to determine if the University will maintain its A2 rating. It was later reported that the University did maintain its A-2 rating.

Early in the fall, Provost Pallavicini invited Academic Consultant Sheila O'Rourke to study the Representation of Women on the Faculty. In December she presented her report. Overall the University is in good shape with regard to this issue. She recommended broad circulation of open faculty positions, effective mentoring, clear 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year reviews, and creating a welcoming academic climate.

The history of the University in the Faculty Handbook was revised to include the selection of President Eibeck and her new initiatives.

The Intellectual Property Policy was modified to include undergraduate students and not just graduate students.

Brian Klunk reported that the WASC Report is finished and will be submitted to WASC on January 8. The report has three themes. There has been a great improvement in learning assessment. The history and uses of Program Review has been assembled and a new Program Review process is under development. Student Success has improved. The six-year graduation rate has gone from 65% to 75%. The WASC Educational Effectiveness Review visit is scheduled for April 2, 2012 through April 4, 2012.

The "Symposium on Strategic Opportunities" is planned for Saturday, January 28 from 12:00 to 4:30 pm in Grace Covell Hall to discuss the value and trade-offs of different future opportunities for Pacific. Reports on various opportunities can be found on the Strategic Planning Committee on InsidePacific's Administrative tab. RSVP to [presidentrsvp@pacific.edu](mailto:presidentrsvp@pacific.edu).

The February meeting of the Academic Council will be held at McGeorge Law School.

## **OBITUARY FOR ALFRED E. GILMOUR, Professor Emeritus, School of Dentistry, 2011**

The University Community mourns the loss of Alfred Edward Campbell Gilmour, who passed away in Santa Rosa, California, on May 21, 2011, at the age of 85. Gilmour was a long-time school administrator involved in numerous aspects of student affairs, fundraising and public relations.

Gilmour was born and raised in Jeanette, Pennsylvania. He joined the military at age 17, serving on the USS San Pedro during World War II. In 1958, Gilmour and wife MaryAnn moved to Michigan where he worked at Olivet College in numerous roles, including student dean, admissions director and administrative assistant to the president.

In 1967, Gilmour accepted a position at the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, where he worked from 1968 through 1990. During his tenure, Gilmour served as Director, and then Assistant Dean of Development and Public Relations, and Associate Dean for Student Affairs. He received the Alumni Association's prestigious Medallion of Distinction Award in 1990.

After retiring, he was instrumental in fundraising for causes such as the Kenwood Education Foundation and the Children's Memorial Grove at Spring Lake. In 2010, Gilmour received an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Olivet College in Michigan.

## **OBITUARY FOR WALTER L. NYBERG, Professor Emeritus, Religious Studies, 1922 – 2011**

The Rev. Dr. Walter L. Nyberg, Ph.D., 89, died peacefully on December 6, 2011 in his Aptos, CA residence, of congestive heart failure.

Walter was born November 20, 1922 in Minneapolis, MN. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. He graduated from Boston University School of Theology receiving a Bachelors of Sacred Theology in 1949 and a Masters of Sacred Theology in 1953. He served as a Methodist minister in Massachusetts, Oregon and Kansas from 1947 to 1962. He received his Ph.D. at New York University and in 1962 accepted a teaching position in the Religious Studies Department at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, where he taught courses in Bible, Religious Education and Psychology of Religion for 28 years. He also maintained a private practice in Stockton, CA as a Marriage and Family Counselor and hypnotherapist.

Walter was married to Ruth Brewster Whitney for 66 years. They lived in Stockton, CA for 46 years, where they raised their four children. In 2008, Walter and Ruth moved to Santa Cruz, an area they had come to love, and in 2010, to Aptos, CA.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Knute Harold Nyberg and Helga Bergman Nyberg, both Swedish immigrants to the United States, his stepmother, Judith Nyberg, and his brother, Harold Nyberg. Walter is survived by his wife, Ruth Whitney Nyberg, Aptos CA, his four children, Jane Whitney Nyberg, Santa Cruz, CA, James Brewster Nyberg, Aptos, CA, Peter Wesley Nyberg, Petaluma, CA, and Paul Wesley Nyberg, Redding, CA, as well as six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Walter was an avid reader, enjoyed music, dancing, singing in choral groups, travel, volunteering in his community and spending time with his wife and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Santa Cruz County, 940 Disc Drive, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 or other charitable organization of the donors choosing.

Memorial services were held January 7, 2012 in Aptos, and January 14, 2012 at Central Methodist Church in Stockton. Contact: [peter\\_nyberg@yahoo.com](mailto:peter_nyberg@yahoo.com).

## **NEWS FROM MEMBERS by Maurie McCullen**

**Elmer Clawson** reports that accessing Oral History transcripts is easy on Mac (OS X version). Go to UOP website, click on "Oral History" and you should be right at the site.

**Bob Dash** writes: The sailboat is "on the hard" & the cottage closed for the winter. Bob & Maria Luisa are in Stockton until late spring. It's nice to be away from the cold & snow & among longtime friends. We shared a pre-Christmas dinner with Connor & Ria Sutton & George & Linda Nemeth at Sutton's in Redmond, on our way to spend Christmas with son Eric in Seattle.

**Ron Limbaugh** forwards a congratulatory letter from Irving Rockwood, Ed. & Pub. of CHOICE MAGAZINE, informing him that his TUNGSTEN in PEACE and WAR: 1918-1946 has been selected for inclusion in the Outstanding Academic Title list for 2012. Rockwood concludes his letter thus: "Again, congratulations on an outstanding publishing achievement." As less than 1% of the 7260 titles reviewed by CHOICE were selected for the list, we can only agree. "Good Job, That Man."

**Ria & Connor Sutton** are well and remain busy keeping up places in Redmond and the coast. Connor works a lot in his shop. Ria quilts & plays hand bells (These diversions if they're ever indoors.). Ria continues, we went to Branson, MO in Sept. for a week, and then travelled through Arkansas & Texas, spending time with daughter Allison & family. Hiking in the Sierra at Christmastime, and camping at Half-moon Bay over New years with son Matt & Family. March will find them in Hawaii with the Nemeths. Ria sends best wishes to "all the emeriti" and says that they miss us.

**Doug Tedards** sends this "brief blurb." Emeritus Doug Tedards is serving his 2d year as halftime Director of Writing in the Disciplines and the Writing Center at Pacific. His Daughter, Mandy, teaches at the International Baccalaureate elementary school. Wife Judy teaches at S.J. Elementary, both in Stockton. Follow him on Twitter@Tedards, on Facebook, or on campus.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SPRING WINE AND CHEESE: FEBRUARY 23, 3:30-5:30**

**SPRING EMERITI LUNCH: MARCH 28, 10:00-1:30**

**RETIREMENT DINNER: APRIL 24**

**UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT: MAY 5**

**ALUMNI REUNION: JUNE 22-24**

**RAYMOND COLLEGE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: AUGUST 3-5**

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