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University of the Pacific Emeriti Newsletter

Happy Holidays

A message from the Emeriti Society President

Our Fall Luncheon was a huge success! October 17 provided our members with a very special event. We had our largest turnout ever. Everyone, including spouses, were eager to meet President DeRosa. And, he surely did not disappoint any

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of us. He brings a sense of warmth and creates an air of confidence.

In fact, all of the speakers were honest and straight forward with their reports, and yet enthusiastic about the University and its future.

It amazes me that always, when asked, our University officials are so willing to come to meet with our group. They are a dedicated, conscientious team of professionals.

Jerry Briscoe, our Newsletter Editor, has reported on their presentations. Look for those remarks elsewhere in this edition.

Thank you, President DeRosa, AVP Lee Fennell, Academic Council Chair Herb Reinelt, COP Dean Bob Benedetti, and Dean of Admissions Ed Schoenberg for taking your time to join with us.

A Big Thank You of Appreciation to AVP Lee Fennell

The Fall Luncheon also gave our Society the opportunity to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Lee. Words conveyed the total and continuing support that Lee has given our Society these last few years. Certainly the strength of our Society

has grown each year by the number of members. But Lee has always stood by and, in fact, encouraged our projects. He has personally given increased visibility of our Emeriti group to the campus community.

Spring Luncheon, March 5, 1996

Save the date!! Tuesday, March 5, 1996, is all set for our Spring Luncheon meeting. We plan to follow the same format. Hopefully, several of our new administrators will be on board by then. We would like to introduce the new University Provost, the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and the new Director of Human Resources. If you have suggestions for interesting topics and/or speakers for future meetings, please let us know.

Reuben Smith is our Program Chair. Certainly, he is to be commended for his ability to arrange for our outstanding luncheon events.

1996 University Faculty Retiree Dinner -- April 30

Again, our Emeriti Society is working with AVP Lee Fennell and Doyle Minden, Director of University Relations, in the planning of this Spring's Faculty Retiree Dinner. You

will remember that we helped to re-establish this special occasion this past May. Everyone, especially the honored guests, their families and friends, really enjoyed the tastefully presented evening.

So save April 30, 1996, for the 1996 Retiree Event.

Parking Permits

Don't give up on the prospect of a complimentary (or very nominal fee) campus parking permit. AVP Lee Fennell continues to encourage us regarding its "reality." Things just seem to take some time, you know.

Relationship Statement

I am pleased to announce that our updated "Relationship Statement," with its description of the mutual benefits to the University and to emeriti faculty, has been approved. Our documents have been transmitted to Carl Nosse, Executive Assistant to the President, for inclusion in the revised University Governance document.

As an important follow-up, an Emeriti Society Informational Brochure is in preparation. Les Medford has taken on the task to create and have produced a brochure that will describe the history and objectives of our Emeriti Society. The brochure will also spell out the relationship of emeriti to and with the University. We are pleased with the prospect of this informational product, and plan to make it available for all upon its completion.

Clearly, the brochure development has been a big job, but, as usual, Les' work has been "from the heart" and first class!! Thank you, Les.

Admissions Office Opportunities

Would you like to do some Admissions Office visitations? Alums, faculty and staff will be "on the road" again this spring. If you would be willing to participate in one or more of the visitations, stand by a booth at a "college night," etc., just call Janet Dial, Associate Dean of Admissions, 946-2211, and sign up. Janet will then contact you for some "training" (an updating on curricular changes, new academic programs, financial aid procedures, etc.).

Why not give it a try!! Sounds like fun!

Constitution Amendment Vote

You will remember that you were asked to vote on the amendment that would include the office of "Treasurer" to the list of other offices of our Society.

Thirty-five (35) Emeriti members responded with a Yes to zero (0) for No. It's done! Dale Dunmire has served in that role for the last two years. Now it's official. Thanks a lot, Dale!!

Balanced Budget/Financial Statement

You will be pleased to know that we have submitted a balanced budget for 1995-96. We are solvent! The University continues to cover our newsletter and mailing costs. We pay for our own luncheons. And, our voluntary contributions gradually add up. When that latter fund becomes larger, we will want to identify an appropriate award. If you have suggestions, please contact one of our Executive Committee members.

Thank you to all of you who have responded to our requests for your suggestions and ideas. Thank you for

your compliments on our luncheon programs. It is clear that our membership is pleased with our programs.

Thank you to Pearl Piper, Darlene Hall and Rose Fox for their willingness to help us keep our activities moving along. And to all of you, our Executive Committee would like to wish you and your family a lovely holiday season!!

Sincerely,

Doris Meyer
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President De Rosa Praises UOP Faculty Caring

President DeRosa, speaking to the fall Emeriti meeting, noted that the faculty places a high value on one's concern for the student here. "We must celebrate it, communicate it, and reinforce it," President De Rosa said.

Dr. De Rosa reported on part of his tour through Alumni groups around the state. He spoke to them of his plans to review the programs of the University.

Dr. De Rosa noted that the Regents of the University have rewritten their by-laws in line with guidelines provided by the Association of Governing Boards. He expressed his hope that the University is working toward greater trust among the elements of the school.

Acting Academic Vice President Fennell Reports Increases in Student Numbers, Quality

Vice President Lee Fennell noted that our enrollment is 4150, slightly ahead of last year. The incoming class profile is outstanding, partly due to the Regents Scholar program started in 1992. Fennell said that of those scholars who started in 1992, 92% are still with us or have graduated.

Fennell echoed the statement by President De Rosa that the faculty are the most important reason for this good retention, and said that in a study of alumni from one, five and ten years past, these alumni remember the quality of the faculty as the best aspect of their years at UOP.

Society Honors AAVP Fennell

Society President Doris Meyer presented AAVP Lee Fennell with a Meritorious Service Award at the fall meeting. The citation reads, "The University of the Pacific Emeriti Society honors Acting Academic Vice President Lee C. Fennell with this Meritorious Service Award in recognition of his manifold contributions to our society. He has

provided insight, guidance, and unfailing support to the society during many of its formative years. We gratefully acknowledge our profound debt to him."

Dean Schoenberg

Dean Edward Schoenberg reported another successful year in which the Office of Admissions with cooperation from the UOP community has brought to campus a larger number of able students and has admitted fewer marginal ones. The Regents Scholarships are an excellent tool. Ninety Regent Scholars enrolled this year. (AVP Fennell mentioned that the average SAT scores for this newest group of Regents Scholars is 1238.)

Dean Schoenberg pointed out that UOP attracts the third largest number of California Grant scholars (among the independent colleges and universities) behind only Stanford and the University of Southern California.

He gave the following figures for the rising SAT scores, pointing out that 150 students each year customarily offer ACT scores:

Year	High School GPA Ave	SAT Score Average
1991	3.09	929
1992	3.20	942
1993	3.23	975
1994	3.31	987
1995	3.35	1013

Concerning the budget cuts at the federal level, Dean Schoenberg, who serves on the legislative committee of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, is trying to get the student loan program

continued. At deadline, this was still on the table in Washington, D.C.

Dean Benedetti outlines the Mentor Series

Speaking to the fall meeting of the Emeriti, Dean Robert Benedetti described the contents of the new Mentor series of courses, which constitute the core of the liberal arts requirements for all students at the University. UOP is the largest college in the U.S. with such a core.

The introductory course is based on a book of readings and a handbook on writing, covering timeless topics: "Should you trust your neighbor?" or "What is beautiful?"

The faculty of 25, for this course, meet weekly. Benedetti says the course assists in molding them into teachers. The objective of the course is to stress "academic thought" as opposed to light socializing as the emphasis of the University.

Mentor II, offered in the second semester, takes up questions of public policy. "How free should speech be?" It improves library and speech skills, and demands a term project: a joint policy paper.

Emeriti are invited to teach in Mentor III, Dean Benedetti said, hoping that this communication may stir applicants. It is intended to develop a "language of values" so that students can shape their own philosophy and their own ethical stance. Students write an autobiography which involves some ethical self-examination.

Doyle Minden asks for help with UOP Archives

Emeriti are well qualified to help Doyle Minden with a resorting of the UOP archives. Doyle asks everyone interested in identifying persons in photographs and explaining documents of the University's history to contact him.

Members Send Messages:

Ted Pohlman, "Working on cruise ships over two years total. Round the World Cruises since retiring include '92, '94, '95, and '96."

Earl Washburn, "We enjoy our local family (grandson doing junior year at the University of London); daughter-in-law on Placerville City Council; son Earl's medical practice associated with Foundation Health in Placerville; and Nevada son Steve and daughter-in-law just moved and building a second new home. Very pleased to get a new campus phone directory. The last one I have is 1992. Thanks so much."

Robert J. Smutney, "This year I have at last seen through the press my text, Latin Readings in the History of Medicine, (University Press of America, 1995)."

Sy Kahn, Sy has been busy with interviews on public radio about his book, Between Tedium and Terror, a

diary of his experiences during World War II. He has been writing plays and book reviews for the Leader, a Port Townsend newspaper, and is currently directing two plays for a local theater group named "Bare Boards and Passion." Watch the passion, Sy!

Arthur A. Dibble, "My wife and I are enjoying the amenities and activities in Sun City, Arizona. I play tenor sax in the 75-piece Sun City Concert Band and my wife and I are members of the chorus of the Annual Variety Show and the Westerners choral group."

W. Edgar Gregory, "I had a stroke in the spring and haven't recovered yet. Mitzi died suddenly June 20. I have moved to Plymouth Square, a retirement home."

Boyd Mathias, Boyd offered an Elderhostel course entitled Astronomy, Past and Present, for the UOP Alumni Association at Feather River Inn, September 24-29. Gaylon Caldwell teamed up with him for an offering about issues presented by Galileo Galilei.

Alice Hunter, "I continue working on an insect survey in the Cosumnes River Preserve (Nature Conservancy). Specifically, I am collecting small flies which I classify to genus - but all insects interest me. I work in CR 206."

Len Humphreys, Len continues to teach Asian Civilization II fall term and is lecturing on "Fifty Years of New Japan" in various service clubs in Stockton and Lodi.

Larry Pippin, Larry taught "Canada, Land, Resources, and People" in January, 1995, and will repeat the course in January of 1996. He trained the Pacific Model U.N. delegation and

accompanied it to the 45th Model U.N. of the Far West, representing the Russian Federation. He served on the Bishop Miller Committee, organized delegates for the coming Model U.N. meeting, and attended the 1995 meeting of the American Association for Canadian Studies in Seattle.

Dale Dunmire, "I participate in the Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science (TOPS) program in San Joaquin County schools by teaching science in the elementary schools. My assigned school is Farmington Elementary School."

Stan Beckler, "Finished writing "Around the World in 8 Minutes," part of which was performed in San Francisco June 17th as part of the U.N. celebration. Finished "Brassific No. 2," for full brass. Wrote a "Hail Mary" to be used either by itself or as a descant for "Ave Maria," many other pieces, including a processional for a brass quintet and keyboard, which was used for the last graduation at St. Mary's High."

Paul Hauben, Now back in Stockton, Paul will teach a 3-week course in January term, 1996.

Floyd Helton, Floyd is a member of St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, volunteering in the X-ray transport section.

E. Leslie Medford, Jr., "I am continuing to serve as a Faculty Advisor in the School of International Studies. I am on quite a number of boards and committees, UOP, County, U.S.M.C., and others."

Where They Are Now:

Two former faculty members of Raymond College are now in Washington. Gene Rice, who taught Sociology in COP and was assistant to the Academic Vice President here, is now Director of the American Association for Higher Education Forum on Faculty Roles, and Jerry Gaff is Vice President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

John Williams, now in the English Department of COP, is a key person to contact concerning Raymond graduates and former faculty members. Margaret Reinelt, who was part of the Raymond family, is now Director of Academic Affairs at University College here. From John, I learned that Sue Hoerchner, a graduate of Raymond, later graduated from Yale Law School and is an administrative law judge in Southern California. Sue testified in the Clarence Thomas hearings.

Fay Goleman's son, Daniel Goleman, author, former Harvard Professor, and columnist on behavior for the New York Times, has written a best-selling book, Emotional Intelligence, and returned to one of his boyhood stores, the Bookmark on Pacific Avenue, to sign copies. He was interviewed concerning the book on National Public Radio and was on the cover of Time in October. We're impressed, Fay!

Send Us More of Your News!

Please send back your news as often as possible. Doris will gladly receive anything you send to us: Use her address: 5595 Solari Ranch Road, Stockton, CA 95205.

We wish to thank Darlene Hall and Pearl Piper who type, address and imprint this newsletter!