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The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things:
of shoes and ships - and sealing wax —

... OF CABBAGES & KINGS

University of the Pacific Emeriti Society Newsletter — Fall 2023 edited by Roseann Hannon

Fall 2023 Welcoming Celebration



On September 21st we hosted a Welcoming Celebration to start off the semester and invited Administrators and Emeriti to attend. It was a lovely event held outdoors with 29 individuals attending. Eight administrators, including President Callahan and Jean Callahan were in attendance. The up-scale appetizers and wines were a big hit. This event was a wonderful way to meet new and current administrators and chat with fellow Emeriti. A good time was had by all! [Simalee Smith-Stubblefield]



Emeriti Events Coming Soon

Virtual Meeting - **Chat with President Callahan via Zoom** - Monday, November 27, 4:30-5:30

Emeriti Holiday Party - Tuesday, December 14th

Annual Holiday Celebration – Hosted by President Callahan and Jean Callahan – Tuesday, December 12, 4:30-6:30. All members of the Emeriti Association living in the area invited. Come! Enjoy!!

Fall Luncheon



A goodly group of emeriti, spouses, and guests met at the Alumni House on October 27 for our Fall Emeriti Society Luncheon. After lunch of sandwiches, southwest salad fixings, and desserts, we met and heard from the University's new Provost, Gretchen Ewalds-Gilbert. She started at Pacific in July and previously served on the faculty of Claremont McKenna College, with administrative positions as well.



Provost Ewalds-Gilbert shared progress in working with deans and senior administrators to support students and to continue our University's emphasis on student-centered learning. She also spoke about encouraging interdisciplinary majors and innovation, as well as supporting faculty research and grant preparation. Student retention and enrollment continue to be foundational to teaching, learning, and living for the three campuses. Academic Council chair, John Mayberry, professor of mathematics, addressed our group to tell about such efforts as a new Bachelor of Science in Data Science with collaboration among faculty in mathematics and other departments of the College of the Pacific as well as from the School of Engineering and Computer Science. Time remained for everyone to linger and chat with friends and colleagues on a lovely fall day. [Marilyn Draheim]

Missing Judy Chambers

Our luncheon was a poignant reminder of the loss of longtime Emeriti Board member Judy Chambers. Judy was a vital part of our Board for many years, and she worked especially hard to ensure that our luncheons and other social events were a success. She was almost always present, lending her grace and good humor to our events. As in so many aspects of her life, she was the perfect Emeriti Board member, and we miss her terribly at Board meetings and Emeriti events. We are very grateful that she blessed us with her generous and buoyant spirit for so many years. [Roseann Hannon]

Medicare Part D Presentation

On September 13 Professor of Pharmacy, Dr. Raj Patel, provided the Emeriti Society with a live lecture on updates of the Medicare Program, with an emphasis on Part D. He reviewed coverage of Medicare parts A, B and D, as well as Medicare C (Advantage Programs) and Supplement (medigap) plans. There are 58 different Medicare D options (outpatient prescription drug benefit plans) this next year (2024) for those who live in San Joaquin County (each County has its own group of plan choices). Each plan has a different formulary, cost-sharing structure, and network. Because choosing the right plan can be overwhelming, the Pacific School of Pharmacy has operated a program for the past 17 years to help patients select the best Medicare D program to meet their needs. This program has helped over 11,000 beneficiaries collectively save 11.26 million dollars on their out-of-pocket prescription drug costs. This year Medicare D Health Fairs have been offered in Stockton, Lodi, Tracy, Ripon, Turlock, and San Francisco. Additionally, one can arrange to consult individually by phone. Most of the fairs were conducted in October and the first part of November. If you missed them, you can make a phone appointment by calling 209.910.DRUG (3784), or you can email medicareclinics@pacific.edu. If you still need advice, we encourage you to take care of this soon. Open enrollment is from Oct 15 to Dec 7. [Phil Oppenheimer]

OLLI Update from Jennifer Juanitas, OLLI at Pacific Program Director

People ask me, “*What does OLLI stand for?*” I tell them that it’s an acronym - **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**. Bernard and Barbro Osher started the Osher Foundation in 1977. They are philanthropists who created 125 OLLI’s across the country, in addition to giving millions to other art, health, and educational organizations. There are many different lifelong learning organizations across the world and I believe that OLLI is the gold standard (maybe I am a bit biased). The support the Osher Foundation provides has been phenomenal.

OLLI at Pacific is a non-profit education program designed for people ages 50+ and open to all adult learners, in person and using Zoom (so you can join OLLI if you do not live here locally). Each year, OLLI provides intellectually stimulating, non-credit classes and lectures by professors and experts in their field. Olli also has interest groups, special events and travel opportunities. I just returned from our OLLI conference, which was held in San Diego, Ca. This was my fourth conference if you count the one we did online during the pandemic on Zoom. There is always so much support amongst all the attendees and everyone is understanding and collegial. The first conference I went to was held in Scottsdale, Arizona in October 2018. It was my first-time meeting Mr. Osher. I was so happy to meet him and tell him thank you for all the wonderful things he does.

In addition to funding all the OLLI’s across the country, the Osher Foundation has a Re-Entry Scholarship Program. This scholarship is for non-traditional students, like me. I graduated with my bachelor’s degree in Organizational Behavior in May 2018. I was 48 years old, and I received the \$5000 Osher Re-Entry Scholarship. It was so amazing to shake Mr. Osher’s hand and tell him face to face all he has done for lifelong learning and non-traditional education. He has changed people’s lives for the better.

Therefore, when people ask me “*What does OLLI stand for?*” I realize they are asking about our acronym, but what we really stand for is intellectual exploration and a sense of community. These things are vital to a healthy, high-quality life.

Emeriti Society Reports

Oral History Report

OUR EMERITI SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT IS MOVING ALONG WELL!!

Can you believe it ?? From January 1, 2023 to October 9, 2023, there have been 2,036 *downloads* of our Oral History Collection. Yes, that's right !! Nicole Mountjoy, the Archives librarian, told me so this morning (apparently there is a way that the Holt Atherton Library keeps statistics on that sort of thing). The largest number of interviews counted by unit is, of course, the College of the Pacific and secondly, interviews of administrators. Pharmacy, Engineering, and Education are well represented. There are a number of interviews related to the cluster colleges. We have only a few from Dugoni and McGeorge, but I am certain that they have extensive historical documents in their own libraries. We would like more interviews from the School of Business.

Why don't you check out the Collection. Type in : "University of the Pacific/Emeriti Society website". Then, "Emeriti Society Home". Then "Oral History Project". Then link to "Oral History Archives". You can also find the Collection by going through the Library website, under "archives". The oral histories are listed by alphabetical order of interviewee names.

All of us have recollections of our days with our colleagues and students. All of us have been involved in curriculum development and new programs. History of that needs to be recorded and saved by the University Special Collections and Archives.

If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer yourself, please fill out and submit the form in our Emeriti website or just contact Doris Meyer or any other Board member. You can select your own interviewer. Nicole, at the library, can set up the zoom arrangement for the interview in one of the little study rooms. Suggested questions are provided, but you can always add or skip topics from the list. Thanks in advance for your consideration. [Doris Meyer]

Treasurer's Report

As of November 1, 2023, the Emeriti treasury had a balance of \$2,274.74. We had 29 attendees at the Welcoming Celebration on September 21, 2023. Of those guests, eight were invited administrators. We collected \$315.00 for registration and \$35 in donations. The cost of that event was \$956.43 resulting in a loss of \$606.43. We had 44 individuals attend the Fall luncheon on October 26, 2023. The cost of the event was \$1,146.35, we collected \$1,050.00 for registration and \$95.00 in donations. The money from the Provost's Office covered the cost of this event. The registration for our luncheons is \$25.00, and registration for our Welcoming/Wine and Cheese events is \$15.00. It is due to the generosity of the Provost and others that we continue to have a positive balance in our account. [Simalee Smith-Stubblefield]

Academic Council Highlights — Fall 2023

The Academic Council has met twice at the time of providing this summary. John Mayberry, Mathematics Department, is the Chair for the Academic Council Board this academic year. Chair-elect is Justin Lowe, Benerd College, Educational and Counseling Psychology programs; Past chair is Shika Gupta, Dugoni School of Dentistry. The executive board includes Lydia Fox, Macelle Mahala, and Ahmed Kanna from The College and Gabriella Musacchia, Audiology, School of Health Sciences.

Enrollment and Homecoming/Family Weekend in October: Our Provost, Gretchen Edwalds-Gilbert, informed us that undergraduate and transfer applications are up from last year, and the Homecoming/Family weekend event had record setting numbers of attendees, with 700 potential new students interested in Pacific. Faculty members were able to attend Homecoming Events and she appreciated seeing many faculty at events. Chris Ferguson, Vice President for Enrollment, will be providing reports to the Regents on enrollment for this Fall 2023 at their meeting in October. Undergraduate retention is strong with 88.6% retention for freshman to the sophomore year and less attrition of students. The Provost also reported on work to apply for and to obtain an appointment to become a Hispanic Service Institution (HSI).

New Programs Approvals: A new cross-school undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Data Science program was approved by AC. The School of Engineering and departments from The College are collaborating on four areas of emphasis.

A program for the MA in Counseling Psychology was approved for Benerd College. This program is appropriate for a master's degree with preparation for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Reports to AC: Vice President Mary Lomax-Ghiraduzzi, DEI, reported in September regarding topics such as compliance with the Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action and how our university can continue our identity and procedures for admission and support for students on our three campuses.

Vice President for Student Life, Maria Blandizzi, reported on programs to support shuttle transportation for students, attention to the Counseling programs (CAPS), and programs to support CIP and other programs with leadership from Allison Dumas. Our dean of students, Jose Miguel Leon, addressed our group.

ASUOP Reports: We heard from ASUOP Vice President Cynia Manning about several programs to support undergraduate and graduate students and activities. ASUOP is working with faculty to consider adopting more expansive syllabi language around religious and spiritual observances for many faiths.

Faculty Handbook Updates: Gene Pearson, Emeriti Society Board member, is providing leadership in reviewing the *Faculty Handbook* for updates and to clear up any discrepancies among related items in the *Handbook*. Also, AC voted to add an ex-officio member from the Emeriti Society Executive Board to the University Compensation Committee.

Two more meetings will occur before the end of the fall semester. We meet on Zoom to accommodate members from our three campuses. [Marilyn Draheim, Emeriti Society Representative to Academic Council]

Member News....Many Things

Roger Katz and Holly Stryker-Katz - The good news is “life is good.” We’re still living in Sun City Lincoln Hills, which is a very nice 55+ community in Lincoln CA just north of Roseville. We haven’t done any serious traveling since Covid hit, but on the other hand we never came down with Covid so I guess that’s a good thing. We thoroughly enjoy our latest golden retriever rescue dog, Molly, who was rescued from China. She loves her walks and she loves our company. The feeling is entirely mutual. Besides our daily dog walks I enjoy riding my bike for exercise and pleasure, as well as making regular trips to a second home I own in Ashland OR. The latter is a wonderful little college town in southern Oregon best known for its Shakespeare festival, although it’s the general ambiance that I enjoy the most. I also enjoy reading (like the *The Wager* and *Lessons in Chemistry*—both great books) and various sports, although my playing days for many of them are a thing of the past. Likewise, my wife Holly enjoys her yoga class and loves playing Mahjong with her group of gal pals. The latter game is very popular hereabouts along with pickle ball, which is an absolutely fun game and great exercise. Holly is also involved in a local women’s organization that supports Democratic causes. My two daughters are doing great and I’m very proud of them. One lives in NYC and works as a stylist. The other, Kim, a teacher, lives in my former home in Stockton along with her husband, Chip, a physical therapist, and her two high school-age boys, Chase and Ryan.

I have one other granddaughter, Lindsey, a U. of Oregon grad who works as a dual immersion teacher in Sacramento.

She’s fantastic. Besides this, Holly and I enjoy the usual things—spending time with friends, movies, dinner dates, trips to Stockton to see Kim and her family, etc. On the whole, life is good, as it says on my shirt. Incidentally, the picture was taken on this year’s 4th of July, hence the patriotic attire. On that note I’ll close, with best wishes to all.



Robert (Bob) Coburn - In early March 2020 we made our move back to the northwest and settled in Eugene, Oregon, just in time to isolate in our new home during the pandemic. It provided us with lots of time to become accustomed to our new surroundings and imagine all the wonderful things we would do once we felt comfortable going out. With the free time available, Ben finished his Master’s degree in Machine Learning and AI at Georgia Tech. Most concert activities in live settings were obviously unavailable so I took the opportunity to spend a great deal of time in my analog studio delving deeply into my Buchla and Hordijk instruments and composing new works. It was a very productive time. Later I opened up a Band Camp site to make some of my new works available online. If you are interested, take a look at my website:

robertcoburn.bandcamp.com

and "follow" if you like. Best wishes to you all for a wonderful Fall/Winter season.

Robert (Bob) & Maria Luisa Dash - The Dashes returned to Stockton early this year from their vacation home on the Maine coast for Maria Luisa's delayed (due to Covid) knee replacement. This August as usual our son Eric, daughter-in-law Jayna and grandkids Ian (6) and Sydney (4 1/2) visited us in Maine for a week of fun filled adventures. Of course this includes the usual lobster feed, trip to the beach and playgrounds for the kids. We look forward to visiting them in Seattle during the Christmas holidays.



Ravindra Vasavada - (prof emeritus, Pharmacy). I enjoyed photographing Grand Canyon's North and South Rims during monsoon season in July, and have just returned from a photo trip down the memory lane, Highway 395 CA. I photographed Bristlecone pines, Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve, Alabama Hills, and North and South lakes. I continue to exhibit my photographs at local art galleries. My wife and I enjoy living at Rogue Valley Manor, Medford, OR.

Phil Gilbertson - Carole and I have moved from Portland, Oregon to a retirement community in Athens, Georgia. At 80, it's time to get closer to family: our daughter and her family have been here with University of Georgia for nearly 15 years. Wishing you and the Society well.

Said Shakerin - Mahnaz and I spent two weeks in September, 2022 in Encinitas (north of San Diego), where I underwent an intensive trial with an exoskeleton, made by Cyberdyne of Japan, called hybrid assisted limb (HAL), courtesy of the Rise Physical Therapy. The objective was to improve my walking (I have been totally dependent on a walker since 2009). For nine consecutive weekdays I had two-hour daily sessions with HAL-trained physical therapists, who assisted me with putting the HAL on my body and training on a treadmill while in a harness. The HAL device I used was a complete lower body unit. A total of 18 skin electrodes attached at my hip and knee joints picked up neuro-electrical signals sent from my brain. The signals turned on motors to provide torque at each hip and knee, assisting my own power to walk. An amazing technology indeed! Much of the two-hour session was spent on putting on the HAL and making adjustments to its computerized settings as well as dozens of straps around my body. There was improvement in my walking while in the HAL on the treadmill at the clinic, but no noticeable benefit with my usual walking with the walker outside the clinic. However, upon returning to Stockton, I noticed my cadence on an adult tricycle improved compared to the past. The Cyberdyne HAL unit was only available at authorized clinics under supervision of trained PTs. At the time of my trial, there were only two authorized clinics in the U.S. The other clinic is in Florida. Feel free to email me at sshakerin@pacific.edu if you would like to know more about the HAL or my experience. The images below show me in the HAL on the treadmill.



Ken and Louise Hughes - This September we took a three-week trip to Alaska, visiting Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Seward, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and three national parks (Denali, Glacier Bay, and Wrangell–St. Elias). Our main goal was to see northern lights for the first time, but we were also able to see Mt. Denali and many whales (including beluga). The pictures speak for themselves, but if you need more text let us know.



Connor and Ria Sutton - Not much to report from the Sutton family. We are still in Oregon (Redmond, which is just north of Bend, about 25 miles). Ria does much of the yard care, which she enjoys. Connor always has multiple projects in the works. He gets over to our place on the coast often, and always has projects there. A big one is cutting wood which he brings home, keeping us warm all Winter. Our son, Matt, and his wife live in Bend, and we love having them close by. Granddaughter, Sammy is living in San Francisco, and loves her job. Our daughter, Allison and family are still in Austin, Texas. She and one son came here for a respite from the heat this summer, and enjoyed many a round of golf.

Thanks again for getting out these notes. Always enjoy everyone's news.

Bob and Laurel Blaney - This past year has continued to be challenging. The good news is that Bob has not been hospitalized since November of last year, has not fallen since last December, and has not had double vision for almost a year. Laurel's cardiomyopathy, which she has had since 1994, is still under control. Bob's heart problems have gotten worse. Our cardiologist, Dr. Sawhney, in July said that Bob's aortic valve has had a flutter in between the valves which had gotten worst and has limited the amount of blood flowing into the lungs. He outlined four procedures to lessen the problem. The first two were too risky and involved surgery with two valve replacements. The third was valvuloplasty, to insert a balloon from my groin into my aortic valve to allow more blood to flow into my lungs. The fourth option was to do nothing, and we decided to do that. When we saw Dr. Sawhney on September 25, he again felt surgery was too risky, and he will see us again in early January 2024. He has referred me to another surgeon for a second opinion. If my shortness of breath and heart condition have not changed then we wait again. I am also having physical therapy on my left hand and wrist to alleviate recent pain.

We planned to travel in October for 14 days to Maine, staying several days in South Portland in an Airbnb on Willard Street near where Laurel grew up. Then we planned to go to New Hampshire and stay at the Steele Hill Resorts overlooking Lakes Winnisquam and Winnepesaukee. We hoped to enjoy the Fall colors. We planned to be accompanied by Caroline Careny, whom we have known for over 50 years, because both of our daughters feel that we should not travel on our own.

Bob has been busy working on a History of the Religious Studies Department from 1966 to 1996 and has completed the *History of Morris Chapel* and a *History of the Bishops Scholarship Program*, all of which are available in the UOP Archives.

When Bob first joined the Department in 1966 there were 6 ordained ministers in our department, plus two in Philosophy and one in the Math Department, plus the Director of the Wesley Club, the Director of Anderson YMCA, and the Provost of Raymond College, for a total of 11 ordained ministers. When I retired in 1996 there were 5 ordained ministers, and now as far as I know the only ordained ministers are part of the Religious and Spiritual Office where it is noted on the website that the University is still related to the United Methodist Church.

We are still active at Aptos United Methodist Church. Laurel chairs the Pastor's Assistant Team and Bob serves on the Church and Society team. We co-facilitate a Sunday morning group studying and discussing *The Gospel of Mark* by Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine, retired Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford University of Religion and Peace, and before that retired Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. Laurel keeps active in two book groups and a knitting group.

We are looking forward to another good year in Santa Cruz and continue to hope for peace and reconciliation in this coming year.

In Memoriam

Obituary

Donald (Don) W. Bryan

Born December 10, 1939 Died June 10, 2023

Eberhardt School of Business

Donald W Bryan, age 83, of Linden, California passed away on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.deyoungmemorialchapel.com for the Bryan family.

Obituary

Judy Chambers

Died July 11, 2023

Administration Office of Student Life



Judy Chambers, a University of the Pacific legend known for her warmth, wit and many friends, passed away on July 11 at Stanford Hospital after a brief illness. She was 87.

A trailblazer in many ways, Chambers, who graduated from Pacific in 1958 and earned her master's degree there in 1960, was the first woman to lead the university's Division for Student Life.

Except for spending eight years as dean of women and assistant professor of speech from 1960-68 at Mt. Union College in Ohio, Chambers called Stockton home from the time she graduated from high school in Glendale in 1954. She returned to Pacific as an assistant to President Robert Burns, President Stanley McAffrey tabbed Chambers as dean of students in 1973 and in 1975, as the university's inaugural vice president for student life. She held that role for 25 years, then spent another 12 years in advancement.

A leader with a heart for students, Chambers introduced a peer advisor program for first-year students, a new learning center for skills development, the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, the first multicultural affairs position, and expanded new-student orientation to three days while adding an orientation program for parents of new students.

Chambers also was a national leader in student life, just the third woman to serve as president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators when she was elected to that post in 1986. She was one of a select few student life leaders to receive NASPA's two top national awards for outstanding service.

President Ronald Reagan appointed Chambers to serve on the board of directors for the Student Loan Marketing Association, better known as Sallie Mae, in 1981. The first woman and non-university president appointed to the board, she served for nine years. California Governor Pete Wilson appointed her to represent the state on the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education and the United States Department of Education invited her to be part of a small group of educators appointed to write the Standards of the Network to Promote Drug-Free Colleges and Universities. Chambers was one of the first two women in the United States to join Rotary Club and the first to join the Stockton Rotary Club. She also was a member of the Stockton Business Executive Leadership Committee, board of directors for Stockton Beautiful, president and vice president of the Delta Health Care board of directors and volunteer for many organizations, including the United Way.

Chambers was awarded the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce first Athena Award in 1986 and in 2010, earned Goodwill Industries' Goodwill Helping Hands award. She also was a Susan B. Anthony winner, and she earned Pacific's highest honor, the Order of Pacific, in 2013. The Pacific Alumni Association presented her with its Medallion of Excellence award in 2001 and she also received Pacific's "Woman of Distinction Icon Award" in 2021. In 2008, student offices in the then-new Don and Karen DeRosa University Center were named in her honor.

She was a member of the St. Anne's Episcopal Church and served on the boards of Hospice of San Joaquin and TLC Foundation for Homeless Youth of San Joaquin County.

Of all her many accomplishments, though, Chambers is most remembered for her love of friends and family. She knew people from all walks of life and was a generous friend who made an effort to stay connected to as many as she could.

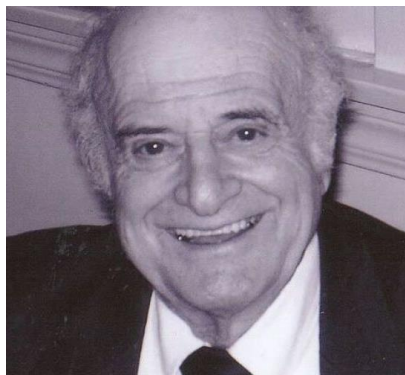
Chambers survived her first husband of 29 years, Dewey Chambers, who died in 1999. She married retired Superior Court of San Joaquin County Judge Jim Darrah, in 2010. Jim had lost his wife of 47 years, Joan, who had been Chambers' best friend, in 2007. Jim Darrah died in 2015. Chambers is survived by her stepchildren, Jeanne Darrah of San Francisco and Peter Darrah of Mountain View; nephew, Tim McMillin of Woodland Park, Colorado; and step-grandchildren Guard, Darrah, Doug, Bridge, Delia, Maxine and Sadie.

Obituary

Paul Fairbrook

Born 1923 – Died October 2, 2023

Director of Food Services Honoray Emeritus



Paul Fairbrook, a larger-than-life food services director at Pacific who had a vital role gathering intelligence in World War II, died peacefully Oct. 2 at the age of 100.

“He was a giant of a man physically, but he also had a big presence,” said Gillian Murphy, an adjunct professor at San Joaquin Delta College and friend of forty years. “He would give you the shirt off his back. He lived an amazing life with clarity right up to his last days.”

Fairbrook led food services at Pacific from 1965–1985. During that time, few were aware of the secretive work he carried out during the war. He was part of an intelligence unit known as the Ritchie Boys, a group of mostly German-speaking Jewish immigrants who were specially trained as interrogators. Their knowledge of the German language and insights into the Nazi regime made them invaluable.

Their work began to be made public in the 1990s and was later told in the Academy Award-nominated documentary “The Ritchie Boys” in 2004. Fairbrook joined the United States Army when he was 18 and served for five years.

In 2021 at the age of 97, Fairbrook was featured on “60 Minutes” with two other Ritchie boys. “Look, I’m a German Jew,” Fairbrook told “60 Minutes” reporter Jon Wertheim. “There’s nothing that I wanted more than to get some revenge on Hitler who killed my uncles and my aunts and my cousins. We were all on the same wavelength. We were delighted to get a chance to do something for the United States.”

Fairbrook was born in Berlin, Germany in 1923 and fled with his family at the age of 10 to escape Nazi persecution. They spent a short time in Palestine before moving to New York City.

Fairbrook’s greatest contribution during the war was known as the Red Book, which detailed German units, their history, the hierarchy of officers and other secret information. “He was very proud of his service,” said his wife of 54 years Peig Fairbrook.

After the war, Fairbrook went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Brown University and a master’s from Michigan State University. He was dean at the Culinary Institute of America and later led food services at Northern Illinois University and University of the Pacific. Peig Fairbrook said he cherished education and helping students. She also recalled numerous special dinners he arranged on campus. “He ran an Einstein

dinner because there was some celebration about Einstein at the time. There was poetry. There was Valentine's Dinner. There were barbecues. We had a luau on the front lawn," she said.

When new faculty came to campus, he allowed them and their families to eat free of charge for a week or would deliver food to help them get settled. He was also beloved by students, who would often make him the subject of their skits in Band Frolic, a student talent show held at the time. "Oh, all the time," Peig Fairbrook said. "He was the perfect character to do it on."

Fairbrook received the university's highest honor, Order of the Pacific, when he retired and was named an honorary alumnus in 2016.

After posting the news of his passing on the university's Facebook page, comments poured in from alumni. "I'll always remember the dining halls at U.O.P. because the food was amazing! And Paul was ever-present, joyous, bigger-than-life and always dreaming up new ways to make dorm food not just palatable, but delicious and creative," wrote Nora Lee. Another former student, Maia Parmakova, commented: "I always felt honored to know Paul. His expertise and passion for providing a high-quality food service to students were known and highly appreciated not only in the USA but also in the Balkans! I am forever thankful to him and his wife Peig for the continuous support as an international student." He continued to make a difference right up until his death, always looking for ways to help the Stockton community.

"In his last years, one of his big projects was to raise money from his friends to buy bus passes, which he gave to the Women's Center and to St. Mary's, so that people who needed to come and get services would have a bus pass to be able to get there," Murphy said.

Fairbrook leaves his wife Peig, daughter Carolyn, son John, son Bob and brother George as well as nine grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his son Colman and daughter Susan.

Obituary

Ronald Limbaugh

January 22, 1938 – August 14, 2023

College of the Pacific - History Department



Ronald Hadley Limbaugh, born January 22, 1938, passed away on August 14, 2023, after deteriorating rapidly from a fall he took while doing what he loved until the very end: working outside in the yard.

Ron was born in 1938 to a poor dirt farming family in New Plymouth, Idaho, where he developed a love for nature and for working hard to cultivate something from nothing on the land. In his lifetime, Ron transformed his yard into a wine producing vineyard, a vegetable garden and a drought tolerant haven for birds and insects.

He built a 30-foot-long underground wine cellar that doubled as a walk-in bomb shelter and an acoustic echo chamber for his classical records. He poured concrete, constructed sheds, laid miles of PVC piping, tiled cobblestone pathways, painted, landscaped, weeded, pruned, staked, dug, fertilized, backwashed and skimmed two pools, shellacked sealant and stain on three houses, jackhammered, shoveled, planted, irrigated, fenced, rototilled, tree trimmed, pick-axed, weed wacked and buzz sawed to the point that the arthritis in his hands crippled his fingers into numb digits that looked like tired trophies from a life spent in the profession of hard labor.

And yet, hard labor was never his paid profession. Ron was an intellectual, whose librarian mother, Evelyn, provided access to books and encouraged thinking and open conversation full of contrasting ideas. Ron grew up to facilitate discussion every chance he got and was not averse to hearing opposing views. He was also not afraid to butt right up to those views with his own research and theory. And there were hours and hours of research and theory over the course of his life.

Born in the right place at the right time to benefit from pathways to rise up from poverty, Ron qualified for a scholarship for an undergraduate degree from the College of Idaho and later earned a PhD in History from the University of Idaho.

He married a tall, brunette beauty from California, Marilyn Rice, and took a position closer to her family home at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California where he taught, did research, and published for 34 years. At Pacific, Ron was Professor of History, Director of Holt-Atherton Pacific Center for Western Studies, and Director of the John Muir Center for Regional Studies where he specialized in environmental history, California history and mining.

Ron is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marilyn, his daughter, Sally Buck, son-in law Robb Buck and his granddaughter, Penryn Buck, all of whom he lived with on an acre property with a large yard that he tended until his death.

Ron was a humanist and an advocate for all natural environments. He was a member of numerous non-profit organizations and environmental charities and if you'd like to remember him in a fond way, please send a donation to anyone of the following: The Nature Conservancy, The Wilderness Society, National Parks Conservation Association, or my personal favorite: Plan International USA, the non-profit that in 1982, when I was 9 years old, he decided that connecting me with an international pen pal from a third world country would be very good for me. He was right. Penryn and I are still sponsors to this day.

Rest in peace dad.

Obituary

Herbert Reinelt Jr

April 17, 1929 - June 26, 2023

College of the Pacific - Department of Philosophy



Herbert R. Reinelt, Jr. passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at his home at Horizon House, Seattle, on June 26, 2023 at the age of 94. He was born on April 17, 1929 in Seattle, WA to Herbert and Lillian Reinelt. He had one sister, Jeane Reinelt Linge, who predeceased him.

Herb attended Bryant Grade School, Roosevelt High School (1943-47) and University of Washington (1947-51). His family enjoyed the outdoors, spending vacations at various beach cabins or camping and hiking in the mountains. He participated in scouting and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He found participation in his high school church youth group at the University Congregational Church a defining intellectual and spiritual experience. He registered as a conscientious objector.

He graduated from UW with a major in Philosophy, was nominated for a Rhodes Scholarship, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. In college, he continued his religious interests as an active member of the Student YMCA-YWCA at UW serving as YMCA Regional Co-Chair and a delegate to the national meetings of the YMCA and Student Christian Federation. He found that discussions with other student leaders from other states were exhilarating.

After college, he attended Garrett Biblical Institute for one year before transferring to the Yale Divinity School where he earned his Bachelor of Divinity (1954). He continued at Yale in the Department of Religion focusing on Philosophical Theology and received his MA (1958) and PhD (1962). While studying at Yale, he was a half-time pastor at the Centerbrook Congregational Church. Taking responsibility for a congregation at the age of 25 through sermons exploring the meaning of the Christian life, counseling sessions with persons facing problems or death, and leadership of a youth group was a life-changing experience.

In 1952, he married Barbara Bodley, who worked at the UW-YWCA. They were married by Barbara's father, Rev. Homer Bodley. Barbara supported Herb through seminary. They had four children: Claire, Douglas,

Lorin, and Peter. Herb and Barbara passed on their passion for the outdoors, including camping and road trips. In 1966, they took a five week summer trip across Canada and back through the U.S. After Barbara died in 1968, he married Janelle Gobby who adopted and helped raise his four children. After a divorce, Herb married Margaret Payne in 1989 and added her two stepsons to his family, Jim and Steve. Margaret died in 2001.

Herb was a university professor throughout his career, teaching philosophy and other related subjects at Hamline University in St. Paul, MN (1959-62) and University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA (1962-99). Herb loved teaching. He asked probing questions, cared about students seeking meaning and truth, and always listened closely to what they expressed before sharing his own insights.

When he arrived at Pacific, the university was in the process of renewal with the development of small cluster colleges. He became a leader in the development of a new faculty/administrative structure, his first of many leadership roles throughout his career at Pacific. The grant of a sabbatical leave for the 1969-70 academic year enabled Herb to continue his study of Alfred N. Whitehead, begin his study of Martin Heidegger, and allowed the family to spend the year in Europe and live in France (a defining experience for the family). He received the Outstanding Professor award and, at retirement, the Order of Pacific award granted to outstanding faculty.

Herb decided to return to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to family and settled into life on Vashon Island in 2010, developing new friendships, actively engaging in community and faith activities, and relishing the peaceful island environment. In 2016, Herb made the move to Horizon House in Seattle, where he renewed old friendships from his youth in Seattle and developed new ones with the many fascinating and engaging residents. One of Herb's favorite summer pastimes was returning to Vashon to visit family, relax and absorb the beauty of the island.

He was a lifelong donor to many organizations and faith communities. He supported social justice, civil and human rights, democracy, education, and the environment. In 1964, he chaired the San Joaquin County coalition in support of fair housing and the elimination of housing discrimination. More recently, he co-chaired the Partners in Caring campaign at Horizon House to raise money for staff to pursue education and to support residents who had outlived their assets.

Herb cared deeply for family and friends -- they were his greatest joy - and they cared deeply for him. He expressed his love by genuinely listening to people from very young to old, and of all beliefs. He invited conversation about living a meaningful life and was genuinely interested in what people valued, and what they were learning and doing. So many people experienced his presence, kindness, counsel, insight, and wisdom. He had a vision of what it meant to live a moral life: have faith in God, seek the truth, love each other, feel in your heart that others are like you, seek the good of others, recognize that we are interconnected, and know that our decisions affect each other and shape the character of our institutions and communities.

He is survived by his children, grandchildren, and one great grandchild: Claire (Rick) with children Julia and Emma, Douglas (Jeanne) with children Heather (David) and Eric and grandchild Dean, Lorin (Elizabeth) with children Derek and Kaija (by former wife Myra) and stepchildren Jeevon and Kerewyn, Peter (Christine) with children Cameron and Liliana, Jim (Diane), and Steve (Jackie) with child Scott. He is also survived by niece Anne Linge and nephew Bill Linge (Priscilla) with children Kayleen and Sean, and by his former wife, Janelle.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Herb's memory can be made to the Dr. Herbert Reinelt Endowed Humanities Scholarship, University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95211. The endowed scholarship fund was established in 2009 and offers need-based scholarships to students studying in the humanities, with priority given to philosophy students.

Obituary

Glendalee (Glee) Scully

Born October 18, 1937 Died July 4, 2023

McGeorge School of Law



Glendalee Pierce Scully (Glee) was born on October 18, 1937 in Santa Barbara, California, and died peacefully in her Sacramento area home on July 4, 2023.

Glee is survived by sons Greg and Gavin Garfield, Sean and Zachary Scully, stepchildren Patrick and Andrew Scully, Suzanne Anderson, by thirteen grandchildren and by her sister, Cynthia Pierce.

Her beloved husband Jed (Skip) Scully predeceased her in 2019.

She graduated from high school in Roseville and from the University of California at Davis. In 1972 she graduated as Valedictorian from McGeorge School of Law and later joined its faculty. As Director of the Clinical Legal Education program at McGeorge, she and her colleagues and students served many Sacramento residents who could not afford to hire an attorney.

Glee was a nurturing and supportive mother and grandmother and a loyal and loving partner to her husband Skip. She was, as mentioned, a determined and accomplished lawyer between 1976 and 2008. Her interest in people, politics and women's rights was unflagging. She was inquisitive, generous, focused, and kind.

In both California and France—the latter where she spent considerable time in her later years—she designed, created, and tended verdant and colorful gardens and she cultivated many lasting friendships.

Obituary

Joseph Taylor

Born July 30, 1933 Died December 24, 2021

McGeorge School of Law



Joseph E. Taylor, JD, MBA, born to Ethel Mills Taylor and Joseph E. Taylor, Esq. in San Francisco, CA, passed away at home on Christmas Eve after a long illness.

Joe was a Deputy District Attorney in Sacramento County, a Deputy District Attorney in Ventura County, The Public Defender of Riverside County overseeing nine branch offices within the County, and a Professor of Law at McGeorge School of Law.

He was a graduate of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and received his MBA from Pepperdine University at night school while trying murder cases during the day.

Growing up, he and his family lived in several states during WWII. Post WWII his father was a Naval Officer and lawyer for the Bureau of Land Management, resulting in many moves. His Grandfather, Edward T. Taylor, Esq., was a member of Congress for 17 terms until 1941.

Joe was an extremely successful prosecutor and was named Prosecutor of the Year for the State of California in 1982-1983. As The Public Defender of Riverside County, Joe provided a new perspective of criminal law for the County.

The Year 1993 brought him back to Sacramento as a Trial Advocacy Professor at McGeorge School of Law. In 2004 he was named Professor of the Year.

Joe was an avid and skilled cyclist most of his life, winning gold medals at the Senior Olympics. Many bike miles were covered in Europe, Canada and the USA on a tandem bike with his beloved wife, Susan.

Joe lived a life well-lived. He is survived by his wife Susan, his four sons, Jay (also a Professor), Bob, Craig and Chris and stepchildren Dr. Jan Cooper Hagman and Robert Cooper. Joseph E. Taylor, JD, MBA, District Attorney, Public Defender, Professor Emeritus, was an outstanding individual and a highly regarded man with exceptional integrity. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and the legal community.

Tribute

The University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law community is mourning the passing of longtime professor Joseph “Joe” Taylor, who died Dec. 24 in Sacramento after a long illness. He was 88.

Taylor taught Trial Advocacy courses at McGeorge School of Law for 22 years, from when he started teaching in 1992 until his retirement in 2014. During his tenure at the law school, Taylor helped shape the minds of thousands of young lawyers.

“Joe was a vital and valued mentor. He built the Trial Advocacy and Mock Trial Competition programs into their powerhouse position, leading to McGeorge’s No. 8 national ranking,” said Cary Bricker, Director of McGeorge’s Eglet Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution and Noël M. Ferris Professor of Trial Skills. “He was endlessly generous with his time and talent to his students and colleagues alike.”

He served as director of the school’s trial advocacy program for seven years and as chair of the school’s Advocacy Committee for four years. “Joe was remarkable, especially for his creative imagination. He generated countless ideas for improvement and innovation, including the National Ethics Trial Competition, the First-Year Ben Frantz Competition, and Focused Decision Jury Consulting,” said Professor Emeritus Jay Leach, who joined Taylor in 1996 and succeeded him in his directorships upon Taylor’s retirement.

Prior to entering academia, he served as a prosecuting attorney for 22 years in both the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office and the Ventura District Attorney’s Office. He also served as the Riverside County Public Defender for five years, where he managed a law office of 77 attorneys, over 200 employees, nine offices, and a \$9 million budget. Throughout his career, he tried over 150 felony jury trials to verdict. He tried a number of pro bono criminal defense and prosecution trials.

Taylor authored or co-authored 13 trial practice case files, 11 of which were published by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and LexisNexis. One of the case files was based on the controversial suicide ruling in the death of rock star Kurt Cobain.

He demonstrated his passion for advocacy through public service and volunteerism. Taylor served as a pro-tem judge on the Sacramento County Superior Court for 14 years. Taylor co-founded both the Sacramento County Management Association and the California District Attorneys Association.

Taylor won many accolades and awards during his career. Notably, he was selected as the State of California Prosecutor of the Year in 1982 and McGeorge’s Professor of the Year in 2004.

“Joe was a beloved presence at our law school. He was a brilliant professor, leader, and colleague,” said McGeorge Dean Michael Hunter Schwartz. “He was a role model to many, and he will be dearly missed by the McGeorge community.”

He earned an undergraduate degree from California State University, a JD from Loyola University School of Law in 1961, and an MBA from Pepperdine University in 1986.

During retirement, Taylor remained active through his love of bicycling and won multiple racing trophies in his division. He also enjoyed tandem biking with his wife, Susan.

Obituary

Richard ("Dick") Turpin

July 20, 1939 – August 28, 2023

School of Engineering & Computer Science - Electrical Engineering



Richard Harold “Dick” Turpin was born on July 30, 1939, in Manning, Iowa, to Harold Turpin, an educator, and Esther Turpin, a homemaker. He passed away peacefully on Monday, August 28, 2023, after battling cancer and heart disease. He recently celebrated his 84th birthday.

Always loving and strong in his faith, Richard devoted his life to serving his family, friends, colleagues, and the many students on whose lives he had a great impact.

He was a dedicated husband to his first wife, Sylvia Strong Turpin, and together they raised three children, Tim, Mark, and Rebecca. He served as a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), then took a year’s sabbatical at the University of California, Davis, until finally spending over 20 years teaching at the University of the Pacific.

After Sylvia lost her battle with cancer in 2015, Richard took time to reflect. Over a year went by, and he met Carolyn Lawrence while playing together in the Quail Lakes Church Orchestra and Stockton Concert Band.

Richard and Carolyn enjoyed playing together in those two venues, and eventually started dating. Over several months and as time passed, they realized they were in love. They were married in Stockton on December 30, 2017, surrounded by their families and many friends.

Richard always went the extra mile to care for anyone who came into his life seeking life or career advice or facing tough challenges.

His life will be forever celebrated by his loving second wife Carolyn Turpin; as well as children from his first marriage: Timothy (Mari Lynn; daughter Lindsay), Mark (Harry Abeles), and Rebecca Jantz (Steve; daughters Emily and Deborah and son Jonathan); his niece Gloria Sever (Mark), and many additional family and friends. Carolyn also has two daughters, Christie Pang (daughter Maddie and son Brandon), and Cathy Barron (Joe; sons Paulino, Phil, Ben, Joseph and Tomás, and daughter, Maria).

Richard earned bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and mathematics at Iowa State University; his Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering at University of Southern California and his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at The Ohio State University.

His love for people and his extraordinary talents for teaching, mentoring, and caring for others were exemplified in his many roles: husband, dad, and grandfather; as well as professor, department chair and

interim dean. Richard made many friends over the years as a professor, musician (trumpet and French horn; and he sang with a tenor voice), photographer, cyclist, and tennis and pickleball player. He enjoyed traveling – from camping across the U.S. and Canada to international travel in Europe, Asia, and New Zealand during retirement, as well as hours of activities with his children and grandchildren from both marriages.

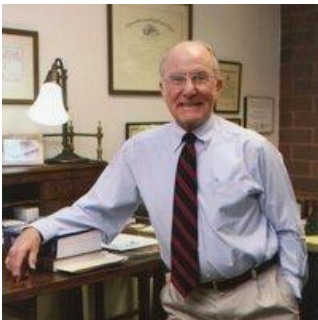
The Turpin family is creating the Richard H. Turpin Endowed Scholarship in Richard's name. It will honor his career-long devotion to supporting the learning and development of students bound for a career in engineering. Each year, in perpetuity, an outstanding student at the School of Engineering and Computer Science will receive a scholarship award toward studying for a career in engineering or computer science. Memorial gifts honoring Professor Turpin can be made by contacting the Department of Engineering & Computer Science 209-946-2151.

Obituary

Philip Wile

Died September 1, 2021

McGeorge School of Law



Philip Wile, formerly a Professor at McGeorge School of Law and currently living in Fresno, passed away on Wednesday, September 1st at age 90.

Phil was born in Wooster, Ohio and attended Wooster College until he was encouraged to consider law school. He was accepted to Stanford Law School, graduating from there as well as teaching in their law school.

He served in the Navy during the Korean War and eventually left teaching at Stanford to practice law at Thomas, Snell, Jamison and Russell in Fresno. He returned to teaching, his great passion, in 1986 and spent the next 20 years instructing students in law at both McGeorge and UC Davis law schools.

Phil loved music (his other passion in life), good food, travel and sports. Upon retirement from Pacific, he was awarded the Order of the Pacific due to his accomplishments and dedication to the McGeorge Law School.

Phil was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Drown Wile (January 1992), his second wife, JoAnne Steninger Wile (March 2020) and his son, James Philip Wile (April 2007). Phil is survived by his daughter's, Beth Wile Meyerowitz of Tucson, AZ and Janet Wile of Fresno, and by four grandchildren, Daniel, Katie and Nick Meyerowitz and Matthew Wile. He is also survived by his step daughter, BethAnn Smiley of Clovis and two step grandchildren, Shannon Jensen and Shawn Smiley.

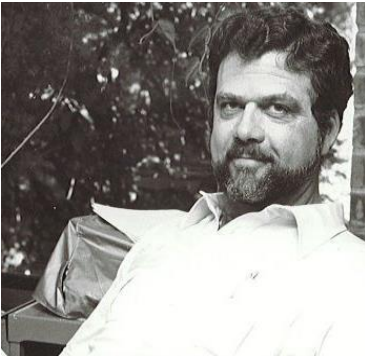
Donations to the Alzheimer's Association in his memory can be made at www.alz.org

Obituary

John Williams

Born March 6, 1936 Died July 25, 2023

Raymond College, College of the Pacific - English Department



John Williams died July 25, 2023. He was born in Villisca, Iowa March 6th, 1936, third of four sons to Paul & Pauline Williams. John grew up working on the farm and attending school in a one-room country schoolhouse.

Janet Peterson lived down the road and they fell in love and married June 1956. This June, the high school sweethearts celebrated 67 years of their loving and affectionate marriage.

John graduated from Cornell College and went on to Harvard and then University of Chicago for his Doctorate. While living in Chicago they had Michael and twins Marvin & Howard.

In 1965, John became a professor at Raymond College, a cluster college part of the University of the Pacific. This brought him and Janet to Stockton. Here they raised their family, became active in the community and the lives of their sons and grandchildren. When Raymond closed, John joined the English Department in the College of the Pacific.

During the 33 years John taught at Pacific, he often rode his bike to the college campus. As a professor, he had a booming voice which could be heard all down the block when he called the boys home for dinner.

He and Janet participated in many local causes including supporting political candidates, school integration, and volunteering at the library and on the board for St. Mary's Dining Room. John was extremely well read, a Faulkner scholar, and he maintained relationships with students from early in his career.

Retirement was filled with their grandchildren and their activities. For his sons, he rarely missed a basketball or football game and for his 7 grandchildren he rarely missed a soccer, football, or basketball game, track meet, dance recital, school play, or a graduation. When two granddaughters were graduating college on the same weekend, the proud grandparents travelled to UC Santa Barbara Saturday and then flew to Oregon Sunday for the other graduation! John also kept busy building furniture for family members.

John and Janet filled their lives with rich experiences from theatre and films in San Francisco and Ashland to world travel, sometimes bringing along grandchildren. But they loved nothing more than time spent at their cabin in Arnold with family and friends or just themselves, reading, relaxing and feeding the birds. They often

said buying their cabin was one of the best decisions they ever made since extended family has always loved gathering there.

John, or Far Far as the grandkids called him, made an impact on many people's lives and he will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his wife Janet Marie Williams and his three sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael & Margaret, Howard & Monica, and Marvin & Debbie. He is survived by seven grandchildren including Alison & husband Kurt Brown, Sienna, Megan, Claire & soon-to-be husband Barry Yang, Kevin, Morgan and Ryan.

Tribute

John Williams, a professor of English with a booming voice who instilled in his students an appreciation for southern literature, died on July 23 at the age of 87.

His 33 years (1965-1998) at University of the Pacific were divided between Raymond College and the English Department in the College of the Pacific. Under both schools, he was an internationally recognized scholar on the works of Mississippi-based author William Faulkner. “He was an extremely well-educated person and active in interdisciplinary studies,” said former Dean of the College of the Pacific Robert Benedetti. “He was so learned about Faulkner, whose work can be a difficult read for many. John got his students to embrace those studies.”

Williams cherished his work in Raymond College, one of Pacific’s cluster colleges, with its stated mission to bring bright students and professors together in an academic community to study, discuss, research, argue and write. He moved into the English Department when Raymond College phased out, a process that started in 1977.

“Others taught at Raymond and were loved and admired. John was the one who decided those friendships and memories were life-long.” — former student Wendi Maxwell '71

“He was beloved by the Raymond faculty and students. He also was very supportive of me with the Department of English. All the cluster colleges were gone, but John joined me in working on general education reform,” Benedetti said. “He was a very strong leader.”

