

# SILVER BULLETIN

Newsletter of CSU, Sacramento Emeritus Association

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jerry McDaniel

Emeritus faculty are being invited to participate in a wide range of campus activities in connection with the 50th anniversary celebration. A special exhibit of campus memorabilia in the Library drew many old-timers to an evening reception in October. Photos of faculty in their salad days left us misty-eyed and often amused. All emeriti should have been sent an agenda of forthcoming events.

In November our annual dinner attracted one of the largest turnouts in years; over 70 faculty, spouses and guests were on hand to enjoy each other and the speaker, our own Bob Curry from Economics.

This year for the first time, the Emeritus Faculty Association has been awarded a nonvoting representative to the Faculty Senate. The Association president falls heir to that position and, from my experience so far, has been accorded opportunity to speak freely on any subject. Aside from expounding personal wisdom or hair-shirt irritation, I would feel more "representative" if any of you would like to have points discussed which may specifically affect you or other emeritus faculty. Your comments or opinions on current campus programs or events are also welcome. Please write or call me as you want: 311 Messina Drive, Sacramento, CA 95819 - 457-8498. You are, of course, always welcome to attend the Faculty Senate as a guest. It meets on most Thursdays, 3-5 pm in the Forest Suite of the Union. Check ahead for actual meeting days by calling 278-6593.

Although we all got a letter last month about the periodic book sales being held by the Library, I want to encourage you again to look over your surplus tomes and to consider donations. If you can bring them to the Library delivery dock that would be best, but if you need more muscle and/or transportation, call the Friends of the Library at 278-5154, or Bob Eisner (485-4563) or Les Gabriel (482-6560). The book sales are held every first and third Thursdays from 10 to 3 in the Library.

The notice for the Spring lunch is elsewhere in this Bulletin. A specific invitation with menu choice and cost will reach you in late March. Meanwhile, for those of you who haven't paid your 1998 dues, the \$10.00 fee may be sent to Floyd Mullinix, 3730 Winston Way, Carmichael, CA 95825. As noted elsewhere, by joining the statewide emeritus organization, ERFA, you also help our local group because a portion of the statewide dues is remitted to us. ERFA is much more involved in statewide policy than we can be and also lobbies for increased benefits of all kinds.

We are in the process of getting on President Don Gerth's schedule for one of his informal "coffees." If we can't get the date and time in this Bulletin it will be in the weekly Faculty Bulletin or we'll try to call as many of you as possible.

In total numbers the living emeritus faculty of CSUS now are close to 450 and growing rapidly as the millennium nears. Most of this distinguished group still lives in or near Sacramento, and we can have, if we want to, a significant voice in the ongoing life of the campus. In fact, some of us think the campus badly needs our institutional memories and our visions from a, perhaps idealized, past. Despite the obvious attractions of retirement life, new volunteer activities as well as sheer sloth, we as emeriti should keep working together as well as individually to aid our campus in a time of significant, often difficult, change. I know it's not always easy to feel strongly about Old Swash, but it needs us for more than just monetary donations. Thanks for your help. Have a continued good year.

## **ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON**

**Thursday, April 9, 1998 at 12 noon**

**MORE DETAILS INSIDE**

## **Stephen Walker**

by David Lucas

David was one of three emeritus faculty asked to say a few words at the memorial service for former vice president Stephen Walker. David spoke warmly of his respect and love for Stephen, whom he adopted as a "father figure" when, at the age of 23, David, ("feeling more like 18") arrived to join the original Sacramento State College faculty. He spoke of Stephen Walker's "crisp-cut grooming, his decorum, and his masculine self-constraint," and talked of his strong impact on the directions later taken by CSUS.

David recalls that Steve Walker gave faculty permission to wear open collar shirts on campus during hot summer days, and that he once told David's wife that he "might make a better impression on campus were he to wear shirts with more neatly pressed collars."

The Silver Bulletin also notes that Stephen and his widow Charlotte were prolific contributors to campus and community life during the three decades after his retirement in the late 60's

## **The Legacy of Floyd's Car**

Floyd Mullinix's CSUS career spanned 27 years—from 1956 to 1976 in Academic Affairs, and from 1977-1983 as a professor of education. Marge McCurry of University Affairs sent us the following story about one of Floyd's lesser known contributions:

Floyd spent two years in Brazil (1966-1968) with a four-member CSU system team assisting Brazil in the development of their secondary education system. Realizing a small profit from the sale of a new Chevrolet which he took with him but could not bring back, he started an emergency loan fund of \$5000 designated to provide new faculty with interest-free dollars to tide them over to their first paycheck. That fund now stands at \$17,000. Floyd says it feels pretty good to know that his gift has continued to help his colleagues for more than 30 years!

Dr. McCurry states that there are many good reasons for emeritus faculty to tap into the endowment opportunities at CSUS, and that "you owe it to yourself and to your family to consider this charitable option." For more information that you can use in your personal financial planning, please call the Office of University Affairs, 916-278-6989, or the Dean's office of your choice.

## **Athletics and Higher Education**

by Judith A. Davidson

We asked Judith A. Davidson, CSUS Director of Athletics, to tell us some of her thoughts on sport, athletics, and academic life. Some of her observations follow:

Sport and athletics are appropriate on a university campus because in many ways they embody the intrinsic values and goals of the university itself, especially the striving toward excellence in all manifestations of human life and enriching the human spirit ...athletes extend themselves beyond a set of disciplined movements thus freeing themselves (and vicariously also the spectator) to excel, to transcend what they are... through discipline and freedom.

By contributing to a sense of campus identity, athletics can be one of the principle centers of student and community life on a campus (because of) its potential to build community.

Ms. Davidson notes lurking dangers in that contemporary culture and the media place an importance on sport today which is "often disproportionate to its intrinsic value." At CSUS, she continues, "we aim to develop a program which will become a dominant force ...and become the amateur sports entertainment choice of the Sacramento region." She sees the generation of community support as arising out of the application of the basic principles of excellence, equality, and bridge-building.

## **Saving Taxes and Generating Income**

Bob Olmstead is available to consult with interested emeritus faculty concerning the wise use of our financial resources, in relation to CSUS endowments. Bob serves as faculty liaison to the Director of Development for Arts and Sciences. You may reach him at 278-7284.

**50th Anniversary Oral History Project** Cheryl Nativo is interviewing emeritus faculty of the former School of Arts and Sciences in order to capture important aspects of CSUS history on tape. The results will be made available in the campus archives in the library. A. and S. emeriti wishing to contribute may call Cheryl at 278-4606. Those from other schools may phone the University Affairs office at 278-6989.

### **Vice President's Report**

CSUS Emeritus Faculty V.P. Duane Anderson reports on his September 27, 1997 participation at the CSU-ERFA State Council Meeting. Please note that CSUS-ERFA is the statewide organization, and that it is separate from the local campus chapters. ERFA has an office, a staff, and a legislative action program benefiting all retirees. Our local organizations tend to be low-key, sparsely-funded, and focused mostly on the extension of good fellowship and the exchange of information of particular local interest. Duane emphasizes the need for more communication between the local and state-wide organizations.

### ***Enhanced Delta Dental Plan is now in effect for all retirees***

He reports that the Enhanced Delta Dental Plan is now in effect for all retirees, and that efforts are continuing to eliminate the employment restriction for 1992 retirees. The Trustee's new selection procedures for campus presidents and the chancellor severely restrict faculty participation. These procedures are opposed by both the CSU Academic Senate and ERFA.

Emeritus faculty are urged to join the statewide organization, as it moves on a number of fronts vital to our personal interests. Contact Duane Anderson or Wilma Krebs for more information.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Richard Carpenter	Werner Suttner
Betty Ch'maj	George Tokmakoff
Baxter Geeting	Miklos Udvardy
Richard Hill	Agit Virdee
Molly Irwin	Stephen Walker
Christian Larsen	John Zickel

The Silver Bulletin joins you in fond remembrance of these colleagues for their contributions to the University, and for the many ways in which they have enriched our own lives.

NOTE: Please contact President Jerry McDaniel if you would like to be included in the Spring luncheon , program for comments of remembrance.

### **Perimeter Road Follow-up**

The last issue of the Silver Bulletin reported on plans for CSUS' expenditure of \$7.5 million of Proposition 203 funds (to be spent on educational facilities only) on a new campus road. Construction is proceeding. More than 50 campus trees were removed over the holidays. The remainder of the work lies ahead. For updated information, please check the website, maintained by Bob Metcalf (Prof. Biological Sciences.) Better yet, go take a look for yourselves---and wonder, as we do, how the new road will improve campus life.



Website: [www.csusroad.com](http://www.csusroad.com)

### **Personal Notes**

**Marilyn Winters** continues her professional activities-she has taken training from NCATE (National Council on Accreditation of Teacher Education) and will serve as a member of site-visit teams, and also will deliver a paper at the national conference in March of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development entitled "Curriculum Development at the Local Level."

**Wilma Krebs** continues her activities around the state as perhaps the most sought after speaker on health care and economic issues facing retired faculty

Joe Heller e-mails us to say that he has moved to Vail, Arizona and would like to hear from old friends. His address: P.O. Box 485  
Vail, AZ 85641-0485  
e-mail address: [jrheller@dakotacom.net](mailto:jrheller@dakotacom.net)

### **Tahoe Home for Rent**

Marilyn and Leo Winters have a beautiful home on Carnelian Bay (north shore) for rent, by the weekend or by the week. To find out more about the "Winters Wonderland" - please call them at (916) 583-8284, or at (916) 649-1384.

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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON & MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998 - AT 12:00 NOON**

**MAIN DINING ROOM IN THE RIVER FRONT CENTER**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT:**

**11:00 A.M. IN THE RIBERA ROOM**