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## President's Corner

by Alan Wade

Our Association first emerged in the '90's (must I call it "the end of the last century"?), as a largely social organization, aimed at

offering occasional opportunities for retired faculty to get together, reminisce, and have fun. With that in mind, please join your colleagues—retired faculty and staff—at our annual Spring Luncheon Friday, April 20 (see below).

Your Board has agreed in principle to take on the additional goal of helping create a sense of community with today's active faculty, and to serve as a group of citizens with a unique commitment to Sacramento State and its role in the larger community—a role which we helped to define and advance over the

thousands (yes!) of cumulative years that we as a group devoted to the life of the campus.

Since the campus faces a budget crisis of major proportions, we have asked Mike Fitzgerald, Faculty Senate Chair, to share his view of this critical campus issue. More information is available from the Budget Task Force Report at [www.csus.edu](http://www.csus.edu).

Your Association Board considers it our obligation to serve as a conduit for information about key campus concerns, especially as they affect the central role of the University in the community.

And we'll still have fun at the Spring luncheon, so please join us!

In case you haven't heard, a new fact-finding report on the pending system-wide strike can be found at [www.calfac.org](http://www.calfac.org). Also, please join me in welcoming Professor Hortense Simmons as the new editor of the *Silver Bulletin* (see pg. 3).

*Alan Wade*

## Emeritus Association Spring Luncheon April 20



Meet and greet your colleagues on April 20 for our annual spring luncheon at the Alumni Center. This event provides an excellent opportunity for us to share with one another the joys and challenges of retirement. Undoubtedly, many of you are engaged in wonderful activities—no reason to keep them a secret. Bring another colleague and/or friend to join in the fun! Please note that membership is not required for your attendance.

The reception begins at 11:30 a.m.; lunch and entertainment by jazz professor Steve Roach and students will follow. Our menu, the new "Sac State Luau," includes a variety of vegetarian options. You will be able to choose from several salads, stir fry vegetables, fried rice with pineapple, egg rolls, marinated chicken, ginger barbequed spare ribs, ice tea, coffee, cookies, and wine with meal. The \$27 price is inclusive of tax and gratuity. A no-host bar will be available during the reception. [Reservation form on back]

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## Travel Corner

By Peter Shattuck

While I was buying a book in the gift shop of Malta's Archeological Museum in Valletta, the manager was training a new clerk. Several hours later, after closing time, I realized that my credit card had disappeared. Despite advice to call and cancel, I waited until the next day; not only did the manager have--and return --my card, she had called VISA, checked with a cruise ship, and made every effort to make sure I got my card back. That episode summed up our five days in Malta last fall: very good people in a small country overwhelmed with history.

Exhibits at the Archeological Museum trace early settlement to 5600 BC. Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, and Arabs have contributed to the layers of civilization that fill this small island. South of Sicily, east of Tunisia, Malta lies at a critical point in the Mediterranean. Twice it has been the target

of prolonged and determined sieges, one of which had great significance for the United States.

Walking through the peaceful capital, we found it hard to comprehend the horrors of the Great Siege of 1565, when a Moslem army sought to overcome the ruling Knights of St. John. The battles extended from April to September. The Turks captured a fortress, decapitated its survivors, and sent their bodies floating off to the defenders; the commander of the Christians ordered all Turkish prisoners decapitated and fired their heads into the enemy camp. Finally, the Turkish generals gave up the siege. I write this while recalling the lively streets of Valletta, and the four or five story houses, with their dark-green painted balconies, and I still find the events of 1565 hard to believe.

Hardly less astonishing is the siege of 1940-43. Between June of 1940 and the start of 1943, more tons of bombs landed on the then-British possession

of Malta than fell on Britain during all of World War II. The people of Malta came close to starvation; at one point the island was within two weeks of surrender to the Germans and Italians. Dramatically, reinforcements arrived at nearly the last moment, and the island held out. Its raids on German supply lines to North Africa probably made the difference between American defeat and victory in that campaign. In the War Museum, we read the reports of ship commanders and aircraft pilots, and saw pictures of Franklin Roosevelt's visit to Malta in December of 1943.

Malta holds much of beauty, from Stone Age temples to Carravaggio paintings to marvelous gardens and wonderful honest local food. Still, my strongest memories of our visit range from the horrendous details of war to the delightful honesty and charm of the people. Would I have retrieved my credit card in downtown Sacramento?

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## Louis Heilbron, First Chair of the CSU Board of Trustees, Dies At Age 99

By Don Gerth

Louis H. Heilbron, the founding Chair of the Board of Trustees of what were then the California State Colleges, died in December at age 99. Heilbron – an extraordinary leader in the establishment of the California State University system as we know it today– served as Chair of the Board to July of 1963 and continued as a member until 1969.

He received a degree in 1928 in political science from UC Berkeley and received a law degree from Boalt Hall in 1931. His career began with the Califor-

nia State Department of Social Welfare, and in time, he became Secretary to the State Welfare Commission. He was a long-time member of the San Francisco law firm of Heller, Ehrman, White, and McAuliffe.

Over the years Mr. Heilbron was active in and at one time or another the president or chair of the board of many groups, including but not limited to the World Affairs Council of Northern California, the Jewish Community Center, KQED, the Human Rights Commission, the California Historical Society

and Temple Emanu-El in San Francisco (where his memorial service was held).

Mr. Heilbron also served as the founding and first chair of the board of the California State University Archives at the Dominguez Hills campus in 1979. Louis Heilbron was a kind and gentle person, a strong and firm person, an intellectual in the best sense of the word, and an individual whose memory would not quit. He is without question one who defined the California State University and its core values, values for then and for now and hopefully over time.

## University to Deal with 'Structural Deficit'

By Michael J. Fitzgerald  
Faculty Senate Chair

(Editor's Note: More information on the Budget Task Force Report is available at [www.csus.edu](http://www.csus.edu))

The University community received a rude shock last fall when the President unveiled what he called a "structural deficit" of \$6.5 million that would require slashing budgets over a three-year period, with the 76 percent of the slashing to be done from Academic Affairs.

Academic Affairs represents approximately 76 percent of the total budget and was targeted to take a proportional cut.

The Faculty Senate – after several meetings and attempts at fact-finding –

was able to convince the President (via a strongly worded resolution) to establish a university task force to see if the deficit was real or imagined, as well as look at other matters. The president agreed to hold off on implementing a \$1.6 million reduction to Academic Affairs for 2006-2007.

The task force report, issued March 13, says the deficit is indeed real and that at least \$1.7 million can be attributed to a growth in administrative costs (page 8) and a \$1.5 million hike for University Advancement (page 6). The report also recommends a university budget committee be formed.

The Senate is concerned for obvious reasons. Any money cut from the Aca-

ademic Affairs budget translates almost directly into fewer classes and/or classes with more students, so departments can avoid opening additional course sections or the costs of part-time faculty.

Equally of concern is the precedent. If additional money is permanently allocated to any non-academic division on campus – Administration, Advancement or Athletics, for example – will Academic Affairs continue to be expected to prioritize this support, rather than prioritize instruction?

The Senate held a hearing March 15 to discuss the report and will be meeting further to consider possible actions and ways to protect the Academic Affairs budget.

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## New Silver Bulletin Editor is Hortense Simmons

Until her retirement last May, new *Silver Bulletin* editor Hortense Simmons served as Professor of English and Ethnic Studies. She joined the faculty at Sac State in 1973 after having taught at The Ohio State University in Columbus, where she developed the first courses in African American literature for the English Department. At Sac State, her academic focus included African American literature, ethnic women's studies, and English language arts. She worked closely with the State Department of Education as a regional director of the California Literature Project charged with implementing the Model Curriculum Standards in English and Language Arts. Additionally, she served as Director of CIRCLE which developed print and audiovisual curriculum for California's vocational gender equity programs. She has extensive international teaching experience, the most recent being in 2004-05 as a Fulbright scholar in African American literature in Mykolayiv, Ukraine. Other assignments were in Ghana, Malaysia, Greece, and the Semester at Sea Program. Travel figures prominently among her life's passions. As a matter of fact, in 2007, she'll spend the month of May in Australia, and from mid June through mid August she will be aboard the Universe Explorer as a lifelong learner during Semester at Sea's Summer Voyage to Latin America!

Her editorial skills should serve us well: on campus, she edited *Making Peace*, the newsletter of the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution; in Malaysia, she served as consulting editor for *AMCHAM Quarterly*, the house organ of the American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce. She looks forward to receiving your contributions.



New Silver Bulletin editor,  
Hortense Simmons

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### In Memoriam

Al Grybas, Communication Studies, November 14, 2006

Donald W. Herberholz, Art, December 17, 2006

Kenneth D. Norberg, AV Services, January 7, 2007

Willard M. Thompson, Business, February 7, 2007

For further details, please check our website:  
[www.csus.edu/org/emeritus](http://www.csus.edu/org/emeritus).



# Reservation Form

       **YES!** I will attend the annual spring Emeritus Association luncheon on April 20, 2007.

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Guest Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly return the form by **April 16** with check made out to Sacramento State Emeritus Association to Lester Gabriel, 817 Commons Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-6655. Should you miss the deadline, call Les at (916) 564-3080 to check on availability.

**A reminder: If you have not paid your dues, please add the appropriate amount to the lunch fee.**

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