First Annual Emeritus College Symposium Sets Standard

By all reports, the First Annual Emeritus College Symposium was a success, but there is plenty of room for improvement as the tradition continues. Held in the Memorial Union at Arizona State University on Saturday, May 6, the Symposium began at 9:00 AM with a keynote address by Harry Mitchell, long-time Tempe mayor and recently State Senator from district 17. Mitchell, who is a Democratic candidate for Congress, spoke about the teaching profession, recalling his many years as a civics teacher at Tempe High School. He also spoke on governmental support for education.

Mitchell was followed by Julia Rosen of the ASU Foundation who gave a presentation on the joint ASU-Scottsdale “Skysong” project. After a brief coffee break, the attendees chose from a menu of ten talks in two parallel sessions, all given by members of the Emeritus College. The banquet luncheon featured ASU Vice President Mernoy Harrison who presented the vision of the Downtown Phoenix campus. Written and performance arts were represented on the program in a poetry reading by Bettie Anne Doebler and a ballet duet by Ann Ludwig and Beth Lessard, all College members. The banquet room was adorned by

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Fulton Challenge Goal Met by Emeritus College Members

College members and friends have responded with great generosity to the Ira Fulton Challenge, achieving 128% of the Emeritus College contributions goal. All of the qualifying proceeds will be matched one-to-one by the Fulton Foundation. According to Dean Richard Jacob, this will enable the College to announce a Grants and Awards program effective this Fall, as well as provide support to several other activities designed to improve the intellectual and creative lives of emeriti and emeritae.

The Emeritus College was invited by Ira Fulton himself to participate in the current Fulton Challenge along with most other colleges in the University.

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Ann Ludwig and Beth Lessard converse with “Isabel” at the Symposium.
paintings and other pieces of art
done by Emeritus College members
John Aguilar, Eugene Grigsby, Paul
Jackson, Mark Reader, Gene Valen-
tine and Lou Weschler. This show-
ing was a preview of the much
larger collection to be on long-term
display in the College of Public
Program’s new Downtown Phoenix
offices.

Distinguished members of the
ASU faculty were highlighted in a
plenary session following the lunch-
eon. Retha Warnicke (History)
spoke on a fascinating episode in
the tragic history of Mary Queen
of Scots, Bertram Jacobs (Micro-
biology) managed to frighten all
in attendance with his information
on modern-day and ancient
plagues, Jose Mendez (Economics)
argued that globalization is not a
new phenomenon and Jason Robert
(Life Science Ethics) discussed the
ethical problems associated with
nanotechnology.

The long day ended with a Col-
lege business meeting in which
new members of the College Coun-
cil were elected and the College
Bylaws ratified.

Dean Richard Jacob announced
that the next Emeritus College
Symposium will occur in Novem-
ber, 2007. The change to Fall is to
avoid interference with traditional
events sponsored by the College’s
sister organization, the ASU Retir-
ees Association.

Members Tapped for
College Organization

Chuck Merbs and Fred Fehr have,
for personal and health reasons
respectively, submitted their resig-
nations from the Emeritus College
Council. Replacing them for the
remainder of their terms are Babs
Gordon (English) and Liz Prather
(Speech and Hearing Science).
The following have agreed to
serve on the College’s Grants and
Awards Committee: Ted Brown
(Chemistry), Winifred Doane
(Chair; Zoology), Larry Faas (Edu-
cation), Nick Salerno (English) and
Jim Schoenwetter (Anthropology).

Emeritus Art Exhibit Preparations in Final Stages

Paintings are being framed and loan contracts written as the Emeritus Art Exhibit Committee prepares for an August 1 delivery of almost
200 pieces of art to the new College of Public Programs headquarters
on the Downtown Phoenix Campus. Committee Chair, John Aguilar
(Anthropology), says that so far, eleven Emeritus College members and
spouses have contributed examples of their work to the collection. A
selection of paintings and other items are also being digitally scanned
for reproduction in a series of prints and an emeritus art calendar that
will be made available to the public.

Pieces in the collection will be hung in Public Programs College
reception areas and faculty offices. The exhibit will be opened for a
premier public viewing on Friday, November 3, as part of the Phoenix
First Friday Art Walk.

Because it does not have a student
body or an alumni group, its goal
was not set as large as those of
other colleges, but was nevertheless of comparable magnitude.

Ira and Mary Lou Fulton es-
ablished the Challenge in order
to encourage a culture of giving
among the ASU community. The
experience of the Emeritus College
and the other participating colleges
indicates success as well in this
endeavor.

The Emeritus College does not
have a dues requirement. Rather,
it relies on voluntary contributions
from those who have applied for
membership. The suggested mini-
imum annual contribution is $30,
but, as demonstrated in the cur-
rent Fulton Challenge, many have
contributed significantly more than
that. “All contributions, regardless
of size, are gratefully received,”
says Dean Jacob.
Open House Celebrates New College Quarters

Members of the Emeritus College, the University community and others dropped into the College Center throughout the day on May 25 to chat in the Mentoring Center, indulge in punch and cookies and celebrate the College’s occupation of its newly renovated permanent facilities.

The poem, ”Dedication,” written by Joe Harris for the occasion referred to the College’s nomadic migration through four temporary locations during its first year of existence.

Dedication

(On the occasion of The Emeritus College occupying its permanent quarters.)

Fold the tents, store in the attic
Of the brick and mortar of Wilson Hall,
The Emeritus College now in a definitive locale.
It is the home for the marred, tarred, battle scarred Scholars, the vast myriad of disciplinary sounds
Now forward in another partnership abound.

Here in this place, among the decor drawing from the past,
“Blessed is the tie that binds...”
You always belonged here.
To feel life start up again,
Changes on that eternal continuum.
Gazing at us from the walls
The gallery of ancestors,
Our lives added to all therein.

Joseph Harris
Professor Emeritus of Chemistry
May 25, 2006

Provost Glick Receives Service Award

The Emeritus College award for service, “the Gray Mortarboard,” was presented by Dean Richard Jacob to outgoing ASU Provost and Executive Vice President Milt Glick in a ceremony during the College’s Open House on May 25. Glick, the first to receive the College’s award, was cited for his complete and unstinting support for the College since its inception and for his fifteen years of outstanding service to the University.

Glick, who is assuming the presidency of the University of Nevada, Reno, in July, responded with his wishes for the College’s continued success and expressed regret at leaving so many good friends and coworkers. Dean Jacob assured him that he would be counted among the members of the College and was welcome back at any time.

Facult Senate to Vote on EC Voting Privileges

A motion to amend the Faculty Assembly Bylaws to allow the senator from the Emeritus College to have a vote will be voted on by the Faculty Senate this Fall via on-line balloting. The amendment, which is strongly supported by Senate leadership, will have the effect of making members of the Emeritus College members of the Faculty Assembly as well, giving them input into Faculty Senate deliberations and actions. College Senator Ron Alvarado believes the measure has a good chance of being approved by the Senate. College members are urged to encourage their colleagues in the Senate to vote in favor of this amendment.
Editorial

“Where have we been? Where are we going?” That was the theme of our Symposium. It was also to have been the subject of a discussion in the members’ meeting at the end of the day, but the long day took its toll (a condition that will be rectified in future symposia) and we concluded the necessary business and adjourned quickly to the benefit of all. But I will venture my answers to these questions: we have been on an adventure that none of us imagined when we retired; and, the future looks favorable and we have a lot of vision yet to be realized, but the nature of this beast is too unknown and unpredictable to warrant hazarding any prophesies.

A safer question is “Where are we now?”

The happy answer is: much farther than anyone had thought. Indeed, although the College had the full support of the University from its inception, we outran the system on several stretches and had to take breathers while we waited for it to catch up. But here we are, a year and a half after the College was established by the President and the Provost, in beautifully renovated permanent facilities, activities and projects blossoming in many directions, full-time paid staff and a brief but rich history of differences made in many peoples’ lives.

Due to the generosity of the College’s membership and of Ira Fulton, we are poised to enter territory we had not expected to reach for another three or four years. The Emeritus Press is up and running - we hope to have student interns working with it as early as this Fall, computers are in place in all the carrels and studies for the use of members, and the Emeritus College Grants and Awards Committee is working on the first request for proposals, to be issued this Fall.

Where are we now? We have fulfilled the first sentence of our mission: “to give a home and a focus to continued intellectual, creative and social engagement of retired faculty with the University.” Now we need to make it work to enhance the retirement of all ASU emeriti and emeritae. DJ

AROHE Gathering Set for October

Plans are solidifying for the 2006 national conference of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) to be held in Tempe October 13 - 15. The conference theme is “Building on Experience Toward an Innovative Future”. Several distinguished guest speakers are on the agenda along with contributions from members of AROHE organizations. Among the confirmed invited speakers are Gene Cohen, Director of the Center on Aging, Health & Humanities at George Washington University; Mary Furlong, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Women in Leadership at the University of Santa Clara, and Monika White, Ph.D. President/CEO of the Center for Healthy Aging.

An optional dinner theater excursion to the Broadway Palm Theater is planned for Saturday evening.

ASU and the Emeritus College will host registered participants at a luncheon banquet on Saturday, the 14th, with guest speaker Stephen Happel, ASU Professor of Economics.

Members of the Emeritus College may register at the member rate of $150 before July 31 and $200 afterwards. Those living within the greater Phoenix area are not required to pay the $50 surcharge charged to those who do not stay at the conference hotel.

Additional information may be found at the conference web site: http://www.arohe.org/conferences.shtml
**Tempe Enclave to Continue Programs in Winter 2007**

After a successful launch in Winter, 2006, the Tempe Enclave will again offer a slate of thought provoking classes to East Valley 50+’ers. The initial go-around was supported in part by a grant from the Osher Institute for Life-long Learning administered out of ASU West Campus. Seven courses were offered to fifty Enclave members. Six of the seven instructors were members of the Emeritus College (see V. I, No. 1 of *The Emeritus Press*, April 2006.)

The Tempe Enclave now operates independently of ASU’s Osher program and will have its administrative home within the Emeritus College. According to Enclave Program Administrator Barbara Huff, it looks forward to offering fourteen courses in the Winter, some to begin in late January.

Enclave courses ordinarily consist of five two hour classroom sessions spread over three- or five-week periods. Enrollment is usually limited to about 20.

Members of the Emeritus College who would like to offer Enclave courses are encouraged to contact Barbara Huff at the Emeritus College Center. Instructors are compensated for their participation.

Curriculum details will be published later this year. A membership discount will be available to College members.

The Tempe Enclave will continue to offer its popular Philosophy Cafe during the Fall, 2007 Semester. Details will be published to Enclave members.

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**Grants and Awards Committee Submits Report**

The report of the Emeritus College Grants and Awards Committee was received by the College Council at its June 22 meeting. It will be discussed at the Council’s July 27 meeting and posted for a month on the College web site for comment by College members. The final version of the report is expected to be approved by the Council at its August meeting in time to publish a request for proposals in September.

The Committee, chaired by Winifred Doane, has recommended that “the Emeritus College make available financial grants and awards to its membership on an annual competitive basis” for projects including research, scholarly writing, creative arts, teaching and mentoring. It is expected that grants would ordinarily lie in the $500 - $2,000 range. Support for student assistance would be permitted.

Funding for the program would come from member donations, proceeds from the Ira Fulton Challenge and other income obtained through the College’s development activities.

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**Bylaw Revisions under Consideration**

The College Bylaws Committee is examining the bylaws for possible amendments and revisions. Suggestions from College members are invited. Send them please to Ron Alvarado, Committee Chair at r.alvarado@asu.edu. The current bylaws are posted on the members’ page of the College web site.

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**Luncheon-Talks Series Launched**

Members of the College and their guests will meet for lunch and enlightenment once a month at the Karsten Golf Course clubhouse. Each occasion will feature two College members in twenty-minute “short talks” concerning their research or other creative and scholarly activities. “Plenty of time will be made available for discussion,” says College Dean Dick Jacob.

The dates set aside for Noon-Hour Short Talk series are Tuesdays, September 12, October 10 and November 14. Details concerning meal costs and speakers will be published in August.

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**College Members to Lecture to New Frontiers Audiences**

Five Emeritus College members will present lectures to the East Valley New Frontiers organization during the Fall semester. Speaking on a wide variety of topics will be Mary Laner, Marjorie Lightfoot, Willis Buckingham, Len Gordon and Richard Jacob. A complete list of New Frontier lectures along with dates, times and venues will be published on the College web site later this Summer.

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**In Memory**

**Fred Staley**
Professor Emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction
14 June 2006
News from the Centers

Emeritus Center for Writing
Beatrice Gordon, Director

Writing Group Established
The first meeting of the Emeritus College Writers’ Working Group was held in April, when the group discussed ongoing works by Elaine Katzman and Len Gordon. Under the guidance of Charles Brownson, the group plans to meet regularly in the Emeritus College Center on the last Friday of each month. Meetings will be announced by E-card.

The Writers’ Working Group invites all to participate who are serious professional or avocational writers in any genre. Each month, two members of the group have their work discussed and critiqued.

The group’s schedule and agendas can be seen on its web site at http://www.asu.edu/provost/emerituscollege/wgroup.html. There is also a group blog at TheCenacle.blob.asu.edu.

Creative Writing Workshops Scheduled for Fall
Members of the Emeritus College and their spouses are invited to participate in the third semester of creative writing workshops, sponsored by the College and the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing. Three workshops are scheduled: “Fiction Writing” (instructor Barbara Yost, Thursdays, 2 - 4 PM), “Creative Writing Skills” (Tina Hammerton, Wednesdays, 2 - 4 PM), and “Using Metaphor to Enhance Your Writing” (Lindsay Gosma, Thursdays, 1 - 3 PM). Each workshop meets weekly, beginning the week of October 2, at the Piper Center for ten two hour sessions. Workshops are taught by advanced MFA creative writing students.

The registration cost is $120 per participant. This can be compared with $450 charged for almost identical workshops offered off campus by Piper Center faculty.

Emeritus Center for Art
Eugene Valentine, Acting Director

Emeritus Concert Series Set for Fall Inaugural
As part of the Emeritus College Colloquia and Concerts series, Fall concerts will be presented by Professors Emeriti Bettic Anne Doebler (English) and Ronald Jacobowitz (Mathematics). Professor Doebler will present, with her associates, an evening of poetry, music and dance, entitled “One Woman’s Life.” Professor Jacobowitz, an accomplished concert pianist as well as mathematician, will present two musical lectures in which he performs and discusses Brahms and Robert and Clara Schumann. Details for both events will be announced to the membership shortly.

Center for Issues in K-12 Education
John Bell, Director

High School Drop-out Mentoring
For the past year, John Bell of the Emeritus College and Gregory Hickman, Director of the Rodel Community Scholars program, have been mentoring a team of four Rodel Scholars who are assigned to develop a program for retrieving high school dropouts by preparing them academically to return to a high school and successfully complete a program of studies that results in graduation. It is intended that the program be housed in a facility in or near the ASU Downtown Campus. The Dropout Recovery Center, as it is being called, is to be a “drop-in” facility that allows young people to come to receive individual instruction and/or counseling at times convenient to them. There will be no classes. Instruction for basic skills will occur primarily through computer-assisted activity and tutoring.

There is a variety of personnel needs for staffing the center, most of which could be filled by Emeritus College volunteers and student interns from ASU. The following represents minimal staffing for start-up of the center:
• Center Director to manage and schedule personnel
• Receptionist to answer inquiries, interview clients for preliminary information, and phone absentees
• Adviser/Instructional Specialist to diagnose levels of achievement, make initial assignments, arrange learning events, supervise instructional activities
• Counselors to advise students and help them long-range plans
• Instructional Assistants to assist students with computer-program instruction and tutor as needed

Members of the Emeritus College who have an interest in the high school dropout problem and in assisting as mentors, tutors or in any other capacity, are encouraged to contact John Bell at the Emeritus College Center or at his e-mail address, John.Bell@asu.edu.

In addition to the Rodel Scholars, who have been integral to the planning of this project, partnerships have been developed with the Emeritus College, the City of Phoenix, and the Phoenix Union High School District.
When he retired last year, Jerry Buley (Communication) had no idea he would be standing at the front of his Sedona house a year later watching a forest fire raging toward him. Being the intrinsic scholar and observer that he is, he began taking pictures and interviewing firefighters. An article written on these experiences has been submitted for publication. Fortunately, Jerry says, “there was zero property damage. Not a single building was burned. Because of the competence of the firefighters, it is safe to travel in Sedona and Arizona.”

Margarita Cota-Cárdenas (Spanish) gave two presentations at North Dakota State University, Fargo in April and read from her novels and poetry at Zandbroz Books in Fargo. Prof. Cota-Cárdenas assures us that culture is alive and well in North Dakota.

Patricia Etter (Library) has recently published the biography of a pioneer Scotsman, Robert Brownlee, in the online Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture. Patricia was recently elected to a three-year term on the University Club Board.

Nelson L. Haggerson, Jr. (Education) has chaired 203 doctoral students since 1967. The most recent, Dr. Jacqueline Holiday, of Kayenta, Arizona, graduated in May, 2006. Ten of Nelson’s students won awards of excellence for their dissertations. The exhausted Prof. Haggerson and his spouse, Emeritus College member, Catherine Rumsey, are catching their breath in Australia this Summer.

The Hetherington Award of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education, the Academy’s highest honor, was presented to Gary Krahenbuhl (Dean Emeritus of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) at the Academy’s Fall 2005 meeting. The award is given only in cases of truly distinguished service over a full career.

J. Jeffries McWhirter (Psychology in Education) received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Oregon’s College of Education. Professor McWhirter continues to teach at ASU.

Richard Satterlie (Biology) has published his first novel, titled “Phoenix”. Released July 1 from Whiskey Creek Press, the story begins in Minnesota, but quickly moves to the Black Canyon area of the Arizona Territory in the late 1870’s. Retired from ASU, Rich is currently Frank Hawkins Kenan Professor of Marine Biology at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Ernest Stech (Associate Member from Western Michigan U.) presented the paper, “Neither Follower nor Leader Be…”, at the Conference on Rethinking Fellowship: New Paradigms, Perspectives and Practices, held in February at Claremont McKenna College.

Richard E. Wentz (Religious Studies) now lives in Flagstaff where he is Adjunct Professor in the Department of Humanities, Arts and Religion at NAU. He recently taught the graduate course, “American Religion and the New Spirituality.” Richard participated in the May, 2006 joint meeting of the Pennsylvania German Society and the German American Studies Association in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he presented a paper on the work of Henry Harbaugh, 19th Century Pennsylvania German poet, historian and theologian.

Recent Emeritus Faculty Publication


ASU Faculty Emeriti Association

The first Faculty Emeriti Association luncheon of the 2006-2007 academic year will take place on Thursday, September 28, 11:30 - 1:30, in the Alumni Lounge, Memorial Union. Speaker will be Bruce Merrill, Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications. Prof. Merrill will speak on “Eye of the Elections.” Price of the luncheon is $15.00 per person. Checks written to Arizona State University can be sent to Maureen Graff at the Emeritus College.
Mission of The Emeritus College

The purpose of The Emeritus College is to give a home and a focus to continued intellectual, creative and social engagement of retired faculty with the University. The Emeritus College fosters and promotes the scholarly and creative lives of its members, prolonging fruitful engagement with and service to the University. The Emeritus College provides the University a continued association with productive scientists, scholars and artists who have retired from their faculty positions but not from their disciplines.

The Emeritus Press, newsletter of The Emeritus College at Arizona State University, is published quarterly (January, April, July and October). Submissions and comments should be sent to the Emeritus College c/o Maureen Graff, PO Box 875203, Tempe, AZ 85203 or emerituscollege@asu.edu

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