Remodeled MU to House 3rd Emeritus College Symposium

A major fire at ASU’s Memorial Union occurred last year, two days before our College’s Second Annual Symposium in November. The symposium had been scheduled to take place there, but thanks to Dean Len Gordon and his able staff, it was relocated to the University Club at the last moment. The Club turned out to be an excellent setting for the occasion, but, for many reasons including economy of cost, this year’s symposium is being held, once again, in the MU.

The MU has for more than fifty years been the University’s central community meeting locale, but it remained closed due to fire and smoke damage for most of the past academic year, as well as the summer 2007 and 2008 semesters. During that time, over 250 workers occupied the redesigned building and renovated its first, second, and third floors. Then, on August 28th, the MU was reopened at a ceremony featuring President Michael Crow and attended by Len Gordon. This was followed by a guided tour of the remarkable new facility.

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Aaron Brown Colloquium Draws Large Audience

Our College’s October 15th Colloquium featured Aaron Brown, the inaugural ASU Walter Cronkite Professor of Journalism. Former CNN news anchor Brown, joined the Cronkite School in January, 2008. His talk, “A News Anchor’s Perspective on the News,” drew on years of experience at CNN and as co-anchor on ABC News with Peter Jennings.

Brown spoke about the centrality of reporting the facts of news events in a timely manner, which included his coverage within hours of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, for which he received the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award. He recently returned to television to host “Wide Angle,” a PBS weekly global public affairs series.

On current political campaigns, Brown noted the volatility of the public in reaction to the nation’s major economic problems and continuing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A new element in news coverage is the enormous expansion of information and misinformation which comes from outside the traditional major networks of ABC, CBS, and NBC, e.g., from

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New Editor Sought for Emeritus Voices

Search for a new editor of Emeritus Voices, the online/print copy journal of the Emeritus College, is underway at the Emeritus Press. Charles Brownson, the current editor, is stepping down in January 2010, but will continue as editor for the spring and fall issues of 2009.

Three candidates are presently under consideration for the forthcoming position of editor. Each is expected to submit a letter of interest and an outline of his or her qualifications. They will be interviewed by Don Sharpes (Director of the Emeritus Press), James Schoenwetter (Chair, Editorial Board of Emeritus Voices), and Winifred Doane (Ex Officio member of the Editorial Board). Selection of the new editor will be made after an assessment of the candidates’ accomplishments and following consultation with other members of the Editorial Board. It is anticipated that the selected candidate will assist Brownson in 2009 as Deputy Editor of Emeritus Voices for issues numbered four and five and assume full editorial responsibility in the spring of 2010.

At this time, the names of qualified candidates are being held in confi-
College Staying Active and filled to capacity. This popular, Two workshops are currently underway at the College’s Center in Wilson Hall.  

Civic, service, faith-based and other community organizations wishing to schedule unique lectures or courses are invited to make selections from the guide. It lists course offerings of emeriti and gives information about this College outreach program.

Arizona State Retirement System News

Lou Wesceller, ASURA representative to the Emeritus College Council, reported changes made in the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) on August 1. Developments pertaining to emeritus faculty were summarized as follows:

- **Contribution Rate To Be Lowered Effective July 1** - The ASRS will implement a slight decrease in contribution rates for the first time in five years beginning July 1. This relates to emeritus faculty because the reduction from 9.6 to 9.45 percent was made based upon actuarial analysis done each year in an effort to keep the contribution rate fair and equitable and the plan on solid fiscal ground.

- **New Law Affects Retirement Options** – For colleagues about to retire, an amendment to Arizona State Statutes governing optional forms will take effect July 1, 2008. Under the new law, members who retire on or after July 1, 2008 will have one-time opportunity to rescind the joint-and-survivor or period-certain annuity option and change to straight-life annuity option if the originally named annuitant dies, ceases to be a contingent annuitant under terms of a divorce, or occurs automatically at the end of the selected period-certain term. Members who retired before June 30, 2008 are not affected by the new law.

- **Health Insurance Benefits** – A meeting is planned to provide information to members about the ASRS health insurance plans and benefits. Members will learn about current health insurance options, meet providers, learn about the ASRS Premium Benefit, and how health insurance costs are determined. They will learn about the many benefits of belonging to the ASRS, including a history and overview of the system, how each pension is calculated and how to maximize future benefits, member responsibilities, disability and survivor benefits, and more.

Emeritus faculty wishing more information can contact the ASRS Report at weeklyreport@azasrs.gov.
Jealously

Is jealousy a sign of true love? Do men and women react to jealousy in the same way? Are cohabiters less jealous than married persons? “No, no, and no,” said Professor Emerita Mary Laner during her September 9th presentation on the subject at the Emeritus College’s first Short Talks luncheon of the fall semester.

Attendees at this meeting in the Karsten Golf Course clubhouse were entertained by research findings regarding the “green-eyed monster.” Laner stated, “Although scholars have found jealousy to be a widely prevalent and potentially dangerous aspect of our lives (e.g., jealousy-related murders), it is interesting that the Hebrew bible ranks envy as a worse sin than jealousy.”

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AROHE Conference 2008

Len Gordon and Chuck Elliott re- presented ASU’s Emeritus College at this year’s national meeting of the Association of Retirement Organiza- tions in Higher Education (AROHE), which was hosted by USC-Los Angeles from October 23 to 26. AROHE Executive Director, Janette C. Brown, reported that AROHE had completed a national survey of colleges and universities with retiree organizations and received 150 responses. On the meeting agenda was a panel discussion on “transition programs” which are designed to assist faculty moving into emeritus status. An effort was made to identify such programs already in place and working effectively. Len served on the panel and reported, “Preliminary results indicate that they are few and far between. One aspect of the meeting was to encourage more extensive and substantive programs for emeriti and pending emeritus faculty.”

Another topic discussed at the meeting was an emergent interest in establishing centers for mentoring students and new faculty. Len described the development of our College’s Center for Mentoring and presented plans developed under the auspices of the Center’s codirectors Howard Voss and Quentin Bogart (page 9).

Emeritus College Helps ASU

Teach for America

Dean Len Gordon and John Bell, Director of the Emeritus College’s Center for Issues in K-12 Education, met over lunch on September 9th in TFA Recruitment Director Rosemary Erickson’s office to discuss opportunities to work with TFA staff. As a result of this meeting, Len worked with students and new faculty. Len describ- ed the development of our College’s Center for Mentoring and presented plans developed under the auspices of the Center’s codirectors Howard Voss and Quentin Bogart (page 9).

Erikson expressed his continued need to connect with ASU faculty in order to identify and recommend top students willing to engage in this national program, which began at Princeton University over a decade ago. To raise awareness of TFA and to reach students who may be interested in the program, he is prepared to make short presentations before classes, as was done by former TFA recruitment director Rosemary Rogers.

A TFA Information Session was set for October 22nd. Erikson sent Len the new TFA marketing materials for distribution “…to top students or other folks you know around campus who might want to attend…” the session.

He wrote, “This would be a tremendous help since you’re so well connected!”

Expansion of the TFA program at ASU was described in the last issue of this newsletter. John and Len have provided an impressive list of ASU faculty and administration members able to help TFA identify outstanding ASU students willing to commit to this national program. In e-mail correspondence with John, Erikson noted, “You’ve got some great ideas!”

Homecoming Reception

After last year’s success, our College will sponsor its second Homecoming Party on November 19th. The event will be in the North Room of the University Club, 5:00-8:00 PM. College members will be there to welcome our guests.

Lyn Hennigton Remembered

Robert Lyn Hennigton, husband of Jo Ann Hennigton, Professor Emerita of the W. P. Carey School of Business and Associate Dean in the College of Business Administration for many years, passed away July 22, 2008. He was born on April 10, 1930, in Dimmitt, Texas, and laid to rest in his family plot follow- ing graveside services on August 2 in Marfa, Texas, the home town of Leo and Jo Ann. Leo was a loyal supporter of ASU, which he had attended, and enjoying JoAnn in the recruit- ment of students for football and basket- ball programs, as well as for the Col- lege. He is remembered as “a great guy, who was a pleasure to be with.”
Abused floor tiles in the peeling station, stiff wooden benches bearing the dispossessed, Travelers with no permanent destinations or destinies, Waiting redemption never announced, I sit among you, the long day's desperations, and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), whose goal is to bring Native Americans into science and engineering. Barnhill is also active in SACNAS.

The trains streak across the carpeted fields of the soil tillers who farm the fodder We need to keep another day's breath--Barley grains, corn stalks, grapes, Browsing cows, wheat for bread and beer, Oxygen from tapered trees, Follicles of the earth. If churches were not in the villages Would God reside there anyway?

I The Correct Title

When I arrived at ASU, a sign outside my door read Chairman, Charles F. Merbs. Two years later I was told that the sign would have to change. It could read Chairperson, or simply Chair. Chairman was considered sexist and no longer acceptable. I quickly rejected Chair. That was something people sat on. But even Chairperson might become outdated, I reasoned. So, to get ahead of the game, I had the new sign outside my door read Chair. I still have that sign.

Charles Merbs

THE DEATH OF BEES

"Colony collapse disorder is . . . thought to have claimed the lives of billions of honeybees around the world. . . . Albert Einstein is reported to have said, 'If the bee disappears off the surface of the globe, then man would have four years of life left.'" Manchester Guardian, 31 May 2008

There are vast, dark places on this earth Where war wrecks the land, where there's little joy, And only malice finds a cause for mirth.

As they know more about
How to give life, its passions, And then carry on, laughing, As if there were something Worth carrying on about, even if
The church tells a different story.

Don Sharpes

THE DANISH FUNERAL

It's easy to die, Jens, Harder to live at the end, As you know, so we
Celebrate the only life you had, The only life we all have, A little sad, like a Billie Holliday song, Swimming in a sea of existence, Sunlight off a stream, And let the women cry for us As they know more about
How to give life, its passions, And then carry on, laughing, As if there were something Worth carrying on about, even if
The church tells a different story.

Alan Johnson

Editor's note: Alan Johnson presented the above poem at the Emeritus College's Brown Bag Readings lunch on September 19, 2008.
New Faculty Chair in Peace Studies

Creation of the Hardt-Nickaehos Chair in Peace Studies by Emeritus College member Professor Emerita Annette Hardt and her late husband, Anthony Nickaehos, was announced in the September 12th issue of ASU News. This new faculty position in ASU’s Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict will advance research and teaching aimed at a sustainable peace, provide regular courses and leadership in the advancement of peace studies, and foster collaboration with other concerned faculty. Hardt, who retired from the College of Education in 1990, continues to strive for the vision of a new understanding of peace. Her husband, a retired Navy Lt. Commander, had earned his teaching certificate from the ASU College of Education and taught in the Roosevelt School District of Phoenix.

Mentoring Center Officially Founded

One of the early ideas floated by founding members of our Emeritus College, led by Dean Emeritus Dick Jacob, was to develop a mentoring function for the college. It was anticipated that there would be hundreds of experienced emeriti in a large variety of specialties who had spent their careers mentoring students at all levels, as well as new faculty. The College is now in full swing with more than 350 members, assigned space in Wilson Hall on the Tempe campus, an office staff, and a number of special purpose activity centers.

“We have come a long way in a brief time – dedicated to the success of people and the support of the ASU central administration,” said Howard Voss. “It is now time to officially founded the ASU Emeritus College Mentoring Center (ASUECMC).” Voss and Quintin Bogart are the founding Co-Directors of this new Center.

“Each member of the College will soon be mailed more specific and complete information regarding participation in the new Mentoring Center. Voss noted, “Many of our members seem to consider becoming active participants, tell us about their applicable experience, and provide other information we will need as the Center initiates its operation.”

The ASUECMC is not intended to become a tutoring center. In a university with such a huge population, a tutoring service would be instantly overwhelmed. Departments, colleges, and individual faculty have long offered such service. The ASUECMC is specifically intended to provide assistance to individuals who have a need for one-on-one mentoring by a person with lengthy experience in the university environment. These people will be matched by the Center with a volunteer mentor seen as most likely to be able to provide the needed mentoring.

Co-Directors Voss and Bogart say, “You are invited to visit the Mentoring Center’s space in the ASU Emeritus College Offices in Wilson Hall and to meet the office staff. We look forward to working with you.”


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Recent Emeritus Faculty Publications


Emeritus College Associate Member Fairlee Winfield Wins Award

BUFFALOEd, Fairlee Winfield’s historical novel (page 10, July 2008 newsletter), received a top award in the Arizona Author’s Association 2008 Literary Contest. This gritty tale follows a Norwegian immigrant’s struggle to make her way in the American west, and was inspired by her grandmother’s stories of working in the Montana home of Charlie Russell, the renowned Cowboy Artist. The novel revolves around the question: Was it really the Cowboy Artist who painted the Lewis and Clark mural displayed in the Montana State house? Dr. Winfield, an Associate Member of the Emeritus College and Professor Emerita of Linguistics and Cultural Studies at Northern Arizona University, will provide an answer at the Short Talks lunchroom in the Karsten Golf Course clubhouse on November 11th. The first chapter of her novel will be published in the November issue of the Arizona Literary Magazine.

Memoir Writing

Our November 19th Colloquium will feature College member Helen Neuber, whose title is “Memoir Writing – from Memory to ‘Art’ Emotion and Imagery: Some thoughts on Differences in Masculine and Feminine Perceptions in their Recreating of the Past.” Her book Bittersweet (2005) was based on letters between herself and her husband during WWII. Her talk will be 2:00-3:30 PM in the 6th Floor Board Room of the Fulton Center, Tempe campus.

Brown Baggers Active Again

The first Brown Bag Reading of the fall season was on September 19th in the Emeritus College Center, Wilson Hall. Readings will continue on the third Friday of each month at noontime, except for holidays. This opportunity for College members to share their writings with a friendly audience, or to just listen, is enjoyed by all who attend. To give a reading, just contact the EC office staff at 480-965-0002 and reserve a 15-minute slot on the program.

Mailbox

Letters to the Editor and opinions may be sent to emeritus-press@mainex1.nau.edu or Winifred W. Doane, The Emeritus College, PO Box 875203, Tempe, AZ 85203. Submissions longer than 200 words will be edited. We reserve the right not to print letters. Although anonymous letters will not be printed, names will be withheld upon request.

Dear Editor,

Regarding the story, “Attractive METRO Travel Option” (July 2008 Newsletter), I have found that the easiest and most economical way for me to use METRO bus service is to purchase packs of Reduced All Day Passes on line. Each packet of 5 passes costs $6.25 and each pass is good for good for travel anywhere on the system, including light rail (it starts up December 27th), from the time it is activated at a fare box until 2 AM the following morning. For example, I can use the pass for a round trip to campus during the day and then again for a round trip on the light rail to downtown Phoenix that same evening, while parking my car free of charge at Structure #5 across from Sun Devil Stadium. Or I can again take the bus from home in the evening and transfer to the light rail, all on the same $1.25 pass. I must be careful to know the last-bus times, though. There is, however, an extra charge of $1.25 for rides on express and RAPID bus routes. Since I don’t use the bus every day - some weeks only once or twice - this option is by far the least expensive for me, I expect it would be for many other Emeritus College members, too. On line purchase of any number of packets at a time can be made using a credit card at the Valley Metro web site, http://www.valleymetro.org/bus/Bus_Fare/Fare_Purchase/

Yours for green and cheap.

Dick Jacob

Dear Winifred Doane:

Thank you for the opportunity to let my emeritus colleagues know about my continued productivity as a Professor Emerita of ASU and a visiting professor at Florida International University. I retired in May 2003, so I am currently entering my 6th year of ‘retirement’. I believe that my trajectory post retirement is a good example of one of the definitions of Emeritus College: 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.

Sincerely,

Ann Nevin

Editor’s note: Professor Emerita Ann Nevin is a member of the ASU Emeritus College, a Visiting Professor at Florida International University, and Co-Principal Investigator of Urban SEALS (Special Education Academic Leaders).

Membership Extended to Dean’s Council

Members of the Emeritus College Dean’s Council are now members of the Emeritus College with full rights and privileges except for serving on the College Council, or as EC Dean. A motion to this effect was made by Council member Liz Prather, seconded by Chuck Elliott, and unanimously approved by the Council on September 25th.

Library Privileges for Associate Members

Arrangements were made by Dean Gordon, and approved by the Emeritus College Council, for Associate Members of the College to have the same library privileges as visiting Professors.

New Members

We welcome new members who have joined the College since the July 2008 issue of this newsletter. Membership in the College now stands at 366, including 323 regular members, 16 associates, 3 affiliates, and 24 spouses of deceased ASU emeritus professors.

Eleven new members are: David Burstein (Astronomy), Guy A. Cardineau (School of Life Science), Kathleen Church (School of Life Science), Donald E. Gelfand (Sociology, Associate Member - Wayne State University); Thomas Greives (Libraries), Anthony Gully (School of Art), Nemi Jain (School of Communication), Susan Mattson (College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation), Wolfgang F. Preiser (Architecture; Associate Member – University of Cincinnati), Joam Tougret (Music), Bernard Van Emden (Computer Science, Affiliate Member).

Eratosthe: The caption for the photograph on page 5 of the July 2008 issue of this newsletter should read, “Babs Gordon (left) with Med Tech sensors.” Director Diana Mass is not shown.
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 and community. 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.

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