



REPORTER

A publication of the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association

Executive Director Robert Kully Describes CSU-ERFA's Work

DURING THE PAST 15 YEARS, the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (CSU-ERFA) has become an effective, committed, and successful organization working on behalf of CSU retirees to protect and enhance their benefits, rights, and privileges. Many retired faculty have contributed to the growth and accomplishments of the organization. Special recognition for the development and strength of the association belongs to past presidents **Sidney Albert** (LA), **Jack Byrom** (Nor), **Milton Dobkin** (Hum), and **Emmett Long** (Ful), and **Robert Maurer** (Chico), the current president.

CSU-ERFA members are aware of the activities of the association's six standing committees with all volunteer members. In addition, there have been and are numerous ad hoc committees, again with all volunteers. Readers of the association's newsletter, the *Reporter*, are probably most familiar with the

work of the pre- and post-retirement and, especially, the legislative committees. The *Reporter* in most issues carries a thorough review of the State Senate and Assembly bills and the

CalPERS Board of Administration's actions that affect CSU retirees. **Wilma Krebs** (Sac), chair of the legislative committee, prepares these thorough reports to keep CSU-ERFA members informed about legislation and CalPERS decisions that could have serious implications for their benefits and rights.

THERE ARE ALSO ACTIVITIES that are a major source of service to association members. They are not reported in the newsletter because they entail mostly individual problems of retirees. Attending to these special concerns has become a significant

responsibility of the association's staff and, occasionally, its leadership. No other state organization serves exclusively CSU retirees, and very few, if any, help individuals who have special needs, such as problems with their pensions, health benefits, long-term care insurance, dental and vision programs, campus restrictions, and Social Security. Many members will recognize from these few examples CSU-ERFA's participation on their behalf.

Some CSU retirees have received "bills" from CalPERS informing them that they were overpaid in their pensions and demanding repayment. In some cases the overpayment was for a couple of years and the amount of overpayment a few thousand dollars. In other cases the time lapse was many years and the amount of overpayment was \$5,000 and, in some cases, over \$20,000. CSU-ERFA expressed deep concern about the lengthy notification and argued for a statute of limitations. In a few instances the staff was able to assist the members to negotiate a reduced repayment.

Those in the Faculty Early Retirement Plan ("FERPers") will remember the attempt by some CSU presidents to lay off all the FERPers teaching on their campus. Eventually, most, if not all, were reinstated and gave credit to the hard work of a representative of CSU-ERFA.

FERPers also have had problems on their



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campus concerning dental benefits. Some "Human Relations" offices insisted that the dental coverage of FERPers was the same as all retirees; that is, that their Delta Dental benefits were reduced to the Basic coverage rather than kept at Enhanced Plan II, which covers the active faculty. The information and support of the CSU-ERFA office helped the FERPers settle that "misunderstanding."

The office also had to explain carefully to a human management staff person that converting from Enhanced Plan II coverage to Basic every time a FERPer completed a semester or quarter of teaching and then converting back the next time they taught was absurd and would lead to chaos and huge mounds of paperwork. Maybe it was the latter that was most convincing because the proposal was dropped.

The office has assisted members whose application for long-term care insurance was originally denied. And the association has worked on behalf of retirees who mistakenly were cut-off from health, dental, and vision insurance when they retired.

CSU-ERFA has assisted members with campus restrictions, such as denial of Internet services or a special charge to retirees for using the Internet, parking, and use of campus facilities, just to name a few.

Providing this personal service is time consuming, and an increasing amount of the office staff time has been directed at serving the needs of individuals. As a result, about five years ago the CSU-ERFA Executive Committee made the decision that because of the growing number of persons seeking help the association would have to limit personal assistance only to members. Of course, the staff will provide advice to any retiree calling, but there can be no personal attention unless the caller is a CSU-ERFA member. The Executive Committee's action was necessary if the association was to continue to provide personal assistance to its members who would not be helped or their problems solved without the association's efforts.

In these past 15 years, then, the association and its leadership and staff have worked to demonstrate CSU-ERFA's continuous commitment to its members and their needs, both as a group and individually. If any readers of the *Reporter* have questions, they are welcome to call the CSU-ERFA office at the number and address on the last page of this issue.

Robert Kully, executive director

Applications for CSU-ERFA Grants Open

CSU-ERFA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the continuance of the Foundation Grant Awards program for the 2000-2001 academic year. This will be the third year in which CSU-ERFA has lent financial support to those members who wish to continue their research endeavors and creative projects following retirement.

The grants committee encourages proposals that are deemed to be consonant with the purposes of the association's constitution. These include scholarly proposals and creative projects that in the judgment of the committee contribute significantly to the quality of life of CSU retirees as continuing members of their academic communities.

Grant applications are accepted *only from retirees who are members of CSU-ERFA*. Copies of guidelines for the submission and evaluation of proposals can be obtained by contacting the CSU-ERFA office.

Please note the following deadlines for the submission and evaluation of applications:

Call for Proposals: October 1, 2000

Deadline for Proposal Submission: January 1, 2001

Committee Recommendations: February 15, 2001

Notification of Awards: April 1, 2001

Please note that the committee will not review any applications until all proposals are received.

Maxwell C. Norton, chair, Foundation grants committee

Teaching in Russia

APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED from emeriti faculty to teach at Perm Technological University and Perm State Medical Academy in Perm, Russia. At the present time, emeriti faculty from six CSU campuses (San Luis Obispo, San Diego, Fresno, Sonoma, Northridge, and Long Beach) will be offering eight courses in Russia, spring 2001.

The Perm institutions seek faculty for short-term assignments to familiarize Russian professors with English terminology and American trends in higher education. Participants are responsible for transportation costs to Russia, but the host universities cover other expenses in Perm.

Should you wish to join the groups in Perm, send a fax message to Rita Jones, emeritus professor of education (Long Beach) at 714-633-8508.

President Robert Maurer Reports . . .

C SU-ERFA PUBLISHES FOUR ISSUES OF THE *REPORTER* each year. Three of them go only to members of the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (CSU-ERFA) and certain other persons we feel important to keep informed about CSU-ERFA such as campus presidents, local academic



senate chairs, officers of the CSU Academic Senate, the chancellor and members of his staff, and the Board of Trustees. The fourth issue, this one, goes to all retired CSU faculty members. And while this is addressed to all retired faculty members, I send a special greeting to those retired faculty members who are not presently members of CSU-ERFA. When you have read this issue of the *Reporter* and see the benefits of belonging to CSU-ERFA, I hope

you complete the enclosed application and mail it to us at our office in Northridge.

Alphabet Soup—CSU Style. There are 23 campuses in the California State University system, 18 of which have organizations for retired faculty (a few of these also include retired staff). These organizations conduct a wide variety of activities including social gatherings, the support of scholarships, monthly meetings with speakers, sponsorship of travel tours, and the like. Each of these organizations is independent and draws on its own retirees for membership. These campus organizations are identified as ARP, ERPA, CSRPA, or any other group of letters that refer to "Retired," "Emeritus," "Professor," "Association," or to the name of the campus. Seventeen of these associations are affiliated with CSU-ERFA.

CSU-ERFA is a statewide association of emeritus and retired faculty. This past April we celebrated the 15th anniversary of our founding in 1985. We have almost 3,000 members who come from all of the campuses in the system, and we work on behalf of all retired faculty members on matters that pertain especially to that group.

The CSU-ERFA office frequently receives letters asking if the writer should transfer membership in CSU-ERFA to his or her campus retiree association. We also receive letters in response to dues renewal notices saying that the writers must be paid-up members of CSU-ERFA because they had paid dues to the campus association. Others believe they become members of the local association by paying dues to CSU-ERFA. Interestingly

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Clip and send to CSU-ERFA

Membership Application

Full Name _____
 Address _____
 City, ST, Zip _____
 Telephone (include area) _____
 E-mail _____
 Social Security Number _____
 Date Retired _____ From the _____ campus

Please enroll me as a retired CSU-ERFA member. I hereby authorize deductions from my retirement warrants by Public Employees Retirement System for the payment of dues to the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association. I further agree that CSU-ERFA act as my agent in payroll deduction agreements and transactions between myself, CSU-ERFA, and the Public Employees retirement System. This authorization will continue in effect until I submit a timely written notice of cancellation to the CSU-ERFA office. (Call the office [818-718-7996] for instructions should you prefer to make direct payment of dues.)

Monthly Retirement	Dues	Check one
\$999 & under	\$2 per mo.	☐
1,000-1,599	3 per mo.	☐
1,600-2,299	4 per mo.	☐
2,300-2,299	5 per mo.	☐
3,000 & above	6 per mo.	☐
Donor member	7 & above	☐ (amt.)

Please mail the completed form to:

CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association
The Retiree Center
18111 Nordhoff
Northridge, CA 91330-8339

Signature/Date _____

President Maurer reports ... (Continued from page 3)

enough, these misconceptions are not isolated instances and the confusion about the relationship between the campus retiree associations and CSU-ERFA is understandable. Ideally, retirees should be members of and support both organizations, if there is a campus group. It should be understood that campus organizations are separate from and independent of the statewide association. Because CSU-ERFA recognizes and appreciates the independence of the campus organizations, it neither identifies nor treats the campus groups as chapters or divisions of the statewide organization, but rather invites each independent campus association to affiliate with it.

If a campus group wishes to affiliate with the statewide association, it can request to do so. Seventeen of the 18 campuses that have retiree associations have requested and been granted affiliate status. While CSU-ERFA is primarily concerned with state and federal issues that impact on our members, it is available at the request of any campus association to assist with local concerns and problems. Affiliated campus associations are entitled to have delegates on the CSU-ERFA State Council, the primary policy-making body of the Association.

Executive Committee Report. The Executive Committee in August considered those items it routinely addresses in the interval between State Council meetings. It approved the final CSU-ERFA 2000-2001 budget that had been introduced in a preliminary form at the last State Council meeting, and it received reports from the several committees. **Wilma Krebs** (Sac) reported on pending legislation that would affect CalPERS health and retirement benefits. Her report appears on page 7. Our attorney reports that the applications relating to the establishment of a CSU-ERFA Foundation are about ready to submit to the state and the IRS. The Executive Committee approved the nominations of membership Co-Chairs **Robert Maurer** (North) and **Ron Kroman** (South). By having the two top officers serve in this capacity, we hope to underline the importance of attracting new members. We will ask appropriately located State Council members-at-large to assist us. **Max Norton** (Stan) announced application deadlines for grant awards. They appear on page 2.

We are undertaking a study of our fiscal policies, including the possibility of increasing support for delegate expenses.

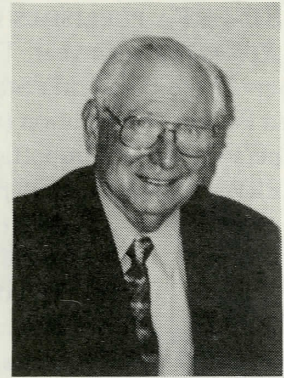
State Council. Our next State Council meeting will be held in Los Angeles on October 28, 2000; the spring Executive Committee meeting in Los Angeles on

February 10, 2001; and the spring State Council meeting in Sacramento on April 21, 2001.

There only remains for me to sound my regular call to the affiliates to send informed delegates to the State Council meetings. If these delegates will be bringing special matters for the Council to consider, then send us a copy in advance so that we can include them in our meeting information packet. I look forward to seeing all the members of the State Council on October 28, 2000.

Finally, I am sorry to report that I received the resignation of our treasurer, **Sol Buchalter** (Nor), citing problems that prevented his regular attendance at meetings. We will miss his friendly company and his ready wit. Emmett Long (Ful), nominating committee chair, has embarked on finding a replacement.

Robert Maurer, president
rmaurer@mail.csuchico.edu



Sol Buchalter

Perspective:

Pythagorean Theorem: 24 words.

The Lord's Prayer: 66 words.

Archimedes' Principle: 67 words.

The Ten Commandments: 179 words.

The Gettysburg Address: 286 words.

The US Declaration of Independence:
1,300 words.

*The US Government regulations on
the sale of cabbage:* 26,911 words.

Vice Chancellor David Spence Comments on Some Issues

Dr. David Spence, executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer of the California State University, appears frequently before faculty groups to discuss matters of mutual concern. The Reporter adapted the following article from an interview with Keith Johnson, at the time of the interview director of faculty development at CSU San Bernardino.

On faculty development: Faculty development activities are important to the extent that faculty see them as critical to their profession. We need to do a better job of defining what faculty development can be; this clearer definition, however depends on explaining more effectively, especially to the public and our funders, the things faculty do.

Clarifying the nature and purposes of faculty professional development would highlight the great range of activities in which faculty are involved. While CSU faculties are known for their commitment to teaching (and substantial teaching loads), our faculty also practice the highest levels of scholarship.

On scholarship: Scholarship is an essential part of a faculty member's responsibility just as it is at research-dominated universities. We do need to provide faculty with time to do what we call scholarship. Since the budget problems of the early nineties, teaching loads have risen. We need to document clearly to our funders what we know is the case, that CSU teaching loads are higher than those in comparable institutions. As we expand the categories of what we call scholarship beyond what is funded by external grants (which provide released time), we need to do what we can to drive down the student-faculty ratio, so that we can provide more assigned time.

On mediated instruction (distance education): We would like to make it clear about what we are and are not suggesting about mediated instruction, or distance education. Mediated instruction is the better term because it includes distance education, but also refers to campus-based teaching and learning that is mediated by technology.

Recommendations about using technology and distance education (to increase access) included in the first draft of the Cornerstones Implementation Plan led to concerns that we were moving toward a system and a process that would neglect traditional teaching and learning and personal interaction between faculty and students. We have tried to be clear about CSU policy on technology-enhanced education by stressing three principles:

We should do nothing with technology that doesn't result in at least the same or higher quality.

Faculty should decide whether or not to use technology-assisted instruction. There are no requirements that faculty

have to use mediated instruction.

The CSU should provide the infrastructure, faculty development, and other support by which faculty have the opportunity to try new ways of teaching and learning.

We all should look at technology as a tool, not an end in itself, nor view it as an either-or proposition.

On part-time faculty: We have pushed the limits (or may have already crossed them) on hiring part-time faculty. We need to find resources to hire more tenure-track faculty. We need to discuss what the right mix of faculty

should be to promote and protect academic values and activities while recognizing the need for fiscal soundness. Every university needs a substantial core of tenure-track faculty; what that percentage is will vary by university and program. But any university also needs to have a faculty cohort on a part-time basis because of the need for flexibility from term to term and year to year.

On public understanding: We need to find ways to get the public to understand the value of scholarship and public service as well as teaching. The first hurdle, however, is to get faculty to understand that the public doesn't understand. The public has little idea of what faculties do. The public also

does not understand the value of activities not visibly related to teaching. Many faculty members are startled and resentful when it is observed that the public does not readily understand the nature and value of scholarship and service.

We therefore need to be more forthcoming about what we do and its value. That has become one of the main challenges facing all of public higher education. The success of our efforts to secure greater funding hinges partly on our willingness to communicate publicly and effectively the value of what we do and how we do it.

The good news is that this task of connecting better with our publics is made easier by the public's past and continuing strong faith in higher education and the California State University. The other piece of good news is that CSU faculties have a great story. We just need to tell it through our universities, disciplinary/scholarship groups, alumni, employers, and others. We simply need to be more explicit about what we do.



Proposition 38 - School Voucher Initiative

Prop. 38 authorizes annual state payments of at least \$4,000 per pupil for private and religious schools. The money would come out of the noneducation side of the budget, leaving less for higher education, health, and other programs. Thus it could adversely affect funding for the CSU. The initial fiscal impact could range from \$150 million to over \$600 million.

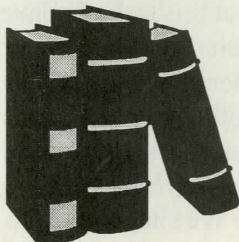
Opponents estimate that vouchers for 700,000 private school students could cost up to \$3 billion. For each student who transfers from public to private school, the public school funding will decline. There will also be a loss of federal funds for education.

The state legislature would be allowed to fund public schools up to or exceeding the national average. When funding reaches the national average the provisions and guarantees of Prop. 98 are eliminated. There is no provision for Prop. 98 to be reinstated. Any future laws pertaining to voucher schools must be enacted by a 75 percent vote of each house of the legislature. A two-thirds vote of the governmental body and a 50 percent vote of every registered voter in the jurisdiction must enact any local health, land, or safety regulation. If the courts rule to eliminate religious schools from the measure, there is a clause to retain all other private schools. Voucher schools would be able to reject students based on gender, ability to pay, mental, or physical ability.

Community college funding, state special schools and pre-school child-care funding are currently provided for in Prop. 98. This initiative provides funding guarantees only for K-12. It provides no guarantee for community college funding.

To qualify, the voucher school must certify that at least one academic course at the high school level will meet admission requirements of an accredited college or university, or that the school has received accreditation from a recognized agency. No teaching credentials or degrees are required, nor any state curriculum standards.

Wilma Krebs, *chair legislative committee*



Welcome to New Members

Chico: Hugh G. Campbell, Marlene B. Hall, George D. Johnson

Fresno: Kelly J. Black

Fullerton: Lawrence DeGraaf

Hayward: Cynthia F. Berrol, Marianne Freundlich, Theodore Roszak

Humboldt: Carl Ratner, John Orvel Sawyer

Long Beach: John De Heras, Alain G. Marsot,

Los Angeles: Rosemarie Marshall

Northridge: Kian M. Kwan, Ants A. Leps, Huberton Molina, William J. Rivers, Donald E. Salter,

Sacramento: Daniel R. Decious, James M. Poland, Paul R. Waldo, Jerry L. Wilson

San Diego: John L. Polich.

San Francisco: Raymond J. Roberts, Jr.

San José: Juana V. Acrivos, Tony S. Carrillo,

Terence Crowley, Kenneth P. Mackay, Franklin

R. Muirhead, Edwin I. Pinto, Sam F. Radelfinger

San Luis Obispo: David E. Bess, Thomas E. Hale,

William F. Horton, James S. Kalathil, David M.

Roach, Thomas G. Schumann

San Marcos: Larry W. Cohen

Sonoma: Douglas S. Rustad, Sue A. Thomas

Stanislaus: Amberse M. Banks, Douglas W.

McDermott

Life in Retirement

Sidney Albert's (LA) article, "Remembering Eleanor Robson Belmont," appears in the current issue of *The Independent Shavian*. Albert reports on his correspondence and interviews with Belmont and her long friendship with Shaw.

Eric Hanauer (Ful) continues on assignment for *Skin Diver Magazine*, most recently in the Red Sea, where he also updated his diver's handbook to the area. One of his photographs was selected for the cover of the August issue of the magazine. See more of his photographs at <http://www.ehanauer.com>.

Emmett Long, past president of CSU-ERFA, was selected as president of the CSU Fullerton Emeriti for 2000-01. He previously served as president of the Fullerton affiliate from 1991 to 1993.

Peter Marc Damien (aka Sozen Peter Schellin) (LA) now lives in a Buddhist community in San Francisco as a Zen priest. Despite his blindness, he is active traveling alone to India, Thailand, Indonesia, and Nepal.

Legislative Updates:

COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S MAJOR GAINS in retiree benefits, few of this year's proposals have survived the legislative process. We will have to renew our efforts next year to achieve purchasing power protection for retirement allowances at 80 percent of original value, and an increase in the death benefit to \$5,000.

Headed for the governor's desk is AB 2463 (Wiggins), which would grant a second chance to enroll in PERS health plans at each annual enrollment period for those who were qualified but failed to enroll within the prescribed time period. Also awaiting the governor's review is SB 1638 (Burton), which would establish a minimum retirement allowance, and which contains permanent funding for maintaining purchasing power at the current level of 75 percent.

Other bills we have been watching:

- AB 107 (Knox). Prohibits PERS and STRS from investing in tobacco companies by January 1, 2001, and requires divestiture by January 1, 2002. Appears headed for passage.
- SB 2122 (Ortiz). Creates a PERS-STRS investment board, but amended to authorize only investment information-sharing. Has gone to the governor.
- SB 1880 (Sher). Requires PERS to participate in a study to determine the feasibility of aggregating purchase of prescription medicines with the Department of Health Services and possibly large private-sector buyers to get lower prices for PERS members and others. Appears headed for passage.
- AB 2383 (Keeley). Amends our health plan law (PEMHCA) to provide some flexibility for school employers to join,

without lowering standards for current members. Passage appears likely.

Other News from Sacramento:

Health Plan Copayments. After hearing from retiree groups, including CSU-ERFA, CSEA, and RPEA, and others, the CalPERS board reversed its previous decision to raise copayments in the PERS health plans. The main points were that retirees tend to have more prescriptions and the extra copayments would be hard on those with fixed incomes and chronic illnesses. So copayments remain the same as in the year 2000.

Direct Contracting workshop: This group is charged with exploring and evaluating direct contracting with health providers by PERS, instead of contracting with health plans. There is some experience with such an approach in Minnesota.

What would be the savings or other advantages? What are the risks? Should it be on a pilot basis? Both active and retired members are skeptical, based on available information and analysis.

Wilma Krebs, chair, legislative committee



News from CalPERS

CalPERS has alerted members not to be surprised when health premiums go up again January 1, 2001. CalPERS decided not to increase office visits and prescription copayments next year, but HMO premiums in the basic plans will increase an average of 9.2 percent. That means higher paycheck deductions for many members. Some may wish to consider lower cost plans during open enrollment, October 1-31, 2000.

Open enrollment packets will be mailed shortly after Sept. 15. The packet will include the annual quality report from CalPERS that rates each health plan on several factors.

CalPERS reports that it earned a 10.5 percent return on its investments for the year ending June 30, 2000, marking the sixth straight year of double-digit returns. The fund's assets were valued at more than \$172 billion, \$13 billion higher than the previous year.

CalPERS has further increased its investments in California with a decision to place more than \$1.1 billion in new real estate and private equity investments. The investment committee approved four investments targeting the state's burgeoning biotechnology and real estate industry, and small companies in underserved urban and rural communities. Further information on this and other CalPERS programs may be seen at the system's Website, <http://www.calpers.ca.gov>.

More Life in Retirement—There is more to life after retiring from academia than golf. So reports Robert Feldman (Ful), who has found a new career in world travel, lecturing to mature audiences throughout the world.

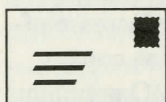
Not only does Bob conduct tours, usually with but not limited to a

history theme, but he has also developed tours for other professors. At this writing he is on the way to Moscow with still another group. Egypt, China, and Russia are on the agenda for 2001.

You may reach Prof. Feldman at info@eastwest-tours.com or by calling (800) 359-6919.

We Get Letters...

I just read the letter from Patrick Groff concerning the amount of space devoted to active and to retired faculty. I believe that we should be very interested in what is



happening on campus and to the active faculty. I have devoted 38 years to Humboldt State and to the CSU and it is distressing to see so many of the good

things we have done destroyed by an administration which doesn't seem to understand the difference between a university and a soap factory. By all means continue to devote space to items of concern to all segments of the campus. **Fred Cranston**, Humboldt

The excerpt on page one of the *Reporter* (Summer 2000) from Prof. Sidney Albert's "The Provenance of CSU-ERA" contains the following heartening words: ". . . it has been effecting a quiet revolution in the academic life of our University, opening avenues for continuation of the professorial careers of the members."

Unfortunately, nothing else in that issue has any connection to the continuation of the professorial careers of its members, with the exception, perhaps, of a brief announcement about a teaching opportunity in Perm, Russia. **Manfred Wolf** (SFSU) San Francisco mwolf7@juno.com

Congrats! What for? For the EXCELLENT newsletter for Summer 2000. Lots of news of importance to us all, including the note on that managed care HMO plans "were spared any co-payment increases" for prescriptions. Very good news, indeed. Also the info from CalPERS about the long-term care improvements. We've had that for years, but am glad to learn about the embellishments. Getting closer all the time to needing them!

Finally, want to express my enthusiastic and emphatic endorsement to [Milt] Dobkin's proposal asking CalPERS "to consider investing in independent, assisted living, and skilled nursing care facilities for PERS annuitants at a cost that could be afforded by them." I've been trying for 10 years to get some agency to do just that by purchasing and fitting for use a wonderful old hotel right on Balboa Park, which provides all the activities any of us could want, all within walking distance. If you know Balboa Park, you know the theatres, science facilities, museums (about a dozen of them), restaurants, etc., in the park. How's that for one's front yard? I'd be glad to serve on a committee to help Prof. Dobkin further his splendid proposal, if I can be of assistance. Thanks for a fine issue of the *Reporter*.

H. V. Yeager, hvyer@home.com

From the Affiliates

Irene M. Lovewell, immediate past president of the Cal Poly Pomona retirees' group, "Pace Setters," was honored by the university at its Founder's Day celebration. Irene was selected as outstanding staff emeritus and was presented the Inaugural Award of Excellence, receiving the University Medallion at the ceremony.

Irene served the University for 36 years, which led to the award based on extraordinary service to the university and to the community.

Alan Armer, emeritus professor of radio/tv/film at Northridge, has donated \$1 million to the university to establish a new screening room to host first-run features. The Emmy-award-winner Armer joined the CSUN faculty after a career in the entertainment industry as producer and director. Among his credits are the "The Untouchables," "Broken Arrow," and "The Fugitive."

Harold Rothbart (DH) continues his work in Japanese calligraphy and recently showed his work at a Little Tokyo Japanese art show.

Charles Kaplan (Nor) continues his excellent column on "Suggested Reading" in the affiliates newsletter, *ARF Notes*, and was invited to include one of his reports in *Inside the Emeritus Faculty Association* of CSU Dominguez Hills.

Walter Askin (LA) was represented with a work at the Norton Simon Museum in the show "Radical Past: Art in Pasadena 1960-74."

CSU-ERFA Membership as of August 3, 2000

Northridge 263	Chico 128
San Diego 254	San Luis Obispo 105
Long Beach 251	Sonoma 94
San José 245	Stanislaus 40
San Francisco 215	Dominguez Hills 39
Los Angeles 188	San Bernardino 37
Sacramento 181	Bakersfield 14
Fresno 154	Maritime Academy 2
Fullerton 152	San Marcos 1
Pomona 145	
Hayward 142	
Humboldt 138	Total 2788



Jewel Plummer Cobb Honored

Word reached us recently that **Jewel Plummer Cobb**, president emeritus at CSU Fullerton, received last fall the prestigious *Achievement in Excellence Award* from the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE). In her remarks at the presentation ceremony, Mrs. Gayle Wilson noted Jewel's distinguished career in cancer research and academics, citing her lifetime commitment to scientific research and to her encouragement and support of economically disadvantaged young people to pursue higher education.

The CEE, formerly the Admiral H.G. Rickover Foundation, seeks to produce leadership in science, mathematics, and engineering through its Research Science Institute and Role Models and Leaders Programs in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Washington, DC.

A Memory of World War II

[The CSU Fullerton Emeriti published the following account in its newsletter]

I recently had a touching reminder of the gratitude of a number of the French people for the sacrifices of the U.S. in spending 350,000 young lives to defeat the Axis in World War II. My twin brother, John, was shot down in June 1944, attacking railroad bridges south of Paris to prevent supplies and reinforcements to the German divisions opposing our drive from Normandy to liberate France. He died four days later in a German military hospital.

Two young boys, nine or ten years old, saw the pilot bail out and went with their fathers to where he had landed to hide him from the Nazis. But German patrols got there first and threw him into a truck and hauled him off. Since he was walking when seized, they assumed he had survived.

As the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of France neared, the two boys, now in their early 60s, tried to locate him to invite him back and thank him. After many communications with the US War Department, they learned he had died and was buried in Epinal, France, and from records there they located relatives.

The two boys, now grown men, decided to organize a memorial cele-

bration, in cooperation with the Mayor and the city government of Fontaine-le-Port, for the lost pilot, Capt. John Ramsay. They installed a beautiful monument at the edge of the woods into which the plane fell. His family was invited to attend along with the entire Suburban-Paris City of Fontaine-le-Port for the ceremonies in 1997. Color bearers for their national flags represented veterans groups from England, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Norway, and Australia. The U.S. Air force sent an honor guard and the Franco-American Veteran's League arranged to have a restored B-17 bomber fly over and dip its wings to the memory of a fallen comrade.

Later the Mayor and City Council gave a banquet to complete the celebration. We family members who had long mourned him were deeply touched that the two boys, Daniel Millet and Claude Fouchet, and hundreds of people of modern France, many not alive when John died, had labored so long and effectively to honor a dead hero lost in the struggle to end the tyranny. They remember, as do we.

Orrington Ramsay, *emeritus professor of English, CSU Fullerton*

[Prof. Ramsay told the editor in a later message that Fontaine-le-Port held a second memorial service for Capt. Ramsay in 1999, at the monument.]

CSU Northridge Emeriti Award Research Grant

The Association of Retired Faculty at Northridge presented its annual award to Sam Mithani, a student in the radio/tv/film department at the university. The award will contribute to his project on the history of the Hollywood social-concern film-noir

following World War II.

Mithani's thesis is that this film genre represent unique influences and arose as a form of cinematic social protest in the aftermath of the Second World War.

Prof. John Schultheis of the Northridge faculty serves as Mithani's adviser.

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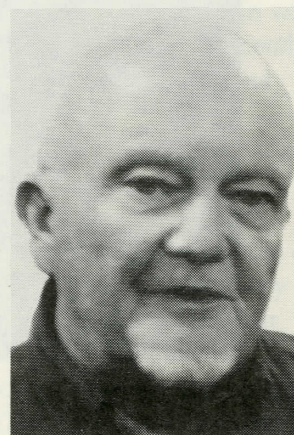
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