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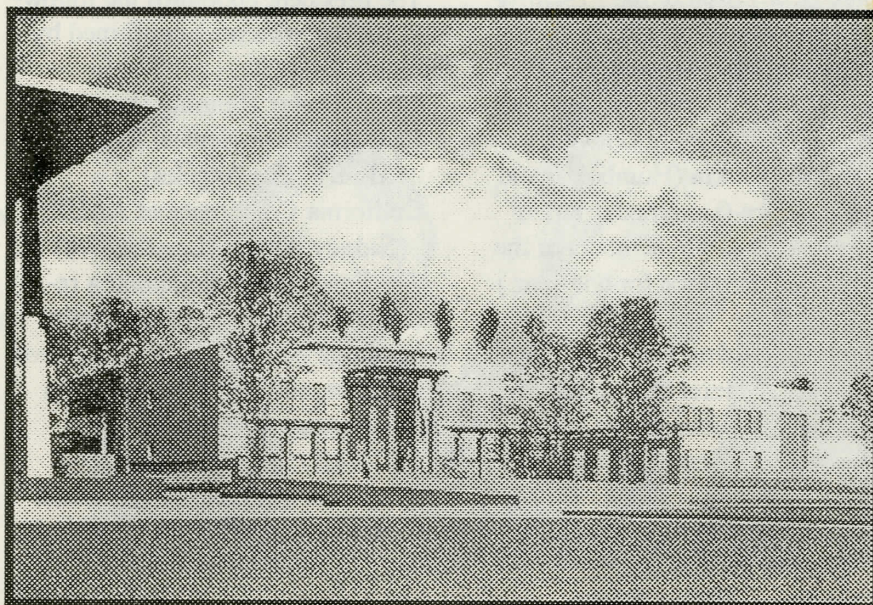
New Developments: CSU-ERFA Moves Ahead

New Location for CSU-ERFA

The office for the California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association has settled into its new headquarters in Sequoia Hall, Room 289, on the campus of California State University, Northridge, shown here to the right.

The association since its inception has been housed on the Northridge campus except for a period of several months following the disastrous Northridge earthquake of 1994.

All addresses and phone numbers for CSU-ERFA headquarters remain unchanged.



Election of Officers and Appointments for 2001-02

At its meeting on April 21, 2001, held in Sacramento, California, the delegates to the State Council elected the following officers to the positions indicated:

President, **Robert Maurer** (Chico)
Vice President, **Ronald A. Kroman** (Long Beach)
Secretary, **Judson Grenier** (Dominguez Hills)
Treasurer, **Dominic Perello** (San Luis Obispo)
Reporter Editor, **Howard Seemann** (Humboldt)
[**Emmett Long** (Fullerton) continues on the Executive Committee as past president]

State Council Delegates at Large:

Larry Ianni (San Francisco), (04)
Gordon Stanton (San Bernardino), (04)
Mark Van Aken (Hayward), (04)
Donald O. Dewey (Los Angeles) was elected to complete the term of Don Cameron, (02)
David Elliott (San José) was elected to complete the

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CSU-ERFA Grants for 2001

The Foundation grant awards committee, Maxwell Norton (Stanislaus), chair, recommended and the Executive Committee approved grants for 2001. The recipients are **Ira H. Latour**, professor emeritus at Chico, for "A Fugue of Hopes and Troubles: Ansel Adams, Crusade for Creative Photography;" **Charles Lambert**, professor emeritus at Fullerton, for the continuation of his research on the "Control of Maturation in Ascidian Eggs." Also, to **Sidney Albert**, professor emeritus at Los Angeles, for "George Bernard Shaw in Hellas: A Resource for Scholars."

Latour will use his grant to support research in the archives of the New York Museum of Modern Art, an additional stint in the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona, and for a short visit to the J. Paul Getty Institute archives in Los Angeles.

Lambert will use his grant for the purchase of chemicals for his continuing study. He will make a presentation to the Society for Developmental Biology meetings

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term of C.Dale Johnson, (03)

[The continuing at-large delegates to the State Council are: **Frank Tennant** (Pomona) (02); **Jerome Beamish** (Stanislaus) (02); **June Pollak** (Fullerton) (03); and **Frieda Stahl** (Los Angeles) (03)]

Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee:

Wilma Krebs (Sacramento) (03), was appointed by the president and confirmed by the State Council.

[**Milton Dobkin** (Humboldt) and **Eleanor Price** (Dominguez Hills) continue as at-large-members of the Executive Committee for one year.]

Chairs of Standing Committees:

President Maurer appointed the following committee chairs, all of whom were confirmed by the State Council:

Foundation Grant Awards: **Max Norton** (Stanislaus)
Legislative: **Wilma Krebs**

(Sacramento)

Membership: Co-Chairs **Robert Maurer** and **Ronald Kroman**

Pre- and Post-Retirement: **Kurt Bohnsack** (San Diego)

Publications: **Howard Seemann** (Humboldt)

Liaisons to Other Organizations:

The president appointed the following Liaisons who were confirmed by the State Council:

CFA: **Dieter Renning** (Stanislaus)

CSU Academic Senate: **Don**

Moore (Los Angeles)

California Conference of AAUP:

Sidney Albert (Los Angeles)

The President shall appoint a replacement for the one vacant member-at-large position on the Executive Committee, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.

The terms of office for all elected and appointed positions begin July 1, 2001.

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in Seattle later this summer.

Prof. Albert reports that his award supported his attendance at the April International Shaw Conference in Milwaukee, where he presented a paper, served as a panelist, and chaired still another session.

The fall issue of the *Reporter* will contain the announcement about the application period for grants in 2002. The awards committee reminds prospective applicants of the purposes of the awards program, which includes interest in comparative research on retirement concerns.

CSU-ERFA Budget Overview

The CSU-ERFA budget for 2001-02 projects \$142,000 in revenue, principally from member dues, and \$136,000 in expenses. Major expense categories include conferences, rebates to affiliates, and office salaries.

The association's balance sheet shows current assets of over \$110,000, chiefly in cash and certificates of deposit.

We are Saddened to Report . . .

John Houk, professor emeritus from CSU Los Angeles, died of cancer May 15, 2001. Professor Houk has served as the archivist for CSU-ERFA.

At his request, there was no funeral. John did, however, want his friends to enjoy a lunch as his guest. That event took place in early June in La Cañada, California.

Members may send messages to the family at this address: Martha Houk, 9446 Trebert Pl., Tujunga, CA 91042.

Should you wish to make a donation in John Houk's name, Cal State Los Angeles has established the John Houk Memorial Fellowship Fund. Please call the CSU-ERFA office for details (848-718-7996).

*Number of search warrants
filed to discover AOL subscribers' identities in 1998
and 2000, respectively: 171,
390*

Harper's Index, May, 2001

President Maurer Says . . .

THE SPRING MEETING OF THE STATE COUNCIL took place on April 21, 2001, in Sacramento. There were 48 people in attendance including those who are members of the Council because of their position (officers, at-large members, liaisons, honorary members and committee chairs) and delegates from the affiliates.

The Council meeting was preceded by an Executive Committee meeting Friday night to take up several necessary items. For example, the report of the grant awards committee, which would be presented to the Council during its meeting on Saturday, needed to be approved by the Executive Committee.

We were joined at lunch by Donald Gerth, president of CSU, Sacramento, who welcomed us and spoke briefly about the CSU as viewed from his vantagepoint. His CSU service started at Chico State in 1958 where he later served as vice president for academic affairs. He moved to Dominguez Hills as president in 1976 and to Sacramento as president in 1984. I told him he would find a home in CSU-ERFA when he retires!

To take advantage of our meeting in Sacramento we tried to consider all of our usual business in the morning and then have a speaker in the afternoon drawn from the Sacramento area. During the morning's business Ron Kroman, CSU-ERFA vice president, reported on more of the results of the recent membership survey. Milt Dobkin gave the final report of the ad hoc Committee on Issues Facing the CSU and the committee was discharged with thanks. Dieter Renning's report on the CFA and Don Moore's report on the Academic Senate were received.

Treasurer Dominic Perello presented the 2001-2002 CSU-ERFA budget and after some discussion it was approved. Elections of 2001-2002 officers and delegates-at-large were held. Presidential nominations of committee chairs and presidential appointments of Executive Committee members-at-large and liaisons to the Academic Senate, CFA, and California Conference of AAUP were all approved by the Council members. Details are given elsewhere in this issue.

Other matters took up the rest of the morning before adjourning the business meeting. While there is some advantage in this format in certain instances, I believe that it restricts our presentations and discussion of the association's business. So why do it, you may well ask. All I can promise is that we will not do it again, at least during the

next year.

Wilma Krebs had invited Charles P. Valdes, member-at-large of the CalPERS Board of Administration, to talk to us in the afternoon session about those subjects near and dear to us, retirement benefits and health care. [Krebs and Valdes pictured below.] Her usual articles appear elsewhere in this issue and cover the major points in his presentation. Charles Valdes has been an elected (by all Cal-



PERS members, active and retired) member of the Board since 1984, and during that time he has been a strong supporter of retirement and health benefits. Citing his long service on our behalf and stressing the need to keep such members on a board, which is certainly not "stacked" in our favor, Wilma had asked the Executive Committee to recommend to the Council that CSU-ERFA go on record as supporting the re-election of Charles Valdes in the CalPERS election to be held later this year. She reminded us that we had supported him for re-election four years ago. Wilma also asked that we support the election of Kurato Shimada for the vacant seat of member-at-large of the CalPERS Board of Administration in the forthcoming election. Shimada was a Board member for seven years, representing active school employees, and now seeks to return to the Board after a year's absence to represent the total membership of the system. He also has a strong record in fighting for retiree interests. During his talk, Valdes strongly supported Shimada for election to the Board. He said we needed all the help we can get on a sometimes unfriendly Board. These recommendations were duly made to the Council and were approved unanimously.

Robert Maurer, *president*
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CSU-ERFA Survey 2000, Part II

Part II of the *CSU-ERFA Survey of 2000* was an attempt to determine the relationship of CSU-ERFA members to some of the activities of the organization. There were 1,014 responses to the survey of which 1,004 [about 35 percent of the membership] answered one or more questions. Part III, reporting on the ongoing interests of members, will appear in a later edition of the *Reporter*, after the data processing is completed.

Survey 2000 was analyzed by CSU-ERFA Vice President **Ron Kroman**.

CSU-ERFA 2000 Survey

[1=strongly disagree; 2=disagree; 3=not sure; 4=agree; 5=strongly agree;
N=responses]
[Weighted mean follows the legend in parentheses]

	1	2	3	4	5	N
A. CSU-ERFA has served my professional interests in retirement (3.82)	2.50%	2.39%	25.91%	48.70%	20.50%	961
B. CSU-ERFA has served to promote my economic interests in my retirement (3.93)	1.54	2.46	22.36	48.51	25.92	975
C. CSU-ERFA should continue representing me on health care matters (4.49)	1.65	0.51	8.05	39.73	50.05	969
D. CSU-ERFA should primarily pursue issues of a professional and educational nature (3.53)	7.40	17.23	26.64	30.87	17.86	946
E. It is appropriate for CSU-ERFA to seek to influence political processes in pursuing legitimate interests of retired CSU faculty (4.60)	1.96	1.45	6.82	28.41	61.36	968
F. CSU-ERFA should provide information and services for financial planning (3.79)	2.69	4.24	25.54	46.40	20.89	967
G. CSU-ERFA should provide information for retirement planning (3.94)	2.29	2.71	16.89	52.14	25.96	959
H. The CSU-ERFA's newsletter, the <i>Reporter</i> , provides valuable information (4.08)	0.93	3.50	17.10	55.20	23.27	954
I. The CSU-ERFA pocket calendar is useful (3.28)	10.17	18.88	21.78	30.81	18.36	964
J. The newly established CSU-ERFA research grants will stimulate retired faculty to continue to pursue their research interests (3.51)	2.22	3.60	47.83	33.86	12.49	945

CalPERS Health Report:

Four More Counties Lose HMO Coverage

ORIGINAL HMO BIDS with the current design came in so high that the CalPERS board rejected them. The board instructed staff to ask for rebids and told the HMOs that PERS would accept the best seven out of 10 bidders. They also required plans to bid on an alternative design that would increase member co-payments.

On this basis, PERS eliminated Aetna, Cigna, and Lifeguard for the year 2002. They also froze Health Net membership for 2002, based on problems with its accreditation status, failure to honor its multi-year guarantee for 2002, and for other reasons. The board also added another plan, Western Health Advantage, which will operate in parts of Northern California.

The alternative design adopted by the board requires these member co-payments: \$10 per office visit, and for a 30-day supply of prescription drugs at retail; \$5 for generics, \$15 for formulary drugs, and \$30 for drugs not in the formulary. If you use mail order, you can save with a 90-day supply for \$10 for generic, \$25 formulary, and \$40 for brand names not in the formulary. There is an annual limit of \$1,000 for co-payments in mail orders. This will provide some relief for those with high prescription needs.

These changes will hold the premium increases to an average of six percent in the Basic plans and 16.5 percent in the Medicare plans. Without the changes, premiums would have risen an average of almost 14 percent in the Basic plans and over 38 percent in the Medicare plans. Staff also expects the new co-

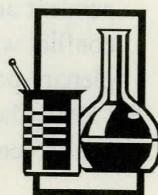
payment design to provide an incentive to use mail order and help contain costs in the long run.

Four more counties will be without HMO coverage: Humboldt, San Benito, Shasta, and Trinity. This brings the total to 17 counties with 17,000 members with no HMO coverage. Members still have PERSCare and PERS Choice, but at a higher cost. Under the Rural Health Equity program, non-Medicare members can receive an annual subsidy of \$500, and Medicare members can receive an annual subsidy of Medicare Part B premiums of up to \$75 a month.

Blue Shield HMO has withdrawn from Humboldt, Imperial, Napa, Shasta, and Trinity counties. Health Net has withdrawn from Butte, Humboldt, Lake, Sutter, and Yuba counties. PacificCare has withdrawn from Amador, El Dorado, Humboldt, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Sutter, and Yuba counties.

PERS estimates that 92 percent of members will continue to have access to their present physician. Some doctors are, or will become, members of an alternative HMO. Also, many are in the Blue Cross list of preferred providers and PERS Choice.

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Open Enrollment: Health Plans and Long-Term Care

OPEN ENROLLMENT in the CalPERS health plans for all retirees will begin August 15 and run through September 28. Materials will be distributed in July. Members affected by HMO withdrawals for 2002 may wish to find out if it is possible to continue with their present physician in a different HMO or in PERSCare or PERS Choice. It may be wise to check with your doctor and act as early as possible.

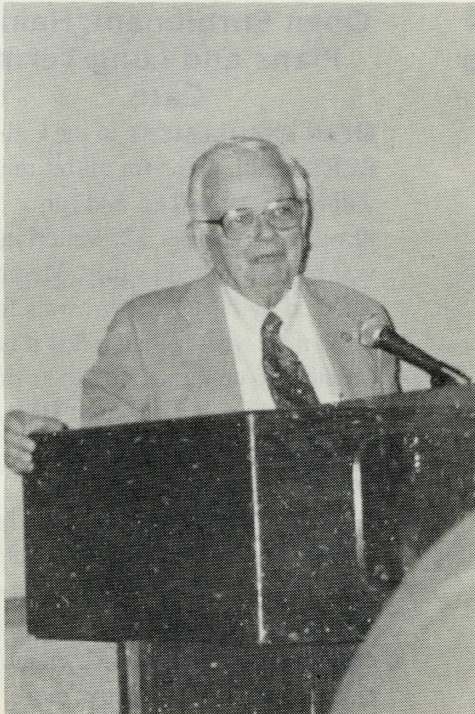
More than 2,000 applications have been received for the Long-Term Care (LTC) Program in the current enrollment period, which closes June 30. Currently, more than 144,000 members participate in the CalPERS LTC Program.

We get letters . . .

A member has shared with the *Reporter* a copy of a letter she wrote to the CalPERS investment managers after seeing a report that CalPERS was considering doubling its investment limit for junk bonds. She said, in part, "As a 24-year contributor to the CalPERS pension fund, . . . I am concerned that my money be in low risk value securities, especially in this period of economic downturn.

"Increasing the return rate or even keeping it at 12-20 percent is not as important, especially when all return rates are down, as is keeping a low risk portfolio and preserving the principal."

[Name withheld at the author's request]



Donald Gerth, president, CSU Sacramento, addresses the CSU-ERFA State Council

In Memoriam

Chico: William F. Collison

Fullerton: James C. Conant, Miriam S. Cox, Audrey H. Uniek

Long Beach: Bernard R. Carman, Joan M. Schlaich

Pomona: Kenneth H. Anderson, Arthur A. Ridgway

Sacramento: Fred L. Hector

San Bernardino: Audrey Vivien Bull

San Diego: H. Del Beekley, Aileen Birch

San Francisco: Vernon Wallace

San Luis Obispo: John R. Lehmann

Legislative Report

AB 64 (Alquist)—tax deduction for LTC insurance: 25 percent in 2002 rising to 100 percent in 2007

AB 389 (Nakano)—to determine annual COLA, PERS to use either U.S. city average CPI or the California CPI, whichever is greater. PERS opposes. Limit 2 percent anyway.

AB 824 (Cohn)—adult siblings to be eligible for PERS LTC program

AB 877 (Cedillo)—appointment of CSU chancellor and campus presidents; disclosure 30 days before final selection; the search committee to be authorized to seek additional information, and public allowed to submit information and questions

AB 1081 (Nation)—provide PERS membership to part-time CSU faculty if they work two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters at 40 percent of full time—but only if in a memorandum of understanding

AB 1097 (Havice)—state retirees benefit equity increase (by unspecified percentage)

AB 1162 (Alquist)—increase the death benefit from \$2,000 to \$5,000

AB 1374 (Wiggins)—extends right to enroll family members, who are not annuitants, for those who missed initial enrollment in a PERS health plan

AB 1522 (Thomson & Frommer)—requires health plans/insurers and providers, in case of network disruption, to continue treating enrollees for specified period. Also requires plans to give greater notice to enrollees before contract termination

SB 132 (Burton)—provides minimum monthly allowance if retired before January 1, 2001, with at least 10 years of state service.

SB 272 (Soto)—purchasing power of retirement allowance for state members who retire on or after July 3, 2002, to be maintained at 60 percent of original purchasing power.

SB 335 (Ortiz)—requires PERS to provide vision care benefits (comparable to those provided to actives) to state annuitants who retire on or before July 3, 2002

SB 1215 (Romero)—requires plans that treat cervical cancer to cover thin pap test, replacing conventional pap smear. Substantially improves detection

SCA2 (Burton)—requires that PERS expenditures for personnel, operating expanses and equipment shall be subject to appropriation in the annual Budget Act. Also authorizes an independent actuarial review of PERS every five years. This is in conflict with Prop. 162, which granted PERS constitutional plenary powers to act in the best interest of its members

SB 598 (Chesbro)—allows PERS to do direct contracting with health benefit providers such as medial groups and hospitals

Wilma Krebs,
chair, legislative committee

Where Have All the Dollars Gone?

THE "DOLLARS" ARE THE ONES IN THE CSU BUDGET that the California legislature and governor had appropriated for faculty compensation, but which were spent for other purposes, according to the California Faculty Association. In 1999-2000 that shortfall amounted to \$11 million, and the estimated cumulative shortfall since 1992 is more than \$50 million.

The CFA is using a two-track approach to deal with this issue: By addressing it at the bargaining table, and by seeking support in the state legislature. It was one of the topics raised during CFA's "Lobby Days," first in February and again at the end of April, after the CFA Spring Assembly. In addition, CFA has requested specific budget control language, requiring the CSU to spend *all* faculty compensation dollars for faculty compensation and nothing else.

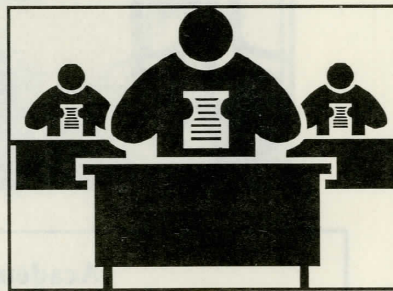
Other issues, raised both at the bargaining table and by the more than 120 CFA lobbyists in Sacramento, include the continuing "CPEC salary gap" (it still stands at 7.9 percent); the growing imbalance between temporary and tenure-track faculty (between 1994-95 and 1999-2000 the number of lecturers in the CSU rose by 1,462, but all the campuses combined added, net, only ONE tenure-track position!); adequate funding and protection of employment standards for "YRO" - year-round operations; and others.

To close the CPEC salary gap, CFA had originally requested an additional 3.9 percent augmentation of the CSU budget, for faculty salary increases beyond the four percent provided for in the Governor's budget. However, this prospect has virtually evaporated: As of May 15, even the four percent has been cut back to two percent, as part of the budget revisions which reflect the anticipated revenue shortfall and fiscal burden connected with the state's

energy crisis.

It remains to be seen to what extent the May budget revisions will affect the CFA-CSU negotiations of a new three-year contract. The new round of bargaining started—under less than promising auspices, given the current state of "imposition" of working conditions for the faculty—on April 12 and since then three more bargaining sessions have taken place.

The lists of bargaining proposals introduced by CFA and the CSU are lengthy. (Both lists can be found at CFA's website: www.calfac.org). Among the issues which CFA wants to be addressed—aside from those mentioned above—are faculty workload; housing allowances (75 percent of



CSU faculty live in the 25 most expensive housing markets in the country!); greater timeliness in the handling of grievances; and, of course, the elimination of FMI - the Faculty Merit Increase program. The CSU, by contrast, wants to continue the merit pay program (and wants to see the right to appeal merit pay decisions eliminated).

It may be worth noting that, in the early bargaining sessions, the parties try to deal with the less controversial issues before them. Thus on April 19, the parties did reach agreement on one important item: The extension of FERP by one year, so that faculty entering the program in the 2002-2003 fiscal year are guaranteed a full five years of participation.

The next bargaining sessions—all of

them on or near a campus, so that local faculty have an opportunity to attend and observe—are scheduled as follows:

- May 17 & 18 - San Diego
- May 31 & June 1 - San Luis Obispo
- June 7 & 8 - Pomona
- June 14 & 15 - LAX
- June 21 & 22 - San Marcos
- June 28 & 29 - Sacramento

If CFA has its way, the Sacramento session should be the final one, because the CFA bargaining committee, under its new chair, John Travis from Humboldt, has made it known that it wants to bring the negotiations to a conclusion by June 30, when the current contract expires. However, in anticipation of a possible—and, given the experience with the recent re-opener negotiations, some think: inevitable—stalemate and drawn-out bargaining process, which the administration may well adopt as a tactic, the CFA has created a job action committee (chaired by Lil Taiz, Cal State Los Angeles), and similar committees are being formed at the campus level.

The contract negotiations and possible job actions were, of course, major topics of discussion at the April 28-29 Spring Assembly. With regard to the latter, the Assembly participants were given a set of "primers" by way of two reports: One by a delegation from Eastern Michigan University, where the breakdown of negotiations had led to a whole series of job activities and, ultimately, a long-lasting, but in the end successful, strike. The other report was presented by CFA staff member Jim Semelroth and Chris Maitland from NEA, who had both been invited to assist the faculty of the University of Hawaii in their recent strike. In addition, another faculty activist, Stanley Aronowitz, of the Professional Staff Congress at the City University of

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New York, shared experiences of the CUNY faculty in their intense struggle to win a new contract. He also commented critically on the trend toward corporatization of universities, which is the topic of his most recent book, *The Knowledge Factory*.

This Assembly was the occasion for the CFA to (re)elect its officers: Susan Meisenholder (San Bernardino) has started a new term as CFA president; Lil Taiz (CSU, Los Angeles) replaced Jane Kerlinger as vice president; Patricia Hill (San José) replaced Jeff Lustig as secretary; and Jim May (Monterey Bay) continues as treasurer. And as part of its Lobby Day activities, CFA held a reception to honor one of its members, the newly elected State Senator Gloria Romero, and presented another supporter of the CSU and its faculty, Senator Jack O'Connell, with its "Lifetime Achievement in Education" award.

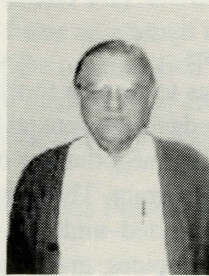
Ah, yes, the question: Where have all the dollars gone? A compilation of official CSU data by Andy Lyons, CFA Research Specialist, offers a couple of hints:

Between 1975-76 and 1998-99, the number of full-time equivalent students in the CSU has risen from 229,642 to 268,320, i.e., by 16.8 percent; the number of faculty (head count) has gone from 18,406 to 19,657—an increase of 6.8 percent; the number of administrators (head count) has grown from 3,800 to 8,561—an increase of 125.3 percent!

From July 1997 to July 2000, the average compensation of CSU campus presidents rose by 10.13 percent each year. Those increases did not come from funds specially appropriated for that purpose. Average faculty compensation over the same period (1997-98 to 2000-01 academic years) increased between 5.30 and 5.54 percent annually.

Where may they have gone, all those dollars?

H. Dieter Renning
Liaison to CFA



The Reporter Changes Editors

Howard L. Seemann, emeritus professor of journalism at Humboldt, will replace **Ralph Bigelow** as editor of the *Reporter* beginning with the fall 2001 issue. The current issue closes the fifth year of Bigelow's editorship. Pictured are Seemann, caught by Emmett Long at the recent State Council meeting, and Bigelow, shown in a self-portrait warming up for his new leisure.



Academic Senate Report

At the spring meetings of the CSU Academic Senate, the members received regular reports from the chair, Jacqueline Kegley, CFA President Susan Meisenholder, Faculty Trustee Harold Goldwhite, Vice Chancellor David Spence, and Assistant Vice Chancellor David Ernst. Topics of interest included shared governance, the CSU doctorate in education, the energy crisis [placing the operating accounts in peril], and budget priorities.

The members further gave tributes to Trustee Stanley Wang for his gifts of over \$2 million for faculty and student awards, and to Trustee Ali Razi for giving impetus to Trustee student awards.

Senate support for the education doctorate is contingent on approval of the program through the regular governance processes, necessary funding, and increased support for existing graduate programs. The Senate has submitted the names of Harold Goldwhite [LA] and Sally Veregge [SJ] to the governor as nominees for appointment as faculty trustee.

Senate officers elected for 2001-02 are Jacqueline Kegley [Bakersfield], chair; Robert Cherny [San Francisco], vice chair; Lester Pincu [Fresno], secretary; and David McNeil [San José] and Kathleen Kaiser [Chico] as members at large of the executive committee.

New Members of CSU-ERFA

Bakersfield: **Frank Falero**

Dominguez Hills: **David Brest, Diana E. Wolff**

Fresno: **William C. Meyer, Jean E. Pickering**

Fullerton: **Sandra Lynn-Filcher**

Hayward: **Edward B. Lyke, James H. May**

Long Beach: **Dixie A. Grimmer**

Los Angeles: **Wayne Alley, Harold L. Cohen, Mary Conroy, Marilyn M. Friedman, John Alex Pulido**

Northridge: **John M. Motil, Warren Wedin**

Pomona: **Robert T. Bray, Ronald S. Daniel, Roy C. Easley, Barry L. Wasserman**

Sacramento: **John M. Bossert**

San Bernardino: **Arthur Townley**

San Diego: **Norma J. Summersgill**

San Francisco: **Gorda Hoobyar**

San José: **Rosemary Thorne**

San Luis Obispo: **Mary L. Brady, Tim G. Okeefe, Charles W. Strong**

From the Affiliates

Albert R. Baca, president of the Association of Retired Faculty (ARF) at Northridge, reports that the association's office is now located in the new Sequoia Hall, adjacent to CSU-ERFA's new quarters [see picture on page 1].

Also at Northridge, **DeWayne Johnson** has a poignant report in the newsletter about the association's visit to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the exhibit "Made in California."

ARF has announced that it has established a category of associate membership in the association for retired professors from other colleges and universities.

At Sonoma, **Hobart "Red" Thomas** has toured Bangkok, Hong Kong, Helsinki, and a tour on the Volga as a member of a jazz band, playing with both American and Russian musicians. **Harold Alderman**, after retiring from

the philosophy department, moved to New Orleans, from where he reports that he has already had dinner at 30 of the top 50 restaurants in the city. Others at Sonoma are involved in preparation for the 40th anniversary celebration of the university next fall. One of their tasks is to find the original time capsule placed somewhere on campus at its founding.

At Los Angeles, the university president approved a senate recommendation that some faculty who resign from the university may qualify for emeritus status. Faculty members who resign after serving for at least 10 years may apply for emeritus status. Such applications will be reviewed following the same process as for retired faculty.

A recent issue of San Diego's retirement association's newsletter was devoted to "Unusual Experiences on SDSU Campus." Space limitations here prohibit mentioning all, but **Aubrey Wendling's** account of an arts and lecture series that brought to the campus, among others, Justice William Douglas, the Julliard String Quartet, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Ella Fitzgerald is memorable. The committee he chaired looked forward to the following season expecting to use the almost \$100,000 the series netted. Alas, the budgeteers on the campus decided on other uses for the proceeds.

Milt Dobkin Comment:

As reported by Wilma Krebs elsewhere in this issue, a number of HMOs will be withdrawing service from rural counties effective with PERS health plan enrollments for 2002. This action has caused anxiety and concern for a number of our members as well as active employees associated with Chico, Humboldt, and San Luis Obispo campuses. In particular, retirees on modest PERS annuities and active employees on lower salary levels may not be able to afford enrollment in PERSCare or PERS Choice programs. In addition,

some individuals have been served by physicians who may not wish to sign up with remaining HMOs.

PERS and various constituent groups (CSU-ERFA is one) have heard from members who wish alternatives. Further, State Senator Wesley Chesbro, who has been active on rural health care issues, has introduced SB 598 on the subject of direct contracting with physicians and physician groups where HMO service is not available. SB 598 grants authority to PERS to engage in such contracting. PERS already has such authority, however, and Chesbro's staff describes the bill as a "work in progress." It may be that the act will be modified to lend encouragement to PERS' direct contracting efforts.

Meanwhile PERS has established a direct contracting advisory committee. (Wilma Krebs is a member). We anticipate that the PERS staff will shortly propose a rural pilot program for direct contracting that will encompass many of the 25 counties that will be without HMOs in 2002.

To lend support to such efforts, CSU-ERFA and CFA have established an ad hoc committee on rural health care programs. Members include Phil Fetzner (San Luis Obispo, active), Milt Boyd (Humboldt, active), Grace Marvin (Chico, retired) and Milt Dobkin (Humboldt, retired). Wilma Krebs will be consultant to the committee.

President Maurer has authorized CSU-ERFA's participation in the committee and President Susan Meisenholder has done the same for CFA. Dobkin, who is a CSU-ERFA executive committee member at large as well as CFA member benefits chair, will head the ad hoc group.

The committee will be "in touch" if individual assistance is needed from CSU-ERFA or CFA members.

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Proposed Meeting Dates for 2001-2002

CSU-ERFA has announced the tentative dates and locations for the meetings of the State Council and the Executive committee for 2001-02.

- *Executive Committee*, August 11, 2001, Los Angeles
- *State Council*, October 20, 2001, Los Angeles
- *Executive Committee*, February 9, 2002, Los Angeles
- *State Council*, April 20, 2002, San Francisco area
- *Executive Committee*, July 20, 2002, Los Angeles
- *State Council*, October 26, 2002, Los Angeles

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