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## CHAIR'S COLUMN

by Roland Schinzinger

UCIEA got a late start this Fall Quarter due to my late return from a trip to Europe. The good times my wife and I had there were disrupted by the almost incomprehensible events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. We happened to be in Germany, and the outpouring of sympathy by friends and strangers alike -- and by entire towns that had flags flying at half staff or draped in black -- was heartening. But there was also deep concern among Europeans about what kind of rash military responses might follow. Upon returning home, my mind would not let go of 9-11 and of reawakened memories from earlier wars -- WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf -- with everything else receiving scant attention. By the time classes started again I had to remind myself that students would be waiting for me in a class I had volunteered to teach again this fall. Beyond that, I had also let myself be talked into serving as Chair of UCIEA! We enjoyed seeing each other again at our first meeting and were pleased to welcome Dennis K. Clark, the UCI Retirees Association's representative to UCIEA.

Julian Feldman (UCIEA chair last year, CUCEA chair now) had some good news: Funding is still available to continue the Senior Housing Study; a statewide conference on senior housing for UC personnel is in the works for next year; UCI-sanctioned

## DUES

Thank you to those members who have already submitted their 2001 - 2002 dues of \$25 annually, and a special thank you to the few of you who generously gave more. If you have not yet paid your dues, there is a form enclosed which you may use to forward a check to our office. Unless your address has changed, it is not necessary for you to fill out the address portion of this form. If you never received an electronic message from our office, please include your e-mail address.

identification cards for spouses of emeritae/i and retirees are in print (they might make it possible to obtain some discounts at events etc.); and Health Care Facilitator, Joe Walsh (949:824-8921) has been very helpful with sorting out problems arising from referrals and HMO billings. Dennis Clark described a full program of activities planned by UCIRA, including raising funds for another scholarship and organizing various volunteer activities.

## NEW MEMBERS

Twenty one newly retired emeritae/i are now members of our ranks. They are John Boyd, Richard Campbell, M.A. Charles, Walter Donlan, Dorcas Eaves, Joseph Foraker, Glenn Fowler, Richard Frank, Pamela Lawrence, Hong Liang, Robert McIver, Daniel Menzel, Hooshang Meshkinpour, Daniel Pelot, Robert Pfeffer, Nina Rasmussen, Barbara Reed, James Sarfeh, Yona Tadir, Harry Tan and Robert Weimann.

## FALL MEETING OF CUCEA

by Roland Schinzinger

On 10-25-01 the Council of the UC Emeritae/i Associations (CUCEA) held its Fall Meeting in San Francisco at the UCSF Medical School. More detail on the items described below and of other matters discussed at the Conference can be found in the Conference Report that will be placed on our UCI Emeritae/i desk in 2000 Mesa Office Building (the Office of the Academic Senate).

1) UCSF Academic VC Dorothy Bainton welcomed CUCEA to the campus. She described the current state of UCSF and its efforts to overcome current space limitations at its current location by moving most of the School to several vacated industrial blocks that are available to UC for free. Not only that, they are quite centrally located and already suitably zoned for rebuilding as a hospital and a "campus".

2) Reports on issues related to health and benefits:

(a) Plans for a Health Care Symposium in 2002 are progressing (with \$5000 support from UC).

(b) UCI's Leon Schwartz reported on our Senior Housing Study by Newton Margulies. There might be follow-up studies by interested parties from the Schools of Social Ecology and Medicine at UCI. UCLA is also looking at senior housing for retirees. Many different approaches are found nationwide, mostly with ties to

## HENRY CORD MEYER

The university is saddened by the death of Henry Cord Meyer, who passed away this September in his home while suffering from cancer. Meyer made history come alive for his students, and his office door was always open to them. Meyer was a brilliant, witty, inquisitive, analytical, genial man, who was known to love a good political discussion. His mind was a tool for pursuing - and sharing - his passions, but was never a means for self-aggrandizement. A well attended remembrance was held for Meyers at the University Club on October 21st.

After receiving his doctorate from Yale, and before beginning his academic career, he was called to Washington DC for intelligence work. As an ensign in the navy shortly before the attack on Pearl Harbor, he worked for the Office of Strategic services, which was the precursor of the CIA.

Among his accomplishments, he was a popular lecturer who spoke without notes. He was also the foremost founder of the University Club on the Irvine campus. He became the club's first vice-president, under Coulson Tough, the architect and first president.

Meyer enjoyed his family life and was dedicated to memorable times with his wife Helen, two sons and daughter with whom he discussed world events with great opinion at the dinner hour as they grew up.

During the holidays, he often invited Marines from nearby El Toro to join the family. He was also known to strum his guitar and sing.

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commercial ventures, though formal university ties allow issuance of tax free bonds.

(c) Changes in medical plans: Health Net, Kaiser, Pacific Care, and WHA will not change subscribers' monthly contributions, but any two members, with one on Medicare and the other not, will pay more in 2002 if they are UC Care members (\$59.5 vs the current \$12.07) and less if they are with High Option (\$486 vs \$507). Many plans will increase copayments and charge more for nongeneric drugs.

(d) Human Relations / Benefits Call Center: Those of us who have had difficulties with the automatic information service will be pleased to know that most problems have been resolved and that even a live person can now be reached again.

3) Judith Boyette, VP for Human Resources and Benefits, was present to answer questions regarding present UC policies and where there may be changes.

4) David Russ, the UC Regents' Treasurer and VP for Investments, illustrated the behavior of the UC retirement investments: not much different from the national average in that their value dropped, then

recovered somewhat. Our own UCIEA colleague and investment expert, Sheen Kassouf, was present and pleased to hear that this new treasurer has already instituted moves to assure long-range security of the overall retirement portfolio.

5) Request for Special Reports: CUCEA is in the process of collecting the following reports from each campus:

(a) Status of any Retirement Center where an advisor is present to give retirees and Emeritae/i information on retirement matters. My report described our "center" as a desk with chair, half of a filing cabinet, a part-time secretary, the issuance of a newsletter, and a UCIEA pamphlet. We share a cubicle with the UCI Retirees in Mesa Office Bldg.

(b) Bio-Bib - every two years emeritae/i are asked to submit to CUCEA a report on professional activities (such as research, teaching, advising, publishing, etc) carried out since the last report. CUCEA then prepares a summary report for campus and UC administrators. The form is attached. [Readers: Please submit your completed form to our UCIEA Office in 2000 Mesa Office Building as soon as possible as we are late this year. And that is somewhat embarrassing because our own Henry Fagin originated this procedure so that attention may be brought to the many ways in which emeritae/i still contribute to the University and their professions after retirement.]

## GROWTH

UC Irvine's record-breaking enrollment this fall saw 21,286 students scramble for dormitories. It's been said sometimes three students share a room with two beds, alternating their sleeping hours. Approximately half the students are Oriental, one quarter are Caucasian, one tenth Latino. The system is considering dropping the SAT 1 test as a requirement as well as numerical indexes to create more diversity. About 12% of the new students are transfers from other schools.

## HEALTH CARE FACILITATOR

The health care facilitator position has now been funded full time. If you have any questions or problems regarding your health coverage, be sure to phone Joe Walsh at (949) 824-8921 or on Tuesdays at (714) 456-7289. Joe has now been provided an administrative assistant to allow more time to deal with problems. You might phone his able assistant, Giselle, at (949) 824-9065.

### NOTE:

Please be sure to return the enclosed Bio-bibliography form to UCIEA, 2000 Mesa Court, UCI 92697-9014 - Questions are to be answered regarding the past two years only.

## JAMES MCGAUGH HALL

James McGaugh, our world re-nowned neurobiologist, is being honored by the renaming of Biological Sciences II, one of the largest research buildings on campus. James McGaugh was a founding member of UCI, and was the first head of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior. He is now involved in the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, which he founded.

Ever wonder who some of the other folks are for whom UC Irvine buildings and streets are named? In 1960 when the campus was planned, William L. Pereira was hired as the master architect. Of course, Aldrich Park was so designated to honor the first Chancellor. Rowland Hall and Frederic Reines Hall are in honor of these two recent Nobel Prize winners. Crawford Hall was so named to honor the founding director of intercollegiate athletics. The Irvine Company's David Bren came to the rescue when Crawford Hall became too small to accommodate the growing basketball following, hence the Bren Center. Our University Club was renamed to honor Dorothy Grannis Sullivan, a member of the Ahmanson family. A longtime Orange County family, the Bannings, gave generously to the alumni association, so we have the Phineas Banning Alumni House.

Around the corner from it is The Women's Opportunities Center named for Rachel Long Morgan, the grandmother of Donna Shannon O'Bryan, the executive chair of the fund-raising campaign for the center. Donald and Joan Beall Gallery and Center for Art and Media was named for the former Rockwell International Corp. chairman and CEO and his wife.

## SENIOR HOUSING

A focus group took place during the spring on the housing requirements of retirees. Several demographically segregated groups discussed the needs and desires of retired faculty and staff. This study is ongoing with the hopes of locating an area that would be a feasible and contended lifestyle for UC retirees in the immediate area. The majority opinion of the group was that they were all well pleased with their individual situations, but recognize an immediate need for any who are unable to continue living independently.

**KEEP THIS IMPORTANT  
PHONE NUMBER HANDY:**

Joe Walsh, Health Care Facilitator:  
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## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

by Sam McCulloch

In the process of organizing my book Instant University: The History of UCI from 1957-93, I decided to have two chapters written by a student, the first on the early years, and the second on the later years. I chose Diana Janas, Class of '69, who went on to Northwestern University for a degree in Journalism. She is active in Orange County in writing materials for elementary and secondary schools. Chapter 9 covers "Student Life, 1965-75". It begins on page 138:

*We are small in numbers, but we have much to do. We must mold the future of this campus by setting standards of excellence during the first few years, and by participating fully in the partnership of which we are a member.*

*Students setting off for college expect to find a venerable institution, one filled with vaguely gothic, ivy-covered, tradition-filled buildings representing the generations of hopeful scholars and curmudgeonly professors who've gone before.*

*Not so those hearty pioneers who chose to become the first class at UCI - they were a different breed. Whatever expectations they may have secretly held dissolved into the reality of a campus barely finished and sparkling with the newness, from the shape of the buildings to the design of the curriculum.*

*It was literally like moving into a new house in a brand new neighborhood. Everything needed to be done - and everything was filled with potential.*

*Just as faculty and administration had been drawn to the campus by the challenge of building a major educational and research institution from scratch, so too the students were drawn by the exciting prospect of participating in a great adventure - creating a student life in their own mid-60's image.*

*On October 4, 1965, all the planning and building came together as 1,389 students and 119 faculty members met for the first day of classes. They found a campus that combined a small college atmosphere with the advantages of being part of the University of California. They also found little landscaping and lots of dust that the winter rains turned into flowing mud. And besides the usual challenges of college life, students - together with faculty and staff - faced the formidable task of creating a living, functioning university out of the raw materials of facilities and equipment.*

*There were differences from the beginning. More than 50 percent of the student body commuted to campus. Administration and faculty were remarkably accessible to students. Conclaves - one day suspensions of class - each quarter - were instituted to*

*bring faculty and students together as a community of scholars to discuss questions of interest to all.*

*Opportunities and openness replaced tradition and longevity to create an atmosphere that was clearly innovative, sometimes frustrating, not always successful - but invariably interesting.*

*The spirit of taking the expected and giving it a slight twist began with the choice of a mascot. Tradition called for the selection of a bear, in the spirit of UCI's august sister campuses. But two water polo players (Pat Glasgow and Bob Ernst) suggested an outrageous alternative - the Anteater, inspired by a character in the Johnny Hart cartoon strip "BC". The idea gained momentum through an imaginative campaign led by student and cheerleader Schuyler Bassett III, which included bumper stickers, posters and decals.*

*Based on its "originality, uniqueness and relevance to UC" (the anteater is actually an antbear), the unusual beast won a 56 percent of the vote in an election held in November 1965 defeating the other nominees (eagle, unicorn, golden bear, and seahawk and 'none of these'). The final selection surprised many, but somehow seemed appropriate.*

*The fearsome UCI Anteaters unveiled their war cry (in the strip the anteater's tongue impacting its prey is accompanied by a*

resounding ZOT!"). At the first intercollegiate athletic event, a water polo match against Cal Poly Pomona, it was a strange yell, unsettling but effective. UCI won the match 22 to 6.

The first convocation took place in the gymnasium and marked the official opening of the campus. Student speaker Diane Holt exulted: What a truly beautiful campus this is! We are indeed fortunate to be able to pursue our education to such inspiring surroundings. It is very difficult to express the pride and honor that we all share as members of this first academic community of the University of California at Irvine. Irvine was a campus at last.

In those days, registration lines were relatively short and students were virtually assured of getting the classes they wanted. Undergraduates did not fully appreciate it at the time, but they would enjoy the experience of learning directly from full professors, in classes small enough to be considered seminars. It was a rare academic atmosphere, charged with the energy of a cutting edge curriculum (particularly in the School of Social Sciences) and taught by faculty as excited as the students. It was a case of the young turks meeting the wide-eyed-pioneers - and it worked.

But while the academic side of life was in place, the extra-curricular

dimension was yet to be created. The groundwork had been laid in

the months before the campus opened by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dick Balch, Director of Activities Coralie Turbitt, and a group of selected students.

There was a lively intramural program. And while there was no football team, there were excellent inter-collegiate athletic teams in water polo, swimming, basketball, crew, sailing, tennis and golf. Gymnastics was added a year later.

Students elected three special committees: (1) Constitution, to draft a constitution that would define the student government; (2) Activities, to develop extra-curricular organizations; and (3) Honor Code, to establish an honor system that would govern the campus life. There were no fraternities or sororities permitted.

On September 26, 1965, 500 students moved into the Mesa Court residence halls. Unlike the huge monolithic structures of other campuses, these were warm, 50-student bungalows with 8 students to a suite, plus a resident assistant - most often another student. Life in those halls proved one of the first points of contention between the campus administration and the community. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Donald E. Walker, Balch's

successor, once commented that Chancellor Dan Aldrich had the vision "that students are human beings, that in the right structure

[they] can be trusted to do their best and reflect credit on the University." That trust involved a loosening of traditional campus regulations, such as allowing free visitation among the men's and women's halls. Parents schooled in the "in loco parentis" approach to university life were amazed that "proper Boy Scout" Aldrich would even consider such a step. But he did, and he took some respectable criticism for it. Somehow, students, campus, and parents survived.

The residence halls grew into cohesive communities, with distinct personalities. The units were small, so students knew everyone in their hall. Men's and women's halls would often "pair up" for a variety of joint social activities. For on-campus residents, UCI was a warm, intimate place where students could easily get to know one another.

UCI's student newspaper underwent several incarnations before becoming The New University. The first attempt was called The Spectrum. Because there was no real University financial or faculty support for the project, students formed a non-profit entity. The Irvine Student Press Corporation, for the

express purpose of publishing a campus newspaper. The corporation had a five-person Board of Directors and was supported by local advertising. The Spectrum lasted from October 1965 to January 1966.

### STUDENT UNREST

UCI opened at a time when student unrest and the first strong waves of social protest which marked the late 1960's and early 1970's were just beginning. In largely conservative Orange County, the arrival of a major university campus posed an inherently liberal danger. This was a concern despite the fact that, for the most part the student body was mainstream in its political thinking, or basically apolitical.

The community was supportive at first. But nerves began to fray when the students invited avowed Communist Angela Davis to speak on campus, booked the protest-theatre San Francisco Mime Troupe for an appearance, and opened Crawford Hall to Eldridge Cleaver, convict and political activist. (Other speakers invited to campus did include less controversial individuals, such as economist John Kenneth Galbraith.)

There was a campus chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society, and this led to some perfunctory political conflicts. One student hurled a water balloon at a

Marine recruiter. A group of students and an activities advisor went to the Berkeley campus to observe the student protests there and were mistakenly arrested. There were also sporadic anti-war demonstrations, and students staged a brief class boycott to protest the firing of UC President Clark Kerr. On the main, however, campus radical activism was remarkably mild.

Commenting on those days in an interview with the Los Angeles Times on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of UCI's charter class graduation, activist Mike Krisman described most student radicals at Irvine when he said of himself, "I was always seeking change but not disruption. I wanted to avoid the excesses and intolerance of people on either side, left or right."

Ironically, genuine activism erupted over an academic issue - the announcement of the non-renewal of three popular teachers: Assistant Professors George W. Kent of the History Department and Donald F. Brannan and Stephen A. Shapiro of English. Their firings galvanized students across the political spectrum. The incident began in November 1968, with small, orderly, and often silent protests. Activities escalated in January and February of the following year with a "mill-in" that turned into a "live-in" at the Writing Center in Humanities

Hall. The live-in lasted five days and nights with a core of 40 to 60 students, while more than 500 wore tags marked "KBS" to identify themselves as supporters of the cause.

So innocent were the times that faculty sent soft drinks and cookies to help protesters (many of whom were studying) pass the time.

The New University quoted a student from the ad hoc committee supporting the teachers as saying: What is so amazing is that there are so many different types of people involved in this. This thing has brought so many factions of the campus together that should have been together a long time ago. Everyone is so nice. There is really a community.

But while the student protest was proceeding politely, the case caused bitter debate among professors and a serious rift between junior and senior faculty. Increasingly acrimonious debates in the Academic Senate regarding hiring and firing procedures led to a threat of resignation from certain key members of the English Department, a threat which was never carried out. In April 1969, the situation was partially resolved. George Kent was retained and promoted to associate professor, a tenured position, but he was moved out of the History Department. The other two teachers subsequently left the campus.

But student activists, looking for a way to overcome passivity in the student body, found they could spark interest over academic issues. Students demanded a voice

in what had hitherto been faculty firing and tenure decisions. Out of their demonstrations and protests, students gained power and participation by being

admitted to faculty and administrative committees. (UCI became the only campus in the University of California system where students held positions on every academic and administrative advisory committee.)

At one point during the KBS protest, a three-student, three-professor Committee on Student Participation in Promotion and Firing proposed that students have control over 10% of the hiring of all new professors. The faculty voted down the suggestion. Ultimately, however, the Student-Recommended Faculty Program, launched in 1969, allowed an ASUCI committee to make recommendations for a few one-year faculty appointments. In January 1973, the Irvine Academic Senate voted 133 to 102 to support a referendum recommending continuation of an experimental program which allows students to select 2 percent of the faculty on a temporary basis.

Another victory for the students

was the introduction of compulsory student evaluation of faculty teaching.

In May 1970, UCI joined campuses throughout California in closing for four days in response to the bombing of

Cambodia and the shooting of four students at Kent State University. Ultimately, Irvine was

a place of tolerance and orderly dissent. And the heart and soul of that tolerance was Chancellor Aldrich.

From any perspective, but especially that of students, UCI's success was largely due to the personal vision, leadership, and charisma of Dan Aldrich. A patrician - even imposing - figure, the Chancellor soon became a favorite of students, who knew him to be a man of honor, principle, and great willingness to listen. His ability to encourage open discussion defused any real danger of student riots at UCI, even when other campuses were exploding. Whether addressing the campus in his remarkable voice, flipping pancakes at a student event, or sitting on the floor meeting with a student committee - his humor, accessibility, and genuine respect for them endeared him to students. At core, they knew he liked them, and they returned the feeling. That shared sense of affection would remain throughout "Chancellor Dan's" tenure.

## THE PIECES START TO COME TOGETHER

Rising enrollment, new faculty, expanded academic programs, increasing student activities, more housing, still not enough parking . . . all these help document Irvine's first ten years.

But the real story of UCI in that first decade was the saga of a major new university campus developing in a time of great social and political change.

Some dreams became realities while others were modified in the face of unpredictable political and economic considerations. As the years progressed, students complained of the "coldness" of the campus, the community complained of political activism, and the State complained that too much money was going to higher education. Life in the next decade would be different.

Even so, the campus was remarkable in its evolution. The bold experiment was succeeding, sometimes in unexpected ways. And with students working side by side with faculty on academic and administrative committees, the goal of a collaborative institution of scholars had come, at least to a degree, to pass."

The promise of what had begun ten years earlier remained bright.

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