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University of California, Irvine

CHAIR'S COLUMN

Lyman Porter

To borrow and slightly re-phrase a well-known line from a Broadway musical, “Another September, another opening...” The 2003-04 academic year – year # 39 for UCI – has started, and your Emeritae/I Association Executive Committee has already held its first monthly meeting to begin planning activities for the coming months. You will hear more about those programs and other events in future mailings from the Association and announcements in subsequent issues of this Newsletter.

Starting this month, several of the members of our Executive Committee will occupy new positions and committee chair responsibilities. The new Editor of our Newsletter this year is Bob Montgomery, Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature. We encourage you to send Bob any items about your recent activities and travels that would be of interest to our readers. Don't be shy! John Swett, Professor Emeritus of Anatomy and Neurobiology, who has been our Newsletter Editor for the past three years, has graciously agreed to take on a new set of demanding duties: Program Chair. If you have ideas for programs that you think would be well received by our members, please contact John. We are always looking for stimulating program proposals. Lorie Reed, Lecturer Emeritus in English and Comparative Literature, is our new UCIEA Treasurer; and Ron Miller, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Medicine, is our new Secretary. Continuing as Vice-Chair (and Chair-Elect) is Kivie Moldave, Professor Emeritus of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry.

I will close this first Column of the year by noting that three of your Executive Committee members – Julian Feldman, Kivie Moldave, and myself – will represent our Association at the upcoming semi-annual meeting of CUCEA, the system-wide Council of UC Emeriti Associations, at Riverside on October 2. Julian is a past CUCEA president, I am the current Treasurer, and Kivie will be the official UCIEA representative at the meeting. Any major announcements or actions that emerge from that meeting will be reported here in the Chair's Column in the next issue of the Newsletter.

As I said 12 months ago at this time, “Happy New (Academic) Year to All”!

CALENDAR

Michael Rose, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, will speak on “Postponing Human Aging” at the University Club, Room C, on Tuesday, October 21 at 12:00 noon. There will be a buffet luncheon preceding the talk. We hope you will be able to attend this very interesting talk. To cover the cost of the

luncheon and the room, there will be a charge of \$15. Included within this Newsletter is a reservation blank to be used to reserve your seat.

On November 14th, Joe Walsh, the UCI Health Facilitator, will meet with us in the Emerald Bay of the Student Center to brief the audience on the new benefits changes upcoming next calendar year. This meeting will take place at 2:30 pm. There will be a question and answer period at the conclusion of the talk. There will be no refreshments served. Please take advantage of this opportunity to acquaint yourself with the changes that are upcoming next year.

INSTANT UNIVERSITY:

THE HISTORY of the UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, IRVINE **By Sam McCulloch**

Part two of two
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The Move to UCI

The master plan for UCI included an area at the western edge of campus for the construction of medical school classroom buildings and a hospital. However, because establishment of a college of medicine was not expected before the campus' second decade (and most certainly not within its first year), UCI was taken by surprise at the arrival of CCM. Chancellor Aldrich cautioned both Dean Bostick and Dr. Gerard that although he favored CCM relocating to UCI, UCI's faculty would be quite apprehensive about acquiring a medical school so early in its history.

The minutes of the first meeting of the UCI Academic Senate (November 1965) reflect those concerns. Faculty viewed the arrival of CCM as an unwelcome complication occurring at an inopportune time. They were already working extremely hard to open their "instant university", and they felt that all of their efforts must be channeled in that direction. The problems of administering a medical school were well-known to both the faculty and the administration, and the faculty expressed concern that the high costs involved with a medical school could milk UCI's overall budget. The standard joke that went around the Irvine faculty at the time told the story of a chancellor who died and went "down under" (not, however, to Australia). The devil showed him a marvelous university and told him that he could be in charge of it. When the chancellor asked what the catch was, the devil replied, "This university has not one but *two* medical schools".

The November Senate meeting was the scene of heated debate. In response to a question concerning CCM's prior identity as an osteopathic school and whether that would taint it in the minds of some, Dean Gerard said that CCM was "now a part, not just an affiliate, of UC. Of the present faculty of about one hundred recruited by Dean Bostick, no more than two or three osteopaths would move with and become a part of UC". A second question posed was whether eminent medical researchers would be "attracted to such an organization burdened with the prior reputation of mediocrity one would expect of such an affiliation". Gerard's response was that any faculty appointments would be made to UCI, not to CCM. He also discussed "the undisputed eminence of some of the medical profession now on the faculty of CCM who would make the move to Irvine."

President Kerr's Advisory Committee

President Kerr created an advisory committee to administer the move. As its chair, Kerr appointed Bernard O'Laughlin, Professor of Radiology at the UCLA School of Medicine. (O'Laughlin was interested in joining the new medical school.) Committee members were Dean Gerard; Nathaniel T. Coleman, Chair of Chemistry at UC Riverside; and Berneice Wenzel, Professor of Physiology at UCLA. Gerard, in particular, brought great distinction to the committee because of his reputation as a physiologist and neuroanatomist and his membership in the National Academy of Sciences.

One of the committee's charges was to guide Dean Bostick in matters of UC policies and procedures, and to inform and advise both Kerr and the UC-wide Senate on the activities and qualifications of the college's faculty and students.

Differing Philosophies on Academic Structure

Another charge given to the advisory committee was to develop the academic structure for the new college. This led to intense discussions about how CCM students should be taught and which academic unit (Biological Sciences or CCM) should provide their pre-clinical and the clinical preparation.

Dean Bostick and Gerard held differing views on which would be the better unit to provide that education. Gerard had gained most of his ideas about academic structure from the University of Illinois Medical School, where a former colleague was an administrator, and he recommended to Chancellor Aldrich and Academic Vice Chancellor Roger Russell (a psychobiologist) that the pre-clinical sciences should be offered through the Division of Biological Sciences. He reasoned that if the preclinical sciences were taught there and not in CCM, the medical school would not have to create large faculties in physiology, pharmacology, biochemistry, etc. He felt, however, that CCM should retain its clinical departments.

Bostick stood in opposition to Gerard. Bostick wished to preside over a standard medical school in which the pre-clinical work would be self-contained, not taught in departments in another school. In a visit to the University of Illinois he learned that virtually all the basic sciences learned were indeed taught under the biological sciences umbrella. He also learned, however, that a new dean there was making changes. In his report to Kerr's advisory committee Bostick stated: "When you go to the University of Illinois and you try to find the School of Medicine, you can't find it". Bostick felt that should UCI follow the Illinois example, he would be "just a dean of a two-year medical school ... running just the hospital side ...". He told the committee that the academic structure proposed for CCM would create difficulty with recruiting and that he could envision prospective faculty members saying, "Fine, ... I'll come to UCI, but I'll join you someday when you have a *real* medical school".

Dean Gerard felt that he had made his case for involving the Division of Biological Sciences so well that both Chancellor Aldrich and Vice Chancellor Russell would accept his argument. But such was not the outcome.

Aldrich Creates an *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Health Sciences

As negotiations for the CCM move continued, Chancellor Aldrich decided to develop an overall plan not only for medical training but also for the future of UCI's involvement in the health sciences as a whole. To that end, in mid-1965 he formed an *ad hoc* faculty committee to be advisory to him and to the UCI Senate. Chaired by Richard Snyder, Dean of the Graduate School of Administration, the committee included six of UCI's outstanding faculty: A. S. Boughey, Chair of Population and Environmental Biology; Ralph Gerard, Dean of Graduate Studies; Jack Holland, Chair of Molecular and Cell Biology; Henry Cord Meyer, Chair of History; Harold Moore, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; and Edward Steinhaus, Dean of Biological Sciences.

The blue ribbon committee worked long and hard, and it developed a comprehensive report which contains eleven recommendations, the last of which urged the construction of a 500-bed on-campus hospital “as soon as resources permit”. However, because of the continuing unhappiness of some faculty with CCM’s arrival and origins, the report was not properly appreciated when it was presented in 1966, even though it contained a comprehensive, wide-ranging, and very thoughtful analysis which reflected the innovative philosophy that has become traditional with UCI’s academic planners. Imbedded in the report is a wish to plan for the twenty-first century and a goal that the health sciences at UCI should be a pioneering attempt to establish a combined research and education program with a global perspective.

The report’s first recommendation called for the creation of a senior administrative position whose primary responsibility would be an overall involvement with establishing a center for the health sciences. The position would be titled Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences, and it would be responsible to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The report suggested that the appointee be an unusually vigorous and imaginative leader since the position would be involved with “a set of interrelated schools, divisions, and programs ... which will comprise the Irvine Health Science Complex”. The report specified that the appointee should hold both Ph.D. and M.D. degrees, be between the ages of 40 and 55, and be an experienced university administrator outside a medical school. In addition, the appointee should understand interdisciplinary studies, have a grasp of major educational administrative problems, have “friends” in Washington, D.C. (e.g., at the National Institutes of Health), be a “man” of ideas (note the sexist bias), and be an academician experienced in teaching, research, administration, and medical practice. In short, perhaps impossible criteria.

Another recommendation was that the health science complex should be “conceived and operated as an integrated division of the Irvine campus“, with the goal of building intellectual bridges to link general education and the health sciences. The report also proposed that the recruitment of “deans, directors, department chairs, and regular faculty must in all cases conform to the standards of excellence already established for the Irvine campus”.

The report envisioned that the proposed health sciences complex would include eight components: (1) a school of human medicine, (2) a school of veterinary medicine, (3) a school of dentistry, (4) a school of nursing, (5) a program of research and education focused on the chemistry of biologically active compounds and clinical pharmacology, (6) a center for mental health research, (7) an environmental health program, and (8) a world health program (Chancellor Aldrich was deeply involved with the latter as Chair of the World Food Committee).

To address the problem of forging relationships between the health sciences and UCI’s five academic divisions, the report recommended that for the foreseeable future the interrelationships between the basic and the clinical sciences be campus-wide; that is, there should be no duplicate departments. The relevant basic sciences faculty would be under the jurisdiction of the divisions of Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences, and the School of Engineering. (This supported Dean Gerard’s philosophy concerning the basic science departments.)

The report also promoted the Land Grant concept of “continuing education”, by recommending collaboration between the Health Sciences Complex and the surrounding community.

The report also recognized that the entire scope of “biomedical educational activities” should capitalize on the ideas being worked out at UCI in the areas of computer-aided learning and closed-circuit televised instruction. It suggested that computer-based techniques be used to aid diagnosis, prediction, the recording of the effects of administering medications, and for “other clinical and research activities”.

Among the remaining recommendations were that the *ad hoc* committee should be replaced by a permanent planning committee which would establish interfaces with other UC campuses in order to “identify activities and organizational units which might be involved in a systematic program of inter-

campus cooperation”. The report also made the time-honored request for special funds with which to launch the health science complex. (Only in 1993 did that launching occur, promulgated by then-Dean of Medicine and Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences, Walter L. Henry. At that even, models of a five-building Center for the Health Sciences were exhibited to the community.)

UCI Agrees to Accept CCM

The Academic Senate met three times in 1966 to debate the *ad hoc* committee’s report. Chancellor Aldrich and a majority of the UCI faculty supported its recommendations, while those in opposition made strong, reasoned statements. Hazard Adams was the strongest opposing voice, though all spoke forcefully. The Senate’s final motion read: “It was moved to receive the committee’s report together with all files and records and to discharge the committee with the thanks of the Senate for the months of arduous deliberation ...” There was no wish to take a vote on the report.

Though not anxious to have a medical school arrive so early, the UCI faculty was not about to oppose Chancellor Aldrich, who felt it was wise to accept CCM. Aldrich relayed his positive recommendation to President Kerr, and the Regents voted to accept CCM into UCI in April, 1967. The CCM Trustees tried to block the Regents’ decision but were unsuccessful.

Once CCM became part of UCI, its Los Angeles-based Board of Trustees continued to exist but had no real power. They became advisory to the chancellor on matters of CCM business and resources, but as the cadre of original members decreased over time, newer appointees, whose appointments were approved by the Regents Committee on Educational Policy, were more representative of Orange County.

By November 1973, the membership roster included: Agnes Blomquist, former president of the Newport Savings and Loan Association, Edmond B. Busher, Executive Vice President, Townsend Company, Gavin Herbert, Jr., President, Allergan Pharmaceutical Corporation, Doreen Marshall, Administrator and former mayor of Newport Beach, Alex Morales, Jr., President, Alex Food, Inc., Dr. John M. Rau, President, David Industries, Robert Weed, President and Publisher, the *Daily Pilot*.

Alternate Board members were: Athalie Clarke, widow of Judge Thurman Clarke and mother of Joan Irvine Smith, Arthur Guy, attorney, George R. Johnson, Esq, attorney, John Lawson, Executive Vice President, Aerospace and Defense System Operation, Rudy Munger, Chairman of the Board, Petrollane Company, Henry T. Segerstrom, General Partner, C.J. Segerstrom & Sons, Rancher and Developer.

Some Results of CCM Coming to UCI

John Holland, an extremely active and articulate member of Aldrich’s *ad hoc* committee, had been very skeptical of the recommendation that basic pre-clinical courses be taught in the Division of Biological Sciences. Holland had experienced at a prior university a situation in which the medical school had made enormous demands on the administration and had always received favorable consideration. Holland therefore asked that the following statement be included among the report’s eleven recommendations:

One of the members of the committee, Professor John J. Holland, wishes it to be made clear that he did not agree with much of what is said or implied in the remainder of this report...that much of this report is too vague and too detailed for a committee of non-medical educators. The UCI faculty would be better-advised to submit a report in which a few broad general guidelines are established in a clear, concise way. The best way to ensure a health sciences complex that is worthy of UCI is to recruit a superb vice chancellor and a dean, and superb faculty members. They should then be given the opportunity to build a great medical center as they see fit, unencumbered by ambiguous reports which hint at educational upheavals.

CCM was not in the mold recommended by Professor Holland. Nor did some faculty appointments to CCM meet UC standards. However, both Dean Bostick and Professor O’Laughlin and his committee

were fully aware of the need for excellence in all branches of CCM, and a number of the new faculty appointees came to Irvine with particularly sound reputations in their specialties. Among these was Dr. Louis A. Gottschalk, founding Chair of Psychiatry, who came from the University of Cincinnati with a vita of unqualified excellence.

In May 1967, the Academic Senate appointed thirty-eight tenured CCM faculty members to Senate membership and placed them on various standing committees. Senate Chair Abe Melden knew that membership on the Senate committees would help to facilitate the integration of the medical faculty with the rest of the CUI faculty. Chief of Medicine Berk paid tribute to Dr. Melden as being “a very good modifying influence”. It was of fundamental importance to Berk that the existing CCM faculty be moved into positions on committees and representation within the Senate as soon as possible.

Regrettably, John Holland, who was a young and brilliant scholar in molecular and cell biology, soon transferred to UC San Diego, which had a medical school and where “the Biological Sciences were very, very strong, and they had no basic science departments in the medical school.

Call Joe Walsh, UCI's
Health Care Facilitator.
He can be reached at
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assistant at (949) 824-
9065 for any medical
benefit questions that
might arise.

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was well attended this year, with a historical slide presentation by Jean Aldrich and her daughter, Liz Tomey. This program was presented by the Chancellor's Club. Those in attendance had a few laughs at the bareness of the area compared to what we are seeing today.

CHANCELLOR'S CLUB

In a letter to your Chair, Lyman Porter, Mitchell W. Spann, Director of the Chancellor's Club wrote: “On behalf of the Chancellor's Club, thank you for allowing us to present ‘UCI, Past, Present, and Future’ at your spring meeting earlier this month. We enjoyed meeting a number of your Emeriti colleagues who are responsible for building the campus from the very beginning.

“Of course, we hope that they will consider joining us as Chancellor's Club members by investing in the *Chancellor's Fund for Excellence*. As you know, our goal is to provide the Chancellor with funds to:

- Recruit and retain the brightest and the best undergraduate and graduate students;
- Inspire change and support for academic and research items not funded by the state, allowing campus growth with a focus on quality;

- Capture timely opportunities including recruitment of nationally renowned faculty.

“In order for UCI to continue to grow both in number of students as well as quality of education and research, these funds are more important than at any time in the campus history. In some ways, the Chancellor’s Club is similar to an insurance policy protecting the wonderful reputation of the campus in this time of fiscal challenges.

“Again, thank you for including us in your meeting. Should you need any assistance with the Chancellor’s Club or have questions about the club, please feel free to call me at (949) 824-7936.”

YOUR NEWS

This Newsletter is sparse without news of your recent publications and/or activities and travel. Please share with us anything you feel might be pertinent or interesting for your colleagues to read. You may use our email address: emeriti@uci.edu or postal address.

SAD NEWS

Since the last newsletter, two colleagues and friends have passed away. Leon Schwartz was an outstanding contributor to Emeritae/i business and was the recipient of the third annual Emeritae/i Award of Excellence. Leon passed away last spring shortly after receiving the news of this third award.

It is with our deepest regrets we advise you of the passing this past June of Grover Cleveland Stephens. Grover had been a contributor to this Newsletter several times. In August, Grover's widow, Ann, took a trip to Africa with his granddaughter who is currently serving in Africa in the Peace Corps.

BROCHURE

An attractive colored brochure has been designed and printed through the efforts of our own Roland Schinzinger and Isabelle Hunt. It is being sent to all prospective new members. It depicts an aerial view of the campus continuing to the ocean beyond. It lists the officers and members of the Executive Committee in a manner that can be updated as the years go by. Along with that is a synopsis of what the Association does, who is eligible for membership, how it is governed, and where to find more information. Of course, when you desire more information, you may log onto http://www.senate.uci.edu/Emeriti_index.html

DUES REQUEST

It’s that time again when we request your annual contribution of \$25 to cover the expenses we incur every year. You will find a blank within this Newsletter to be accompanied with your check. If your mailing address is no different from that on this Newsletter, it is not necessary to repeat it. Electronic mailings are occasionally sent (often from the home of our secretary, and her address is audwix@aol.com) and if you are already receiving occasional emails, you need not complete that blank. Several members have already paid their dues for the year 2003/2004.

YOUR PENSION

Hopefully the 2% increase in your pension was large enough for you to have noticed this year. The cost of living was increased 3.75%, but there is a limit of only 2% annually to be paid out. The 1.75% remaining will be added another time.

BIOBIBLIOGRAPHIES

Biannually we are requested by UCLA to survey our members for a listing of activities during the

past two years. This survey will be sent to you shortly. We would very much appreciate your returning it to us completed. The compilation of varying activities is interesting and valuable. Remember when you complete the form that it should include only the activities in which you have taken part during the past two year period. The information is compiled without your name. Your name is on the form you return only so that we know from whom surveys have been received.

GERIATRIC STUDIES

Susan Hodes, MS 3

As a freshman medical student arriving at UCI in the fall of 2001, I had never heard of the field of Geriatrics. Growing up close to my grandparents, I have always enjoyed being with older people. I appreciate listening to their stories and pearls of wisdom garnered through hard life experience. My grandparents have always been active. Whether volunteering at their local food pantry, coordinating lecture series for various clubs and organizations, or visiting sick friends to bring chicken soup, they modeled a picture of successful aging in which advancing age alone was no disability. It was not until my grandparents began to experience serious health problems that I realized how disabling diseases of advanced age are for seniors and how they threaten the delicate balance of function in daily life activities.

My awareness of this problem, resources to assist seniors, and the field of Geriatrics in general, have increased dramatically through the efforts of the UCI program in Geriatrics. Since the first year of medical school, my classmates and I have been involved in the Student Senior Partnership Program. In this program, pairs of students are partnered with a senior whom we visit periodically over the course of our medical education. In this setting, we discuss issues in geriatric care and learn from our partners' experiences. As I have listened to my partner's stories and advice about healthy aging, coping with changes, illness, and life transitions, I have gained a valuable perspective. My senior partner's experiences have heightened my awareness of the challenges which an ever growing segment of our society faces. Moreover, this program has encouraged me to think critically about how illnesses affect my patients as individuals, and what I can do to help restore function lost with disabling disease.

The UCI program in Geriatrics has further aided this effort through its support of the Geriatrics Student Interest Group. As a member, I attend lunchtime case presentations, discussions with geriatrics faculty members, and field trips which provide insight into aspects of medical care and treatment of common problems affecting older patients. In addition, the interest group facilitates awareness of community resources for seniors. For example, our group recently visited the Orange County chapter of the Braille Institute. In a series of hands-on demonstrations, we glimpsed the challenges which older adults face as they lose their vision: even simple tasks like pouring a cup of coffee in the morning, addressing an envelope, paying a cashier, or crossing the street become difficult. We observed some of the Braille Institute's techniques to teach visitors to perform these tasks of daily living, and learned about services and accommodations ranging from Braille classes to large font computer programs available through the Institute. This information will not only prove useful in referring patients, but also in helping patients cope with and overcome disability. Through my experiences in geriatrics at UCI, I am better prepared to help my patients regain function in their daily life activities and thereby help them age with dignity.

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Emeritae/i Association Fall Program

at the
University Club, Room "C"

Tuesday, October 21, 2003
12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Speaker: Michael Rose, Professor of
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

"Postponing Human Aging"

Benefits Update Program
at the
UCI Student Center
Emerald Bay Room "D & E"

Friday, November 14th, 2003
2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Speaker: Joe Walsh,
Health Care Facilitator

"What's Happening to My Benefits?"

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Enclosed is my optional dues payment for the Academic year 2003 – 2004

My check in the amount of \$25 is made payable to John Swett

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