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Tuesday, March 13, 2007:

Antarctic Exploration Education Forum

Early "Heroic Age" Explorers to Modern-Day Science of Climate Change
Presented by Donal T. Manahan, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California.

3:00pm to 4:30 p.m., Room C, UCI University Club

(See article within for more details)

Cost is \$5.00 per person. Please mail a check payable to UCIEA to:
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Please include your phone number so that we can confirm your reservation.

Seating is limited to the first 40 people whose check we receive.

A Special Notice to All UC Emeritae/i

We invite all University of California Emeritae/i from other campuses who now live in our vicinity to attend our educational and social meetings, if they would like to do so. If you have colleagues from other UC campuses, please let them know. They may add their information to our list by calling 949/824-6204.

The UCI Law School

By Joe DiMento

UCI LAW, envisioned in the first plans for the campus, will welcome its first class in fall, 2009. The original class will be around 65 students with a build out to around 600 students over several years.

I won't focus on details of the law school plan because that information is available at the UCI Law Page, <http://www.law.uci.edu/>. Also available there is the proposal for the School. This is an impressive document put together by a committee chaired by former Engineering Dean Bill Sirignano. He led a group of us to articulate in a compelling way the rationale for a law school here and a type of school that would add to the excellence for which UCI is known.

A bit of history, including from memories

The idea for a law school is over four decades old. Founding Chancellor Dan Aldrich was even filmed walking around the barren campus in its early years and mentioning the School. The official history of the Law School reportedly starts with a very serious attempt under Chancellor Peltason, but some of us remember attempts much earlier when a School of Law was discussed if not officially proposed. Abe Meldon and Joe McGuire I believe were involved.

The UCI Law School (continued).

The focus: the proposal

UCI LAW, as the proposal amplifies, will be a place that meets the curriculum needs of a fully accredited professional school—it will not be a niche school-- and it will emphasize curricula that are interdisciplinary, public service oriented, and international in character. Joint programs will be pursued with a JD/PHD track in several areas.

Recent steps

Recent history in moving the proposal toward approval has been frustrating at times but ultimately the outcome was satisfying. The proposal was approved years ago by the UCI Senate—which has been supportive and enthusiastic over the years—by system wide councils, and by the Academic Council; but movement stalled with the economic downturn, changes in the leadership of the University of California, and because of perceived competition with a University of California Riverside proposal. The official process is a long one requiring approval of the Office the President and finally the Regents with advice from CEPEC which has continued to seek additional information and coordination.

The role of the Michaels

The Law School might still be under consideration were it not for “the Five Michaels.” Chancellor Michael Drake pursued approval as one of his highest priorities after coming to campus. Provost Michael Gottfredson patiently described the quality of the proposal in almost innumerable meetings up and down the State. Vice Provost Michael Clark’s eloquence, understanding of the types of and value of quality legal education, and exemplary writing and persuasion skills made a strong case for a new school non refutable. Michael Posten and Michael Arias were always responsive in providing the high quality analysis that reviewers called for.

Other university leaders may have become discouraged in the face of the complicated and unclear process that our proposal faced. As we were required to resubmit, amplify, add to our proposal, others may have responded superficially or with irritation. The Michaels patiently—most of the time--took on these review tasks and improved an already stellar proposal.

Next Steps

We are now seeking our founding Dean. The chair of the Search committee is Dean Andy Policano of the Merage School of Business. We are advertising widely and consulting broadly, with law school deans, local law firms, and higher education administrators in universities with law school. The Search committee includes leading professionals from the Bar. We have received dozens of nominations. We hope to recommend and select the new dean this academic year and have him or her begin at UCI later in 2007. Meanwhile the Search committee and a Law School implementation committee are doing work which will assist the Dean without undermining his or her ability to shape the School.

In parallel as we search for a Dean we are receiving a large number of expressions of interest in faculty positions.

UCI Faculty questions

From the perspective of the UCI faculty several interesting questions arise:

Will the academic personnel process for law faculty have an additional School review process, as I understand the Medical School does? [When JD and PhD/JD professors first came to UCI decades ago, there was a teaching and learning process regarding legal scholarship; some academic personnel reviewers were not familiar with the traditional outlets for legal scholarship and the approach to research central to the law.]

How will colleagues respond to the salary series of the law school, which like business, engineering, medicine and perhaps others, are higher than for the rest of the campus?

The UCI Law School (continued).

Where will the law school be located? From my perspective this requires considerable faculty input. The location will say a lot about the integration of the law faculty with campus faculty in general. In the early years I understand that we will use an existing facility on the central campus; my preference is that a central campus site be chosen for the permanent facility.

What will be the opportunities for joint appointments and joint degrees?

Building a new School requires the ongoing commitment and energy of those who proposed and supported the School plus the work of many others. The working committees believe that the results will bring even greater visibility to UCI and further increase interdisciplinary work in the public interest.

Chair's Column, Winter 2007

By Ronald B. Miller

The academic year is in full swing, and I hope you all had enjoyable holidays. We on the Executive Committee of the UCI EA welcome new and prospective members to include Rui de Figueiredo, Mark Hoffer, Pamela Lawrence, Peggy Maradudin, Robert Newsom, Ted Quilligan, and Marianne Schnaubelt (a member of the first undergraduate class at UCI and President of the Retirees Association). Next month, we hope to welcome Librarian Emerita Judy Horn, and Assistant Executive Vice Chancellor Emeritus, R Ronald Wilson.

I am indebted to the loyalty of our Executive Committee members. In particular, I might note Vice Chair and now Secretary, as well as Chair of our Membership and Nominating Committee, Barbara Hamkalo, Treasurer, Stuart Krassner, Program Co-chairs, Ann Heiney and Ann Stephens, Newsletter Editor, Ted Quilligan, Awards Committee Chair, Mark Hoffer, and Ethics Committee Chair, Jerome Tobis. We always welcome additional members, and we are in particular need of volunteers for our Awards Committee as well as the committee to complete the UCIEA History, and to help revise our by-laws and brochure. We are also indebted to the Retiree Relations Center Director, Jeri Frederick, and student assistant, Aimee Burton. Jeri Frederick has developed a comprehensive program plan for the Retiree Relations Center. We hope for space for an actual Center and staffing to work with Jeri Frederick as well as with the UCIEA and the UCIRA.

The Emeritae/i Association hopes to improve its voice in governance at both the Campus and the University levels. We will host the spring meeting of the Council of University of California Emeriti Associations. We expect that you may soon receive a questionnaire for the purpose of surveying the benefits offered by different departments to Emeritae/i. We thank Myron Simon, Julian Feldman, and Anita Iannucci for their work on the survey. We also anticipate a report on focus group discussions of University housing.

The Executive Committee approved a resolution addressed both to the Chancellor and to the Academic Senate (and its Council on Faculty Welfare) supporting a task force to review the programmatic and faculty needs of our Campus in ethics which will hopefully lead to an Institute of Ethics at UCI. This resolution was approved also by the Council on Faculty Welfare.

We are sad to report of the deaths of Dennis Clark (previous President of the Retirees' Association), Walter Donlon (Professor and Chair of Classics Emeritus), Wolfgang Iser (Professor of English and Comparative Literature Emeritus), Richard Juberg (Professor of Mathematics Emeritus), and of Sylvia Reines (widow of Nobel Laureate Frederick Reines).

We wish to congratulate David Easton, Distinguish Research Professor of Political Science and recipient of the Panunzio Award, and Barbara Hamkalo and Lyman Porter recipients of the Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship succeeding Spence Olin and Harold Moore.

Let me close by recommending two opportunities: If you wish to teach a freshman seminar on a topic of your choosing for one quarter speak with Rudi Berkelhamer or Sharon Salinger, Deans of Undergraduate Education, and if you wish to participate in panel discussions on topics of interest to graduate students, please contact James Parker, Graduate Initiatives Coordinator.

Best wishes for a productive and prosperous new year, Ronald B. Miller, M.D.

Antarctic Exploration: UCIEA WINTER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

3 to 4:30 p.m., Room C, UCI University Club

Early "Heroic Age" Explorers to Modern-Day Science of Climate Change

Presented by Donal T. Manahan, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California.

In this lecture, Dr. Manahan will review the history of the "Heroic Age" of polar exploration. Using original cinematographs and photographs taken during expeditions in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries, this lecture will illustrate how the early adventurers and scientists reached the poles and conducted the first scientific experiments in polar regions. The pioneering work of these first polar explorers will be presented in the context of modern scientific exploration and the growth of environmental awareness regarding the importance of polar regions to Earth and global climate change.

Biographical Sketch:

Donal Manahan was born in Ireland, obtained a BS degree in zoology from Trinity College (University of Dublin) and a PhD in physiology at the University of Wales. He was a postdoctoral fellow at UC Irvine from 1980 to 1983, where he worked with Professor Grover C. Stephens. He is currently Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles and previously served as Dean of Research of the USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. He has been the Chief Scientist for over 15 scientific expeditions to Antarctica since 1983.

Reservations are required, as per the information on the first page of this Newsletter.

Save the Date for the Upcoming Annual Meeting!

Our annual membership meeting and Spring Program will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room C, University Club. Details to be announced.

Sweet and Sour Grapes

By Ann Doyle Stephens

In my last article, I wrote about some of the white wines from Spain. Now that it is winter, I am thinking about red wines. Spain's best known reds are made from the grape varietal Tempranillo and come from the Denominaciones de Origen of Rioja and Ribera del Duero. But I have become interested in the reds made in Montsant, Tarragona and Priorato, located in the Catalan region of Spain, close to Barcelona. These wines are based on Grenache (Garnacha), Carignan (Cariñena), Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, rather than Tempranillo.

The wine brokerage for which I work represents several wineries in these regions, one of which is Joan (zhoh) d'Anguera. Located in the new Montsant Denominación, this family estate dates back 200 years. The vineyards lie at an altitude of 200 to 300 meters on clay and calcareous soils. The majority of the Syrah and Cabernet plantings are now more than 20 years old, and the Grenache and Carignan vines are more than 50 years old.

Joan and Josep, the two sons of the late patriarch, Josep d'Anguera, run this domain under the the vigilant eye of their mother. The winery makes three wines that can be found in Orange County. The first, 2005 *La Planella*, is a tasty, medium-bodied blend of 40% Carignan, 20% Grenache, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah. I enjoy the cherry-like fruit and hint of spice. The retail price is around \$15.00 to \$18.00.

The second, *Finca L'Argata*, is made from a selection of the best vineyard parcels. The 2003 is a blend of 40% Syrah, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Grenache and 10% Carignan. The 2003 spent 12 months in a

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combination of French and American oak before being bottled unfiltered. It shows abundant richness, extract and weight and has lovely smoky, blackcurrant-marked fruit, with a touch of black olive and thyme. With the 2004 vintage the brothers moved to aging the *Finca* in 100% French oak. Both vintages are available now. The 2003 is less expensive because the importer wants to sell the last few cases in the warehouse. Retail price ranges from \$16.00 to \$20.00. The 2004 (40% Grenache, 40% Syrah and 20% Carignan) will retail from around \$21.00 to \$25.00 depending on the store.

Joan d'Anguera's top of the line wine is *El Bugader*. A small amount of the 2002, which received a 92 point score from critic Robert Parker, is available. Composed of 80% of the oldest parcels of Syrah and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine is deeply colored, smells of blueberries and crushed rock and is very rich and full-bodied in the mouth. It is also expensive, retailing for around \$40.00 to \$48.00.

These reds go best with hearty beef, lamb or pork dishes.

Full disclosure: I make a commission on cases of these wines sold wholesale to Hi-Time Wine Cellars in Costa Mesa or the Wine Exchange in Orange.

Seymour's September

By Seymour Menton

To paraphrase the New York City Main Post Office Building's slogan, neither the contested Mexican presidential election, nor Caribbean hurricanes, nor severe spinal stenosis stayed this 79.5 year-old courier from the swift completion of his appointed September 2006 rounds to Guadalajara, Zacatecas, and San Juan (Puerto Rico). I can't believe it but I have survived, so far.

In fact, I bestowed honorary membership in the NYC Postal Workers Union to all 60 of my Zacatecas seminar students who were present and well prepared for the second of my three 2-hour sessions on the latest innovative Latin American novels in spite of a torrential downpour that flooded all the downtown streets of this tastefully modernized colonial mining city. The motive for my trip to Guadalajara was an invitation to serve as one of the seven judges for the Juan Rulfo Literary Prize of \$100,000, awarded annually to an outstanding Latin American writer for his or her complete body of work. This year's winner was Mexican Carlos Monsiváis.

After recuperating for two weeks in California, I took a seven-hour flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico in order to promote Luis López Nieves's new mystery/historical novel *El corazón de Voltaire* ('Voltaire's Heart'). The entire "epistolary" novel is written in the form of e-mails interchanged among 20 characters, all involved in ascertaining the authenticity of Voltaire's heart, prominently displayed in the National Library in Paris. It's every bit as exciting as *The Da Vinci Code* and *The Name of the Rose*, without the violence.

In addition to the stimulating interchange of ideas with the professors and students, I enjoyed observing first hand the dramatic changes that have occurred in Puerto Rico since my first visit in the summer of 1957. Old San Juan has been beautified and new hotels, high-rise condominiums and office buildings abound. Slums are no longer visible but the island is undergoing an economic and political crisis with an unemployment rate of over 30%, high welfare expenditures, political corruption, and an exodus of many professionals to the mainland because of increasing crime. A *New York Times* editorial of Oct. 23 called Puerto Rico "an island in distress."

Wolfgang Iser: In Memoriam

**By Karen Lawrence
Dean of Humanities**

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Professor Wolfgang Iser, Emeritus Professor of English and Comparative Literature. At the time of his death, Professor Iser was one of the most prominent literary theorists in the world. A founder of the "Constance School," along with Hans Robert Jauss and Juri Striedter at the newly established University of Constance on the German/Swiss border, he shifted the focus of German literary theory in the late 1960s from the author to the reader. Rather than ask what a work of literature means, he turned his attention to what a work does to the reader. His own works of theory and criticism had a major impact on literary study in the United States with the publication of *THE IMPLIED READER* (1972) and *THE ACT OF READING* (1976).

In 1976, Professor Iser came to UC Irvine as a visiting Professor of German. In 1978 he became a permanent member of the UCI faculty in the Department of English and Comparative Literature, dividing his time between Constance and Irvine. Along with Murray Krieger, J. Hillis Miller, and Jacques Derrida, he helped make UCI one of the most important centers of literary theory in the world. Expanding on his groundbreaking work on the effect of literature on the reader (*Wirkungsaesthetik*), he explored new territory by developing the field of "literary anthropology," which speculates on how literature functions in the human experience. This phase of his career resulted in *PROSPECTING* (1989) and *THE FICTIVE AND THE IMAGINARY* (1993). Noted for his excellent readings of individual works as well as for his theoretical positions, he also published a major book on Shakespeare's history plays, *STAGING POLITICS* (1993), and numerous essays on Fielding, Pater, Joyce, and Beckett. In 1991 he retired from the University of Constance, but continued to teach at UCI until 2005. In 1994 he delivered the Wellek Lectures at UCI.

(<http://sun3.lib.uci.edu/~scctr/Wellek/iser/index.html>)

Extremely productive even after retirement, in 2006 he published *HOW TO DO THEORY* and lectured in nine different countries, playing, as he had done for over 25 years, the role of international ambassador for UCI. Born July 22, 1926, in Marienberg, Saxony, Germany, he was 80 years old when he died, January 24, 2007. He is survived by his wife Lore, whose privacy during the time of mourning should be respected.

Faculty in the School of Humanities will organize a memorial service in the near future, with details to follow.

Heart Study Notice

As a service to the UCI community, the Division of Cardiology is trying to identify adults (males age greater than 40 and females age greater than 45) who may be at risk of developing acute cardiac events (heart attack, unstable angina, sudden death) and to offer suggestions for prevention of such events. For this purpose, we have developed a study protocol, the "Heart Attack Prevention is a Possibility" (HAPPY) study.

Interested participants may need to get blood tests (BUN, creatinine, blood glucose, cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides and hs-CRP) from their primary care provider. For individuals determined to have high intermediate or high risk for heart disease, the Cardiology Division will offer a CT scan of the arteries of the heart per approved IRB protocol. This new CT technology takes only 7 seconds to take pictures of the heart. Based on the results of the CTscan, cardiologists will suggest appropriate management of the risk factors in conjunction with the primary care provider.

Interested participants should contact Ellen Bristol at 949-824-6819.

"Vox Sapientis" (the voice of the wise)

UCI Emeritae/i are invited to come and speak on panels to help first year graduate students understand, prepare for, and transition successfully through their doctoral experience.

This is an effort of the Graduate Student First Year Initiative (GFYI) in partnership with the UCI Emeritae/i Association. The series of panel discussions is called "Vox Sapientis" which in Latin means "the voice of the wise". We believe that the emeritus of any campus is a vast and rich underutilized resource. We offer this opportunity to members of the UCI Emeritae/i Association to be a part of mentoring a whole new cohort of scholars and share their varied expertise and experiences to make the UCI graduate student experience the best in the nation.

If you are interested in being a part of an upcoming panel please contact me at the address below so that I can place you on our speakers list and send you the details. As well, we will be sending out a 6 month agenda of topics and dates that you will be able to sign up for on a host of topics.

For questions or comments please contact James Parker, Coordinator of the Graduate Student First Year Initiative at (949) 824-5513 or gradfyi@uci.edu. For more detailed information on the Graduate Student First Year Initiative, please see our webpage at <http://www.housing.uci.edu/gfyi/>

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

The invitation remains open for members of the UC Irvine Emeritae/i to attend one class session given by the UCI OLLI. Many courses are given by OLLI members, by Faculty and Emeriti from other OC Institutions of higher learning and by UC Irvine Faculty and Emeriti. Below are listed some of the many that might be of interest to you.

MARCH

James Joyce (UCI Dean) – March 6, 8, 15 (FEW seats left).

Topics in Medicine (UCI Faculty) – March 6, 13, 20, 27.

Wonders of Music (UCI Faculty and Students) – March 7, 21, 28.

APRIL

Petracca's Politics, Passions (UCI Faculty) – April 9, 16 (CLOSED due to over enrollment).

Art as Plunder (UCI Faculty) – April 18, 25, May 2.

MAY

Women and Science (UCI Faculty) – May 2, 9, 16.

Physics of Superheroes (UCI Faculty) – May 11, 18.

SPRING TERM:

Mini-Medical School (UCI Faculty) – April 13, 20, 17 and May 4.

Musical Mondays (UCI Faculty)- March 5, April 16, May 5.

You may also become a member of the UCI Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and enjoy all of the Spring 2007 classes by contacting the office at 949/451-1403 or at lablake@uci.edu.

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