**President’s Letter—William H. Parker**

The leadership of the UC Irvine Emeriti Association (UCI EA) welcomes you to an exciting year in the history of UC Irvine. 2015 will mark the official celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the campus and enrollment of the first students in 1965.

There are many emeriti who have devoted five decades of their professional careers to UCI and we should extend our collective thanks to them for their dedication, commitment and contributions. During the year it would be appropriate to celebrate the contributions of those initial faculty who laid the foundation for the university UCI has become today. Towards this end, the UCI EA hopes to work closely with the organizers of more events to publicly acknowledge these founding faculty. We welcome your suggestions about the nature of appropriate event(s).

Included in this issue of the UCI EA Newsletter is an article by Hal Moore (one of the founding faculty of the chemistry department) recounting an historical event in the creation of the campus and a personal coincidence related to that event. You should find his experience interesting and amusing. I encourage other founding faculty to send us their recollections on the early days of UCI and their reflections on the development of the campus over the last five decades. We will share your submissions with the members of our Association. Please submit them to Keith Nelson, editor of the Emeriti Association Newsletter at klnelson@uci.edu.

Finally, I encourage everyone to become involved in the activities of the UCI EA. If you would like to assist, please contact either myself or Jeri Frederick and we would be very willing to sit down with you and discuss ways you can contribute.

In closing, may the 2014/15 academic year be a productive and meaningful year for each of you.

William H. Parker
President, UC Irvine Emeriti Association

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**Upcoming Events**

**Wine and Cheese Reception on Jan 29th.**

University Club @ 801 E. Peltason (turn at Los Trancos stop sign)
Samuel McCulloch Library Room,
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Parking and Event are FREE

Come celebrate 2015 and reflect on the past half century of UCI!
RSVP: emeriti@uci.edu or (949) 824-7769

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**In Memoriam**

Albert Irwin - Recreation, 12/22/14
Jens Rieckmann - European Languages & Studies, 12/1/14
Dickson D. Bruce - History, 11/24/14
Frederick Baker - Education, 9/15/2014
David Easton - Political Science, 7/19/14
Robert L. Newcomb - Statistics, Athletics 7/10/14

Donald A. Darling - Mathematics, 6/24/14
Robert L. Peters - English, 6/13/14
Ray A. Kunze - Mathematics, 5/21/14
W Leslie Quinlivan - Obstetrics & Gynecology, 11/7/13
Samuel C. McCulloch - History, 5/13/13
Bernard H. Gilmore - Music, 4/17/13
Casper W. Barnes - Engineering, 3/26/13
UCI and Regents Point Collaboration

The UCI Center for Emeriti and Retirees in collaboration with the UCI Emeriti and Retirees Associations is pleased to announce a new collaboration between UCI and Regents Point (RP) to offer UCI emeriti, retirees and family of active employees priority consideration as well as a significant discount for admission.

RP is a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) located at 19191 Harvard Avenue, adjacent to the William R. Mason Regional Park. As a CCRC it offers multiple living options, including residential living, assisted living, skilled nursing and memory care.

Under this collaboration RP is pleased to offer UCI emeriti, retirees, faculty, and staff priority consideration for admission and a fifty percent discount on the entrance fee – the up-front cost to secure residency in the community. Also for those individuals moving directly into a higher level of care – assisted living, skilled nursing, or memory care – RP is offering access to these services at the current resident rate. This represents significant savings compared to the rates normally charged to non-residents who are admitted directly into a higher level of care.

This is an excellent opportunity for those who might best take advantage of this opportunity to become part of a community of active, engaged seniors close to campus and with others who have ties to UCI.

RP offers a variety of floor plans to accommodate residents’ living needs, including studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and villa options. Please note that all options may not be available at time of application and certain financial eligibility requirements may apply. Those individuals that qualify will be given priority access to available residences at all living option levels.

Interested individuals should contact Regents Point Sales Director Noemi Flores at (949) 854-9500 or Jeri I. Frederick, Director UCI Center for Emeriti & Retirees, at (949) 824-7769 (jerii@uci.edu).

Center Director’s News

By Jeri I. Frederick

2015 is the year UC Irvine turns 50 years old and this Center for Emeriti & Retirees turns 10 years old. We will be holding various events to celebrate the achievements of our retired faculty and staff and retiree-alumni but in particular please mark May 5, 2015 on your calendars for our annual Chancellor’s Reception Honoring All Emeriti & Retirees.

The May 5, 2015 Reception will be from 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the Student Center Ballroom. Free parking with RSVP to retirees@uci.edu. Chancellor Howard Gillman will be our Keynote Speaker.

The Reception will be part of our 50th Anniversary celebration and will recognize our faculty and staff from the 1st ten years!

I am very thankful that in addition to the volunteer-staff that keep us running day-to-day, we now have a work-study student to help with our communications and a new volunteer who is helping to refine and update our website located at: http://retirees.uci.edu

Founding faculty/staff, please call 949-824-7769 or email retirees@uci.edu for further information.

We welcome your input.
**James McGaugh Delivers Lecture at UCI Emeriti Association Annual Meeting**

The 2014 UCI EA Annual Meeting and Awards were held at the University Club on June 2nd and featured Professor James McGaugh, Neurobiology & Behavior, as keynote speaker. McGaugh delivered a well-received lecture summarizing his study of people who have highly superior memories, which has been highlighted in a 60 Minutes episode, a Nightly News report and on Good Morning America.

Anyone interested in learning more about Professor McGaugh’s research may view a lecture delivered for a general audience at TEDxUCIrvine available on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfGDJIA_YWI, or a similar lecture delivered as part of the series “Distinctive Voices@The Beckman Center” also available on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZDg_BlhWk.

Professor McGaugh recommends an article published in the Proceedings of the National Academies that summarizes his research in a general manner. See http://www.pnas.org/content/110/Supplement_2/10402.abstract. He is also the author of a short book “Memory and Emotion: The making of lasting memories” available on Amazon. An autobiography may be viewed at http://www.sfn.org/~media/SfN/Documents/TheHistoryofNeuroscience/Volume%204/c11.ashx.

**2014 Awards Presented at the Annual UCI EA Meeting**

* **Excellence in Mentoring Award**—Professor Kristen Monroe, Political Science
* **Outstanding Emeritus/a Award**—Ruth Kluger, Professor Emerita European Languages and Studies & Norman Rostoker, Professor Emeritus Physics and Astronomy
* **Constantine Panunzio Award**—Professor Rein Taagepera, Political Science.

**An Amazing Coincidence Related to the Campus Siting**

By Hal Moore

Our present location on the Irvine Ranch land was not the first site choice for UCI. Rather, a plot of land on the slopes of Spyglass Hill that now includes Pacific View Memorial Park Cemetery at its center was the first choice of the Regents. This is a wonderful location with a great view of Corona del Mar and the coast, even Catalina Island. Part of the property was leased (1958) to Mr. John A. Vibert (now buried in this cemetery, 1989) who planned to build the cemetery. When he heard the university was interested in the land he was apparently concerned he would lose his lease. Joan Irvine Smith offered to trade him for an equally nice spot at another location on the ranch. He had no interest. Rather, he found six bodies, seemingly through Rice Mortuary in Maywood, California as well as Inglewood Park Cemetery (Mr. Vibert’s previous employers), and reburied them in Corona Del Mar on April 8 and 9, 1959. I am not sure what impact these people had during their lives, but they certainly changed history after death.

With bodies in the ground his lease was safe. Thus, we are UCI rather than UCNB. By the way, it is my understanding that the I in UCI does not stand for the City of Irvine. There was no city at the time the campus was named. The I stands for the Irvine Ranch.

Now, I want to present an amazing coincidence relating directly to the above cemetery/UCI-siting story. This took place a few weeks ago (mid-September, 2014) while I was soaking in the Mineral Hot Springs in Ouray, Colorado. I sat down next to an elderly local resident and we struck up a conversation. His name was Roland Hinkson. I told him I was from Irvine, California and he said, “Oh I know where that is. Didn’t the Irvine family give land to build some sort of a USC campus there?” I told him it was a campus of the University of California and further told him the Pacific View Memorial Park Cemetery/UCI story. He was quite surprised to hear this, something he had not previously known. Amazingly, he went on to tell me his parents were buried in that cemetery and their names were Agnes and Cecil Hinkson. Yes, he is the son of the first two people buried in the cemetery site on April 8, 1959!
Our meetings are scheduled on the second Thursday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Room C at the University Club except for the Annual Meeting which will occur on June 9th in the Samuel McCulloch Library Room.

Our next regular meeting occurs on February 12th, and subsequent meetings will take place on March 12th, April 9th and May 14th.

The June 9th meeting will feature a talk by Professor Emeritus Spencer Olin and will be held in the Samuel McCulloch Library Room of the University Club from 10 a.m. until Noon. This meeting will also feature the Outstanding Faculty Mentorship Award(s) and the Outstanding Emeritus Award(s). Please RSVP to emeriti@uci.edu.