



Special points of interest:



President Jim Clements was the keynote speaker at Emeritus Day.



Chip Egan received the Distinguished Emeriti Award from Skip Eisiminger, last year's recipient.

Egan Named Interim Director

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Dean Emeritus Chip Egan as the Interim Director of the Emeritus College for a one-year period beginning February 1, 2015. Dean Egan has been an active member of the Emeritus College having recently served as chair of the Long Range Planning Committee and having joined the Board of Advisors in September 2014. He brings a wealth of administrative experience and deep connections to the Clemson Family to the important work of the Emeritus College. Dean Egan's interim appointment will provide valuable leadership, continuity and the time to identify the Emeritus College's strategic plan for the future.

Robert Jones, Provost

Meet Chip Egan

Chip Egan joined the Clemson theatre faculty in 1976 and spent his entire academic career at Clemson serving in a variety of teaching and administrative positions. Most recently he served as dean of the College Architecture, Arts and Humanities. He was selected as an Alumni Distinguished Professor and he received the Class of '39 Faculty Award for Excellence. He is active in the region as a theatre artist and is married to Diane Egan. Together they take great joy in their extended family which now includes five grandchildren.

Farewell from the Director



It has been my privilege to serve as Director of the Emeritus College for the past decade. I have enjoyed every moment of working with Clemson's wonderful retired faculty. I thank you for the opportunity and for the support you have given me.

We are blessed to have an Emeritus College and are recognized around the country as a leader in keeping emeriti connected to the university. I encourage you to continue to support the College and its new leadership. And I look forward to seeing you at future events as a fellow emerita!

Diane



In Remembrance

Leonard R. Allen
Professor Emeritus
Agronomy & Soils
1922—2014

Sara A. Bagby
Professor Emerita
Home Economic
1933—2014

Clarence A. Balch
Professor Emeritus
General Engineering
1934—2014

Bruce F. Cook
Professor Emeritus
Music
1933—2014

Dee Lewis Cross
Professor Emeritus
Animal Nutrition
1946—2014

Lyndon L. Larcom
Professor Emeritus
Physics & Microbiology
1940—2014

William H. Davis McGregor
Dean Emeritus
Forestry
1927—2014

What's Happening: Event Update

Please plan to join your fellow members of the Emeritus College for lunch at noon on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Vaqueros Mexican Restaurant, 133 E. Queen St., Pendleton, SC.

Mark your calendars now for the Welcome Picnic on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at the Owen Pavilion, Madren Conference Center. Help greet our newest members! Details coming soon.

Emeritus Lunch at Brandini's



It was a wonderful event with 53 emeriti and their guests in attendance. The weather was gorgeous, the food delicious, and the merriment contagious. Many thanks to Emeritus Bob Hedetniemi for sharing his family ties to this historic Pendleton property. Want to know more? Read Elsie Hedetniemi Carr's **The Legend of Abigail Rose** available on Kindle and Nook.



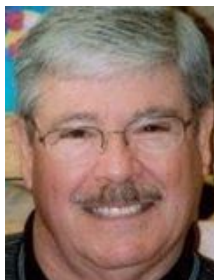
Mentors Needed

Mentors are needed for spring semester in the CIS program. If you are interested in meeting once a week with an international graduate student to help improve his/her English and adjustment to our culture, contact the College office.



Larry Gahan elected

Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of PRTM, Larry Gahan was elected to a two year term on the AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) board of directors. Larry follows Lucy Rollin who served on the board for two terms.



Office Prints



Many thanks to Emeriti Dwaine and Lucy Eubanks for the nice gift of four Clemson Alumni Centennial Prints for the office lobby. They are a very nice addition to our home at ENTOM.

President Tweets about ED



Jim Clements @ClemsonPrez

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Honored to speak at the Emeritus College Luncheon. Thankful for the service of our faculty and their continued support of #Clemson.

Advisory Board News



At the September board meeting, new members Lance Bell, Chip Egan, Lucy Eubanks, and Lois Sill were introduced. Director Smathers presented a program budget of \$15,350 for the year.

Curriculum chair, Adolph Beyerlein reported that 87 students participated in CESP testing the first of

the semester. Chair Gary Powell provided an update on the director's search. He and chair-elect Del Kimbler met with interim Provost Aziz and job descriptions have been drafted.

Under board business, volunteer Tiffany Cowden presented the new data base management system and fielded questions. Also, Harry Durham was elected to membership in the College. The board thanked Ray Sawyer for his service and Gary Powell charged the board with leading the College through the transition to a new director and new provost.

In Remembrance (continued)

Robert W. McLellan
Chair/Professor Emeritus
PRTM
1938—2014

J. Henry Marvin, Jr.
Professor Emeritus
Textiles 1920—2014

Dennis L. Placone
Professor Emeritus
Economics
1948—2014

Charles Franklin Risher
Professor Emeritus
Poultry Science
1926—2013

Absalom W. Snell
Asst. Director Emeritus
Agriculture Exp. Station
1924—2014

William F. Steirer, Jr.
Assoc. Prof. Emeritus
History
1936—2015

Myrle L. Swicegood
Asst. Director Emerita
Home Economics
1924—2014

F. Dick Wheeler
Head/Professor Emeritus
Animal Science
1920—2013

Alan Joseph Winters
Professor Emeritus
Accounting
1944—2014

Thomas E. Wooten
Alumni Dist. Prof. Emeritus
Forestry
1937—2015

Success Stories: *Emeritus Day 2014*



Reflections From the Omega Side of Life

By Diane Smathers (Farewell Remarks at Emeritus Day)

Forty years ago this semester, I began my career in academe as an instructor at the University of Kentucky. Several years later I completed my doctorate at the University of Georgia. In 1988, Webb and I came to Clemson. And now I find myself, like you, on the omega side of life.

You have often heard me say that I have the best job on campus. Working with the university's highly successful, unquestionably credentialed, enviably creative and undoubtedly passionate emeritus faculty is unparalleled. We know that a university is only as good as its faculty. Clemson is in the midst of a celebration of being ranked as a Top 20 institution – a lofty goal that President Emeritus Jim Barker set for us 14 years ago. But I am reminded that it was upon your shoulders, not the new young assistant professors with the unfathomable salaries and the obscene start-up packages, that this goal was built. You are the foundation upon which this dream was realized.

You are the faculty members who spent hours preparing for a freshman biology lab or advising a student organization that met at the end of a long day. You are the faculty members who asked students to “compare and contrast” a principle on mid-term exams even though you knew it would take days, not hours, to grade them. And you are the EMERITUS faculty members who are now volunteering your time to help Clemson's international students be successful on foreign soil. Thirty of you from 12 departments are working with over 40 students this semester.

Alison Wolf, in a recent book, *Does Education matter? Myths about Education and Economic Growth* states, “we have not found any low-cost, high-technology alternatives to expert human teachers.” You were expert human teachers. And even though students are plugged in, logged on, and booted up to an iPod, iPad, iPhone, or any other arsenal of gadgets that they never seem to turn off, I, for one (and I believe you to do) still believe that the core of the educational experience is faculty engaged in human relationships with students. Look at the success of Creative Inquiry.

Higher education is not a business. Students are not customers. If higher education operated the way businesses operate, we would not have programs in music and the arts because they are not cost effective. We would not have laboratories in engineering and science because the equipment is cost prohibitive. Higher education is a culture, amidst bricks and mortar, where learning takes place and growth and development occur. It's where youth transition to adulthood.

So what does this revelation have to do with the Emeritus College....everything. As a non-degree granting, academic unit on Clemson's campus, the Emeritus College has a responsibility to help shape the educational experience of Clemson's students. We believe, we KNOW, the importance of one-on-one relationships in the college experience. With today's demands on young faculty to generate dollars, utilize the latest technology, and stay abreast in their field when the half-life of knowledge is thought to be as little as three-five years in some disciplines, little time or energy is available for building relationships with students. But you can. The Emeritus College has a readily available cadre of retired faculty who can meet the needs and make a difference in the educational experience of our students.

So yes, to sustain the traditional college experience we had as students and we gave to our students, where learning takes place in a nurturing environment... is costly in terms of human resources, but if we (as an institution) fail, it will cost much, much more in the long run. Education is a public good and Clemson is educating for the greater good. Thus, you as emeriti have been, and can continue to be, a vital force at this place we call Clemson. I challenge you not to just come to emeritus events, but to reengage (albeit on our schedule) with the academic life of the university. There is almost 5000 years of teaching and research experience in this room today.....don't let it waste.

And I challenge the President and Provost to recognize the value of your Emeritus College (you have inherited a treasure) and to support it, not only with resources, but with your guidance and wisdom.

Success Stories: *ED continued*



Book Review by Rameth Richard Owens

With the conclusion of the Civil War's Sesquicentennial commemoration only months away, this issue's selection for review is James M. McPherson's *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*. In the quarter century since its publication in 1989 it has become recognized as the best one-volume history of our Second American Revolution. Containing 862 narrative pages, it is by no means brief, but it's much shorter than the multi-volume treatments available earlier, such as James Ford Rhodes' *History of the United States (1850-1877)* in seven volumes, Allan Nevins' *Ordeal of the Union (1847-1861)* in four volumes, and Shelby Foote's *The Civil War* in three volumes.

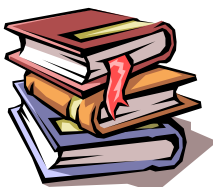
Through more than 200 pages McPherson describes the many changes that transformed the United States by the middle of the 19th century. These included expansion of industry and transportation facilities, mechanization of agriculture, growth of population (through natural increase and immigration), acquisition of Texas and the Mexican Cession as well as the Oregon Territory, westward expansion along with subsequent admission of new states, emergence of a visceral debate over slavery's extension into the territories, and formation of the Republican Party. McPherson also describes attempts to deal with the challenging controversies which accompanied these changes, chiefly the Compromise of 1850, the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, and the Supreme Court's fateful decision in the Dred Scott case (1857). Because the central issue in all of these was slavery, McPherson devotes page after page to the seven debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas in 1858. At the time, of course, the debates' focus was the Illinois Senate race, but after Lincoln's 1860 election, their substance was the linchpin of his presidency.

The remaining 600+ pages concern the Civil War itself. Battles take center stage, with McPherson discussing political instructions and military strategies of opposing forces -- first one side, then the other. When all is quiet (except the anguished cries of wounded men), McPherson examines the outcome. Having tallied a battle's human costs, he reports the assessment of those involved. After describing how the court of public opinion treated it, he reviews its depiction by most historians. If revisionists have advanced an altered opinion, he asks whether their reinterpretation passes muster. (When not, he says so and explains why.) Finally, he discusses the battle's political implications. For example, the Union victory in 1862 at Antietam was especially important, because, though small, it provided military cover for Lincoln's preliminary issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. The Union capture of Atlanta was even more important, because, by ending a temporary famine on the battlefield, it led to Lincoln's reelection in 1864 and continuation of Republicans' policies; without such a victory Democrats would likely have won, leading to peace and possibly independence for the Confederacy.

McPherson's dramatic writing style, vivid and muscular, breathes new life into familiar narratives. Especially effective is his use of quotations, often no more than a few words or phrases. A whole pantheon of notable politicians and military commanders -- including Presidents Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee plus many others -- speak to us in their own words; diarists, unnamed citizens (white and black), and anonymous privates do, too. In addition, portions of several chapters include very interesting discussions of -- among other matters -- the work of women as nurses on both sides, resistance to conscription both South and North (including bloody riots in New York City), inflation rates for the duration (80% Union, 9,000% Confederacy), barbaric marauding in Missouri, the effect of disease (often incapacitating nearly half of a unit's would-be combatants and causing more deaths than battles), and loss of lives "as great as in all of the nation's other wars combined through Vietnam" (p. 854) -- soldiers: >620,000, civilians: unknown and unknowable. At war's end, McPherson depicts with great sensitivity Lee's surrender at Appomattox, at once showing Grant's magnanimity and Lee's humanity. Finally, he addresses the questions why the South lost and what did the North's triumph mean. The few pages (856-862) devoted to discussing these two questions are among the book's most memorable; they provide an insightful and fitting conclusion to McPherson's compression of more than 50,000 studies' findings into a single volume.

Despite its often grim narrative, *Battle Cry of Freedom* is compelling and without question deserving of the Pulitzer Prize it received in 1989. A mammoth undertaking, it is a magnificent achievement!

[To read one of my copies, e-mail me at <rrowens@clermson.edu>.]





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Calendar of Events

April 7.....Advisory Board Meeting
April 7.....**Emeritus Lunch**
AprilNewsletter
May 5.....Welcome Picnic

***Don't simply retire from something; have
something to retire to.***

— Harry Emerson Fosdick

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