Message from the Director

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. It doesn’t seem possible that the year is 2007! In making your New Year’s resolution, I hope you promised to be more active in the Emeritus College this year. We continue to grow and add many opportunities for your ongoing association with Clemson University.

We will soon be adding new board members to the Emeritus College Advisory Board. This is the group that provides guidance and program direction for the College. If you have any interest in serving on the Advisory Board, please let us know. The term of office is two years. There are two regularly scheduled board meetings each year and most of the work is done by committee during the interim (see article below).

Many of you completed a survey on retirement during Emeritus Day on Campus last October. I’m pleased to report that the survey, conducted by graduate student Holly Geldhauser as part of her master’s thesis in psychology, has been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology in New York City. Congratulations to Holly and many thanks to each of you for your contribution to this research.

Diane

Emeritus College Committees: Getting the Work Done

My dictionary defines committee as “a group of people chosen...to act upon a certain matter.” This definition certainly applies to the Emeritus College. Throughout the past 18 months, Emeritus College Committees have discussed, planned, implemented and evaluated programs and activities for the Emeritus College. Committee members have made phone calls, drafted documents, driven vans, presided at events, toted boxes and otherwise carried on the work of the College.

A total of ten committees comprising over 50 members have been working diligently to provide you with outstanding opportunities. We have no standing committees; all are ad hoc and are dissolved once their work is complete. If you have interest in serving on an Emeritus College Committee, please let us know. We currently have committees that are looking at space options for the College, trying to capture recent faculty histories, working with students on the back yard wildlife habitat project, promoting international involvement, and addressing the issues of emeriti leading undergraduate research.

As we begin to think about program offerings for next year, we will once again think about emeriti committee members who can “make it happen.” This is your college; get involved!

(In photo above, Emeriti Susan and Myles Wallace cruise Halong Bay, Vietnam. Myles chairs the International Opportunities Committee.)
What’s New?

Note Cards for Sale
Several of you have inquired about the Emeritus College note cards. The note cards will be sold at the Brooks Center event on February 21. The cost is $3.00 for a packet of eight. They are being sold at cost.

Memorial Gifts
With the establishment of the Emeritus College Fund it is easy to make a gift in memory (or honor) of a colleague. Just make your check payable to Clemson University Foundation Emeritus College Fund and indicate the person you wish to remember on the “memo” line. Mail your check to the Emeritus College office. The family of the person remembered will be notified of your gift.

Editors Needed
If you are willing to edit/proofread the Emeritus College newsletter, please let us know. The newsletter is published four times a year and we would like to have a pool of emeriti who would be willing to read each draft. Participation would require a computer and the ability to open a document in Publisher. This would be a great service to the Emeritus College and would not require much time.

Upcoming Events

Trustee Dinner
The Board of Trustees will once again present Award of Excellence certificates to faculty who received an award during 2005. The Emeritus College was included in this dinner recognition for the first time last year. If you have received a professional award, please let us know. You deserve the recognition, but do not assume that we know to submit your name!

Library Exhibit
Be sure to get by Cooper Library during the months of February/March and view Emeriti in Action. This exhibit is a great cross section of published works, art work, community involvement and professional activities of emeriti. The exhibit will also be featured in a forthcoming issue of Clemson World.

Emeritus Night at the Brooks Center
It’s that time of year! Join us on February 21 for the third annual Emeritus Night at the Brooks Center as the Clemson Players perform the musical comedy, Urinetown. Professor Mark Charney will direct this delightful play. A reception will be held at 7:00 pm with the performance at 8:00. Invitations will be mailed.

SPECIAL FEATURE: Faculty Senate is 50 Years Old!
The Clemson University Faculty Senate is celebrating 50 years of Faculty Governance this year. This is a very special time in the life of the Senate and it is being celebrated in a number of ways.

Last fall the University Board of Trustees adopted a resolution in honor of the Senate and the Athletic Department presented a plaque to the Senate during halftime at a football game. There are also exhibits at the Madren Center and The Strom Thurmond Institute showing 50 years of memorabilia!

In February, the Senate will host a forum on Faculty Governance featuring Horace Fleming, Provost of Mercer University and a past senate president. Additionally, Professor Alan Grubbs and our own Dave Senn are writing the history of the Senate.

In April, there will be a Celebration Reception to which all former senators and alternates will be invited. If you have ever served as a Faculty Senator at Clemson, please contact the Senate office (scathy@clemson.edu or 656-2456).
Success Story: Emeritus Night at Basketball Game

Even a cold, rainy, windy night couldn’t dampen the spirit of the 62 emeriti and guests who attended Emeritus Night at the Basketball Game! The festivities began with a hotdog supper in the IPTAY office and concluded with a 67 to 58 Tiger victory over the Furman Paladins in Littlejohn Coliseum!

Attendees were treated to a tour of the new West End Zone following supper and of course, there was plenty of opportunity for reminiscing with old friends.

Stuffed toys, games and articles of clothing were donated to Helping Hands by those in attendance. During halftime, Director Diane Smathers and Board Chair Dave Senn presented the items to Associate Athletic Director Billy D’Andrea.

Many thanks to Emeriti Cecil Huey and his committee for their efforts in making the evening a reality.

Philanthropy: Clemson’s Generous Emeriti

Many thanks to our generous donors! Because of their contributions, Friends of the Emeritus College was able to meet its goal! Friends gave $10,595 in support of Emeritus College programming. Additionally, emeriti contributed $1,400 to the United Way! (Did you know that $1,400 will provide a nutritious noon meal each weekday for two homebound senior citizens for a year?)

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Calendar of Events

January ....................Emeritus College Newsletter
February 4 .......... Gala Opening/VIP Reception
    Emeriti in Action
Feb/March .............. Library Exhibit
    Emeriti in Action
February 19 .......... Faculty Senate Forum
February 21 .......... Emeritus Night/Brooks Center
    Urinetown
March 7 ................. Emeritus Advisory Board Meeting
April ...................... Emeritus College Newsletter
April TBA ............... Spring Tour to Emory University
May 8 .................... General Faculty Meeting
    Awarding of Emeritus Certificates

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