



Special points of interest:



Emeritus Lunch to be at Lazy Islander in Pendleton. See page 2.

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Mandatory retirement??

See op/ed article on page 3. Topic will also be discussed at Emeritus Day!

Our New Home!

In May, the College office was moved to ENTOX, 509 Westinghouse Road in Pendleton. The facility is also home to the Institute for Environmental Toxicology. The 36,000 square foot building has a conference room, classroom, computer lab, kitchen, and various office and lab space. To date, about a dozen emeriti have offices in the building. "It's a spacious facility and we are so pleased to



have the Emeritus College Director located here with us," stated Jim Acton, Emeritus board member and professor emeritus of Food Science & Nutrition. Since there is no charge for meeting space,

and PARKING is ample, several Emeritus committees have already met at the new office and several other emeriti have dropped by to say hello. Director Smathers states, "I had more emeriti to come by my office in the first six weeks at ENTOX than in the last six years in Martin Hall. It's wonderful!"

The September board meeting, as well as the Christmas Cocktails celebration slated for December, will also be held at the new site. Emeritus Day in October, however, will remain at the Madren Center on campus.

Emeritus College 10th Anniversary ... the Celebration Continues

As the academic year begins, our Emeritus College 10th Anniversary celebration resumes! On Friday, August 30, representatives of the College participated in the First Friday parade, proudly sporting our academic robes to highlight Clemson's identity as an institution of higher learning--as well as its football prowess! On Tuesday, October 8, we gather for a gala Emeritus Day on campus, adding some new features to this annual event that we share so happily each year. On December 17, we close our special year with festive Christmas Cocktails at our new digs in Pendleton as we honor our partnership with each other and with Clemson University, and welcome our future as a College.

None of this could happen without the work of many emeriti volunteers. As chair of the Emeritus 10th Anniversary Committee, I say special thanks to Director Smathers, the committee members, and others from various venues who have kept these plans perking along.





In Remembrance

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Professor Emeritus
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Professor Emeritus
Agriculture
1923—2013

Robert "Jack" Mercer
Professor Emeritus
Agricultural Education
1929—2013

What's Happening: Upcoming Events



Emeritus Lunch at The Lazy Islander

On Tuesday, September 24, all emeriti and their spouse/guest are invited to enjoy at 10% discount for lunch at The Lazy Islander in Pendleton. The fun starts at noon!

Christmas Cocktails



The final event in our 10th anniversary celebration will be Christmas Cocktails on Tuesday, December 17, 5:00 –7:00 pm at the Emeritus College office in Pendleton. More details will be forth coming but mark your calendars now.

The **No Power Point Seminar** originally scheduled for September 26 has been cancelled. The board will be considering changes to this program at the September board meeting.



CIS...CONVERSATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS continues to gain momentum as emeritus mentors (and spouses) work one-on-one with students to improve their English.

SPEAK also continues to grow as we anticipate administering the SPEAK (English proficiency test) to about 75 international graduate students this fall. Through the hard work of Team SPEAK, we have computerized the test which emeriti will now be able to grade from their homes.



Emeriti work with international students fills a critical need at the university. To get involved, contact the College office.

Photo: Emeriti designing SPEAK questions in the conference room at ENTIX.



Emeritus Day 2013

**Join us as we celebrate our
10th anniversary!**

Tuesday, October 8

10:00—2:00

Madren Center

We've changed things around a little for this year. Watch for more details. Invitations will be mailed.

Reinstate Mandatory Retirement

By: [Mark C. Taylor](#), chairman of the department of religion at Columbia University and professor emeritus of humanities at Williams College.

With increasing longevity and growing personal financial insecurity, many faculty members are deferring retirement longer and longer. A recent survey conducted by TIAA-CREF found that almost one-third of the faculty members polled said they plan to work until at least 70 and many colleges and universities report a sharp increase in the number of people teaching well into their 70s.

This development comes at the worst possible time for higher education. Faced with rising costs and declining resources and revenues, colleges and universities are facing an unprecedented financial crisis. One of the most important factors contributing to this situation is the combination of tenure and the lack of mandatory retirement. The solution is clear but its implementation is difficult: abolish tenure and reinstate the policy of mandatory retirement at the age of 70, which was abolished as recently as 1994.

The growing tendency to defer retirement leads to both financial and intellectual difficulties. In almost all cases, the more senior the person, the higher the salary. This creates pressure on budgets that are already stretched to the limit. In some cases, the salary of one tenured professor could fund two non-tenured positions. There are intellectual problems, too. To be candid, on campuses, the best work of people in their late 60s and 70s is behind them. Though there are exceptions, many aging faculty members either rewrite previous books or produce nothing at all, and in the classroom they all too often recycle notes they have used for many years.

Mandatory retirement would open up opportunities for younger people, who today spend as long as 10-12 years pursuing careers from which they are often blocked by senior faculty members who refuse to retire. This situation is not only tragic for many of our best and brightest young researchers and scholars but is also disastrous for the future of higher education. In today's fast-changing world, it is more important than ever for colleges and universities to remain flexible and adaptable.

As President Obama recently noted in his speech at the University of Texas, the United States is no longer the global leader in higher education. We cannot return to our position of pre-eminence without a radical transformation of our entire higher education system. These changes will require new ideas that will not come from people at the end of their careers.

To remain competitive in the 21st century, we need to bring more young people into higher education as quickly as possible. Faculty members who infinitely defer retirement should stop complaining about the lack of jobs for their graduate students and have the wisdom and grace to step aside and let a new generation take over.

Editors Note: This article appeared in the NY Times, The Opinion Pages, Room for Debate, August 15, 2010.

<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2010/08/15/aging-professors-who-wont-retire/reinstate-mandatory-retirement-for-professors>

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Professor Emeritus Hap Wheeler will lead a roundtable discussion about mandatory retirement at Emeritus Day.

Success Stories: The Move to our New



Clockwise: Hal Harris, 2012 DEA recipient stands next to DEA plaque at new office; boxes await at Martin Hall; Director's office (two views); foyer where Christmas Cocktails will be held; volunteer Tiffany Smathers helping pack; the kitchen. (Conference room pic on page 2.)



Sullivan Center to offer services for Emeriti

The Joseph F. Sullivan Wellness Center on campus has *expanded* its services and are *extending* those services to emeriti. The new services include a **dermatology clinic, travel immunization clinic, and one-on-one wellness counseling**. The clinic will also now accept Medicare and file for insurance with BC/BS.

The new dermatology clinic, to be offered once a month, is an affordable option for multiple minor derma-procedures that span from wart removal and skin tag removal to screenings of abnormal skin markings such as moles and freckles.

The Sullivan Center is also making traveling abroad easier through their travel immunization clinic, as clients can meet with a nurse to review CDC recommendations for immunizations and order shots as well as obtain prescriptions for anti-malarial medications.

A range of acute care, health management, health education and promotion, and medical surveillance services are available through the Sullivan Center to meet the needs of employees, faculty staff, and emeriti. For more information, visit clemsun.edu/wellness

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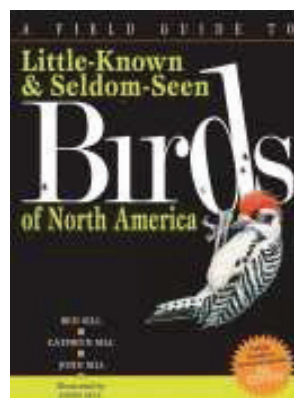
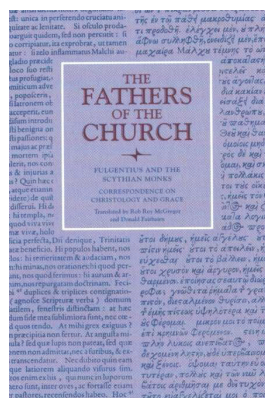
The Clemson community is very fortunate to have an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute—one of 117 across the country) as part of the Clemson family. We are a non-profit membership-led organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for mature adults in the area to expand their knowledge in both academic and recreational interests. Our courses are taught by qualified volunteer instructors from academia, government and the business world who enjoy sharing their knowledge, skills and passions with others. Several of Clemson's emeriti teach courses in OLLI. If you are interested, please contact us.

Other emeriti are members of OLLI and regularly take classes. The membership fee is only \$30.00. This entitles you to take OLLI courses, attend our special events, give back to your community and enjoy our very rich benefits package that

includes opportunities within the university and the community. Please drop by the Charles K. Cheezem building at Patrick Square for a visit. Or to learn more about OLLI, please visit our website at OLLI@clemson.edu or call us at 864-633-5243 to become a member and sign up for classes. The new fall catalogue is available on our web site.

Kudos to our emeriti authors!

Rob Roy McGregor and Donald Fairbairn's (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) translation of the letters of Fulgentius of Ruspe, with notes and commentary, has been published under the title *Correspondence on Christology and Grace: Fulgentius and the Scythian Monks* (The Catholic University of America Press, vol. 126 in the Fathers of the Church Series, 2013).



Ben Sill (and family) offers 32 new bird species in this volume, which features tongue-in-cheek descriptions, observation hints, and range maps, as well as remarkable full-color illustrations. The reader will never look at our feathered friends in the same way after encountering these frequent flyers.

Book Review

by Rameth Richard Owens

If, during commemoration this summer of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, you heard descriptions of almost unimaginable slaughter of blue- and grey-clad men, you probably have little interest in *any* book about war. As a welcome antidote to such turmoil, I recommend ***Run with the Horsemen***, which is Ferrol Sams' account of growing up in the rural South during the Great Depression.

If you've read it already, perhaps shortly after it was published in 1982, you'll no doubt enjoy it the second time around, as I have recently. If you've never encountered it, you're in for a hilarious, sometimes bitter-sweet journey into a world that would largely vanish during World War II. Though usually described as a novel, *Run with the Horsemen* is more accurately a memoir, semiautobiographical. The place where it unfolded was unmistakably the family's 800-acre farm; the house where they lived was also unmistakably their large ancestral home, built in 1848 "from timber hewn and hand-planed on the spot" (2). "The boy," who was the book's central figure, was named Porter Osborne, Jr., but, like the author, he was called Sambo, and, also like the author, what he wanted to become was a doctor. Some of the hilarious escapades attributed to "the boy" may not, in fact, have been dreamed up by Sambo in real life, but probably they had actually happened somewhere and -- with embellishment, of course -- had been recounted time and again by family relatives, while rocking through sultry summer evenings on the front porch. Whatever the source, Sams' story of Sambo and Pet, the recalcitrant and flatulent mule, remains a classic of Southern humor.

The world evoked here has been described by numerous historians, most notably Jack Temple Kirby in *Rural Worlds Lost: The American South, 1920-1960* (1987), but Sams has been able to do what most others have not. He has breathed life into people and nuance into everyday activities. Several members of the household (father, mother, grandfather, uncle) and of the community (a teacher, principal) along with some tenant farmers (Buddy, especially) are depicted so graphically that they become three-dimensional. Sams' rendition of African-American dialect is particularly effective. His description of several activities -- growing cotton, hog killing, Buddy's near drowning -- are so realistic that the reader feels as though he has lived through the experience. His occasional references to paternalism, as exhibited by succeeding generations, subtly illustrate its steady decline.

Run with the Horsemen was the first of a trilogy. Published when Sams was 60 years old, it was followed by *Whisper of the River* (1984) about coming of age in college and *When All the World Was Young* (1991) about becoming a man while serving as a medic in France during World War II. Altogether Sams published five other books, two of them non-fiction (*The Passing: Perspectives of Rural America* [1988] and *Christmas Gift!* [1989]). In 2007 he was inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame; he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Writers Association in 2012.

Sams' first and enduring passion was medicine. For more than half a century he and his wife Helen (whom he met during medical school at Emory University) were primary care physicians in Fayetteville, GA, his ancestral home southwest of Atlanta. Writing simply became his second passion. To be joyful was life's purpose, he said. His writing exudes joy, as did his work apparently. He and Helen had the great good fortune to have two sons who became internists, a daughter who works as a hospital administrator, and a son who is a local judge -- all living in Fayetteville. He died earlier this year, age 90.





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September 24.....Advisory Board Meeting
Emeritus Lunch at Lazy Islander

October 8.....**Emeritus Day**

November.....Newsletter

December 17.....Christmas Cocktails

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something to retire to.***
— Harry Emerson Fosdick

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