Emeriti Professional Service & Accomplishments Continue

Here we are in the green pastures of freedom, exempt from yearly evaluations, yet, as Francis Tam says, "The word retirement is a misnomer. Many of us are busier in retirement." Francis continues, "After 41.5 years at FSU, I have more time to devote to teacher enhancement and outreach. The $300,000 Grant of Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ)/Through Training Opportunities in Physics and Physical Science (TOPPS) will enter its last year in 2009. It is a privilege and my pleasure to continue serving as its Director. I am looking forward to serving its 24 Teacher Scholars across the state of Maryland in the year to come. Another teacher enhancement is Physics Unraveled Academy, which I have been associated with Washington County under a MSDE Grant since 2006. I will be doing physics workshops for in-service elementary school teachers in Upper and Lower Eastern Shore, in Spring and Fall."

With a similar attitude, Susan Arisman wrote last fall, "I have completely failed retirement and returned to work as Interim Dean at Coppin State University. The University was operating without a dean of education, a field experience coordinator, and several key faculty. I have been blessed with help and support from my friends and colleagues at Frostburg and throughout the State of Maryland. And the commute time is only 15 minutes! E*MERIT*I finds Susan listed as Dean last February and as Chair of Education at Coppin currently. Maybe she is both or all three.

About Al Rose's last 20 (!) years, he tells me, "I'm not sure if I ever communicated about my activities since leaving FSU in 1989. So in 100 words or less: I was ordained in 1989 and became a prison chaplain, working for the Md. Division of Correction. Did that until I was 65 and thought I would retire, but while I was helping set up a hospice program in the prisons, I was offered a job as a chaplain with the hospice that was to provide services to the prisons in the Baltimore area. Did that 1996-2004, when I tried retiring again. I did some hospital work for my church but ended up volunteer teaching courses to the chronically mentally ill in a rehab unit of Sheppard Pratt Hospital. One hundred. When I pointed out that counting the words one hundred was not humanly possible, the truth-teller, observed my counting those last words "I'm not sure if I ever communicated about my activities since leaving FSU in 1989. So in 100 words or less: I was ordained in 1989 and became a prison chaplain, working for the Md. Division of Correction. Did that until I was 65 and thought I would retire, but while I was helping set up a hospice program in the prisons, I was offered a job as a chaplain with the hospice that was to provide services to the prisons in the Baltimore area. Did that 1996-2004, when I tried retiring again. I did some hospital work for my church but ended up volunteer teaching courses to the chronically mentally ill in a rehab unit of Sheppard Pratt Hospital. One hundred."

Dave Fell will speak this month at his 50th year high school reunion (South Side High School) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dave also started his teaching career there from 1961-66, teaching social studies, English, and speech.

A newbie emeritus, with 35 years in the philosophy department at FSU, 45 years of teaching (beginning as an undergraduate at the University of Dayton, where he taught organic chemistry as an adjunct), "who's a guesser?", Tom Mappes had to be prevailed upon to declare his contentment in the long and successful history of two McGraw-Hill textbooks that he has co-edited: Social Ethics, now in its seventh edition, and Biomedical Ethics, now in its sixth edition. Over a period of 30 years, well over half a million students have used one of these two books in an undergraduate class. In retirement, he plans to explore some topics in the philosophy of mind, especially the nature, origin, and function of consciousness; he also intends to continue working on some of his scholarly interests in biomedical ethics.
“Service and Accomplishments Continue,” Continued

Also under duress, Steve Luzader writes, but he can't seem to break the evaluation habit, so he lists
1. Instructor Solutions Manual for "Physics for Engineers and Scientists" by Hans Ohanian and John Markert (with Hang Deng-Luzader and David Marx)
2. Student Solutions Manual for "Physics for Engineers and Scientists" by Hans Ohanian and John Markert (with Hang Deng-Luzader and David Marx) (An aside from a proud teacher--David Marx was my student when I taught in Wisconsin. It's heartwarming to see him doing so well.)
3. Served as co-director (with Hang Deng-Luzader) of the Maryland Summer Center for the Physics of Solar and Wind Power, a program for gifted and talented middle school students held at FSU July 13 - 18, 2008.
4. Appointed chair of the Committee on Physics in Undergraduate Education of the American Association of Physics Teachers for 2008 - 2009. (Aside: The AAPT committees basically create the programs for the national meetings.)

(5's, I think, in both Professional Development and Service)

Ken Stewart writes, in January, an opinion article that Keith Schlegel [my blushes] and I co-wrote will appear in the journal Liberal Education. We call the piece, Expecting More: On Elevating Academic Standards in Public Universities, A second article, in which I describe my experiences with my 2005-2006 students and discuss some of my teaching mistakes, will appear next year in College Teaching. The title of that one is Lessons from Teaching Millennials: a Case Study. This fall I am doing some follow-up research in which I will be trying to establish whether the patterns of psychological characteristics I observed in my 2005-2006 students occur in other samples of students. If my earlier findings are replicated, I will write another article focused on some of the implications for university teachers.

John Wiseman’s Schwanengesang last fall was the celebrated Baseball Forever Conference at FSU, with keynote by Frank DeFord. John has signed a contract with McFarland Publishers to publish his book, Baseball Forever. The National Game and American Life. His deadline is . . . well, now, and he expects the book to be out next spring or summer.

Dave Press auditioned for and was cast as a pawnbroker in a scene opposite Rene Zellweger in the upcoming film My One and Only, shot in Baltimore. He says, it is only one line, but that is typically all local actors are offered in these Hollywood productions that come to our region.

Philip Allen, who has moved to Arundel on the Bay (Annapolis), now edits the 4 yearly issues of the community newsletter. He also published the 2nd edition of his Historical Dictionary of Madagascar and continues to consult with the State Department, the National Intelligence Community, US embassies in Madagascar and Mauritius, and the Eurasia Group. A Fulbright alum, Philip attended Fulbright meetings in Marrakech, Washington, and Baltimore and helped organize Fulbright alumni programs on Iran. He’s active with the Annapolis Symphony and is helping with a colleague’s opera about the death of Socrates. Plans include research projects on Secularism in Francophone Africa, European higher education curriculum reform, and the Nazi “Jews-to-Madagascar” fantasy that preceded the Holocaust. With Susan Allen, he attended National/International Communications Association congresses in Boston, Chicago, Providence, and Philadelphia. Susan now nears completion of her Ph.D. Philip reminds me that in last fall’s issue, I failed to clearly identify myself or give my email to emeriti, so

Keith Schlegel (your truly, Kschlegel@frostburg.edu) assembles this newsletter and heads up the Board of Advisors for the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing. Gary Horowitz is also a member of that board and a major sponsor. With Ken Stewart (see above) Keith hopes to badger universities like FSU to raise standards. He will reprise his Walt Whitman monolog at Jacksonville University in April, when he resides in St. Augustine. He also still records the weekly Oasis poetry segment on WFWM (Thursday at 5:30) and the occasional Dialogs interviews, which are archived on the WFWM site (http://www.wfwm.org/). Among his victims there has been

Catherine Gira, who continues as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Maryland Humanities Council. She writes, Wherever I go in Annapolis, when I testify before committees of the General Assembly on behalf of the Humanities Council, I see former students who remain proud of the fact that they are FSU alumni. Other changes may have taken place over the years, but that seems to remain constant. Catherine also updated E*MERIT* on . . .

Alice Manicur’s doings. . . Alice and FSU alum Gladys Faherty go to Tunisia soon. Alice remains active on the board at Berea College and with Sloop Leadership Institute programs. She is a major sponsor the Sloop Institute.

E*MERIT* heard from Margaret Preckel last Christmas-time. She’s in LaFayette, Indiana, mixing it up with 39,000 Purdue students and faculty, making for an active social life.
We Travel, Work in the Community, See Friends & Family

Frosh emerita Zita McShane says since her May retirement, she has visited friends and my four daughters—and entertained my adorable grandsons who love Frostburg. Gerry Snelson and I drove to Glynn Baugher's Virginia estate—and feasted on five-course meals prepared from his produce; college friends and I enjoyed four fine plays at the Shaw festival in Canada. I loved my 17 years at FSU—and I will miss my colleagues, some of the students, the joys and challenges of teaching and learning, and seeing my students' accomplishments. On the other hand, for the first time in my life I feel almost absolute freedom to do what I want, when I want, where I want (within my limited finances). I am reading books I didn't have time for: I'm doing the NY Times crossword puzzles (gift from colleagues) and the computer Scrabble (gift from daughter Maureen). I will join the Wednesday noon book club at FSU—and when my guilt becomes overwhelming, I will find worthwhile volunteering projects.

Also a firster (after 31 years of teaching at FSU, some as Chair of Psych), Pat Santoro was honored last fall, pre-retirement, as an Outstanding Mentor. She taught an online course this summer, as a segue into retirement. Her immediate plans include helping to get Democrats elected to the White House and in Virginia. I still enjoy teaching and psychology, so I might teach a course online in the spring. I might even look into teaching at one of the colleges near where I currently live (Sweet Briar, Randolph College, Hollins, and others), if financial needs arise. I hope to travel to Greece in May 2009 with some friends (advice from people who have been there would be great!). Meanwhile, she enjoys kayaking, running, landscaping/gardening, volunteering for a few local organizations, catching up on reading. Her neighbors in southern Virginia include Judy and Kurt Wolfe. Pat and Anne Bristow intend to put together a memorial booklet for Chrismarie Baxter's grandchildren (see In Memoriam, below).

Richard Trask and Karen Holbrook live now on the coast of North Carolina, where they play tennis almost every day. Karen gardens and volunteers, and Richard is active in the local Obama campaign. Richard's translation, Beowulf and Judith: Two Heroes, remains in print, and he has finished a book-length short story collection, A Telling Experience. Richard hopes to stimulate discussion about changing FSU to West Maryland State University. As arguing for a new name is probably an essential step in attaining wider recognition and reputation for the excellence of our growing programs.

Tony Crosby has joined the steering committee working to establish a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Allegany County. Molly Walter-Burnham yet resides in Slabtown, though some health issues keep her from driving. She says she still laughs like hell and enjoys some afternoon visitors—a flock of wild turkeys that frequently caucus in my back yard. I also listen to WFWM religiously.

Joy Kroeger-Mappes retired in May, after 33 1/2 years at FSU. She writes that she is most proud of social justice work inside the classroom by supporting people to think for themselves about things they'd not thought about from different perspectives and of social justice work outside the classroom. Her immediate intention, understandably, is to take a year to re-evaluate, rest, read widely, and think about this next phase of my life (I've been working since the time I could walk growing up on a family farm, so the emphasis is on rest!). Right now, Sept., she is in Europe Germany and Poland for an extended trip. She will meet up with Tom in Scotland.

In Memoriam

We are saddened by the loss of our colleagues:
MacGregor O'Brien, Professor of Spanish and former Chair of Foreign Languages and Literature, who died June 11, 2007.
Dorothy Kerbow, adjunct professor and wife of Professor Emeritus J. B. Kerbow, who died February 25, 2008.
Morris Willey, Registrar and alumnus, who died June 10, 2008.

and by the loss of fellow emeriti professors:
Let us hear from you!
Drop us an email or note and let us where you are and what you are doing.

Note Bene 1: Retired FSU educators are invited to become members of the Allegany County Retired Teachers Association (ACRTA). Affiliated with the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA), the organization has fought for legislation to make our lives as retirees better and is dedicated to excellence in education and lifelong learning. The Allegany County group meets at noon on the first Thursday of each month at the Ali Ghan Shriners Club just east of Cumberland. Each meeting features a planned program (typically both educational and entertaining) immediately following either a buffet or sit down meal. These monthly get-togethers provide the opportunity for retired educators to renew old friendships around the dinner table and keep abreast with issues that affect all former educators, kindergarten through college. If you would like more specific information about the group or would be interested in attending an upcoming meeting as a guest, you are encouraged to contact one of the three FSU officers of ACRTA.

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Note Bene 2: Frostburg State University, through the Faculty Senate or the Executive Committee and the President, may confer the honorary title of emeritus or emerita upon faculty or professional (or officer or administrative) staff retirees whose exemplary and lengthy service (ten years or more) merit the qualification and whose colleagues or supervisors recommend the designation. The status recognizes the highest personal and professional contributions to the Frostburg State University community. Emeriti continue in retirement to enjoy university facilities and selected privileges, such as use of university email, library privileges, and complimentary parking permits. Emeriti faculty, if recommended and needed, may teach part-time in retirement for enhanced adjunct compensation. The University typically offers retirees with a complimentary lunch or dinner at least once a year. Future benefits may include such perquisites as access to a faculty/staff/emeriti lounge, complimentary business cards, shared office space. If you have not received email communications concerning E*MERIT*I, then your email address is incorrectly included in the emeriti directory. You may correct this error by writing email is best or calling Keith Schlegel (kschlegel@frostburg.edu, 301-268-4233) or the Human Resources Office at FSU (301-687-4105).