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President's Corner: *Tragedy pointing to Glory*

Most of you know that on Thursday, June 5, 2014, a horrible tragedy took place at Seattle Pacific. Armed with a double-barreled shotgun, 50 rounds of ammunition, and a large hunting knife, a gunman entered Otto Miller Hall and opened fire. Senior Jon Meis was working as a student-safety monitor. As the gunman stopped to reload his gun, Jon rushed from his office, sprayed pepper spray in the gunman's eyes and disarmed him. Other students and faculty tackled the shooter and pinned him down until police arrived. Paul Lee, a 19-year-old freshman, died that day. Two injured students, Thomas Fowler and Sarah Williams, were treated and eventually released from the hospital. The *Seattle Times* featured the tragedy in its front-page headlines for three days and our university was on display seemingly non-stop for days like never before in our history.

As senseless, inconceivable and unlikely as this kind of tragedy was, SPU had obviously prepared itself well. Provost Jeff Van Duzer laid out our practical plans for the day to come, including the cancellation of classes and the regular schedule of the library and food services. Yet it was in the spiritual realm that our defining character was made evident.

That evening (and at noon the following day), SPU gathered as a community in the First Free Methodist Church for a service of prayer, lament, and worship. To accommodate the overflow, the service was streamed live across campus. Later, on the lawn of Tiffany Loop, students sat in groups, heads bowed, holding hands, as the sun began to set. Counselors and residence life staff were available to any students who needed grief counseling or who just wanted an opportunity to process the events of this day. Rooms were made available for quiet prayer.

President Martin, quintessential leader through all the TV and press coverage, did not shy away from our Christ centered SPU focus. In a reflection later, he noted that the true character of Seattle Pacific University was reflected in how we responded to this event. Our university seeks to represent the best of what it means to be a genuine academic community of faith. And perhaps in part because the media saw us up close and personal, saw that we were serious about our ministry and strove to practice what we preached, they were usually positive and receptive.

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Purpose for Emeri-Times

"to edify, encourage, and connect emeriti faculty; to

profile emeriti achievements (past and present); to provide news and information about members and SPU; to encourage emeriti to continue to be involved in world change." The Emeri-Times newsletter is

distributed by the Office of the Provost.

Please let me know (mmacдона@spu.edu or 425 881 3486) if you have recommendations.

President's Fall Luncheon with Emeriti Faculty



On November 3, 2014, nearly fifty emeriti met with President and Mrs. Martin for a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon in the Queen Anne Room, Upper Gwinn. President Martin's comments about campus news were so uplifting, especially regarding campus cohesion after the June shooting tragedy. It was so good to hear about the reopening of remodeled Alexander Hall, new construction possibilities, new programs and the Tent City encampment in the Loop. Thank you so much for this wonderful networking opportunity.

Emeriti Web Page

Thanks to the Provost's office, emeriti faculty now have a webpage linked to the Provost webpage. It is live now. We can add sections as needed.

Here is the direct link: <http://spu.edu/university-leadership/provost/news/Emeriti-Faculty>. It can also be accessed by navigating through www.spu.edu/provost, then clicking on Provost Gateway, and the Emeriti Faculty "button" toward the bottom of the page.

Try it out and please let me know if you have any initial comments ehackman@spu.edu. For me, it is so handy to have things of interest corralled into one location. It would be nice to jazz it up a bit, don't you think? What else would you like to see on this website?

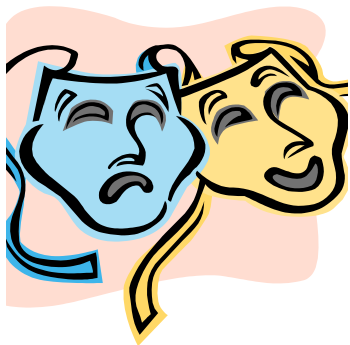
Evette Hackman, Editor, *Emeri-Times Newsletter*

Theatre Department—Winter/ Spring Plays

"King Lear", Shakespeare's tragedy about an aging father and his daughters, and another aging father and his sons, will be on stage January 29 to February 7, 2015. Matinee is February 7 at 2 pm. Emeriti will usually receive two free tickets.

The spring quarter play, April 23 to May 2, will be "As It Is in Heaven." It is a musical tale of 19th century Shaker women in Mount Pleasant, Kentucky.

SAVE THE DATES





*Emeriti coordinator for prayers/cares/concerns:
Marilyn Severson*

Marilyn Severson, emerita professor of European Studies-French, has agreed to be the coordinator of prayers, praises, cares, and concerns for SPU emeriti faculty. She will send out information to all emeriti on the designated emeriti list-serve: emeritifaculty@spu.edu

Job Description: Trying to be clear and distinct is somewhat difficult for this category, but this does not diminish the need to have a coordinator for this significant area in the lives of the SPU emeriti. While our main objective may be to notify us all quickly about prayer concerns, death notices, and memorial services, the praise side of the job should also be emphasized. A summary of some of the concerns may also be published in the *Emeri-Times* newsletter.

Praises are conceived to be of a general nature, and could include something one is particularly grateful for as well as, stretching the category somewhat, anything we might want to highlight before the next newsletter comes out. Examples might include special lectures, articles, artistic or musical events.

Look for information from Marilyn Severson regarding these matters on the designated emeriti list-serve: emeritifaculty@spu.edu

Submitted by Mike Macdonald

Profile: Marilyn Severson

Marilyn began teaching at Seattle Pacific University autumn quarter 1979 as part of the newly launched European Studies program. The position became full time autumn quarter 1980, and Marilyn taught all levels of French, co-led several European Quarters, and chaired the department of Foreign Languages & Literatures for ten years before her retirement in June 2004.

Teaching was her first love, and helping students gain in their knowledge and understanding of the language-culture connection was her passion. Marilyn also enjoyed facilitating study abroad trips, and participating in student appreciation and excitement about what they were seeing and learning was a definite highlight of these trips. But ask her sometime about releasing a student from a final exam one year to get a tattoo! It was much less stressful to see students appreciate impressionist paintings and make a return visit to the Picasso Museum in Paris.

Now in retirement, Marilyn is taking advantage of opportunities that present themselves: to name just a few, she spoke at the meeting of the James A. Michener Society in 2007 held in Greeley, Colorado; she is in a fifth year of serving on the Committee for Preparation for Ministry with the Seattle Presbytery; she is teaching a French class once a week at the Ballard Senior Center. Marilyn's advice to retirees: be open to opportunities and find yourself serving in new and interesting ways.

While not really wanting to have the primary responsibility at this point for groups of students in Europe, Marilyn has enjoyed three trips to France since her retirement, including being the assistant to Mike Macdonald and then Michelle Beauclair on European Quarter 2007.

Blessed with good health, family, friends, interesting activities, Marilyn wishes the same for all her colleagues.

Submitted by Marilyn Severson

Emeriti Updates January 2015:

Dorothy “Do” Balch, wife of late husband, **Wayne Balch**, Music Department who retired in 1985. Dorothy shares her 12 days of Christmas.:

1. Thankful I moved to Chicago (Northbrook) in August
2. Enjoying retirement— no alarm clocks
3. Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren—my pride and joy
4. The past—of many trips and tours through the years
5. Friends galore, the world around
6. Special ties to England, Sweden and Scotland
7. Renewing of former friendships from “Chicago” days
8. Making many great new friends at this “village”
9. Am praying for peace in a world so torn with strife
10. Keep up the good work of connecting the retirees!
11. Remembering 48 great years in Seattle and SPU!
12. Blessings on all you Emeriti friends!

Thank you, Do, for your wonderful creativity. This could be day 13.

Ruby Englund (David) retired from School of Health Sciences, Nursing in 2007. When I retired I determined to read books that I never found time to read while I was teaching. I especially enjoy biographies and other nonfiction. I recently read *A Good Man* by Shriver's son who told stories about his father that impressed me. My college roommate served in the Peace Corps so it was fascinating to read about the person who directed that program. I was touched to learn that he started every day by attending mass.

We have experienced health care from the other side since Dave spent a week at Virginia Mason Hospital and nearly two weeks at Foss Home in rehabilitation. I was impressed by the professionalism and excellence of the care he received in both places.

Evette Hackman (Robert) retired from Food and Nutritional Sciences, 2004. This year was a break from international adventure/travel. Instead we made some much needed repairs and upgrades to our home. Since we hope to live here quite a few more years, we decided to make some changes that we can enjoy now as well as add to the value of our home. Of course we had time for family and friend reunions and they were great. We got to play in the sun with our two daughters, sons-in-law and four grandchildren on one trip, cousins on a second trip, and friends at two family camps. Evette still enjoys her Tuesday Trekker group which means weekly hikes of 6-10 miles in the mountains. Bob has his neat retirement office at Fred Hutch Cancer Center. Life is good and we are so very thankful.



“What’s in a word” from Karen Macdonald

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months

When a fog lifts in Los Angeles, UCLA

Robert D. Larson (Anne Marie) Associate Professor of Sociology.

We commemorate our very own Ross Shaw. Ross presented a paper at the 1966 faculty retreat at Casey. This was my first retreat. I was impressed and proud to be part of such a faculty. Later he asked me to do the food service for the marine biology program on Maui. So many memories. After my duties were done, I would go into town where I got hooked on strawberry shakes. When I called Anna Marie I couldn't tell her that I was drinking, watching the moon shine upon the Pacific in 80 degree weather. Then there was the trip to Hana.

Ken Tollefson and I have lunched together. First here at Beverly Lake, then at Ivar's. We shared experiences caring for our wives. Ken also filled me in on his projects. (We must have him make a presentation.)

Recently I have had a "wild **Read**". My nephew, Dr. Kenneth Eng, published his autobiography detailing "a country boy's 50+ year journey through the cattle industry".

In November I had my 84th birthday. Now in my 85th year! Beyond old - **Mega Old!** So what shall I be, an angry old man, a cantankerous old man, or a mellow old man? Perhaps all!

David La Shana (Becky) President Emeritus, 1982-1991. There is nothing especially new to update in the Emerti-Times. We are enjoying Scottsdale, and we had all of our family here during the Christmas holidays: four children, eleven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren! They are our greatest legacy! Love from Dave and Becky Le Shana

Mike Macdonald (Karen) Professor of European Studies, German and Philosophy (2007). Events since June this year were not radically different from the events in the same period of 2013, but this should not be taken to mean that they were not another in a long line of wonderful blessings and opportunities. Highlights again were tent trailer trips to Icicle River in Leavenworth (June) and Lake Gallagher in eastern BC (July). Another highlight was the 11 day September Viking River Cruise with Mike's sister Carol Gimmaka and her husband Mel (both SPU grads) to Turkey, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Romania. And, as we write this, we are immersed in our annual five week trip to Puerto Vallarta.

As is noted by the wise (Mel Foreman, and many before and after him), most of one's life is spent neither in mountain top experiences, nor in the depths of the valleys, but it is lived mostly somewhere in between in the splendor of the "ordinary" middle. Our glorious middle includes times spent with family, church worship services, Karen's Tuesday Bible Class and sewing group, Mike's 6:30 am Tuesday book group, evening TV viewing (particularly programs like Downton Abbey and Blue Bloods).

In summary, Karen and Mike are enormously blessed, and their hope and prayer is that this greeting finds you at peace and in (at least relatively!) good health.

Martin, Curtis (Arline), President Emeritus 1991-1994; Professor of Education, . For the first time as husband and wife, on Friday, September 12, 2014, Arline and I attended our regular Warm Beach Friday Night Out! dinner. I am looking forward to introducing you to Arline Jennex Martin!



More wordplay

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes . . .was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out . . . free of charge.

David McKenna (Jan) President Emeritus of Seattle Pacific University, 1968-1992. 2014 qualifies as a year of adjustment for us. Jan's second back surgery in March relieved the screaming pain but did not resolve the chronic ache and limp. Dave joined her with advancing stenosis in his spine and is in the middle of treatment as the alternative to surgery at this time. We are learning a new meaning of grace according to our friend, Glandion Carney, in his most worthy book, *The Wave of Grace*. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's and required to resign his position as an Anglican pastor, he writes, "No matter how old you are or how many degrees you have or don't have--when grace takes you to school, you start in kindergarten." But, if you remember kindergarten, the days were filled with anticipation. It is good to go to school again.

Lyle Peter, (Beate) Professor of Chemistry, 2014. As a new retiree, I am just beginning to adjust to a new routine. To accommodate my wife's (Beate) acceptance of a faculty position at Arizona State University, we have moved to Phoenix for most of the year. In the area of grandchild quote, my most recent favorite comes from me being recruited for child care by my daughter-in-law when she needed to go on a business trip for a few days. In getting my 20 month old granddaughter up from a nap I said, "You smell kind of funky, do you need a fresh diaper?" Her reply, "No funky! No funky!"

Rose Reynoldson (Elmer) Professor of English, 2000. We have moved (Again!) to assisted care in Wenatchee. Seems there comes a time, eh! We are in good health except for certain fall exigencies; such as, Elmer fell and broke his right hip. He has three pins in it and he doesn't feel he's earned this pain. I fell leaving Sunday School class and broke my left shoulder. It is getting better, slowly. Other than that our lives are good, but we decided this move was expeditious. Not too bad if you don't focus on "used to." God is good. Happy New Year!

William (Bill) Rosenberger (Dorothy), Professor of Education, Director of Physical Education. I have just moved into a new apartment here at the Warm Beach Senior Community. The street address remains the same. It is just the apartment number that has changed. The new Apartment number is now "BW 18". Thanks and have a wonderful New Year!

Carl Roseveare (Arlene), School of Education Learning Resources. 1998. On February 10, 2015, Arlene and I will celebrate three years as Warm Beach residents. We are enjoying this community, wonderful staff, many activities, and friendly, happy neighbors. We do not miss the congestion of Seattle traffic. In September 2011, I sustained a mild stroke and was diagnosed with slow progression Parkinson's Disease.

A recent trip to Anchorage, Alaska to visit our son and his family and to enjoy Alaska again was a good experience. We enjoy news of Seattle Pacific University, especially the *Response*.

Thank you every one. Keep sharing your stories with all of us.

Emeriti to attend Basketball Game February 21, 2015

Thanks again to Ruby Englund, Emerita, School of Nursing, who is arranging this for us:

Emeriti are invited to attend SPU basketball games on Saturday February 21. The men's team will play Montana State Billings at 3 pm. Women will play Western Oregon at 5:30 pm. During half time for each game there will be refreshments in Falcon Lounge and an opportunity to hear one of the coaches analyze the game. If you would like to attend please email ren-glund@spu.edu. Reserved tickets will be available at the Will Call window at 2 pm on game day.



Hannah Notess, managing editor of *Response Magazine*, invites emeriti to submit news to be published in the magazine.

Editors of *Response* would like to include emeriti in the 'Footnotes' section of the magazine. Emeriti who wish to can include news of what they are doing - and former students can read about them. Interested emeriti can submit their news via email at response@spu.edu or via post to the address below:

Hannah Notess, Managing Editor, *Response* magazine

Seattle Pacific University., 3307 3rd Avenue West, Suite 116, Seattle, WA 98119

Winter and Spring Quarters 2015, Academic events

Palmer Lecture Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:00 p.m. [Upper Gwinn](#)

Marston Lecture Thursday, February 12, 2015 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. [Otto Miller Hall 109](#)

Emeriti Tea Tuesday, March 24, 2015 1:30-3:00 p.m. Queen Anne Room, [Upper Gwinn](#) (RSVP to provost@spu.edu)

Weter Lecture Tuesday, April 14, 2015 7:30-9 p.m. [Upper Gwinn](#)

Walls Lecture Wednesday, May 6, 2015 7:00 p.m. [First Free Methodist Church](#)

Retirement Dinner Thursday, May 7, 2015 6:30 p.m. [Upper Gwinn](#)

Ivy Cutting Friday, June 12, 2015, 9:30 a.m. [Tiffany Loop](#)

Graduate Commencement Friday, June 12, 2015 2:00 p.m. Location: [Tiffany Loop](#)

Undergraduate Commencement Saturday, June 13, 2015 3:00 p.m. Location: [Key Arena](#)

In Memory of...

Ross Shaw

Provost Van Duzer reports the sad news that Ross Shaw, professor emeritus of biology and long-time director of SPU's Blakely Island Field Station, passed away November 18, 2014.



As an SPU student, Ross was exposed to chemistry and the legendary mentoring talents of SPU professors Burton Dietzman, Clifford Roloff, and Vivian Larson. After graduating from Seattle Pacific College in 1952, he went on to earn a master's degree in biology at the University of South Dakota followed by a doctorate from the University of Iowa. He then accepted a position in the Biology Department at Greenville College in Illinois, where one of his students was future SPU Professor of Old Testament Frank Spina.

In 1965, Ross made the move back to SPC and opportunities that included teaching biology on the main campus, teaching summer classes at Camp Casey, and developing a research program for himself and his students. For the next 31 years, he served with heart and distinction. He helped in the development of Casey Conference Center and served as director there for several years. Later, as director of the Thomas B. Crowley Laboratory and Campus on Blakely Island, Ross worked alongside his late wife, Barbara, in developing the field station and its programs. He retired in 1996.

As a couple, the Shaws established an endowment to fund the Winifred E. Weter annual lecture series, providing a public platform from which the claims of the liberal arts in the Christian university are espoused.

In 2002, Ross received the SPU Alumni Medallion Award in recognition of his outstanding service to Seattle Pacific, the community, and his profession.

His memorial service was on December 12, 2014 at First Free Methodist Church.

Submitted by Provost Jeff Van Duzer



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Remarkably, many have noted that it was our university's finest hour. Acting prudently, practicing and preaching love, service to others, and being unabashedly and eminently spiritual, SPU was teaching the world to encounter "lament, grace, forgiveness, hope, prayer, God." (Alum Mathew Koenig) As Rick Steele, SPU Professor Moral and Historical Theology said in TIME (June 10), "we did what Christians do in the face of senseless evil: we looked to the Source of Goodness." Indeed, this may well have been "our darkest day and our finest hour."

Mike Macdonald, Emeriti Faculty President

Ames Library, named in 2014 and built in 1994

Did you know that the Ames Library is the third named library in Seattle Pacific's history? The first named library was located in Peterson Hall, and was named in 1930 for Professor Omar Burns, whose "donations to the college library over a period of years amounted to over \$3,000" according to the March 19, 1930, issue of *Seattle Pacific College News*. The Burns Library was the college library until 1963, when the Weter Memorial Library was completed.

Named for James P. Weter, a prominent Seattle attorney, SPC supporter, and father of longtime Professor of Classics Winifred Weter, the Weter Memorial Library had at its opening a seating capacity of 400 and a book capacity of 100,000 volumes.

The current library building was completed in 1994, and named for Gary and Barbara Ames in November of 2014 in honor of their support of SPU and particularly their work to increase access to an SPU education for students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. The Ames Library seats 654, including 20 Study and Instruction Rooms and has a book capacity of 400,000 physical volumes.

Submitted by Adrienne Meier, University Archivist



Burns Library 1930



Weter 1963



1994, Named Ames 2014



Two more funnies:

A dentist and a manicurist married. . . . They fought tooth and nail.

A boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.

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We hope you can join us for the....

Emeriti Tea

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

1:30– 3:00 p.m.

Upper Qwinn Commons

RSVP: provost@spu.edu

Or (206) 281-2125.

....We'll see you there!

