Message from the Provost’s Office

I am delighted to have this opportunity to update you on an important initiative in the Provost’s office. Last spring, in collaboration with Provost Linzer, the Deans, and Executive Vice President Nim Chinniah, we launched the Provost’s Initiative in Support of Faculty Excellence. The excellence of our faculty is critical to Northwestern University’s position as one of the very top research and teaching universities in the nation and the world. Through this initiative we are working to heighten the success of our faculty and to enhance the environments in which faculty are empowered to do their best work.

As part of this Initiative, we launched a Faculty Perspectives Survey in collaboration with the Faculty Senate last May. Analyses of the data collected are on-going, and we are now in the process of issuing a series of four reports from the survey.

The first, Preliminary Report I of the Faculty Perspectives Survey: Northwestern Faculty Satisfaction with Career and Resources, focuses on faculty satisfaction with their overall career success at Northwestern, as well as with various resources for research and creative work, and for teaching and service. We invite you to read this report at the following link: Northwestern Faculty Satisfaction with Career and Resources (you will need to enter your NetID to access the report).

Future reports will be issued this winter and spring and will focus on salary and compensation, diversity and inclusion, as well as leadership and culture. We are excited about these opportunities to continue to support and strengthen our excellent faculty.

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President’s Column
Allan Drebin

New! Improved!

Those terms are often used to advertise consumer products such as detergents. But they can also be used to describe the current status of Northwestern Emeriti Organization (NEO). Let’s take a look at some of our programs and activities.

First, this newsletter. The current issue, now the second, is chock full of news and events. Thanks to Dave Stumpf and his staff for putting it together. Doctors are widely known for their illegible prescriptions. Who knew they could write?

And they can make music. Our February luncheon speaker was Bill Dawson, Associate Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedic Surgery, Feinberg School of Medicine. His talk was titled: “Wearing Two Hats: Musician and Physician”.

Our bi-monthly luncheon meetings have changed considerably in venue and format. These are now held at Allen Center and include an elaborate buffet. Spouses (or significant others) are welcome and there is a longer more substantial presentation.

Of course, this is made very convenient by our new parking privileges. We are grateful to Provost Dan Linzer, our December luncheon speaker, for making that all possible.

We will soon introduce another initiative, an arts program. Starting in Spring quarter, we will arrange group attendance at discounted prices at selected events such as plays and concerts on campus. We hope to combine these with an informal dinner and some remarks from faculty experts to enhance our experience. Watch for an announcement soon.

And we are working on getting a new home on the Evanston campus. We have appointed a committee, headed by our past president Fred Hemke, to explore the possibility of designating one of the houses on Sheridan Road as the permanent office of NEO. This is a longer term project as it must wait for departments using desired space to move. More information on the status of this proposal is included in another article.

As Dickens might describe it, “It is the best of times”.

Allan R. Drebin
Editor’s Notes

David A Stumpf
Editor in Chief
Professor Emeritus of Neurology

The second edition of The Emeritus News will barely make its Winter Edition timeline. It has been a busy season with holidays, political debates and “retirement” which seems to surface all the activities we enjoy.

Our President’s message also conveys a happy note as he leads us into a more active era. The NEO meetings are commentary for our editor George Harmon; thank you for so clearly convey the messages delivered. We also have a popular new venue for our luncheons and some stellar speakers. We also report progress on the excellent work by a committee working on “The NEO House” proposal. Fred Hemke provides a nice summary and list of those colleagues who are helping with this effort. It seems reasonable to suggest that you send your comments and supportive messages to them.

Bob Craig has also launched what we hope will be an ongoing stream of articles about emeriti interests and activities. We would welcome your submissions about professional projects, hobbies, travels, and other activities. The Emeritus News will only be as good as our contributors … we are counting on tapping your talents!

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- George Harmon, Medill School. George was Medill’s news department chair for 15 years. He was publisher/editor of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and assistant managing editor of the Chicago Daily News. He is now a director of Paddock Publishing, publisher of suburban newspapers. He is a Vietnam veteran and chaired the NU faculty committee on Naval Science and the Committee on Athletics and Recreation. He is a member of the Chicago Journalism Hall of Fame.
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Emeriti Scholarly Reviews
By Robert Montgomery Craig

When I was asked to write a note about my ideas on editorial reviews of scholarly work performed by our members, to assist in their prepublication phase, I agreed gladly.

Two examples express a vision of how a group interested in composition could be of benefit to other authors. I have recently labored on an essay on global warming. One of my philosophical interests is in how politics mediates our freedom and our innate desire to promote some equality. This essay discusses this dynamic: how much governmental involvement (restriction of some liberties) is appropriate in the attempt to ameliorate potential threats from global warming (expanding equality by making the planet better for everyone).

My investigations have entailed my learning a great deal of geology and astronomy, and my refreshing my knowledge of chemistry. The essay is a balanced and measured approach to this highly charged subject, but it has required many iterations. Earlier renditions could have been facilitated by reviews by individuals more knowledgeable in astronomy and geology than I. Additionally, my biology and chemistry could have been critiqued. I intend to submit the manuscript to Mind or Reason.

My essay in progress is titled, Unique and Universal Characteristics of Life. In it, the unique and characteristic feature of Homo sapiens is explored as a model for investigating life. Having decided that our consciousness meets this bill, including self-consciousness, freedom, a moral sense, and language facility, I explore life. The essay requires a discussion of cellular biology, quantum biology (a new field), and biology in general. It could have used input from someone better versed in quantum mechanics than I.

My vision would be to share early drafts of scholarly manuscripts with other interested scholars in the hope that others within the Emeritus Alumni would offer useful criticisms. Those of us who have had multiply-authored publications can appreciate the value of critical reviews. In addition, I was often annoyed when a journal’s reviewer was critical of a submitted piece of work; however, the eventually published manuscript was improved by the critical review. Potentially, intense involvement by one of us might result in an acknowledgement or, even, in a joint publication.

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A NEO committee is proposing the creation of a campus home for emeriti faculty. The justification for an identified on-campus space rests on the data that have been created by the NEO Board in the past and the precedent that has been established at many other universities. It is also predicated upon the belief that the emeriti faculty will enter into a new relationship with the University and that emeriti faculty will be able and willing to share in the educational mission of the University. The Northwestern University Emeriti possess and can provide the strongest historical knowledge of our University to the university community. While retired faculty wish to enjoy their retirement years in many and various ways, they have the desire, background and skills to provide mentorship, knowledge and example for students and current faculty members of Northwestern.

As President of NEO last year, I attended meetings in Minneapolis of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) and The Big Ten Emeriti Association. Each organization reported on the emeriti faculty activities at their respective institutions, which included a wide range of on and off campus activities. Of special interest to me were the dedicated home at some institutions where Emeriti could meet together meet with former faculty associates or students, and hold seminars and classes. These facilities also served as a central repository for all things relating to the emeriti. Some were quite modest, others quite expansive.

The emeriti facilities fostered a high level of interaction by retired faculty with other faculty, administration and students including:
- academic and project advising
- participation in dissertation advising
- organizing and leading seminars
- teaching continuing education classes
- meeting with and advising foreign students
- providing speaker services to the surrounding communities
- providing retirement insurance questions to present faculty
- meeting together to discuss current local and world issues

While Northwestern Emeriti are often individually engaged in research, writing and speaking, they rarely engage in coordinated and directed efforts on behalf of the University or toward the ongoing mission of the University. Emeriti activities at NU are basically presently limited to the monthly lunch sessions and/or the quarterly Emeriti dinners.

A number of informational questionnaires were sent to Emeriti faculty last year to update Emeriti information and to ascertain the degree to which Emeriti were presently involved in campus activity. The survey questionnaire was sent to about 513 emeriti who live throughout the U.S., including, about 100 living in the Chicagoland area. The question “would you like to have more contact with students and/or faculty on the Evanston campus?” elicited a respond of yes from 27% and maybe from 42%.
At subsequent NEO luncheon meetings and the spring dinner, the emeriti faculty were again asked this same question. The response of those present was completely positive.

Given the Administration’s positive response to free on-campus parking for emeriti and emeriti interest in greater involvement in the University’s mission, the Executive Board authorized the formation of a subcommittee to formulate a position paper concerning the allocation of an on-campus house for use by the NEO. The completion of the new Kellogg facilities would open up some offices presently located in on-campus houses. The subcommittee is proposing that one of the vacated spaces be allocated as a permanent on-campus venue for the NEO.

The subcommittee, which has been meeting during this Fall Quarter, has worked to formulate the proposal. The proposal was reviewed and approved by the NEO Executive Board and will be presented to the Provost for consideration. It presently appears that the reallocation of on-campus spaces will likely occur sometime in 2017. The subcommittee proposal will, of course, compete with other University interests.

As a committee, we have viewed this as something of a cultural change, both in the manner in which the Emeriti have thus far related to the University and how the University might enable Emeriti contributions. The NEO luncheons and dinners remain important as gathering opportunities, but could be enhanced, providing greater service opportunities for the Emeriti. The establishment of a dedicated NEO on-campus facility makes possible the transition from a rather passive posture to an active participant membership in the educational mission of the University. It further positions the emeriti faculty as a vital organization that has evolved into a new and recognized critical entity for the common good and welfare of the University.

The subcommittee has been comprised of representation for both the Evanston and Chicago campuses. It is comprised as follows:

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The Ancient Art!
By George Harmon; Editorial Board

Storytelling, Rives Collins says, is as ancient as the human condition.

“Is it new? No. But it’s hot,” he said. “Even the emeriti are interested in it.”

Collins, who has been teaching at NU’s School of Communication for 29 years, entertained more than 100 NEO members and guests Nov. 4 at Monastero’s Ristorante. He has directed numerous plays and functions as his department’s specialist in theater for youth.

To illustrate the strength of his medium, he entertained the crowd with stories he loves to tell, about a medieval peddler, a Pope, a customer of Zappos shoes. How-to presentations have taken him beyond the classroom into business, medicine, law and hospital administration. In the board room, he has learned, storytelling has begun to be seen as a leadership skill, in business jargon “a differentiator.”

As in earliest times, it’s been a way of making a transition from social outsider to insider. Collins likes to demonstrate the skill to first-year students upon their arrival in Evanston. Teaching, he says, affords him the privilege of helping take new students “from the feeling of being an outsider to being welcomed.”

Storytelling (“the every when and the everywhere”) fits nicely into the digital age: “Stories have always had a way of going viral. When the things you do match the things that you believe, character walks.”

The Provost’s Luncheon Message
By George Harmon; Editorial Board

Provost Daniel Linzer, speaking Dec. 2 to about 85 emeriti and guests at Allen Center, provided a verbal tour of the physical changes on campus.

“Construction gives you visual clues to what’s beneath at the university,” he said.

Starting from north to south on the Evanston campus, he said a new residence hall, the first in more than a decade, is replacing fraternity houses at 561 Lincoln. Juniors, seniors and graduate students “become disassociated from campus experiences” because they live off-campus, and someday it might be possible to have a residency requirement of three years instead of two.

Changes associated with the north parking garage are making the campus more “pedestrian friendly.” The strategy, he said, has been to “move parking out to the edges” of the campus. The second floor of the new structure houses The Garage, an open learning environment where students collaborate on innovations. It opened last fall, along with 30,000 square feet added to SPAC.

Just to the south, the new Kellogg building allows economics faculty to move into the Jacobs Center, which will house social sciences, the Institute for Population Research and the Buffett Institute for Global Studies. In front is added greenspace that replaces parking.
Farther south the giant Kresge classroom complex is undergoing rehab, and the Ryan Center for the Musical Arts has opened next to the new visitors center. The provost said he likes to think of the arts circle (theaters, a museum and music venues) as a “Lincoln Center of the North Shore.” Early June will see a celebration of the new arts green.

In Chicago phase one of the Louis A. Simpson and Kimberly K. Querrey Biomedical Research Center, 600,000 square feet and 14 stories, has a completion goal of late 2018, and improvements are under way at Pritzker School of Law.

In answer to questions Provost Linzer said Locy Hall will come down, Fisk Hall will have a “gut renovation,” the music administration building will be “reutilized,” and the student center might be torn down in two years.

Theodore Karp (1926-2015)
By Katelyn Balling

*From the Bienen School of Music*

Theodore “Ted” Cyrus Karp, a musicologist and Northwestern University professor emeritus, died peacefully at his home on November 5, 2015. He was 89 years old.

Karp was born in New York on July 17, 1926, to Charles Karp, a pianist and piano teacher, and Henrietta Karp, a homemaker and accountant.

He received a piano diploma from the Juilliard School of Music in 1946 and a bachelor’s degree from Queens College in 1947. Karp studied at Belgium’s Catholic University of Leuven from 1949 to 1950 under the auspices of a Fulbright grant. He earned a PhD at New York University in 1960.

In 1963, Karp became a member of the faculty of the University of California, Davis, where he was appointed professor of music in 1971. He met his wife, Judith L. Schwartz, in California at professional meetings of the American Musicological Society. The two married in 1973.

From 1973 until his retirement in 1996, Karp was professor of music at Northwestern University’s School of Music. He chaired what was then the department of music history/musicology -- now the musicology program -- from 1973 to 1988.

A well-known scholar in the field of Gregorian chant, Karp amassed a formidable library of books, scores, and microfilms of medieval primary and secondary sources that more than sustained a half-century of productive scholarship. His publications include three major books on medieval polyphony and chant and a popular dictionary of music, as well as 55 articles on troubadours and trouvères for the *New Grove Dictionary of Music*, 45 scholarly articles in journals and essay collections, and various reviews.
Described by friends as witty, inspiring, and a “walking encyclopedia,” Karp is remembered fondly by his former students and colleagues.

“Ted was an inspiration to me as an undergraduate, the model of what a scholar could be, and a reason I have become a musicologist,” said Robert Fallon (91), assistant professor of musicology at Carnegie Mellon University. “The depth and dedication he delivered to music history are lessons that live on in all of his students.”

Kyle Gann (G81, G83), professor of music at Bard College, said Karp is one of a handful of professors whose influence he carries into the classroom with him every day.

“I regularly bring up Dr. Karp in conversation with colleagues as one of the finest, most caring, and most dedicated professors I ever had – and someone who taught the old-fashioned way, with a dignity that made the students feel responsible for their education,” said Gann.

Susan M. Filler (G77), a Chicago-based musicologist, was the first doctoral student at Northwestern to complete her dissertation with Professor Karp, a process that she says took years of weekly consultations.

“In those days our relationship was like the proverbial cat and dog, but today I have no doubt that he cared very much about the long-term success of my work,” said Filler. “I made a close colleague and friend who watched every gain in our profession even after I left Northwestern with my doctoral degree.”

Ken Paoli (G75, G80), professor of music at the College of DuPage, added “Dr. Karp was a tremendous influence on my academic thinking and writing and I always have fond remembrances of my interactions with him. His was a life well lived, and he was a gift and blessing to so many.”

Karp is survived by his wife, Judith Schwartz Karp, professor emerita of the Bienen School of Music at Northwestern; daughter Shira and son-in-law Norman Eliaser; grandchildren Davita and Shoshana; and brother Gilbert Karp.

Editor’s note: This article will also appear in Fanfare, a publication of the Bienen School. The Emeritus News is grateful for the permission to publish it here. They had published an Obituary shortly after Ted’s death.
Items of Interest

The Emeriti Calendar

The *Emeritus News* home page has a link to the Emeriti Calendar. This link takes you to Planet Purple, the University’s master calendar, with the content filtered for the Emeriti Faculty group.

The Emeriti Calendar will include NEO meetings and other events of potential interest. Clicking on specific events will provide details and also a link for downloading the event directly into your calendar.

Emeritus Vera is managing this calendar. Enthusiasts of particular events to help her get items into the calendar. Please communicate your suggestions and interest directly to Vera Teixeiravia [this link](#).

You can also access other groups of interest at [http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/groups/](http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/groups/).

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