A Message from the Chair

Dr. Marvin Cox, Professor Emeritus, Communication
Emeritus Guild Executive Committee Chair

As we begin this new calendar year, it is with pleasure that I am given this opportunity to report on Emeritus Guild matters as they relate to our activities and some thoughts regarding our future. First, let me note some of the many activities the Guild offered during the 2010 calendar year. We began this year with an excellent two days of a defensive driving training taught by Harvey Pitman, an Emeritus Guild member; and we will offer another in the future if enough members indicate an interest, which you can do by simply e-mailing me at mccox@boisestate.edu or calling my home at 323-0585. Also and notably, members have maintained an on-going schedule of book discussions and a lecture series built around DVD’s on history and global warming, among other topics (additional information on current topics and the schedule can be obtained by contacting either Dick Rapp or Gene Fuller). The book club, coordinated by Monte Wilson, offered good discussion centered on the selected book of the month. Many of you have joined us for first Tuesday coffees that occasionally involved some game playing and always involved great conversation (I immensely enjoy listening to the stories told and in engaging in the unscheduled topics of the day). Initiated this year were two new activities available to the membership. Thanks to the efforts of Denny Donoghue, we now have an Emeritus Speaker

Do You Know Your Emeriti Benefits and Privileges?

- BSU emeriti photo ID
- Retention of your Boise State e-mail account
- Professional parking privileges based on current parking policy
- Access to campus recreational facilities
- Professional library privileges
- Free city bus pass with BSU photo ID
- Special discounts on event tickets offered to faculty and staff
- Mailing notices of faculty functions and social gatherings
- Home delivery of the University Focus magazine
- Tuition reduction waivers for courses in which you or your spouse may wish to enroll
- Free admission to the Boise Art Museum (BAM)

Membership Update

The Guild boasts 132 members:
- 20 are Lifetime members @ $250
- 112 are Annual members @ $25

Membership categories are:

- Regular Membership—Open to all BSU faculty and staff who have been awarded emeritus status
- Associate Membership—Open to faculty and staff from other universities and colleges who have been awarded emeritus status at institutions which have equivalent accreditation to that of BSU

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Series focused on topics of interest to our membership such as the “2010 Elections” (Jim Weatherby), “Economic Fluctuations of Cycles and Waves: An Iconoclast’s View” (Larry Reynolds), and “Comparing the Top Ten Rated Presidents to the Other Presidents” (Dennis Donoghue). Helen Wilson and Heather Hanlon organized an Art Painting time held twice monthly at the Emeritus Center. As you can see, the Guild offers much for the members and looks forward to continuing these activities and with your help offering even more. Clearly, the more active we stay the better it is for the membership.

As most of you know, we lost our funding for the Emeritus Center Coordinator Christy Echevarria. This was discouraging for all because she routinely staffed the Center and helped take care of Guild business. And, of course, we all had become attached to her and benefited from her great personality as well as her good work. However, to your credit, you as members stepped up to the plate to keep the Center and the Guild functioning. Everything done now is on a volunteer basis except for some secretarial help in the Provost’s office. For us to continue, we need to keep and increase this volunteer spirit. You need to “staff” the Center (a special thanks to Dick Rapp for his coordination of Center volunteers), to organize and support programs and activities, and most importantly to supply ideas. Though I know we would all appreciate increased support from the University—we will survive and thrive with your input and time spent with us.

I close this brief note with a special thanks to the Emeritus Guild Board members who have devoted their time, energy and creativity to the success of the Guild. Additionally, I know each and every one of them would be more than happy to hear from you regarding the Guild’s activities—don't hesitate to contact them.

(Membership Update)

Affiliate Membership—BSU faculty and staff who have completed at least 15 years of service and have retired or resigned, and were not awarded emeritus status, may apply for membership.

Spouse/Partner Membership—Open to all spouses/partners of BSU faculty and staff who have been awarded emeritus status

The Guild thanks our current members and looks forward to new members. To those who have not paid their annual dues ($25), please send your payment to: Emeritus Guild, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1003.

Profile of E. Coston Frederick, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, College of Education

This Pennsylvania native began teaching high school in 1951, a time when many of us newly retired emeriti were in elementary school or maybe even pre-school. Twenty years later he arrived at Boise State College, and 21 years after that arrival he joined the emeritus ranks where he has been for 19 years. Wow!

Coston earned his BS in Education from the State Teachers College of Indiana Pennsylvania (now known as Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and his Ph.D. from Syracuse University. Arriving at Boise State in 1971, his academic focus was reading with an emphasis in the clinical diagnosis of reading disorders in children and in the importance of reading in the content area. When asked about items of significance in his professional years, he cited his representation of the profession at two World Congresses held in Hamburg and in London, and the role he played in the formation and inaugural meeting of the Intermountain Reading Association—an association that is alive and well today.

Another important facet of his life has been music, more specifically jazz, and a lighter side of his tenure at Boise State had him being part of an event affectionately known as the “Beiter Tea.” This jam session with the likes of Pat Beiter, George Thomason, Coston, and other folks played jazz the Friday of finals week at places like the Iron Gate, the Top of the Hoff, the Sandpiper, and Noodles. You had to be there—these were wonderfully great happenings! His 75th birthday party was a jam session to remember with eight family members from across the country, all musicians in their own right, making music “till the cows came home” or better put, until the Boise PD shut them down. Well in less than a year and a half, Coston will celebrate his 85th natal anniversary; and the event, with its own jam session, is already in the planning.

As for life after BSU, it has been full and rewarding, and very little moss has gathered on this “rolling stone.” A pillar in his Unitarian Fellowship, a volunteer at the canteen in the Idaho Veterans Home, and an avid softball player in the Boise Seniors League are marks of distinction in

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Coston’s emeritus life. As for this latter involvement, team members range in age from 65 to 83½ and yes, he is the senior member of the league. He states he plans to play until he is 85 and at that time, will decide if he wants to go until 90. Along with these commitments, his desire to write fiction led him to the Log Cabin Literary Society where he joined a small group of fiction writers who came to be known as the Magnificent Seven. His efforts produced a number of manuscripts, however none were published. One came close but frustration ensued when, with a signed contract in hand, the publishing company folded.

When asked about the sparkle in his eyes, he indicated that after his lovely wife Judy, it comes from Kate and Emma his 2½-year-old twin granddaughters who are living in Boise, thus allowing him lots of time to play and interact with them. Yes folks, there is life after your professional years close, and E. Coston Frederick, although setting the bar somewhat high for many of us, is a fine example to emulate.

(C)Profile of E. Coston Frederick

Join in Guild Events and Programs

You’re always invited to take advantage of the various events and programs at the Guild Center. The monthly schedule includes:

**Coffee Hour** on first Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon

**Emeritus Lecture Series Meeting** first and second Wednesday noon to 2 p.m.

**Book Club** third Wednesday noon to 2 p.m.

**Emeritus Speaker Series** fourth Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Art Workshop** first and third Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to noon

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Nostalgic Corner

Do you remember when:

- Dr. Russ Centanni was MC for the Bosses’ Breakfast on May 13, 1987, and Greg Blaesing modeled a full-body condom to emphasize the importance of safer-sex. The Ballroom was filled with laughter, but a few people had different reactions.
- A group of angry students, faculty and staff marched to the Capitol to protest the on-campus dismissal of President John Keiser by the State Board of Education in 1991. It was a dramatic event, but it did not change the Board’s decision.
- Due to a shortfall in the 1981 State of Idaho budget, administrative staff were cut to a four-day work week with a reduced salary. Because the workload remained the same, some employees had to work overtime without pay to keep up.
- Student Affairs administrative heads, including Steve Spafford, donned kitchen costumes and participated in serving students lunch in the SUB cafeteria.
- Department secretaries walked twice a day to the Administration Building mailroom (staffed by Inez Keen) to retrieve mail from post office boxes. It gave them a chance to visit and kept the campus connected.
- We all had the opportunity to buy a reserved parking space for a nominal fee.

*Thank you to Russ Centanni and Carol Spafford Aufdenkamp for sharing their memories.*

The Emeritus Guild maintains a website which can be accessed through [http://emeritusguild.boisestate.edu](http://emeritusguild.boisestate.edu). At this site you can click on the “Calendar” link to learn of upcoming Guild activities.

If you ever have questions about future events, please contact the Programs Coordinator Russ Centanni at r_centan@msn.com. We look forward to your participation.
Remember—This is YOUR Center

The Emeritus Guild Center is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for summer months. It is located at 2239 University Drive, just behind the Quizno’s sandwich shop. Members are needed to staff the Center in order to cover all hours of operation. Volunteers can choose from two shifts of 10 a.m. to 12:30 or 12:30 p.m. to 3. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dick Rapp at rappr@boisestate.edu.

Are you aware that you can use the Center for an event or activity? If you would like more information, please contact Russ Centanni at r_centan@msn.com. Should you be interested in forming a bridge group, contact Heather Hanlon at 362-6585 or hhanlon@boisestate.edu.

Do You Know How It All Began?

The mission of the Emeritus Guild is to recognize and honor the emeriti of Boise State University for their contributions to the University and to provide continued professional and social connections to one another, to the University, and to the community. The purpose of the Emeritus Guild is to enhance the relationship between the Emeriti and the University, to maintain an enduring connection between the two, and to serve the interest of both.

Under the direction of Provost Dr. Sona Andrews, the concept of an emeritus association was posed to a small steering committee of faculty, professional and classified staff in May 2006. From that beginning, the Emeritus Guild emerged in September 2008 with its current home at 2239 University Drive. In the next month, bylaws were drafted, members were recruited, an initial Board was formed, and the first open house and social took place November 14, 2008. The current Executive Committee of the Emeritus Board is:

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