By Skip Eisiminger
Prof Emeritus English, Advisory Board Chair

Given that about 150 emeriti attended the recent picnic, and the college boasts an active membership of about 650, I thought the rest of you would like to know who the college’s new “dean” is. Here’s the way I introduced him at the picnic.

I am pleased and honored to introduce the new director of the Emeritus College—Dr. Dwaine Eubanks. Dwaine is a retired Clemson professor of chemistry who earned his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin. He is past president of Clemson’s own OLLI advisory board. He has served on the board of the Friends of the Brook Center. He’s a fellow of the American Chemical Society, and he’s the former commodore of the Keowee Sailing Club. Believe me, I’m just hitting the high spots here to show this young fellow’s energy and diversity. Dwaine is a recipient of the Award for Faculty Excellence bestowed by Clemson’s Board of Trustees and the winner of the George Pi- mental Award in Chemical Education, the principal national award for contributions to chemical education presented by the American Chemical Society.

It is an honor and pleasure to introduce the new director of the Clemson University Emeritus College, Dr. Dwaine Eubanks.

I. Dwaine Eubanks, Director

Emeritus College

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Director’s News and Notes

When Provost Jones offered me the position of Director (not interim) of the Emeritus College, I had little idea of what lay immediately ahead. The appointment began on May 1. The Emeritus College picnic was scheduled for May 3. No problem. On the morning of May 3, Bryan (Tiffany Smathers Cowden’s husband) called to tell me that he was taking her to the hospital. This seemed like a really good time to panic. With great help from members of the Advisory Board Executive Committee and several emeritus faculty, we pulled it off without Tiffany there to make sure there were no glitches. For those of you who were in attendance, we all thank you for your patience and understanding. All in all, my impression was that most folks had a pretty good time.

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Admittedly, a fly in the ointment was the absence of beer and wine for those who wanted more of a buzz than is delivered by sweet tea. ARAMARK demanded an outrageous price for that amenity, and we simply didn’t have the money in the college budget to cover it. We’re working on ways to address that issue before the next picnic.

Things became even more exciting my second week on the job, when we were informed that the ENTOX building was being renovated and that the Emeritus College would have to give up its office space there. Following weeks of frantic searching for a place to land, the Emeritus College found a new home at CAT. Before you jump to the conclusion that the College will be operating out of the back of a bus, let me clarify. The Center for Applied Technology building at 511 Westinghouse Road is called CAT by those in the know. They had a vacant three-room office suite available that meets the College’s needs, and that’s where you can now find Tiffany and me. The telephone number is still (864) 656-3990, and we have established regular office hours of 10 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday. Drop by and have a cup of coffee when you’re in the neighborhood.

Now that the dust is settling on the office space problem, we’re beginning to implement programs that the Emeritus College can undertake on its own, as well as contributing to existing Clemson University initiatives. The big idea is that wherever emeritus faculty engage, the outcome should be fulfilling to the emeritus faculty member as well as being beneficial to the University. Some of those initiatives are described in greater detail elsewhere in this newsletter. Take a look at the opportunities and tell us where you’d like to participate. These programs promise to be genuine win-wins for everyone involved.

What We Can Do For Clemson

Retirement for active intellectuals (such as Clemson’s emeritus faculty) no longer means banishment to activity that does nothing to stimulate the cerebral cortex. With strong support from Provost Bob Jones and Associate Provost Ellen Granberg, volunteer leaders in the Emeritus College are putting together initiatives that will knock the socks off of people who assume we’ve all been put out to pasture. Let’s take a look at how this is evolving.

As the Clemson student body and faculty was becoming increasingly international, the need for language support programs became apparent, and members of the Emeritus College took the lead. Volunteers who have made the CIS and CESP programs so successful have given us wonderful encouragement to seek additional avenues to provide service to students and faculty. That’s what the rest of this essay addresses.

Do you remember your days as a young faculty member where you could have really used someone older and wiser to guide you through the collegiate labyrinth? Well, now that you are older (a lot) and wiser (a little), why not give a younger colleague a hand up? Even as we speak, the Emeritus College is positioning itself to support mentoring relationships with faculty members.

And pity the starry-eyed graduate student who dreams of an academic career, one that emulates his or her faculty idol. But little in most doctoral programs really prepares a student to effectively don a faculty mantle. We could help with that.

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Let’s move on to struggling undergraduates who reach our collegiate shores with marginal academic credentials. If they have the intelligence and drive, why not pitch in and help them develop a real understanding of, and appreciation for, the life of the mind? We’ll all feel better for it.

And what about the brightest and best? Clemson gets more than its fair share of those, and the Emeritus College faculty now have many opportunities to support students enrolled in Honors College programs.

Even as we were riding off into the sunset, the academy was being shaken at its very foundation behind us. Suddenly, brick and mortar were no longer necessary ingredients in post-secondary education. You can even get degrees in rocket science online nowadays. The notion of what it means to be college educated is shifting perceptibly under the weight of all the change. Among our numbers, we have the collective wisdom to help our still-active colleagues navigate through monumental adjustments to come. Let’s do it. If we each contribute a little time, together we can accomplish a lot.

Emeritus College Committees & Chairs, 2016

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Member Benefits—Chip Egan
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Outreach—chair to be named
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General Education—Art Young

Greetings AROHE members and friends,

By Larry Gahan, Professor Emeritus of PRTM

We’re excited to present transformational thinking about retirement and higher education from two highly respected speakers at the 8th biennial AROHE conference, “Transforming Retirement: Re-Writing Life’s Next Chapter,” August 14-16 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

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Emeritus Picnic
Let’s Talk Briefly about Money

Clemson provides the Emeritus College with funds for operations and emeritus faculty with substantial benefits (parking, software downloads, library privileges, Fike access, bookstore and computer discounts), so we can feel good that we’re still treated as valued members of the University community. On page 2 we enumerated some of the great things that emeritus faculty can give back to Clemson by contributing a little of our time. Those are all good things. State restrictions on how money is spent do prevent us from doing things like funding scholarships and awards, providing catered functions for emeritus faculty, and underwriting some other activities of the College. This is where we need your help. An annual donation of, say, $50 would help enormously. If you’d like to give more, that’s okay too.

If you’re convinced that a small donation to the Emeritus College would be a good thing, send a check to the Clemson University Foundation and write Emeritus College in the memo line. Mail the check to Clemson University Foundation, PO Box 1889, Clemson, SC 29633.
Welcome to the Emeritus College: A Tongue-in-Cheek Description

By Skip Eisiminger, Professor Emeritus of English

Though Webster’s 10th no longer lists “emeritae,” the Emeritus College welcomes all of you. Since the word “emeritus” may be new to you, please note the correct pronunciation. It is not “em-ur-EYE-tis,” which is a chronic inflammation caused by the passage of time. Though the condition is universal, to the best of my knowledge, there is no Em-ur-EYE-tis College.

The college in which you have matriculated is unique on the Clemson campus, for it charges no tuition. Indeed, it awards two scholarships annually to deserving students, and you should know that we’ll be coming to you, hat in hand but no cattle prods, on a regular basis.

The EC has no gold watches to award on retirement or a meal plan, but twice a year it will “buy” you a “free” lunch.

Our picnic used to feature the sale of beer and wine, but Aramark began charging us $10.75 for everyone they served whether the diners purchased alcohol or not. About three-quarters did not which is why the old open bar is closed. Preferring to put our “Tubmans” toward the scholarships, the executive committee agreed we could not afford alcohol.

The EC has no degree or TERI program, and it does not pay for contraceptives, but the pay is competitive with most volunteer organizations across the country.

Unlike salaries, the benefits package continues to grow. For example, the EC fine-arts series offers a free musical or dramatic performance each spring at the Brooks Center or the Pendleton Playhouse. We also have a speaker’s series at OLLI.

Except for the director and his assistant’s shared office at the Pendleton ENTOX Center, we have no physical plant, and the lease at ENTOX is under review.

Except for the director and his assistant, the college has no bloated administration though the board has been known to retain water.

The EC has no football team, believing as we do that football is peripheral at best to academics, but many of us do carry golf clubs or Frisbees in our cars. Though we have no team to rally around, we have a motto: “The older the vintage, the better the buzz.”

Finally, we have an exceptional faculty with approximately 20,000 years of experience which the recent retirements have increased by about 100 years. And if you have the itch to teach again, OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Patrick Square, offers you the most inquisitive student body you are likely to address.

I’m sorry if you were expecting a “golden parachute” on your retirement, but you might take consolation in thinking of the Emeritus College as a “helium parachute.” It has powers of levitation that might surprise you.

Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!
Here is a program overview:

PLENARY SESSION SPEAKERS
Two speakers will address the present and anticipated changes in retirement in and how both retirees and higher education can benefit.

Fernando M. Torres-Gil, an internationally recognized authority on aging and public policy, will speak on “Transforming Retirement: the Big Picture – What’s Coming and Why.” He is Professor of Social Welfare and Public Policy and the Director of the UCLA Center for Policy Research on Aging. His research spans health and long-term care, disability, entitlement reform, and the politics of aging.

Carole E. Goldberg is Vice Chancellor of Academic Personnel at UCLA and the Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law. She is a leader in culture change at institutions and the role of retirement organizations. Her topic is “Universities as Models, Facilitators and Champions of Transformed Retirement.” Under her leadership two innovative retiree engagement efforts (Emericorp and Faculty Retirement Liaison) were initiated.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Attend several breakout sessions that will develop these themes: Transforming Retirement Programs and Services, Strengthening Status and Roles of Retirees and Associations for a Greater Campus Voice, and Building Strategies to Transform Retirement on Your Campus.

Sampling of concurrent sessions:
- Discovering research-based recommendations for rethinking career transitions, campus engagement and campus relationships with retirees
- Exploring campus ‘Encore’ initiatives for effective campus and community re-engagement of age-cohort retirees and alumni
- Promoting the value of retirees to your institution
- Creating a culture of campus community – models and lessons from smaller campuses
- Connecting and advocating through on-campus partnerships
- Networking on retirement and higher education among peer colleges and universities

PLENARY PANEL: VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE
On Tuesday a cross-section of retiree leaders and administrators representing institutions across the country will consider the future for retirees and higher education as a result of transformed understanding of retirement and later life. What will change in our programs, policies and services? How will retirees and long-term career staff and faculty be better engaged to serve their campuses?

NETWORK DURING THE CONFERENCE
Throughout the conference you will have the option to utilize space for critical networking conversations with other attendees. Look for the Network Café sign for these ‘movable feast’ settings for ideas and exchange.

RESOURCE EXCHANGE FAIR
Talk one-to-one about innovative programs, higher education policies and campus and community services with program representatives, researchers, administrators and others at the Resource Exchange Fair on Monday afternoon.
Calendar of Events

July 15....................OLLI/EC Speaker Series
Cheezem Center: Bill Koon

August 12....................OLLI/EC Speaker Series
Cheezem Center: Mark Steadman

September 20.............Advisory Board Meeting
ENTOX Conference Room

October 4.....................EMERITUS DAY
Madren Center Ballroom

December 3............... EC Holiday Reception
TBA

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Don’t simply retire from something; have something to retire to.

— Harry Emerson Fosdick

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