

# RETIREE NEWS

Association of Retired Faculty  
The Florida State University

## From the President

### Greetings

President Wetherell and his wife, Ginger, hosted the FSU Faculty Senate and the Association of Retired Faculty at a major Holiday Celebration Reception on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The event was well attended and we are hoping that this joint celebration will become a new tradition for ARF and the Faculty Senate.

On behalf of ARF, I would like to thank the Faculty Senate for sharing this wonderful gathering with members of the Association of Retired Faculty. The staff of The Dean of the Faculties and Donna McHugh are to be commended for their excellent work on this Celebration.

The food, atmosphere, and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Mark Marple's musical group, a preview from the upcoming New Year's Eve Gala to be hosted at the University Center Club, had us moving back to the 50's and 60's with music from that era.

Sandy Rackley has secured our speaker for the Spring Luncheon and Business meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Conference Center. Penny Ralston will be our featured speaker for this event.

Please remember our Bernard F. Sliger Scholarship Fund and the ARF Fund for supporting ARF. If you wish to contribute, please write separate checks made out to the FSU Foundation and write ARF or Sliger Scholarship at the lower left of your check.

*Max Carraway*



Eric and Molly Barron

## Barron selected as Florida State President

The Florida State University Board of Trustees selected alumnus Eric J. Barron, director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, to serve as the university's 14th president on December 8, 2009.

Barron, 58, succeeds T.K. Wetherell, who became president in 2003 and guided Florida State to record heights before announcing in June his intention to retire.

"I am extremely gratified and honored to return to my alma mater and serve as its next president," Barron said. "This is an outstanding university that is poised to become one of the finest in the world, and I look forward to helping it reach that goal."

Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Smith reported to the trustees overwhelmingly positive comments in support of Barron from the 19-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee, which he chaired. That group had interviewed three finalists out of 26 applicants before forwarding the results of its review to the trustees.

"Under Dr. Wetherell's leadership, Florida State University advanced as one of the nation's top public graduate research universities," Smith said. "Now, it is well-positioned to vault to the next level, and the Board of Trustees is extremely pleased to be able to select Dr. Barron as the leader who will take us there."

"His national prominence in his field, his extensive fundraising experience and his superlative administrative skills are an excellent fit for Florida State."

Barron earned a bachelor's degree in geology from FSU as an honors student in 1973. He holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Miami, both in oceanography.

He has been director of the highly prominent national laboratory, the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colo., since 2008.

In his first year there, he developed a strategic plan to address budget challenges that was praised by the National Science Foundation for its transparency and commitment to the future. This year, the center had its greatest annual budget increase in nearly a decade.

Prior to taking the position at NCAR, Barron was dean of the newly formed Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin. That school currently is executing a strategic plan developed while he was dean that expanded the faculty, transformed student recruitment and services, developed a lifelong connection to alumni and created a stronger sense of community.

From 1986 to 2006, Barron was at Pennsylvania State University, where he was professor of geosciences, director of the Earth System Science Center, director of the EMS Environment Institute, and finally dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. While he was dean, his college led all other colleges at Penn State in research expenditures per faculty member, it excelled at teaching and it emerged as an innovative leader on campus in a renewed focus on students and student services.

Barron is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society and the Geological Society of America. He has received many national awards as a scholar, researcher and distinguished lecturer, has published extensively and has been editor or a member of the editorial boards of a dozen academic journals. He has testified before Congress and has chaired numerous committees in service to the federal government, such as the NASA Senior Review for the Earth Sciences in 2005. He has chaired committees and panels of the National Research Council since 1987 and currently chairs "An Ocean Infrastructure for U.S. Ocean Research in 2030."

A highly visible scientist, Barron stressed his commitment to the full spectrum of academic disciplines, saying he is "an ardent supporter and advocate for the full spectrum of excellence in the arts and humanities, sciences, law, business and medicine."

A native of Lafayette, Ind., Barron has two grown children. He said he and his wife, Molly, are "a partnership" and that she will be an active participant in supporting Florida State University while he is president.

*By Browning Brooks*

## Retired Faculty Accomplishments

**Peter Chang** (University Librarian, Strozier Library) had two (2) Chinese articles published:

1. Returning Home after 30 Years of Separation ---A Story Happened in 1978---- (Shan Xi Wen Xian, no. 74, July 2009)
2. This Joke Was Too Much; It Cost Two Lives (The Epoch Times, October 2, 2009)

**Lawrence Hazelrigg**, "Forty Years of *Knowledge and Human Interests*: A Brief Appreciation. *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, 26: 189-206.

## Friendship Committee

Volunteers are ready to visit colleagues who are confined to their homes due to ill health. If you know of someone who would welcome such a visit, please contact Shirley Baum at 877-6349 or e-mail me at shirleybaum1@gmail.com. After the visit, we will leave them a bookmark from the Association of Retired Faculty. Thanks!

## In Remembrance

Of Those Deceased Since the Annual Spring Meeting

Sydney R. Grant  
 C. Jean Mundy  
 Julia Kennon Dunn  
 Cynthia B. Wallat  
 Randolph L. Rill  
 Alphonse F. Trezza  
 Connie L. Morgan (Wife of Robert M. Morgan,  
 deceased)  
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 Charles T. Wellborn  
 Richard T. Brinson  
 Paul R. Elliott  
 Ellen M. S. Winchester (Wife of John W.  
 Winchester)  
 George W. Devore

## Calendar of Events 2009-2010

### President's Valentine

February 2010  
 Hosted by President

### Spring Foundation Seminar

March 2010  
 Hosted by FSU Foundation

**Barbecue** April 2010

### Spring Luncheon

Wednesday - May 12, 2010  
 Ramada Conference Center  
 11: 00 a.m. Social, Noon - Lunch

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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We would like to feature publications and professional activities of ARF Members.

Please send the information to Tom Hart  
 e-mail – thart@fsu.edu

Deadline –  
 February 15<sup>th</sup> for March Edition

If you:

- \* Have suggestions for future programs and activities, and/or
- \* Would like to serve on committees

Please send this information to Max Carraway  
 e-mail – mcarraway@admin.fsu.edu

## Scholarship Committee

Your Scholarship Committee (formerly outreach Committee) would like to remind you that our Outreach efforts need to continue. The Arf Board voted to continue its voluntary funding for FSU students through the Southern Scholarship Foundation. Of course, this year has been particularly rough on not-for-profit organizations. As you send in your reservation form for various club events coming up, won't you please take a moment to fill in the contribution line and send a donation to Sherrill Ragans for the Southern Scholarship Foundation. We usually provide two scholarships for them.

## Volunteerism

Retired professionals are recognized for the valuable contributions that can be made to their communities. Two such opportunities arose for FSU retired faculty and staff this summer. The College of Medicine contacted your Board to participate in a research project concerning obesity among school aged children. This Fall, retired faculty will help in data collection in several Leon County Schools.

Also this summer, the Board was contacted by the Department of Elder Affairs for volunteers to participate in the S.H.I.N.E. Program This program uses seniors to provide counseling about Medicare to other elders who are having trouble negotiating the health insurance reimbursement system. Interested? You may direct inquiries and obtain training to help in this valuable program by contacting Mr. Charles Place at the Department of Elder Affairs by phoning 850 617-4357 or email him at [placech@elderaffairs.org](mailto:placech@elderaffairs.org).

Just last week the Board received communication from the United Way of the Big Bend Board encouraging retired faculty to become active in the United Way's Loaned Executive Program. These volunteers work with United Way staff and local businesses and organizations to help plan and implement the annual fund-raising campaign. This is a 16 week commitment of 16-32 hours weekly. If you are interested, you may contact Heather Mitchell or Patsy Palmer at 850 414-0844.

If you have questions about volunteerism, call Marie Cowart about these projects.

"The greatest gift is the gift of your time."

## Supporting ARF

Since joining our colleagues at the national level through AROHE, we learned that our Association can seek new avenues of benefits for our members. We are also aware that while we have enjoyed

strong support from the FSU Administration, we may need funds during periods of budgetary constriction such as we are currently experiencing.

In an effort to keep our annual dues to a minimum, while at the same time expanding services, your Board has established an account with the FSU Foundation and housed it in the Dean of Faculties office. These funds will be used for Association operations. Examples of expenditures of these funds may be to supplement the cost of meal functions, or to provide travel funds for AROHE meetings. As other needs arise, having available funds will be helpful to our members. If you are interested in providing support to ARF, you may enclose a separate check with your membership dues made out to the FSU Foundation and write ARF in the subject line at the lower left of your check. Send the check directly to the ARF Treasurer, Sherrill Ragans.

## Honor our Founder, Bernard F. Sliger Scholarship Fund

As a way of honoring our founder and beloved President, Bernard F. Sliger, the ARF Board approved the Bernard F. Sliger Scholarship Fund as the fund raising project for our Association. The goal is to grow the existing endowment which currently is at \$7500.00 to \$25,000.00 so that it will be eligible for matching funds. This scholarship is for an undergraduate student from any college and will be administered through the Dean of Undergraduate Studies office. If you would like to honor our founder, you may make a separate check out to the FSU Foundation and write Bernie Sliger Scholarship Fund in the FOR section at the lower left of your check. Enclose the check with your dues and mail it to the ARF Treasurer, Sherrill Ragans. Checks will be hand delivered to the FSU Foundation.

## Association of Retirement Associations in Higher Education AROHE

ARF has been a member of AROHE for over a year (joined: August 2008) and has assumed an active role in the governance of the Association through representation on the Board of Directors and the Executive Board Strategic Planning Committee. Over half of the membership of AROHE is composed of AAU institutions. The Florida State University's Association of Retired Faculty is honored to be a member of AROHE.

A summary of some of the activities of AROHE happening across the country and Canada were reflected in the recent email update from AROHE President Barry Culhane, Executive Assistant to the President, RTI:

*"AROHE has had productive planning meetings at Wesleyan University with Karl Scheibe and Bill Wasch, co-chairs for the AROHE biennial conference October 14-17, 2010. The theme for AROHE's 5th International Conference is: Retirement Organizations in Higher Education: Passion and Purpose in Retirement. Please click the following link for the call for proposals: <http://arohe.org/callforpresentations2010.pdf>.*

*Janette Brown, AROHE Executive Director, and I had a chance to view firsthand the significant work done by Ram Chugh who leads the SUNY Retirees Service Corps and organized their first conference in Albany, NY. We are hopeful the entire SUNY (State University of New York) system will join AROHE. SUNY, with 65 campuses, is the poster child of state systems joining AROHE. We also want to recruit state systems from Florida, Georgia, Texas, and several of the mid-American states. For the southeast United States, "Fancy" Funk has begun work on developing a March 2011 Royal Caribbean cruise gathering to attract members by informing them about AROHE.*

*The AROHE Board has decided to send monthly email communications to the entire membership to stay in touch with all our members beyond the printed newsletters.*

*AROHE members are encouraged to submit articles for consideration for inclusion in the AROHE Newsletter to Cathie Logan at Winona State University (clogan@winona.edu) by February 1, 2010. In addition, please send any news that you believe would be of interest to other AROHE members for the monthly email updates.*

*A great deal of work has been done on the new website. This has been a collaborative effort between RIT and USC to create a top-notch website. This new website will have many more value-added services beyond the AROHE Start-up and Development Kit designed to assist higher education institutions to initiate retirement organizations. In addition, A Survey of College and University Retiree Organizations is conducted to inform institutions of the work of other AROHE institutions, Internationally.*

*The new website will have many links to important resource such as, an elaborate content management system to exchange information among AROHE members, and a plethora of information only available to AROHE members who will create a password to gain access to the expanded website (available: January 2010; present website: <http://www.arohe.org/>).*

*Speaking of international, the CURAC conference will be May 17-19, 2010 at York University in Toronto. AROHE members, prospects, and guests are encouraged to attend."*

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You may use this form for two purposes: 1) to pay your ARF dues for 2009-2010; 2) Voluntarily contribute to the ARF Scholarship Fund (support for the Southern Scholarship Foundation), to ARF and to the Bernie Sliger Scholarship. Dues continue to be \$5.00 per person and \$7.00 per couple.

Have you moved in the past year? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Are you a new member of ARF? \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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