Retiree research grants OK’d

A new grant program funded by the CU President’s Office will provide five $500 grants to aid in new and continuing research projects currently being carried out by all officially retired CU faculty. The program recognizes University of Colorado retirees’ ongoing contributions to their fields and to the reputation of the university community.

“One of the points that the Colorado University Retired Faculty Association has tried to make to the community as a whole is that a faculty member’s creative work continues after retirement, and the publication or performance of that work enhances the reputation of the University of Colorado,” CURFA President Jim Wolf said.

“Over the past few years the Executive Committee Board has had discussions on how to recognize these contributions, and last year we came up with a plan. Past CURFA president Chuck Howe introduced the idea of a small grant program based on one at the University of Minnesota, and, with board member David Kassoy, presented us with an outline.

“The board devoted one special meeting to discussing the form of the program and agreed on an application process that would be open to faculty retirees from all campuses and not necessarily just members of CURFA.”

Next, he said, it was necessary to find funding.

“The President’s Office has been generous over the years in providing a subvention to CURFA to augment membership dues, allowing us to print the newsletter and retiree directory,” Wolf said. “Two years ago a subcommittee of the Executive Board met with CU President Bruce Benson to discuss the continuing contributions made by retired faculty, and we were pleased with his expression of support.

“Associate Vice President and Academic Affairs Officer Kathleen Bollard has been our contact with central administration and an enthusiastic supporter of our activities. When she read our proposal for retiree research grants, she agreed to provide funding for five $500 awards. It was enough to get us started. We have named an evaluation committee made up of retired faculty from several campuses and chaired by Tom Duncan of UCB, and it will determine the awardees.”

The evaluation committee will consider the originality, significance and feasibility of the research and award the grants for any use, excepting applicant’s salary, in support of the research. Retirees wishing to be considered should submit electronic applications to Duncan at TDuncan@colorado.edu or four hard copies to CURFA; Box 80; Regent Hall; University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, CO 80309.

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Many, many thanks to all who do so much for the CURFA

Hello Colleagues. The big news from CURFA this year was the story on page one about the referee research grants. Your next president, Nort Steuben, as vice president has done yeoman’s work this year, both as program chair and nominations committee chair. Our Tea Time afternoons have been most entertaining with an innovative mix of talks and music; our luncheon speakers have been excellent. Nort’s nomination committee report, as you will read, is thorough, and I want to thank him and his committee of Gloria Main and Jim Scarritt for their work.

Although all members of your Executive Committee Board contribute greatly to the functioning of CURFA, I want to single out Sandra Moriarty for her continuing work managing our Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Awards. It is not an easy task to keep tabs on our account – with the CU Foundation, with the campuses’ graduate administrators and with the awardees themselves – and Sandy has done and is doing a tremendous job. Bill Briggs is completing his term as secretary, and his introduction of a CURFA weblist has made communication amongst the membership quicker and easier.

As I complete my term as president, I want to express my appreciation to my colleagues on the board, to our administrative assistant, Sue Middleton, and to the individuals in the University whom have helped keep CURFA going and growing.

Cordially,
Jim Wolf

VP report from Nort Steuben: Social, outreach and nominations

As social director

The social planning done by the vice president entails securing presentations for the CURFA Tea Time Talks and general meetings. The year began at the spring General Meeting when Albert Bartlett fascinated us with photos from the early history of the University of Colorado. It continued at the snow-delayed spring Tea Times. The attendees were delighted by the presentation of a group of the Boulder Chorale singers.

Coordination of mentoring and tutoring

While we had some requests for tutors, not one of the Retired Faculty Association members volunteered for an assignment. These assignments should not be too demanding, possibly one or two students for one or two hours a week. It is an area in which retired faculty can demonstrate their continuing value to the University. We will continue to offer this opportunity in hopes of getting some volunteers.

Nominating committee

Pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws of the University of Colorado Retired Faculty Association, the following is the report of the CURFA Nominating Committee with respect to those members of CURFA who are nominated for association office and those members selected for various positions in the Organization. Members were Gloria Main, James Scarritt and Nort Steuben.

Positions to be elected are Norton Steuben, president; Jim Wolf, past president; Richard Blate, vice president; Gloria Main, treasurer; James Jankowski, general secretary; William B. Jones, membership secretary, and Lee Potts, ombudsperson. Positions to be appointed include representatives Oliver Ellsworth, faculty council; Gloria Main, Faculty Council Personnel Committee; David Kassoy and Francis Beer, Boulder Faculty Assembly, and Stuart Schneck, UBAB. Also, liaisons Bill Marine, UCHSC; Linda Dixon, UCD, and Nina Gomez, UCSS. Other positions: Sandra Moriarty, Kisslinger Awards; Alan Kirkpatrick, newsletter editor; Tom Duncan, retiree research grants; Neil Ashby, webmaster, and Sue Middleton, staff.
Havlick & Duncan will discuss their Boulder-Cuba involvement

CU Retired Faculty Association members Tom Duncan and Spence Havlick of the Boulder-Cuba Sister City Organization will present a pictorial review and discussion of today’s Havana and eastern Cuba on Wednesday, Oct. 20, following the luncheon of CURFA’s Fall Meeting. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Room 235 of the University Memorial Center on the CU-Boulder campus, followed by a social at 11:30 and the 12:15 luncheon, also in UMC 235.

Havlick helped found the Boulder-Cuba Sister City organization (www.bouldercuba.org) that has provided medical and education supplies to Cuba during the past decade. Havlick has made several presentations on the organization’s work at the Conference on World Affairs. Tom Duncan, currently vice president of the Boulder-Cuba Sister City organization, and Havlick traveled to Cuba in January for the sister city project, and their account of the trip appeared in the Boulder Camera on Jan. 31. Duncan served as photographer for that trip, then returned in June to continue his documentation, visit Havana and advise several groups in their efforts to better promote Cuban artists and their work.

Photos by Tom Duncan/Boulder-Cuba Sister City Organization

Above: A dental clinic in the province of Yatera, one of the primary areas receiving sister-city benefits. Top right: Havana’s old capital building is no longer used because it was patterned after the U.S. Capitol. Right: Bicycle taxis are everywhere, but foreigners are not supposed to use them because they pay more and raise rates for average Cubans.

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Applications will be accepted up to March 1, 2011, and grants will be announced by May 1.

Applications need to include:

• A cover page with name, former and current university affiliation, date of retirement, email and other addresses and phone number(s).
• An abstract limited to 150 words describing the major objectives of the work.
• A description of the work to be done, not to exceed 2 pages.
• A budget indicating intended uses of the award.
• A CV of not more than 2 pages.

These awards are open to all retired faculty whether or not they are CURFA members.
**CURFA officer nominee statements**

**VICE PRESIDENT**
Richard Blaede made his career teaching physics and energy science at UCSC from 1967 to 2004. He earned his B.S. and Ph.D degrees in physics at UC Berkeley and worked as a laboratory technician, postdoc at UC Berkeley in energy science. He has also taught at Caltech, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and United States International University. He was the first coordinator of graduate studies at UCSC and has been active in faculty government his entire career, serving as president of the UCSC faculty assembly as well as on many faculty committees and its succumbing budget personnel, and EPUS.

His awards include a college teaching award and the UCSC Chancellor's Award. Professional involvement includes the Public Policy and Publishing Technology, Committees of the American Institute of Physics. In 1995 he created The International Journal of Virtual Reality and became editor-in-chief until his retirement, when he transferred the editorial functions to China. Since then he has been keynote speaker for two international conferences and two Chinese conferences on virtual reality, in addition to speaking at six Chinese universities. He is currently developing a virtual symphony orchestra and composing music for it.

**SECRETARY**
James (Jim) Jankowski is professor emeritus in the Department of History, UCSC. He joined the faculty in 1966 and retired in 2003, and served as chair of the History Department from 1985 to 1989 and again in 1995. He now resides in Longmont. His academic specialty was the history of the modern Middle East with an emphasis on Egypt and Arab nationalism. He has been a fellow of the American Research Center in Egypt and of the Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and a senior associate member of St. Antony's College, Oxford. He was a recipient of the University Medal in 1997.

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**CU Undergraduate Jazz Trio to perform at Tea Time**

By Nort Steuben
CURFA vice president

The fall 2010 CURFA Tea Time Talk will feature the CU Undergraduate Jazz Trio’s program of swing and classic jazz from the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at The Academy Chapel, 970 Aurora, in Boulder. Be prepared to tap your toes, swing your body and (maybe dance? stranger things have happened). The trio is going to take us back to those tunes that will never be old and that we so well remember. Social “hour” begins at 3 p.m., and the performance follows at 3:30 p.m.

The trio consists of three undergraduate students representing the fine musicianship of the Jazz Studies program at the College of Music at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The jazz trio is made up of Steven Thursten on piano, Mike Facey on bass and Isaac Zuckerman on drums. The Academy encourages using public transportation or carpooling. Due to limited parking space visitors who drive are asked to park on the Academy side of 19th Street. For those coming from Denver, exit U.S. 36 at Baseline Road, drive west on Baseline, turn right on 19th Street and continue two blocks north to Aurora.

Please, if you plan to attend respond to Nort Steuben, if convenient, by Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Norton.Steuben@Colorado. Edu or 303-447-1581.

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**CURFA membership report**

By Bill Jones
CURFA membership secretary
- Total members: 685
- Paid Retired Faculty: 240
- Paid surviving spouses: 32
- Comp. Members: 57
- Unpaid on list: 350

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**Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Awards Fund**

CURFA has established an endowment through the CU Foundation that provides research awards for outstanding graduate students at all CU campuses. The awards are announced in the spring for the following academic year. Award winners are also invited to attend the general meeting and report on their research.

We continue to need contributions to meet our goal of $50,000 in the CURFA fund. Please help support this effort by making a contribution using this form.

You might also consider mentioning the CURFA Graduate Student Award Fund in your will and asking family and friends to make contributions to the fund in your memory.

Name:  
Campus:  Boulder ___  HSC ___  Denver ___  UCCS ___  
Mailing Address:  
Contribution:  $25  $50  $100  $500  $1,000  OTHER  
Mail your check and this form to the Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Awards Program at the CU Foundation, 4740 Walnut, Boulder, CO 80301. Or charge a contribution to:  
VISA ___  MASTERCARD ___  AMEX ___  Discover ___  
Card Number:  
Cardholder Signature:  
Thank you for your support of the CURFA and its Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Awards Program.