

## Update: Legislative Issues

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### A Retiree's Eye on the Legislature

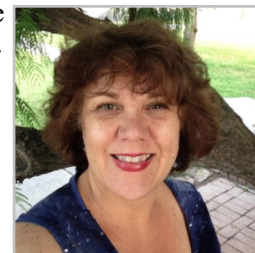
After many months of lobbying and bill writing the second session of the 52nd Legislature opened for business on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>. Bills are going through their constitutional review, their "First Read" and assignment to the appropriate standing committees. House and Senate committees are building their agendas, setting their calendars and gearing up for lively debates, amendments and recommendations. With retirement and healthcare plan reforms introduced last spring to the Legislature by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) for all three state universities the ASU Retirees Association (ASURA) ASRS and Government Liaisons have been busy keeping the Board current on discussions and resulting legislative actions.



### ABOR 2016 Legislative Agenda; Retirement program and healthcare plan changes

In Spring 2015 the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) President Eileen Klein and university presidents Michael Crow (ASU), Ann Weaver Hart (UA) and Rita Cheng (NAU) met with the AZ House of Representatives Higher Education committee. Along with discussing the board's and university's mission for this fiscal year, ABOR stressed the need for flexibility in selecting retirement programs and healthcare plans to keep tuition costs down. In

this meeting ABOR asked to "change the model of funding", move the universities out of the "state agency construct" and asked for the opportunity to create more operating flexibility and the ability to design benefits for employees.



ABOR's 2016 Legislative agenda calls for the "enterprise to develop independent benefits programs". Specifically:

- The Health Insurance Trust Fund must be reformed to prevent university employees from paying an unfair share into the fund. *(NOTE: this may directly impact retirees who elect insurance through ADOA. See AZ Republic article review in Keeping up with Current Issues.)*
- ABOR should be given authority to determine benefits -eligible status of employees to align with federal rules and realize cost savings.
- The university enterprise should be granted full relief from the state's healthcare system through a strategically planned withdrawal.

ABOR states that property/casualty/worker's compensation insurances are designed and structured for typical government entities and no longer meet the unique and changing risk exposure profile of higher education.

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## President's Message

*Jim Fordemwalt, 2015-2016 ASURA President*

A belated Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that 2016 will be a banner year for you.

The ASURA Board has been following the developments of possible changes in the Arizona Retirement policies this past fall. As most of you are probably aware, there has been discussion in the ASU Administration and the Arizona Legislature for possible making changes in the retirement system, among other things, from a Defined Benefit (DB) program to a Defined Contribution (DC) program. This, of course, has significant implication for future retirees. There is no indication that any of this will have any impact on present retirees.

In order to follow this and to gain greater insight into these implications, the ASURA Board has invited speakers with knowledge in this area to make presentations to the Board. The first of these presentations, on October 14, 2015 was by Steve Ramos and Linda Somo, of the Arizona Education Association (AEA) who discussed the pros and cons of the proposed legislation by the ASU Administration and ABOR to take the future ASU retirees out of the Arizona State Retirees System (ASRS) Defined Benefits (DB) plan and a Defined Contribution (DC) plan.

The second presentation, on December 9, 2015, was by Kevin Salcido, ASU Vice President of Human Relations and Chief Human Resources Officer. He explained the reasons for the University's proposal for going from a Defined Benefit program to an optional retirement program with a Defined Contribution program as a proposed option.

As of the last report, there has been no action on any of these proposals. Salcido expressed the opinion that there was a "less than 30% chance of anything happening this year on these proposals."

This year was the year for ASURA to be the host for the Tri-University Retirees Association, which was held in the Memorial Union on November 5.

The annual ASURA Christmas Party was held December 18 and was attended by 40 members ... and I think it was a great success!

The plans for the 2016 ASURA Annual Meeting are well along. It will be in the MU Alumni Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Zuhdi Jasser, president and founder of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AFID).



## Remembering Corrine Irvan February 12, 1929 - December 26, 2015

Corrine was technically the second ASURA Office Coordinator and Business Manager when the organization was officially established, Marilyn Wahl being the first. But Marilyn, who was also serving as ASURA Board Secretary, convinced Corrine to take the job as she couldn't do justice to both positions. That was in 1991 and through her term to 2007, Corrine organized the office and staff volunteers, handled the business matters and built the membership each year. Most volunteers work a few hours a week but Corrine was so committed to ASURA that it was practically a full-time job. Several Board members suggested it be a paid position but she said she didn't want or expect to be paid. Corrine was truly the backbone of ASURA and a major contributor to its growth and success. (submitted by Linda Van Scoy)



More than any other person, Corrine is responsible for the survival of ASURA from its beginnings in 1991 until she resigned in 2007. She served with two jobs: Office Coordinator and Business Operations Manager. She came to the office most every weekday and then, as required, on weekend days. She supported the elected president and the executive board and was largely responsible for developing the monthly meeting agenda for the president. Every president was in fear that something would happen to Corrine, either by an act of God or that she might resign. The treasurer came to the board meetings and received the treasurer's report as prepared by Corrine. She kept the books and wrote the checks. She kept the membership roster current and searched out delinquent members. Corrine had many friends from her work at ASU when she was recruited to volunteer for office staffing. They were loyal and were treated to an annual grand luncheon, essentially their only reward for one afternoon per week of service. All of our past presidents through 2007 are indebted to Corrine Irvan. (submitted by Dave Scheatzle)



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ABOR states that Arizona's universities must be able to offer competitive, flexible, and cost effective retirement programs in order to attract and retain quality faculty and staff.

ABOR would like the authorization to issue commercial paper and obtain commercial lines of credit.

ABOR also rolled out a New Proposed State Investment Model, FY17 Budget Request and Legislative Agenda document in September 2015, requesting the ongoing fiscal relationship with the state be based on per-resident-student funding, with the goal of increasing the state's resident student support to 50% of the cost of education (currently calculated at 34%). These supplemental funds, totaling \$24M for all universities, would come from last year's state revenues, which exceeded the state's forecast.

### **ASU's 2016 Priorities**

ASU's stated legislative priorities are centered on the budget. Dr. Crow spoke eloquently about the need to support Arizona's resident students at the Legislative Advocacy Breakfast on Monday January 11. In agreement with ABOR's investment model the university proposes a per-resident-student state funding increase as a FY16 supplemental budget item (\$10.7M of the proposed \$24M will go to ASU). He spoke about how a fiscal model based on funding resident students is part of a larger plan to raise K-12 standards and promote Arizonans going to college and staying in state to grow our economy. To support this comprehensive educational model the first breakfast speaker was Rich Nickel from College Success Arizona, a non-profit that coordinates college preparatory, scholarship and mentoring partners to support student success in college. Approximately 30 states have used this model successfully.

### **Bills and Budgets to Watch**

Governor Ducey was supportive of the three state universities in his State of the State address on January 11, 2016. In his Executive Budget, released on January 16, he opted to adopt the per-resident-student funding model but proposes \$8M for all three universities – a sharp contrast to ABOR's request for \$24M.

Although ABOR's 2016 Legislative Agenda prioritized the development of independent benefits programs, no bills addressing university retirement programs or healthcare plan option reform have been submitted to the legislature for consideration as of January 13, 2016. ASURA will be

watching the following bills as they have a direct impact on ASU:

**HB2072- Fire arms on university and college campus:** This bill would amend two Arizona Statutes (13-2911 and 12-3102) and allow an exception for registered students and faculty to carry guns on campus if they have a valid weapon permit and have registered with the institution's administration.

**SB1031 - Voting on Campus.:** This bill allows student organizations under the auspices of ABOR to set up voting centers for each campus during the early voting period and on election day. The voting centers would provide an appropriate ballot and would allow voters to lawfully cast the ballot.

### **Keeping Current on the Issues**

ASURA Government and ASRS Liaison committee members have been hard at work reviewing articles and websites and attending ASRS Board, ASRS External Affairs committee meetings and ASU legislative events. Our liaisons have initiated a working group of city and state retiree association government liaisons to coordinate legislation tracking, review and response.

The ASURA Board and Executive Committee have also seen presentations from these organizations this fall:

- **Arizona Education Association (AEA) Retirees** — AEA Retiree representatives Steve Ramos and Linda Somo discussed the differences between defined benefit vs defined contribution programs and the pros and cons of each. AEA presented statistical data to support the three universities staying with the ASRS defined benefit program.
- **Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS)** — ASRS Assistant Director of External Affairs Pat Klein spoke at the Tri-University Retiree Association meeting about the consistently monitored investment portfolio and fiscal stability of the defined benefit state retirement system which results in a stable income for ASU retirees.
- **Arizona State University (ASU)** — In line with ASU's request to be relieved of its obligation to participate in ASRS ASU VP HR/Chief Human Resources Officer Kevin Salcido discussed the investment advantages, lower investment percentage (7% vs. over 11% this year) and portability of an Optional Retirement Program (ORP) or 401(a). In ASU's proposed

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plan, new employees would not have an option to participate in ASRS, current vested employees would have the option to move from ASRS to ORP and retirees participating in ASRS would not be affected. Mr. Salcido did state, several times, that the investment risk would lay with the employee and ASU would not invest in employee 401(a) accounts until the employee is vested (5 years).

**In the News:** *AZ Republic* Article published a front page article on Sunday January 10, 2016 entitled “With cash on hand, do we cut or spend”. Of particular interest is the discussion regarding the Health Insurance Trust Fund.

In addition, the ASURA sponsors brown bag lunches. Larry Carlson presented a forum regarding retirement insurance and planning options on December 3rd at ASU West with 20 attendees.

ASURA sponsored a pre-retirement financial seminar on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Tempe at the ASU Bio-design building gathering over 50 attendees. Two personal financial planners explained various strategies employees need to investigate as they approach retirement.

### Helpful Links

**Who is my District Legislator?:** <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ>

**Arizona State Legislature 52 Legislature House and Senate Bills:** <http://azleg.gov/Bills.asp>

**Arizona State Retirement System Bill Tracker:** <https://www.azasrs.gov/content/legislation>

**ABOR 2016 Legislative Agenda within ABOR September Board Meeting (page 45):** <http://azregents.asu.edu/boardbook/Board%20Agenda%20Books/2015-September-Board-Meeting.pdf#page=45>

**ABOR New Proposed State Investment Model, FY17 Budget Request and Legislative Agenda:** <https://www.azregents.edu/sites/default/files/news-releases/ABOR%20Rolls%20out%20New%20Proposed%20State%20Investment%20Model%2C%20FY%2017%20Budget%20Request%20and%20Legislative%20Agenda.pdf>

**AZ House of Representatives Higher Education Committee Jan 29, 2015 meeting:** [http://azleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=22&clip\\_id=14846](http://azleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=22&clip_id=14846)

**AZ Republic article review in Keeping up with Current Issues:** <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/arizona/politics/2016/01/09/deciding-arizonas-fiscal-future-cut-spend/76733520/>

**AZ Republic Article: Gov. Ducey’s budget Plan: Modes Increased to the education, child safety; no tax cuts yet:** <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/arizona/politics/2016/01/15/gov-doug-ducey-announces-arizona-budget-proposal-2016/78847816/>

**College Success Arizona:** <http://collegesuccessarizona.org/about-us/>

## **Adopt-a-Family Report**

*Joan Leard/Chair*

Your Adopt-a-Family dollars are still at work helping two families each year. This school year we have adopted a mother, father and five boys from the Tempe school system, and a mother, father and two girls from ASU.

The Tempe schools social worker says, “I have a great family. The father works hard in landscaping to support his family and the mom stays at home to care for the children and takes the two oldest to school every day – excellent attendance.”

The ASU coordinator says, “Father was active duty Air Force as an avionics technician on F-22 and F-16 aircraft, separated in 2014 and began to pursue a bachelor’s degree at ASU in electrical engineering. Mother is a nursing assistant.” The girls are 11 and 16 years old and do well in school taking advanced classes.

Before the Christmas holiday we had a call from the manager of Springleaf Financial Services in Tempe. His company, with local offices, wanted to donate to our program. We accepted their offer and added their funds to ours to make for very generous gifts for all eleven of our recipients including clothing, toys and grocery cards for food.

As in other years, we helped these families in the fall, at Christmas and we will make another donation to each in the spring.



**2015 Health Care/Open Enrollment Seminar Recap** — *Jan Thompson/Chair, Seminar Committee*

By all accounts, the October 22<sup>nd</sup> “2015 Health Care/Open Enrollment Seminar” was a resounding success, with about 70 ASURA members and guests attending our first seminar held at the Tempe Historical Museum.

The good news is that there are no rate increases in state plans and, it’s a “positive open enrollment” year for both ADOA and ASRS, meaning that **no action is required** if you wish to keep the same coverage that you had this year.

David Parra, AARP, state director of community outreach, presented a session on Medicare coverage and fielded questions with his trademark clarity, enthusiasm and good humor. Elizabeth Shaefer and Pat Klein followed with their respective presentations on ADOA and ASRS health plan coverages for next year. They also addressed many attendees’ questions both during and after the session.



*Ron McElhaney, Elizabeth Shaefer (ADOA),  
Maynard Blumer*



*Pat Klein (ASRS), Doug Johnson,  
Dorothy McAden*



*David Parra (AARP)*

**ASURA Fall 2015 Luncheon Recap** — *Joyce Hartmann Diaz/Chair, Luncheon Committee*

54 ASU retirees and guest attended the (ASURA) Fall luncheon at the Shalimar Country Club on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Chamberlin (local television news personality, now retired) entertained the group with songs from WWII in honor of Veteran’s Day, Christmas songs, and old favorites along with his always interesting stories.

The event, and Mike’s performance, were well received.



*Mike Chamberlin*



*Barbara Gaston, Suzanne Bias, Barbara Bradford Eschbach, Bonnie Scheal*



*Karen & Dave Schwalm, Jay Butler, Jo & Matt Madonna*



*Carl Cross & Arlene Westgard*

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**The Spirit of Phoenix Christmas Concert Recap** — by John Brock,/Chair, Travel Committee

On December 5, 2015 about 12 persons affiliated with the ASURA attended the Spirit of Phoenix Chorus Christmas concert at Skyline High School in Mesa. The concert consisted of a *cappella* holiday music. In addition to songs by the chorus, several quartets drawn from the chorus entertained the audience. After the event, several of the ASURA members enjoyed an early dinner at a nearby eatery.



This is an annual event, so watch for announcements about this activity in Fall 2016.

**December 2015 Holiday Potluck Wrap Up** — by Joyce Hartmann Diaz/Chair, Luncheon Committee

43 ASU retirees and guests attended the annual ASURA Holiday Potluck on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Guests brought a large variety of yummy holiday food and treats. The event resulted in a lot of delightful food for our tummies, and much socializing-- which we all enjoy.

On behalf of the Luncheon Committee we'd like to thank all those who brought baked goods to sell and those who purchased items to enjoy over the holidays. Our annual bake sale netted \$164.06 for the association.

I'd like to thank committee members Beth Fordemwalt and Gretchen Hirni for all their help, as well as Linda Van Scoy and Carol Berg (the little office elves), and Jim Fordemwalt for all their help with the potluck set-up, clean-up, and support.

The ASURA Board looks forward to seeing you at some of our 2016 events. Watch your e-mail for more events in 2016.



Joyce Hartman Diaz, Sue & Maynard Blumer, Doug Johnson



Barry & Connie McNeill with Carol Cary



Beth Fordemwalt, Joyce Hartman Diaz, Gretchen Hirni



Bonnie Scheal, Carol Berg, Mary Stevens



Ceil Hook, Karen Hammann, Linda Van Scoy



Joy Shearman, Barbara Bradford Eschbach

## Spring 2016 ASURA Events Schedule

The Events Committee has planned a full set of events for this Spring. Please put these dates on your calendars. As the events get closer additional information will be available on our website, <https://asura.asu.edu> and you will be able to register for the events.

**Note:** The Tovrea Castle tour sold out very quickly last year and those who went last year are not eligible to go again this year. The first announcement for the event will be sent out on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> and registration will open at 10:00 am on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Type	Event Name	Date	Cost/Contact
Meeting	<b>OPEN</b> - ASURA Board Meeting	Wednesday, February 10	Free
ASU Event	30th Annual "ASU Day at the Capitol"	Tuesday, February 16	Free
Seminar	Write a Will Workshop	Thursday, February 18	Free
Travel	Cuba - 2016	March 5-17	<b>Contact:</b> Gary Klee- mann, <a href="mailto:gary@asu.edu">gary@asu.edu</a>
Meeting	<b>OPEN</b> - ASURA Board Meeting	Wednesday, March 9	Free
Seminar	Scamming Schemes	Thursday, March 17	Free
Travel	Tovrea Castle Tour - <b>2 Sessions</b>	Friday, April 1	\$13 per person
Meeting/ Social	2016 Annual Meeting	Saturday, April 16	Free
Meeting	<b>OPEN</b> - ASURA Board Meeting	Wednesday, May 11	Free

**Write a Will Workshop:** February 18, 2016 - 10:00am-12:00pm - CSB Rm. #330 - Free

**(Note: Registration must be completed by 4:00 pm Wednesday February 10)**

Do you understand the difference between a Will and a Trust? Have you ever wondered what the purpose of Probate Court is? Are you wondering how to begin the process of estate planning and its significance? If you have asked these questions, please plan to attend the Write a Will Workshop. The workshop will address these questions, provide materials to help make the estate planning process easy, and allow time to for you to ask related questions. Troy McNemar and Nancy Gerald will co-present this beneficial workshop.

T. Troy McNemar is a practicing attorney and has been certified as a specialist in Estate and Trust Law by the State Bar of Arizona. Since 1991, he has been representing Arizona clients with estate planning, probate, trust administration and adult guardianships and conservatorships. Troy graduated from Washburn University in 1988 and earned his law degree from the University of Kansas, School of Law. Troy is active in the Arizona nonprofit community and serves as the Vice Chair of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Arizona and as Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance.



Nancy Gerald began serving the nonprofit community in 1993 and has specialized in estate planning for the past eight years. Nancy is a graduate of Bradley University and earned her master's degree from the University of Phoenix. She has worked for the American Red Cross for fourteen years. Her volunteer commitment to advancing charitable giving includes mentorship for the Arizona Endowment Building Institute, serving on the board of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Arizona, and past President of the Planned Giving Roundtable of Arizona.

To sign up for this workshop register on-line at <https://asura.asu.edu>, or call the ASURA office at 480-965-7668.

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**Scamming Schemes:** March 17, 2016 - 10:00am-12:00pm - CSB Rm. #330 - Free



As times get tougher, thieves get bolder and they are out to get YOU! Join us to learn how scam artists work and how to avoid becoming their target. Experts from AARP's Arizona Fraud Watch Network and the Arizona Corporation Commission will discuss how to dissect various types of schemes, from financial investments to identity theft, and common tactics used by these scoundrels. Remember, knowledge is the first line of defense!

To sign up for this workshop register on-line at <https://asura.asu.edu>, or call the ASURA office at 480-965-7668. (Note: Registration will begin in mid-February)

**ASURA 2016 Annual Meeting:** April 16, 2016 - 11:30am-2:00pm - ASU MU Alumni Lounge - Free

Plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting to help us celebrate the 25th year of the ASU Retirees Association. The guest speaker will be M. Zuhdi Jasser, M.D., the founder and President of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD).

The Annual Meeting of the ASU Retirees Association celebrates the conclusion of each year, as called for in our Bylaws. The meeting provides an opportunity for us to recognize the activities and accomplishments of the organization and the contributions of our members. The meeting also provides an opportunity to discuss other matters that are of interest to the entire membership. The ASURA Annual Report is distributed to those who want a copy. This report summarizes our activities for the year. Links to prior-year reports appear for each annual meeting that is listed among our past events on our website (<https://asura.asu.edu>).



The complete agenda for this year's meeting is still in the planning stages. There will be light lunch snacks, salad, coffee and tea.

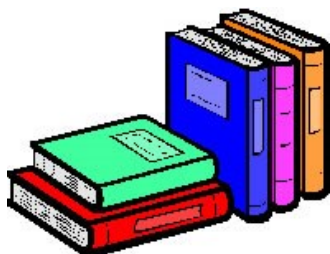
**ASURA Needs Your Old Books!**

Are your bookshelves too full? Are you downsizing your office or your home and don't have space for all of your books?

Donate your used books to us, and we will work with our partner, Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, to sell them. We'll use proceeds of the sale to support our programs. The ASU Foundation, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU, will provide you with a gift receipt for tax purposes.

Half of the proceeds will be invested in our endowed scholarship fund, and half will be used for our Video History project. Earnings from the endowed scholarship fund are earmarked for our ASURA Scholarship.

If you have books you can donate, please visit our website at <https://asura.asu.edu/BookDrive> and print our donation form. Complete the form and either scan and fax or email to Mary Stevens, chair of the Book Drive project or mail it directly to the ASURA office.



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## “Remember a Little College” - by Dean Smith, published in the Winter 2007

*Prime Times* — Dave Scheatzle/Chair, Video History

Dean Smith was ASU’s Director of Publications, a founding member of ASURA and author of many books on the history of ASU. I was the editor of the *Prime Times* for a dozen issues from October 2004 until February 2009. During that period, Dean Smith wrote a number of ASU History articles. Following is one, written for the Winter 2007 edition, that I found worth repeating. Compare Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe (student Pop. 1300) in 1940 with ASU today. Dean Smith died July 11, 2012.



### Remember a Little College

It was September, 1940, the summer heat was very much with us, and there was no air conditioning – not even swamp coolers in most buildings – on the campus of Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe. But nobody complained, especially we freshmen who were starting the biggest adventure of our lives. I had turned 17 not long before and all this was new, exciting and a bit frightening.

All the males among the 1,300 students enrolled that fall knew that our college days might well be numbered. Hitler’s legions had occupied Paris in June, England was grimly awaiting the Nazi invasion, and America was at last facing the probability of our involvement in World War II. Some of us were already being drafted, others were enlisting, and the rest knew it was only a matter of time before we would be wearing khaki or navy blue. But we tried to put those disturbing thoughts away and concentrate on enjoying college life for as many months as the good lord and Uncle Sam would allow us.

We found a campus not much bigger than our high schools, and much smaller than Phoenix Union or Tucson High. (Phoenix Union had 5,500 students then!) There were the historic buildings in the Old Quad – Old Main, the Science Building, and the Auditorium (with girls’ gym in the basement -- now the site of Language and Literature). The Old Quad lawn was surrounded by a black iron fence. (Why? We were told it was put there to keep farm animals off the grounds years before). When we entered the war, the fence was dismantled and given to the metal drive. There was the residence quad – North, South, West and East Halls, and old Alpha Hall and Carrie Matthews Hall. Most students lived on campus.

The Payne Training School was behind Old Main. Later destroyed by fire, the training school was moved to the site of the present Nelson Art Gallery. There was Matthews Library, which also housed the President’s office, and the Arts Building just north of it. The dining hall, where Ma and Pa Krause ruled, fed us all. The men’s gym was next to the present Memorial Union. The new Moer

Activity Building, where we had Wednesday evening dances (one hour long), still stands. The new Lyceum Building and Irish Hall, and the fairly new Goodwin Stadium (8000 seats) rounded out the list. We had no student union, so somebody put some chairs, a juke box and a soft drink machine in the basement of the Lyceum, and that served until after the war.

Female students were guarded like rare zoological species. Freshman girls had to be safely back in their halls by eight o’clock (!) on weeknights, and had only one late-night weekend privilege a semester. I can still see the guys in the soft glow of the West Hall porch light, giving their dates one last kiss before house mother Margaret Walsh slammed the front door.

Martha Krause was an even more vigorous door slammer. If you were a minute late to a meal, the door banged shut in your face and you had to go down to the VI (Varsity Inn, where Nursing is now) for a sandwich. Ma Krause was an amazing woman. She not only managed the dining hall (her husband was the only cook), but she was in charge of all student employment. In addition, she was the self-appointed monitor of dining room etiquette. Let a student comb his hair inside the building, or eat in a gross manner, and she would be on him like a hen on a June bug. Can you imagine anyone getting away with that now?

We usually took dates to the VI because you could get a Coke for a nickel and let somebody else play the record machine. Oh, those Big Band days! Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Kay Kyser, Harry James – they played real music, with instrumentation like a symphony; and with clever arrangers who were artists of great talent.

In that Depression year we were all poor, so nobody noticed. There was a sport coat in Alpha Hall – the only one in the dorm – that the guys borrowed whenever they had to dress up. I remember nobody who had a car, although there were probably a few, so we rode the Mender-son bus into Phoenix (25 cents round trip) for big events there. You boarded it in front of the VI. The girls seemed to understand. A big deal was a movie at Red Harkins’

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College Theater on Mill Avenue, and a bigger deal was “Gone with the Wind” or “The Wizard of Oz” at the palatial Orpheum in Phoenix.

A story, and a true one: President Gammage was standing near the VI with Dean J.O. Grimes and the venerable Fred Irish late one afternoon when a coed stepped off the bus and immediately let a bottle of some alcoholic beverage slip out of a bag and crash in bits on the sidewalk. She fled in panic, and Grimes was about to follow her when Gammage said, “Let her go. She’ll be suffering for days, waiting for a summons to the President’s Office! That should be punishment enough.”

Between the north end of the campus and what we called Tempe Butte was the barrio, where Hispanic families cooked spicy food which perfumed the air most delightfully. Many years later, when the debate raged over locating the proposed Sun Devil Stadium, it was argued that nobody would take the trouble to walk all the way from the campus to the butte for a football game.

It was my rare privilege to know, briefly, two giants of ASU history. Arthur J. Matthews, president from 1900 to 1930, lived in 1940 in Matthews Cottage, just south of the Nursing Building. He was much in evidence at college events in 1940, but died in 1941. Fred Irish, first Tempe Normal football coach (1896), registrar, science teacher, etc. served the college from 1896 until his death in 1941. Both have buildings named for them.

Arizona State Teachers College was blessed with a faculty far more excellent than a little backwater school deserved. Some, like Arnold Tilden in history and political science, came here in the depth of the Depression because they could not find a job anywhere else. Dr. Tilden, who had a national reputation in his field, was one of the most gifted teachers I ever knew, and later became the founding dean of our College of Liberal Arts. Others, like Ronald Bridges, moderator of the international Congregational Church and brother of Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, came to Arizona for their health. Dr. Bridges, who taught English, was severely crippled with arthritis.

Among the most memorable faculty: Bernard Watson in Physics, who was called to Chicago to join the Manhattan Project team. Louis Myers in English, whose textbook on American grammar was used in many countries. Rufus K. Wyllys, nationally recognized for his books on Southwest history. Charles Wexler, our first Harvard Ph.D., a genius who taught mathematics. George Bateman, whose work in

chemistry was highly regarded. Ira D. Payne and Sam Burkhard in Education – whose students later taught in every school in Arizona.

Then there was Millard (Dixie) Howell, the famed Alabama quarterback who coached our Bulldogs (we were not Sun Devils until 1946), to two Sun Bowl appearances.

All are long gone now, but one faculty member of 1940 still lives in Tempe: Lola Ellsworth, sharp and spry at 95-plus. She led the Home Ec Department for years.

In those days, senior faculty taught freshmen (how about that) and were an inspiration to all of us. We knew them personally, and they kept their doors open to any student who wanted to talk.

A remarkable facet of our little college in 1940: At least 90 percent of the housekeeping, food service, maintenance, clerical, lawn and garden, and other such jobs were held by students. That served two vital purposes: Students could afford to attend ASTC with a student job who never could have done so otherwise, and it kept college operating expenses within the meager legislative appropriation. My job at first was in the office of Dean Grimes, but I soon moved on to the News Bureau and later to jobs as editor of the *State Press* (newspaper) and *Sahuaro* (yearbook). I profited more from my school jobs than I did from most classes, so I am grateful.

A word about athletics: Our big rival in 1940 was not the U of A – they were in another class, playing Minnesota and Notre Dame in football at that time. It was ASTC at Flagstaff, an even smaller school but one that beat us with embarrassing frequency. Until 1938, Rudy Lavik had been coach of all the men’s teams. He was a graduate of Simon pure Springfield College and was an advocate of total amateurism. Lavik posted a notice each September 1 calling for anyone who wanted to play football should turn out for the first practice. He refused to lower himself to going out and trying to persuade high school boys to come play for him. So we rarely won. When Dixie Howell came, all was different. We recruited, we subsidized our players, and some boosters slipped them money or bought them clothes. Overnight, Howell made the Bulldogs winners in football. One of the players Dixie got to transfer from his old school, Alabama, was Al Onofrio, who later coached at ASU and was head coach at Missouri. Al still lives here and is still a fine physical specimen.

Oddly enough, the first sport in which our college achieved national prominence was track and field. A young fireball from Pennsylvania, Donn Kinzle, came on

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the scene in 1941 and molded a championship team almost overnight, beating the U of A and almost upsetting the perennial national champ, USC.

ASTC had no national fraternities or sororities in 1940 (they first came in 1946). We had four local fraternities and six or seven local sororities, none of which had their own houses. They were actually social clubs, but they inspired fierce loyalty and the competition in intramural sports was all-out. Each fraternity and sorority had its annual formal dance, as did each of the residence halls. The girls saved their allowances to buy formal dresses, and the boys managed with a white cloth jacket and dark pants. Probably the best-read story in the *State Press* each week was the guest list for the formal dance of that week. Who had invited whom? It was big news, and sometimes heart-breaking for the guy or gal who was hoping for an invitation and didn't get one.

Of all the have-not colleges in the nation, we were certainly one of the have-notest. We had no private support, and the Alumni Association was dormant until 1947, when Jim Creasman came back to the campus and revived it. Nobody seemed to have thought of a foundation (the first correspondence about that was written in 1946) and we would have had a very hard time getting money from the leaders in Phoenix, most of whom were U of A graduates. The movers and shakers rarely came to Tempe and hardly ever gave us a thought. A popular saying was that "It is

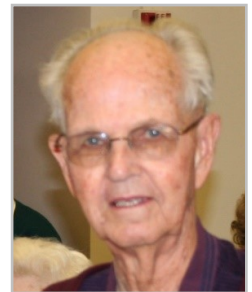
much farther from Phoenix to Tempe than from Tempe to Phoenix."

It was not until Dixie Howell's football teams caused the Valley to look our way occasionally – until the legislature in 1945 allowed us to drop the "Teachers" from our name and placed us under a single Board of Regents with ASTC Flagstaff and U of A – and until the Sun Angels were formed in 1946 and the Sun Devil replaced the Bulldog.

Through all the Dark Ages of our teachers college days, President Grady Gammage had his eyes on the stars. He would not rest in his promotional activity until 1958, when he made this institution a university with its present name. He was indeed a man of vision.

I am grateful that I was able to attend a small college where everybody knew everybody, where a student could participate in almost any activity, and where the excellent faculty was able to give each of us personal attention. It has been my privilege to watch our university grow and mature over the years, and to serve on its staff for 27 of those years.

ASU, you are now on the threshold of greatness. With the support of the ASU Foundation and our many thousands of friends, you will soar even higher. Each upward step will continue to delight me. **by Dean Smith**



## Video History Report

*Dave Scheatzle, Chair*

The process of identifying the next class of interview candidates is underway. 94 names have been brought forward for consideration. A selection committee of 18 persons from the metropolitan campuses has submitted their rankings by email for the persons whom they know. From the results, we would expect to do 15 interviews during the next 12 months. Becky Reiss has been coordinating the voting process. She also coordinates the scheduling of the interviews – finding a date and time that works for the interviewee, the interviewer and the camera crew.

The completed interviews are being transferred to the Digital Repository at the ASU Library. This allows interviews to be viewed from your home computer via a website, rather than by checking out a DVD from our office. Carolyn Minner has been assisting in the upload of interviews. The website address is: <http://www.repository.asu.edu/collections> where it is listed as "Arizona State University Retirees Association Video History Interviews Collections".

Linda Van Scoy continues to develop YouTube clips, a 2 to 5 minute snippet from the hour long interview, that you can view on the ASURA website ... <https://asura.asu.edu/VideoHistoryInterviews>. Here you will find a complete list of the 113 interviews to date. At the end of a person's name, if you see the words "(video clip)" underlined and in red, you can put your cursor on this red underlined phrase and left click with your mouse. The video clip will start to play.



*Video History Crew: Roger Carter, Dave Scheatzle, Linda Van Scoy, John McIntosh*



## Obituaries: September 15, 2015 - January 15, 2016

*by Becky Reiss*

(please note that all obituary notices and photos, when available, are on our website at <http://asura.asu.edu/obituaries>)

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Allen, Monte R.	December 15, 2015	Academic Advisor, ASU West
Allison, Peter	December, 2015	Professor, College of Business
Apilado, Vincent Paul	November 28, 2015	Professor, College of Business
Baggett, Vicki J.	October 3, 2015	Department/College affiliation unknown
Barer, Norma Ruth	October 7, 2015	Faculty, Dance Department
Belok, Michael Victor	December 28, 2015	Professor, College of Education
Christie, James F Barer,	September 26, 2015	Professor, School of Social and Family Dynamics
Decker, Roxilee Farmer	October 25, 2015	Wife of John Decker, ASU faculty member (deceased)
Fay, Thomas F.	January 1, 2016	Sr. Development Officer, Herberger College of Fine Arts
Fiore, Joseph P.	December 22, 2015	Director of Operations
Fulton, Mary Lou	October 1, 2015	Philanthropist, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
Golston, Rodger	October 21, 2015	Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice Department
Hahn III, Charles C. "Chuck"	December 3, 2015	Charles Hahn Endowment, W.P. Carey School of Business
Henning, Eugene William	October 11, 2015	Instructor, Math and Computer Information Systems
Hill, James (Jim) O.	November 19, 2015	Center for Executive Development, College of Business; Director, Community Relations
Hurst, Lori Ann Peterson	September 20, 2015	Daughter of Val Peterson, retired director of Facilities Management and ASURA President 2008-09
Injasoulian, Marge	November 6, 2015	Member of ASU advisory councils
Irvan, Marie Corrine	December 26, 2015	Budget Office

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>ASU Affiliation</b>
Jenkins, Charles Gray	October 2, 2015	Executive Development Center
Johnson, Gary	September 10, 2015	Adjunct Faculty, ASU West
Jones, Kumen Hurst	January 3, 2016	College/Department Affiliation unknown
Kehrer-Emileane, Laura Jean	November 22, 2015	College of Nursing
Kobut-Smith, Rosemarie	November 10, 2015	Data Entry Operator
L'Ecuyer, Claudelle Frances Bailey	September 25, 2015	Director, State Government Relations
Maas, Patricia Ann	January 13, 2016	Department of Family and Human Development
Manera, Elizabeth (Bets) Surgis	October 11, 2015	Professor Emerita, Secondary Education
McBride, Mimi Robbins	November 9, 2015	Founder of American Indian Library Materials Center, Hayden Library
McClure, Jr., Jesse Foster	February 21, 2011	Dean, School of Social Work ( <i>ASURA office recently learned of Dr. Foster's death</i> )
McElligott, Josephine DeTomaso	September 4, 2015	Secretary, College/Department affiliation unknown
McElwain, Robert "Bob"	August 28, 2015	Sponsored Projects
McLaughlin, Patricia "Patti"	November 5, 2015	Residential Life
Mitchell, Michael James deRamus	October 27, 2015	Political Science
Myers, Kenneth C.	September 4, 2015	ASU Library
Nageotte, Frank L.	October 1, 2015	Capital Campaign Chair, All Saints Newman Center
Parfet, Anne Kempton	September 17, 2015	Taught dance; Anne Kinnerup Parfet Dance Scholarship, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
Pedrick, Jo Ann Glotfelty	January 6, 2016	Professor, School of Social Work
Prigge, William Carl	October 18, 2015	Professor, College affiliation unknown
Provenzano, Valerie	September 6, 2015	Board member, Lyric Music Theater

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Ray, W. D. (Bill)	November 22, 2015	Department of Mathematics
Reig, Grace Agnes (Riechlmayr)	December 10, 2015	ASU Newman Center
Rhodes, Harvey Harry	October 18, 2015	Computer Consultant
Richardson, Barrie	November 18, 2015	
St. George, Vivian G. (Kohler)	September 21, 2015	Staff, Computing Services
Sato, Susie Ishakawa	September 7, 2015	Library and Reference Assistant, Arizona Historical Founda- tion, Hayden Library
Scanlon, Fr. Paul Edward	November 19, 2015	Campus Youth Ministry
Schaefer, Judy	September 26, 2015	Founding member of Wings of Gold and Foundation's Women in Philanthropy program; Benefactor of Judy and Bill Schaefer Sports Hall of Fame
Sheldon, Velma Carolyn "Bonnie"	October 30, 2015	ASU Library
Sirkis, Murray Donald	October 18, 2015	Emeritus Professor, Electrical Engineering
Spinosa, Frank	December 5, 2015	Professor of Music
Talavera, M. Joseph	September 7, 2015	Husband of Veronica Talavera, Information Technology
Waldmann, Edward B., MD, FACP	December 14, 2015	Instructor, Graduate School of Nursing
Wharton, Dennis Earl	December 10, 2015	Principal Tech Support Analyst, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
Williams, David Samuel	November 24, 2015	Adjunct Professor, Department/College affiliation unknown
Ziegler, John "Jack" Joseph	July 22, 2015	Electrician
Wood, Billy "Bill" Gene	September 20, 2015	Professor, Engineering and Technology
Yeater, James Willis "Jim"	September 28, 2015	Professor, Department of Film, Dance and Theatre
Yocum, Catherine Jean	August 27, 2015	Professor, College affiliation unknown
Young, Michael Cochise	November 30, 2015	Associate Dean, Honors College; Director, Bachelor of Inter- disciplinary Studies Program; Director, Office of National Scholarship Advisement; Assistant VP, Flinn Foundation Scholarship Programs

### Welcome New ASURA Members

Suzanne Painter	Jane Humble	Guy Cardineau
John Riley	Wilma Walsh	Bruce Fritz
Betty Lombardo	Gretchen Bataille	Philomena Bell
Jane Parkinson	Frank Evans	Diane Facinelli
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