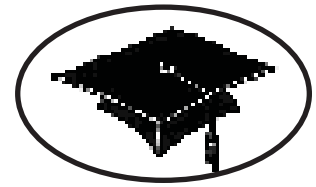

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Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost George Breslauer

“Putin’s Russia”

Saturday, May 5, 2007

George W. Breslauer, a native of New York City, received his A.B., A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in Political Science from the University of Michigan in 1966, 1968 and 1973, respectively.

In 1971, Professor Breslauer joined the faculty of the Department of Political Science, University of California at Berkeley, as a specialist on Soviet politics and foreign relations and after 1991, leadership in the new Russia. He was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Award of the Division of Social Sciences in 1997 and was appointed Chancellor’s Professor in 1998.

Professor Breslauer is the author or editor of twelve books on Soviet and Russian politics and foreign relations, most recently *Gorbachev and Yeltsin as Leaders* (Cambridge University Press, 2002). He has an extensive dossier of professional service during his academic career serving as Chair of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies (1984-1994), Chair of the Department of Political Science (1993-1996), Dean of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Letters and Science (1999-2006), and Executive Dean of the College of Letters and Science (2005-2006). Upon Breslauer’s appointment as Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Chancellor Birgeneau said, “He has a deep knowledge and understanding of the Berkeley campus, a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, research and impressive skills as an experienced administrator.”

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UC Berkeley: 21st Century Challenges

(Paraphrased in the first person from Chancellor Birgeneau's speech.)

On St. Patrick's Day 2007, Chancellor Robert Birgeneau spoke to the UCBEA on the opportunities and challenges coming up on the campus. He prefaced his remarks with a comment: At Berkeley the combination of breadth and depth makes it a special institution; of equal importance this was achieved at a university that continues to serve the public.

As a public institution we have begun to address global climate change and energy self-sufficiency. We have been working very hard with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to put this on the research agenda, using the best people from both the lab and the campus. A significant step forward is our partnership with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and British Petroleum, which has provided a half million dollars in research funding. We also have a rapidly developing program in alternative approaches to energy research, specifically energy self-sufficiency based on a variety of scientific approaches. We cannot do this without the infrastructure we need. The Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nuñez and Governor Schwarzenegger have promised \$70 million toward energy research. We are hoping the federal government will join the team.

Another of the multidisciplinary projects is stem cell research. I serve on the stem cell committee, an exciting activity. California now has more basic stem cell research money than the rest of the country. We recognize there are ethical issues connected with this research and a variety of protections to put in place. Luckily there are many leading ethicists on the Berkeley faculty. The first courses in stem cell research were on ethics, not developmental biology.

Another new venture demonstrates the power of alumni. I was at a party with Richard Blum, Diane Feinstein's husband and now Chair of the Regents. He asked if there were any interest on the campus in global poverty—addressing a question like this to a Chancellor! At the next day's meeting with the Council of Deans I asked them to put together a list of what was going on in their colleges on global poverty. Two days later I reported to Dick Blum on eighteen different programs from eight colleges! As a result he gave a seed grant of \$15 million for what is now called the Blum Center for Developing Economies. At the first undergraduate course on global poverty we expected an enrollment of about 50 students and over 250 came. The upcoming course has 450. One focus of the Blum Center is to find ways to bring inexpensive technologies developed here at Berkeley to the third world to improve either agriculture or health.

Another new program is the Berkeley Diversity Research Initiative. Basically we have a changing population here in California—a dynamic situation of haves and have nots. It is our role as the flagship of the university system to understand multicultural societies and optimize their opportunities. This can only be of great future importance, as we expect the United States will eventually look like California does now.

These challenges, important intellectually and educationally, can no longer be addressed by a single department. Berkeley must produce a model which allows us to do multidisciplinary research in the future as well as we have done departmental research in the past.

Finally the Chancellor announced a five-year program of matching grants for graduate fellowships and need-based undergraduate scholarships of funds received from staff, students, active and emeriti faculty, retired staff, and surviving spouses. This is the time when your donation can make a significant impact on students not just for now, but for time to come.

Claude Babcock

May 2007

Announcements from the President

1. We have semi-official word that parking fees for emeriti will go up by 4.5% next year. This is the same increase for all parking fees on the campus. A survey of parking use by emeriti is still being planned.
2. Nominations for officers and Executive Committee members are open. Support the UCBEA by suggesting individuals who will work for our goals. The following positions are open: Nominating Committee, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Stewards, Members at Large, and Berkeley Emeriti Times Editor. Please send names of proposed nominees to Dick Malkin by email at dickm@nature.berkeley.edu.
3. The UCBEA Executive Board has completed and unanimously approved changes in the UCBEA By-Laws. These changes are largely revisions that incorporate previously approved measures as well as updated procedures. By-Law changes require approval of the full membership. Copies of the revised By-Laws were distributed at the March 15 luncheon. Hard copies of the revised By-Laws may be requested by contacting the Retirement Center. A discussion and vote on the revisions will be carried out at the annual business meeting on May 5th.
4. Nominations are being solicited from all members for annual awards of the UCBEA . Three awards are given: The Berkeley Distinguished Emeriti of the Year, The Constantine Panunzio Distinguished Emeriti Award (a system-wide award), and the first Dickson Emeriti Professorship. Any member wishing details on these awards should contact Dick Malkin (dickm@nature.berkeley.edu) for a complete description of the respective awards.
5. Editorial Assistant seeking position: AN ECLECTIC ARRAY OF SERVICES--secretarial, driving, research, respite companionship--provided by former UC staff and graduate (MPH 1984) now working on book (MA History 2002). Experienced, excellent references. Maria Sakovich, 510.849.0508, msakovich@juno.com.

The FREEdom of Summer

Summer equals out of town guests. We don't guarantee 100 % accuracy on this list of free days. Phone ahead if you, your visitors, relatives and friends are interested in days open and hours.

- **First Tuesdays:** Asian Art Museum, California Historical Society, Cartoon Art Museum (pay what you wish), Conservatory of Flowers, de Young Museum, Legion of Honor, Museum of Craft & Folk Art, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts.
- **First Wednesdays:** California Academy of Sciences, Exploratorium, Mexican Museum, Museo ItaloAmericano, Museum of Craft and Folk Art, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles
- **First Thursdays:** Burlingame Museum of Pez Memorabilia, Chinese Historical Society of America, San Francisco Museum of Craft & Design.
- **First Fridays:** Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History (always free for youth under age 18)
- **Second Saturdays:** Bay Area Discovery Museum (Sausalito).
- **Second Sundays:** Oakland Museum of California.
- **Third Mondays:** Contemporary Jewish Museum.
- **Always free:** African-American Museum and Library (Oakland), Cable Car Museum, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, Chinese Cultural Center, Historical Railroad Museum (Santa Clara), Maritime Museum, Mills College Art Museum (Oakland), Museum of Children's Art Oakland, Museum of the City of San Francisco, Octagon House, Presidio Museum, Randall Museum, San Francisco Center for the Book, San Francisco Fire Museum, Takara Sake USA Museum (Berkeley), Triton Museum (Santa Clara).



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On those beautiful spring/summer days when you come to the campus to wander in the Botanical Garden or visit *From the Land of the Rajas* at the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology, you may also wish to check this show at the Art Museum:

May 13-August 12: *Notion Nanny*

The genesis of the project came from artist-in-residence Allison Smith's research into the peddler dolls, or "notion nannies" popularly displayed in British and American households during the Victorian era. The exhibition will include a re-creation of a life-size peddler doll in the artist's own image with a basket of wares made by Smith in her collaboration with local artisans and craftspeople that reflect the historical craft traditions and contemporary social and artistic milieu of this region.

The Pacific Film Archive will present films from the 50th San Francisco International Film Festival during May and June. Check the website: bampfa.berkeley.edu. Individual films by Peter Greenaway, Jean-Luc Godard and Louis Malle are followed by series from Shohei Imamura and Walter Hill. Czech Modernism is followed by three films from Jacques Rivette. And that only takes us to the end of June! The Archive would like the public to know that videotapes for its research are generously provided by Movie Image and Reel.

Have a great summer. We'll see you back at lunch in September.