

Charles Richardson's Introductory Comments at the Reunion
Session
Award of Centennial Medallions

Good morning. I'm Charles Richardson and I'll help us get started. I joined the department 59 years after it was begun and continued to its 90th year.

In a few words: We're Very Glad You Are Here! Talk about memories!

This is the last event in celebration of our first hundred years. It will last the morning. I'll begin it and Dr. Singh will end it and in between it's all yours. We'll take a break in the middle.

We begin by recognizing former faculty and staff. I ask that Jean Eaton, Ronnie Sharrah and Paula Rutledge, Daniel and Clyde Lingelbach, Ray Hughes, Bud Zinke, Art Hobson, Steve Day, Charley Jones, Rich Anderson, Howard Carmichael, and Allen Hermann come up.

I want to begin with Jean. She was at the heart of the department for 32 years. Jean told me recently that about halfway through those years Paul Sharrah asked "Who hired you?" and she answered "Dr. Richardson did." His response: "Best thing he ever did." I remember the day I met Jean. She has agreed to show you the memento that is the physical form of this recognition and read the inscription.

I ask that you hold your greetings until everyone is recognized.

Next we have two awards made posthumously.

George Lingelbach was on the faculty for 19 years, beginning in 1945. Among other things he directed student laboratories. The George D. Lingelbach Award given to our outstanding senior honors his service. We are pleased to have his sons Daniel and Clyde here to receive his award.

Paul Sharrah was on the faculty for 40 years It would have been longer except for the misguided policy in place in 1982. Paul was our

leader, formally as Chairman, and de facto by his enthusiasm, experience, and wisdom. (He would have loved this Centennial). His son Ronnie and daughter Paula Sharrah Rutledge are here and his son in law Carl Rutledge.

Ray Hughes joined the faculty in 1954. He was the individual most responsible for getting the Ph. D. program approved in 1959. The first degree was awarded just 5 years later. Many in this room received their degree doing research directed by Ray. The Hughes Graduate Fellowship is given in recognition of his achievement.

Bud Zinke came in 1959. Many alumni have singled him out for the lasting effect he had on them. During his tenure he was science advisor to Sen. Bumpers. Once, to show their affection, some students made him a gift of chairs.

Steve Day came in 1961, bringing an expertise in nuclear magnetic resonance, and a knowledge of aerial navigation. He was chairman following Paul, Associate Dean here, and Dean of Arts and Sciences at Miami of Ohio. He and Cathy live in Bend, Oregon.

Charley Jones joined the faculty in 1962. He taught in the Summer Institutes for teachers, and did research in molecular spectroscopy. He later became chairman of physics at East Texas State.

Art Hobson came in 1964. He is best known for his course Physics and Human Affairs and the text written for it. He is the recipient of the Robert A. Millikan Award. He is also known for his 70's parties.

Rich Anderson came in 1966. He had great impact on undergraduate education, through the BA program in the department, and the Honors Progeam in the college which he directed for 6 years. He was responsible for obtaining the Sturgis Fellowship program at the UA. In '89 he joined the Nationa Science Foundation to apply his skills nationally.

Howard Carmichael came in 1983. He is a theorist working in quantum optics. He was here for 6 years which he has described as very productive. I remember very well that faculty meeting in which he told us he had decided to accept the offer from the University of Oregon. Our

loss, their gain. He has since returned to the University of Waikato, NZ, his alma mater where he holds the Dan Walls Chair.

Allen Hermann came in 1986. He and Zhengzhi Sheng brought world attention to the university through their discovery of the thallium compound super conductor which held for some time the high temperature record. Since 1989 he has been at the University of Colorado.

And I. For me I'll say in six words "Flipped spins, trapped things, taught, learned."

Now we turn to the part that belongs to you. I have brought a box that I'll toss these notes into, and something I've written that you can read later if you choose, downloaded from the CD we are going to send you. If you have something written, six words or more, please toss it in I hope to leave this morning with a full box. Or send me or Raj e-mail with written memories. And photos.

There is another use I can foresee for this record, and that is to help the organizers of the Bicentennial. Of course by then about 25 generations of memory devices will have passed and this will be unreadable and resting in the display case with other quaint devices. So it will have to be transcribed many times. The risk is that memories will have gotten as small as Greg Salamo would like and it will be lost.

Bud, would you start off?