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CUASA SALUTES DEREK SIDA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM CARLETON

At the end of December Derek Sida will retire after twenty years of service to Carleton. Professor Sida has been an active and productive cog in the CUASA wheel since the beginning of certification and we feel it only fitting to recognize his contributions to the university community through his work at CUASA. Professor Sida was Salary and Benefits Chairman of CUASA and a member of the first (and most arduous) set of negotiations in 1975. In the 1976-77 academic year Professor Sida was Salary & Benefits Chairman, Chairman of the CUASA Salary Rationalisation Committee, OCUFA Salary Chairman, and a member of the CAUT Economic Benefits Committee. Professor Sida was Chief Negotiator for CUASA from July 1977 until negotiations concluded in November. He was President of CUASA in 1977-78 and in his year as Past-President, he also took on being Treasurer of CAUT for a two year term. In 1981 his successor as CAUT Treasurer resigned and Professor Sida filled out the unexpired term until May 1982. This short chronology leaves out more than it reveals so some of his co-workers have filled in the gaps.

rites of passage

By Jill Vickers

At the end of this term, Derek Sida will be retiring from Carleton University. I want to mark this occasion and to evoke a few memories for members of CUASA. For all of us who have been active in the union for the past half-decade it was important that a man like Derek -- a distinguished academic and a previous Dean -- was willing to contribute his energy, wisdom and humour to CUASA and to CAUT. His contribution was one of the things which made the difference between Carleton as a collection of people and Carleton as the community it is today. I know we all wish him well in whatever he chooses now to do with his new-found freedom.

DEREK SIDA AT OCUFA

By Paul V. Cassano, Vice-President Academic, Windsor University

Derek Sida was truly a cornerstone of the OCUFA edifice during my term of office (I was President, he was Salary Chairman). His interventions were always crisp and punchy; his humour wry and sometimes coy; his attitude bluntly realistic and non-suffering of fools. May his tribe increase!!

CAUT MEMBERS OWE DEREK SIDA A GREAT DEAL

By Don Savage, Executive Secretary, CAUT

Recently CAUT held a dinner to thank Derek Sida for his work for the academic profession in Canada and in particular for his stewardship of CAUT's finances as Treasurer from 1978 to 1980 and in 1981-82. Professor Sida served as well as President of CUASA in 1977-78 and as Salary Chairman of OCUFA in 1975-76. He also acted as Chief Negotiator for CAUT in negotiations for a collective agreement with its staff.

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Successful treasurers of faculty organizations must be a certain combination of Sadon Orola and Machiavelli -- enforcing austerity but extracting sufficient funds from sceptical Boards, Councils and members. Professor Sida strongly believes that faculties should look after their own affairs, should not be dependent on university administrators and should, indeed, be the university itself. This could only happen, however, if faculties administered their own affairs efficiently and openly. He brought this spirit to CAUT and immediately gained and held the respect of the Board as a Treasurer who could be guaranteed to require financial prudence and efficiency without tying the organization into a financial straightjacket or plugging meetings into arcane and irrelevant debates. He did all this with a great sense of humour -- not always a characteristic of financial reports. Faculty members frequently do not understand the immense amount of time and dedication brought to CAUT by those who serve as officers. They owe faculty members such as Professor Sida a great deal.

Professor Sida is retiring from Carleton University after 20 years of service as a faculty member. Although he will be settling in England, we hope that nevertheless we will still receive both his encouragement and the occasional rocket demanding to know what financial horror the President or Executive Secretary of CAUT is now proposing.

A grateful CUASA membership wishes Derek every future happiness. He will be missed at Carleton.

