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## long-time faculty member bestowed part of family trust

The UCLA School of Public Health will receive more than \$300,000 from the family trust of Dr. Carl Hopkins, a long-time faculty member who died in 2002. Hopkins, a biostatistician and medical-care scholar, was a professor of public health and health services at the school from 1964 to 1980, serving as chair and associate dean from 1971 to 1974. He was a highly regarded statistical consultant on many medical studies and engaged in research on the organization, financing and evaluation of health services.

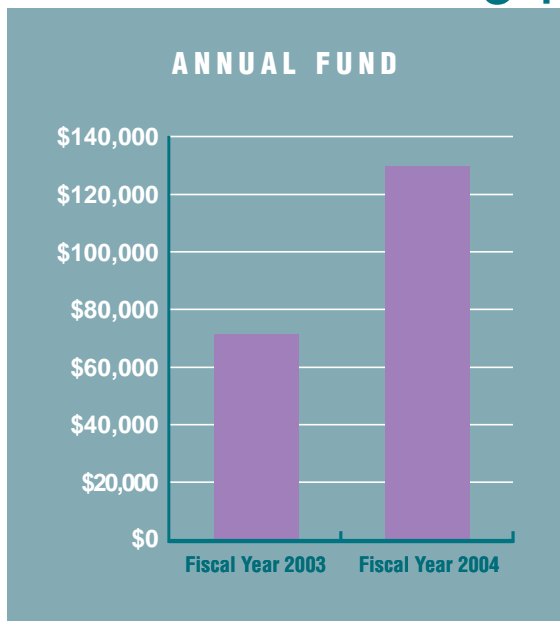
The Hopkins gift was generously given "in grateful memory of Professor Milton Roemer," a pioneering health services researcher and teacher in the school. In addition to his 38 years on the faculty, Roemer served at all levels of health administration – county, state, national and international. Says Dr. Ruth Roemer, professor emerita of health services and Milton's widow: "Carl Hopkins was an inspiring colleague and dear friend. I am deeply touched that his generous gift honors Milton's legacy."

### NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT



**ANITA M. MERMEL** will join the school as executive director for development. Mermel has held a variety of administrative positions at UCLA over the past decade. Most recently, she was assistant dean at UCLA's School of Public Policy and Social Research, where she successfully built the decade-old school's development and external relations infrastructure. Prior to coming to UCLA, Mermel was in the field of international urban, economic, and community development, having worked for the United Nations Development Programme, among other international agencies and nonprofit organizations. Mermel earned her BA. *cum laude* in political science and her M.A. in urban planning at UCLA.

## school's annual fund grows at record-setting pace



Contributions to the school's Annual Fund, which generates flexible, unrestricted revenue to meet immediate school needs, rose 80% in the last year. A small but critical piece of the school's development efforts, the Annual Fund provides key support for a variety of faculty and student-related activities. For more information on resources available to students and how the school is addressing these challenges, please see the article on student aid beginning on page 14.

# PREP program will help prepare underrepresented minorities for public health success

A Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will help the school prepare underrepresented minority baccalaureate recipients for successful careers in public health and other careers in the biomedical sciences.

Under the PREP program, which is funded by the NIH's National Institute of General Medical Sciences, underrepresented minority baccalaureate recipients benefit from a combined academic and research experience – free from financial worries – to prepare emotionally and academically for success in graduate school. The UCLA PREP program, which also includes participation by other units on campus, is designed to recognize the needs of these students and to provide individually designed activities appropriate for each PREP scholar.

The program's objectives include:

- heightening scholars' interest in careers in biomedical research;
- ensuring their academic preparation for entry and success in graduate school;
- enhancing their performance on standardized tests;
- enhancing their academic skills essential for success in graduate programs; and
- developing research skills necessary for success in graduate school and a research career.

Each PREP student interested in public health will be paired with a faculty member who has a track record of successfully mentoring minority students and whose research is of interest to the student. The student will be integrated into the faculty member's research program, taking responsibility for a significant aspect of the studies. Students will also be encouraged to attend writing workshops, symposia and courses throughout the program.

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