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LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CHAPTER

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2005 **Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Speaker: Morris Knudsen

Topic: Vern Knudsen Remembered

As described in the UCLA web page <http://www.ucla.edu/chancellor/pastleaders/knudsen.html> (see below), Vern Oliver Knudsen is recognized for his many contributions to UCLA and acoustics.

In 1964, the splendid new Physics building known as Knudsen Hall was completed in Westwood. It is named for Dr. Vern Oliver Knudsen, renowned UCLA acoustical physicist.

Dr. Knudsen first became Dean of Graduate Studies at UCLA in 1934, serving until 1958. In 1956 he was made a Vice Chancellor, and in 1959 was named Chancellor, even though only a year away from retirement.

Vern Knudsen earned a B.S. degree at Brigham Young University and a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He served for two years as a research engineer at what is now the Bell Telephone Laboratories. He came to the Southern Branch in 1922, becoming a Professor of Physics in 1934 and department chairman from 1932 to 1938. He played a key role in the establishment of graduate studies at UCLA, authorized by The Regents in 1933.

A specialist in acoustics, Dr. Knudsen in the early days of radio and talking pictures designed the acoustics of most of the original Hollywood sound stages. Taking a leave of absence in World War II, he did research on submarine warfare for the U.S. Navy, helping set up what is now the Navy Electronics Laboratory in San Diego. In later years he participated in the acoustical designing of the Los Angeles Music Center, and was acoustical consultant for Arizona State's Gammage Auditorium and many other famous multipurpose auditoriums.

Morris Knudsen, Vern Knudsen's son, will present "a fortunate son's loving tribute to his worthy father" and provide "insight into his father's human qualities". Morris Knudsen (A.B., UNC Chapel Hill, 1950) majored in ancient Greek and taught high school English, Latin and French until 1985.

Event is free and open to the public. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

Place: Physics and Astronomy Building, Room 1-343A
470 Portola Plaza, UCLA Campus

Parking: UCLA Parking Structure P2. Enter on Westholme Ave just west of Hilgard Ave. Parking attendants at entrance (Parking Fee: \$7). Cross Charles E Young Dr at the traffic light and walk west past the inverted fountain and Knudsen Hall to the south entrance of the Physics and Astronomy Building.
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