

POSTSCRIPTS

News of the CSU East Bay Hayward Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Fall 2007

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President's Message

ERFA will hold the Winter **luncheon** at Dino's on Wednesday , October 24.

Some **positive changes** have been taking place for emeriti since the last newsletter. President Mo Qayoumi spoke at the March luncheon and praised faculty and emeriti and talked of the important contributions they have made in the past and what they might do in the future. Several emeriti have been appointed to the 50th Anniversary Committee and the Inauguration Committee. An emeriti was on the platform for the inauguration and others attended the ceremony. A tour of the DNA exhibit for emeriti was also held in the spring. The president and provost welcomed us at a reception.

On September 26, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Robert Burt, Vice President University Advancement, and Myoung-ja Lee Kwon, University Librarian, for CSU/East Bay and by me for ERFA, establishing an **endowment for the library**. Afterwards almost 100 people attended a **reception honoring the emeriti** for the 50th Anniversary and celebrating the start of the endowment. So far \$5500 has been donated or pledged. I encourage you to designate the Endowment when donating to CSU. Thanks to Hank Reichman, Senate president, for his support of the reception.

Michael Mahoney, the new provost, will speak at the October 24 luncheon. I think you will be very pleased to meet him. He is charming and intelligent and seems to like and respect faculty--such a change from just a few years ago when so many of us were actively teaching and getting no recognition for our efforts.

While some people want three meetings a year, the spring/summer period has more of our members traveling so it is difficult to plan. But, based on several comments, we have changed this luncheon to a Wednesday. The one in March will be held on a Tuesday or Thursday.

I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon.

Bea Pressley beapressley@mac.com

Fall Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2007, United Nations Day

The anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter on 24 October 1945 has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948. It has traditionally been marked throughout the world by meetings, discussions and exhibits on the achievements and goals of the UN.

Place: Dino's at 3600 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley.

Gather starting at 11:30, social hour of 45 minutes, sit down to eat at 12:15.

Menu

- Vegetarian Lasagna with optional extra wine
- Veal Scallopini with pasta
- Shrimp Louie with Louie Dressing

All lunches are \$19.95 or \$20 (you decide), in cash or by check, paid when you arrive at Dino's. Checks are payable to Helen Sowers, our treasurer.

Lunches include not only the food, but also gratuity, tax, coffee, tea, tossed green salad with Italian dressing, vegetables, rolls, wine (especially for the lasagna crowd—but optional), table cloths, plates, silverware, the serving of the food, even the cooking of the food.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AND MENU SELECTIONS **today, tomorrow morning**, or at least by **October 16** with

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ERFA Library Collection Endowment Fund

Funds from this endowment will be used exclusively for the growth and development of University Library Collections, both, print and electronic. Everyone—active and retired, faculty, students, staff, community—are invited to make tax deductible contributions. The endowment will supplement funds for library collections, not to compensate for inadequate annual library materials allocations. The two-year goal for this endowment is \$25,000. Thanks to the generosity of several "early givers" among ERFA members, we are on our way toward this goal. Please help the Library maintain the excellence of its collections for future generations.

Make checks out to: Cal State East Bay Educational Foundation.

Memo line: ERFA Library Endowment Fund.

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A Word from Emily Stoper, Emeriti Academic Senator

Senate Chair Hank Reichman reports that the mood of the campus has lifted, with a new President, the replacement of nearly every high-ranking administrator, the completion of several new buildings and a very welcome increase in enrollment. I am gratified to note that a lecturer, Gretchen Reevy of Psychology, has finally been elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

The Senate's first meeting won't take place until Oct. 9, but I expect another year of threading the narrow path between the faculty's desires for a university focused on teaching and scholarship and the administration's push for a great deal of planning, accountability (which for the faculty means outcomes assessment) and other time-consuming endeavors. There will be a visit from WASC, our accreditation agency, which takes as its mission to press planning and accountability. The trend away from the Liberal Arts appears to be continuing, with the Senate being asked to approve new majors in Construction Management and Hospitality Leadership.

Emily Stoper, Emeriti Representative, estoper1@yahoo.com



Earth to faculty: Do you care?

Professors Karina Garbesi and Sherman Lewis invite you to a first meeting on sustainability and the university: **Oct 23 Tuesday at 12:30**, place on campus to be decided-- Hold the date.

Draft Agenda

- Karina: what the Chancellor's committee on sustainability is doing.
- Sherman: my report on the University and Sustainability, report on Quarry Village
- You: what are you are doing in this area.
- Us: the future, if any, of sustainability on our campus

Please RSVP to sherman.lewis@csueastbay.edu so he can send you his report and we can figure out the size of room we need.

CSUEB policy on Emeritus Faculty is on the web at: www.csuhayward.edu/OAA/emeritus.pdf

Obituaries

For more information, go to <http://theview.csueastbay.edu/index.php> and click on Obits, under In House, on the left side.

Gene Steinhauer, Professor of Psychology

Born 1944 in Fresno, Calif., U.S. Air Force for four years, bachelor's and a master's degree from Fresno State, doctorate in psychology from the University of Montana in 1978. He came to our psychology department in 1990. In 2004 he was honored as a Distinguished Professor at the Contra Costa campus. In 2000 and 2006 he won the prestigious Steiny trophy, and retired from teaching in 2006.

His contributions to the field of psychology include 23 articles and a book entitled *Artificial Behavior* published in 1986. He created a successful software company that sold computer simulations of psychological processes.

Steinhauer challenged students while making education fun with his quirky sense of humor. "Gene had a profound influence on my education and career," recalled Michael Clayton, former student and now assistant professor of psychology at Youngstown State University. "I would not have gone to graduate school if not for Gene's guidance. ...Once I became a professor, I realized how much influence he had on my idea of what a professor should be. He was one-of-a-kind and I miss him already."

"Dr. Steinhauer was a devoted and demanding professor who constantly expected his students to achieve the highest levels of academic performance.," recalled Alan Monat, associate dean for CSUEB's College of Science. "Moreover, he liked to involve his more capable and ambitious students in his various research projects. Dr. Steinhauer enjoyed serving as an advisor for psychology majors, and he particularly enjoyed teaching at the Concord campus whenever

feasible. ..."

Steinhauer enjoyed watching open-wheel racing, gardening, bird watching, collecting stamps, golf, tennis, being a stay-at-home dad, and eating.

Eugene D. Mayers, Professor of Philosophy

Mayers earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Yale in 1936 and a law degree from Yale in 1940. He served in World War II from 1941 to 1946, first in the U.S. Army as a captain in the field artillery, then with a tank destroyer battalion. After the war he served as a civilian attorney with the Department of the Navy. He began teaching at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. in 1950 as an assistant professor of philosophy, but a year later was called up by the U.S. Army Reserves to serve as a captain of field artillery in the 45th Infantry Division during the Korean War. After the war he remained in the U.S. Army Reserve and was promoted to lieutenant colonel while serving in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He earned his doctorate in philosophy from Columbia University in 1956 and returned to Carlton.

From 1961-63 Mayers taught at Mills College and was hired here at Cal State in September 1963, becoming the founding Chair of the philosophy department a year later. He had six professors in the department, whom he would host at gatherings in his home. He served 33 years, "retired" in 1992, continued to teach at the university through 1996 as an adjunct professor, and died in February at the age of 91. "He just loved teaching here so much that after his retirement he negotiated a contract for \$1 a year that allowed him to continue teaching in the department," recalled current Cal State East Bay philosophy lecturer Kit Blamey.

"He was especially proud of having assembled a large, vigorous and distinguished faculty for the college's first philosophy department," said Mayers' son, David, a history professor at Boston University.

"The distinguished faculty he assembled brought the department a lot of renown," recalled colleague Paul Bassen. "At one point we had 110 students in the major and the department had two busy secretaries."

Mayers helped to draw attention to the new program with public lectures on philosophy and the law in Berkeley, San Francisco and Oakland. Mayer's professional affiliations included membership in the American Philosophy Association, the American Academy of Religion, the Pacific Coast Theological Society and the Society for American Legal and Political Philosophy. His academic presentations included those to the World Congress of Law at its 1981 conference in Mexico City and in 1985 at Athens, Greece.

Young Song and Joan Seavey Thomas will be in the next issue of Postscripts.

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