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Eric Soares, Professor Emeritus in the College of Business and Economics, Passed Away February 1, 2012

Eric Soares, who was a faculty member in the College of Business and Economics from 1983 until his retirement in September 2008, passed away at Stanford Medical Center February 1, 2012. Eric died from cardiac arrest related to previous heart problems. Eric was a live wire both inside and outside the classroom. He is remembered fondly by many students, and was a past recipient of the George and Miriam Philips Outstanding Professor of the Year award. His students knew him as an inspiring professor who made an impact in their lives. He served the university in a variety of additional roles including as department chair and long-standing member of the Academic Senate. Known for his positive, can-do attitude, sense of humor and love of adventure, Eric had been featured on *National Geographic Explorer*, *ESPN*, *MTV*, the *Discovery Channel* and the *History Channel* related to his kayaking adventures with the Tsunami Rangers ocean adventure kayaking team he co-founded. A memorial service to celebrate Eric's life is being planned for the first weekend in May in Half Moon Bay. In addition, the **Eric Soares Memorial Scholarship** is being established in the College of Business and Economics, at California State University, East Bay. Donations to honor Eric's memory may be sent to the College with checks made payable to the CSUEB Education Foundation; please note on the check – Eric Soares Scholarship Fund.

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