

# POSTSCRIPTS

## News of the CSU East Bay Hayward Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association Spring 2008

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### *President's Message*

Welcome to the fun-filled first CSU/H/EB ERFA newsletter of 2008. Keep looking for the fun-filled part and perhaps you will win a prize--or, perhaps not.... Only time will tell.

Our **Spring luncheon** will be held on **April 8** at Dino's and you can read more about that on page 2. Bill Vandenburg has been busy attempting to get a legislator to speak but our Senators and Assembly members are busy with State business so our speaker will be a mystery guest and you will have to wait until April 8 to find who it is.

In order to receive a very large grant, we need to have 1000 members in **Scholar Olli** by the end of May. You will hear more about this at the luncheon. However, if you will not be attending, you may call me or e-mail me and I will send an application. The University will pay the first year's dues so that it will be a free membership and reduced rates for the programs. I realize that one must be skeptical when hearing something that is too good to be true. But this really is--no one will call nor visit you, your address will not be sold to tele-marketers and you don't have to do anything but mail in the application and you may, or may not, attend interesting courses and programs.

On Friday, February 29, the University held a **Faculty Honors Convocation**. This was not the traditional " Fall Doughnut Day" with the message of doom and gloom. It was held to honor faculty awarded emeritus status, faculty with 25 years of service, and faculty awarded tenure in the Fall of 2006 and Fall 2007. The CSUEB Brass Chamber Ensemble performed, the honorees, administration, president of the Academic Senate wore academic regalia. There was a procession with marshals and a featured speaker: Michael Hedrick, Professor of Biological Sciences and winner of the George and Miriam Phillips Outstanding Professor Award 2006-2007. I came to the University in 1970 and this was the most exceptional and well planned program honoring faculty that I have experienced. It was a striking display of how faculty can, (and should), be treated when they are respected by the administration. The reception following was also impressive.

Since I had never praised the administration of this campus until November, Jodi Servatius, Interim Dean of CEAS said to me "Pigs can fly." I hope she was not referring to my weight. Thanks to President Qayoumi, Provost Mahoney and all who worked so diligently to accomplish this fine celebration.



# *Welcome to ERFA's New Website!!*

<http://www.csueastbay.edu/OAA/ERFA.html>

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## What's Up in the Academic Senate?

I happen to be a curriculum buff, having spent my last 4 years on the faculty as a member of the Committ

**CSUEB policy on Emeritus Faculty** is on the web at: [www.csuhayward.edu/OAA/emeritus.pdf](http://www.csuhayward.edu/OAA/emeritus.pdf)

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## *Brief Obituaries*

More information: <http://theview.csueastbay.edu/index.php> and click on Obits on the left side.

**Young Song**, who died of cancer in Sept. 2007 in her early 50s, devoted her tremendous talent, energy and charm to the field of social work in her native South Korea and the U.S. She wrote 8 books and worked tirelessly to strengthen the status of women in both countries. She was Professor of Sociology at Cal State for many years before joining the new graduate program in social work, where she helped win early accreditation for the program. She received a service award in 2003 from the Korean Institute of Child Welfare, as well as honors from organizations serving the deaf and women and from the Asian American Journalists Society. She was President of the Asian American Social Work Educators Association, helping establish the organization in Korea. She founded the Institute for Korean American Women in Research and Education and served as President of the National Korean American Women's Association. In 1995 she helped raise more than \$1 million for the Korean War Veterans Memorial Project. She was married to South Korean political leader Hyun Syngo and raised three daughters.

**Joan Seavey Thomas** passed away at the age of 89 on Sept. 30, 2007. During a May 2000 interview with a reporter for the Oakland Tribune, she recalled how she heard German bombs exploding near her office in Naples and watched the Vesuvius volcano erupt. Her wartime experiences included meeting entertainer Marlene Dietrich, taking dictation from songwriter Irving Berlin and chatting with Pope Pius XII during a tour of the Vatican in 1944. In 1962 she became the first dean of women at Cal State Hayward and served 24 years, retiring in 1987. In 1988 she established the William R. Casey Scholarship Fund, in memory of a disabled friend. After her retirement from the university in 1986, she continued to serve her community and in October 2003 was honored with Hayward's Lifetime Achievement Award for her professional and volunteer accomplishments. ...

**Floyd Erickson** directed the library from 1958 through 1980, passed away on Jan. 24, 2008. Erickson was the third administrator hired by the University - then known as Alameda County State College. His charge was to plan library services and acquire collections to support academic programs. He opened the new college's first library services at temporary quarters in the former Sunset High School campus in Hayward. The library was housed in the girls' locker room and gymnasium. When the University moved to the new Hayward campus site, the library home was "The Cave" in the Science Building. Erickson worked closely with architects as the new library was designed and constructed. He was involved in every aspect of the building project, from space design to selection of the furniture. ...

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