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A Newsletter of the San Jose State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association



Enjoying the Holiday Celebration

Attending SJSU ERFA's December party were Carol Mukhopadhyay, Dolores Escobar-Hamilton and Arlene Okerland. More photos on page 3.

Photo by Dennis Wilcox

President's Message

Giving to SJSU: A Good Exit Strategy

By Dennis L. Wilcox (Jour./Mass Comm.)

An awareness of our own mortality seems to increase in our retirement years, and it's not unusual to muse about the legacy that we're leaving our children, grandchildren, and even the next generation of students at SJSU as we make our exit from life's stage. As Woody Allen says, "It's impossible to experience one's death objectively and still carry a tune."

Many of us have already given decades of service to the

university but we should also consider a final exit strategy of "giving back during our retirement years and even after our passing." Many retired professors have done just that. Professor emeritus Jim Noah, for example, not only gave an annual scholarship to the School of Journalism and Mass Communications but also a major gift to the children's collection at the University Library in honor of his late wife, Janet, who was an elementary school teacher.

There are other role models as well. Elveda Smith, a professor Continued on Page 2

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Faculty Wives' History now at SJSU Library

The SJSU Faculty Wives Club has entrusted ERFA with the last existing copy of a centennial history of their contributions to the history of SJSU. ERFA in turn has asked the University library to make this history available to the community at large through its collections.

The response of Dean Ruth Kifer was more than positive: "We will accept the Faculty Wives' History into Special Collections where it will be held with other documents regarding the Faculty Wives Organization that we already have.

We will also digitize the History and include it in Scholar Works, the University digital institutional repository. This repository includes scholarship and publications of faculty and other departments in the University. The faculty wives documents would probably fall under the University Library Special Collections and Archives area (<http://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/lib/>). If the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association would like to make a donation to the University Library to assist in our digitization efforts, that would be lovely."

When this volume is in digital form, we will provide a link to it on our ERFA website. Many thanks to the wives and to the librarians for making this history accessible!



Dean Ruth Kifer

Contributed Photo

calendar

Friday, March 23 Spring Event: 2012 Steinbeck Center, Salinas (See enclosed flyer)

Friday, May 11 Spring Luncheon The Villages Speaker: Carol Christensen Topic: "Monkey Business"

President's Message

A Good Exit Strategy

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of nutrition and food science for more than 30 years, established a charitable gift annuity and bequest to fund graduate student scholarships. Steve Kelton, planned giving officer at SJSU, says it best: "Emeritus and retired faculty are some of the university's best donors because they see the value and importance of giving back to students, departments, and programs they spent a lifetime helping to grow."

The University realizes, however, that many retirees are constrained

by the amount of their pensions, the rising cost of medical care, and even family obligations. Consequently, the university has an annuity program. You make a major donation of cash or stocks, and the University pays you a fixed interest on your donation for life. If you're 70, you get 5.1 percent interest on your donation; an 80-year-old gets 6.8 percent – which is considerably higher than any bank pays on a savings account. Most of the monthly payments you receive are also tax-free.

Another approach is to include

SJSU in your will. In order to ensure that your donation is properly administered, however, you should also work with the University to draw up a memorandum of understanding about how your donation will be used. Is it for a particular college or department? Is it for scholarships, faculty development, or equipping a lab? Such a memorandum makes it perfectly clear to everyone concerned, long after we are all gone, about your exact intentions.

A third "exit" strategy is to endow a scholarship in your name or that of a loved one. The minimum donation for an endowed scholarship, however, is \$25,000, in order to generate enough interest annually (about \$ 1,000) that is given as the scholarship. In general, it's much better and less hassle to set up an endowed scholarship than trying to remember that you need to write a check to the department once a year.

So think about your "giving back" strategy before you make your exit. A good person to contact is Steve Kelton, planned gift officer at SJSU (408-924-1196) or check out the planned giving website at www.sjsu.edu/legacy. Each college also has an assigned development officer, and the dean's office can arrange for them to discuss a donation tailored to your specific situation and interests.

It's a fact . . .

- There is a great need for a sarcasm font on a computer.
- Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
- Bad decisions make good stories.
- I think the freezer deserves a light as well.

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University & Academic Senate News

It's a Different University

By Peter Buzanski (History)

Those of us who've retired some time ago know that if we visit our departments, or look at their lists of faculty and staff members, most of the names are not recognizable. So it is with the university at large. Not only do we have a new president, but much of the top administration is also new. Provost Gerry Selter has just entered the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) and the university has now concluded a nation-wide search for a new provost. Three finalists appeared on campus and open forums were held so the campus community could meet with them and hear their views. Two of the candidates had worked in the CSU system, but one of them, Dr. Ellen

Junn, had much more experience than the other. She was my first choice, and apparently that of many others who attended all three open forums. Dr. Junn was then chosen by the President to be SJSU's new Provost. She will take office in late January and is already being mentored by Gerry Selter.

The new Provost, who pronounces her name "Yoon," has served as Associate Provost at CSU-Fresno since 2008, and before that she was the Associate Dean for the College of Health and Human Development at CSU-Fullerton. She has a Ph.D. in Cognitive and Developmental Psychology from Princeton (1984). She got a taste of what's

in store for her as a provost when a student at her open forum asked what she could do to help students like him who had amassed a student-loan debt of over \$100,000 while still lacking his Bachelor's degree. She pointed out that neither campus presidents nor provosts can affect tuition costs, which are determined by the Chancellor and Trustees. Nonetheless, she offered some suggestions for cutting costs, by buying used texts, sharing resources, going online and, finally, lobbying legislators in Sacramento.

Other changes in the administrative hierarchy include new Vice Presidents for Financial
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The Social Scene . . .

Photos by Dennis Wilcox



There was lots of visiting at the Holiday Celebration. At left are Carol Christensen, Don Keeseey and Marian Yoder. Below left, Benton and Mary Lou White share a table away from home. Below, Lonna Smith and Beverly Jensen talk over the year's events including at least one new exciting arrival.



Chat Room . . .

Special news from and about our members.
Edited by Gene Bernardini

This edition contains news about travels and activities taken from the membership renewal forms. Members are invited to send additional news about themselves to Gene Bernardini at gebernard@comcast.net or by snail mail at 775 Seawood Way, San Jose, CA 95120

• **Gordon Greb** (Journalism, '90) was inducted into the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame in a public ceremony in San Francisco on October 30, 2011. His fellow inductees included Mike Adams (currently teaching at SJSU) and long-time radio luminaries Jan Black, Hal Ramey and Russ Coughlan, among others. According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Greb and Adams, as true educators, spent more time in their induction speeches praising their star pupils than themselves.

• **Gene Bernardini** (Humanities, '98) and his wife, Genie, took a trip this past October through the Southeastern US: Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston and Asheville, NC. "We enjoyed the food, the antebellum homes, the live oaks draped in Spanish moss, and the fall colors of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We also enjoyed the relaxed, genial attitudes of southerners. One local guide in Charleston showed us the statue of John C. Calhoun, leader of the Great Secession and eloquent defender of slavery. After the Civil War (aka the "War of Northern Oppression"), the city fathers unfortunately placed the statue in a section of Charleston that was largely populated by ex-slaves. Calhoun's bronze figure was soon, and regularly, pelted with rotten tomatoes. To solve this problem, the authorities erected an 80-foot-high marble column and placed his statue on top. It can still be seen from blocks away. The guide wryly explained in his soft South Carolina drawl, "they did it to put him out of 'tomato-chunkin' range'."

• **Roger Muzzy** (Music, '88) and his wife, Betty, have moved to Pasadena, CA, to be closer to

their daughter, Ann, and family. They say they're looking forward to more Rose Bowl parades and games. Meanwhile, they "continue to reminisce about the many great years we spent directing the SJSU Marching Band and the fine students with whom we continue to keep in touch."

• **Ralph Edfelt** (Organization & Management, '04) took a one-month trip to Italy in late 2010. He remains active in USTA Norcal senior tennis, participating in the league and tournaments.

• **Dwight Shafer** (Secondary Ed & Counseling, '89) announces proudly, "I just turned 91!"

• **Marjorie Fitting Gifford** (Mathematics, '92) says, "Life is winding down; my father died last year and my 100-year-old mother just moved to an assisted living facility after celebrating her birthday. Aside from a trip to visit her in Florida (and, of course, to see the Harry Potter exhibit), I'm enjoying my big house in Kauai, and all who visit. Come see me—lots of space!"

• **Betty Auchard**, widow of Denny Auchard (Dean, Education, '88) went on a book signing tour in Iowa last June. She visited four cities, making eight presentations in ten days. At about the same time she was informed that both of her books had garnered awards from the National Indie Excellence Association. Her earlier book, *Dancing in My Nightgown*, won first place for audio books, with her as the reader, and her most recent one, *The Home for the Friendless*, was a finalist in two categories: for story and for book design. She keeps busy as a speaker for any group that will allow her to have a book signing after the program. She also is now blogging, and

posts a story every three weeks with her own illustrations. See www.bettyauchard.com.

• **John Gruber** (Physics, '05) and his wife, Judith, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in SF last June with over 70 family members and friends. They enjoyed dinner and dancing on the Hornblower ship as they sailed around the Bay and under the Golden Gate Bridge. They were graced with beautiful weather and clear views of the City.

• **Caryl Hinckley**, widow of Ted Hinckley (History, 90) follows her usual activity of shuttling between daughters (one in Juneau, AK, the other on Lookout Mt., in Georgia) and a sister in Santa Rosa, CA, and sister-in-law in Eugene, OR. She retired from tax preparation at H&R Block last year and now belongs to a retirees' association where she keeps busy with lunches, playing bridge and attending book club meetings.

• **Joe Boudreau** (History, '03) is currently serving as Vice President and Program Chair of the Almaden Valley Community Association. He recently spoke at a State Redistricting Commission meeting held in their neighborhood. Wanting to avoid having their small neighborhood divided into different voting precincts, his group made what has been called a "Grover's Corners" plea and succeeded in getting two out of three of their wishes granted: their Congressional and State Senate districts remained largely intact. "Unfortunately," he says, "my wife June and I still take walks between the 40th and 41st Assembly districts."



In Memoriam

☼ **Ellen Weaver** (Biological Sciences, '91) passed away on May 14, 2011, at the age of 86, after a short, difficult battle with cancer. Ellen has been described as a modern-day Renaissance woman. She was a world-class scientist, artist, musician, environmentalist, skier, skater, dedicated scholar and tireless advocate for women in science. She took her BA in Chemistry at Western Reserve University in 1945, and worked as an analytical chemist for the Manhattan Project along with her physicist husband Harry, whom she married in 1946. The two of them then moved west to attend Stanford University, where she took an MS in Chemistry and Harry his Ph.D. in Physics. She later received her Ph.D. in Genetics at UC Berkeley in 1959. Her work at Berkeley with single-cell mutant algae sparked a life-long interest in plant physiology. As an independent researcher in the 1970s, she presented her findings at international conferences on biophysics while working at NASA Ames Research Center. She also collaborated with Jacques Cousteau on a project to map the photosynthetic productivity of fishing areas off the coast of South America. She later joined the faculty at SJSU where she taught plant physiology. She served as Director of the SJSU Foundation and later, Interim Executive Vice President. Over the course of her career, Ellen worked on too many professional and academic organizations to enumerate here, but in her retirement years she continued to focus on environmental issues, serving as Chairman of the Board of the Sempervirens Fund and on the science advisory committee of the Save the Redwoods League. She and her husband Harry, who

survives her, spent most of their married life in Portola Valley. They had three children and many grandchildren.

☼ **Louie Barozzi** (Counseling, '98) passed away on October 27, 2011, at the VA Hospital in Menlo Park after prolonged hospitalization with progressive lung disease. Born in Gilroy, CA, in 1932, Louie graduated from Gilroy High in 1950 and was drafted into the US Army in 1954, where he trained as an aircraft mechanic. After his discharge from the Army and with support of the GI Bill, he enrolled at SJSU and earned a BA and MA in Sociology. He taught elementary school for two years, then worked for the Santa Clara County Economic Opportunity Commission as Director of New Careers. In 1968 he came to SJSU as an advisor and counselor to students, with a focus on international students. He served as Director of International Programs and Services, and as Chair of the Academic Senate. He was always active in community affairs, concentrating on civil rights, local schools and neighborhoods, and was elected to the SJ Unified School District Board of Education. An avid reader, Louie belonged to a men's reading group for 25 years, rarely missing a monthly meeting. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carol Beddo, their two daughters and three grandchildren.

☼ **Lucius Eastman** (Philosophy, Assoc. Dean, Humanities and Arts, '06) died on November 24, 2011, of cardiac arrest at the age of 74. "Lou" was born Lucius Root Eastman in New York City on August 22, 1937, and moved to Texas with his family where he graduated from high school in 1954. His height helped make him a natural on the basketball court, and his team won the state

basketball championship that year. He returned east for college and became the 5th generation Eastman to attend Amherst College. He gave up basketball for the books and graduated in 1958 with a BA, cum laude, in American Studies. After traveling in Europe for 15 months, Lou returned to NY City and took a position with Chase Manhattan Bank. He soon returned to Texas for graduate school and took his Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of Texas in 1969. He began teaching at SJSU in 1964 before finishing his dissertation, and quickly gained a reputation as an outstanding professor of symbolic logic and philosophy. He was pressed into service as department chairman before being granted tenure, and led the department with a steady and fair hand for 12 years. Earning the respect of his colleagues across the university, he was offered positions in the offices of the Academic Vice President and the Dean of Humanities, where he served as Associate Dean. In his later years he enjoyed attending Giants games in San Francisco (despite being a lifelong Yankees fan), and loved sailing with family and friends off the coast of Santa Cruz. He leaves behind his wife Louetta and several children and grandchildren.

☼ **Anthony Lovaglia** (Mathematics, '84) passed away on November 30, 2011, of complications following a heart attack. "Tony" was born in San Jose on January 24, 1923, of Italian immigrant parents. He graduated from SJ High and enrolled in San Jose State College when WW II intervened. He served as an ensign and an aerologist in the US Navy, then returned to finish his BA degree at UCLA

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Remembrance of Things Past

Sharing memories with our members . . .

Tracking Beethoven in his Vienna and in San Jose, too

By Arlene Naylor Okerlund
(English/Dean, H & A/AVP)

There it was—a somewhat tattered piece of paper, one of about 300 sheets in a legal-size manila folder tied together with a mere piece of string: his last Will, handwritten and signed by Ludwig van Beethoven. But wait, something was wrong. The “d” was missing from his first name, an elision that bespoke the composer’s failing consciousness just three days before his death.

Thanks to Bill Meredith, Director of the Beethoven Center at San José State University, 23 of us were gathered around a table in the Vienna City Archives to see the estate papers of Beethoven spread out before us. In addition to Beethoven’s last two Wills, the file contained an inventory of his books with several titles scratched out, forbidden and censored by the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The file included the auction results for the sale of the composer’s personal property his music, his books, his furniture. We stood there entranced just 18 inches from the residue of life of one of the world’s greatest geniuses.

The October 2011 tour of Vienna and Salzburg, sponsored by the American Beethoven Society (the incorporated, non-profit affiliate of SJSU’s Beethoven Center) was very special indeed. Just four of us were from SJSU, with others from across the country: a civil engineer from New York’s Hudson Valley; a retired couple from Missoula, Montana; a technical writer from Las Vegas; a farm woman from southwestern Virginia (who had sold two horses to pay for the trip). Just ordinary people—not scholars—driven by a passion for music and a desire to connect with

its origins.

We visited places special in the lives of Beethoven, Haydn, and Mozart. At each site Bill discussed its importance in the life and music of each composer. We climbed the five double-flights of stairs to one of Beethoven’s favorite apartments in the Pasqualati Haus (Beethoven lived in 69 different apartments in Vienna and moved 80 times). After catching our breath and wondering how the composer made that climb every time he ventured home, we viewed Beethoven’s treasured portrait of his grandfather, which the composer took with him on each move to a new apartment. There were sketches of his music, a piano contemporary to his era, and prints of Vienna scenes that he knew.

We sat in the marble-walled room of the Palais Lobkowitz, where many scholars believe the Eroica symphony was first performed. At the Hofburg Palace Museum of Ancient Instruments, a Renaissance specialist demonstrated instruments from his private collection of recorders, shawms, lutes, and a beautifully hand-crafted cittern.

At Moedling, at Baden, and at Heiligenstadt, where the composer moved to escape the heat and stench of Viennese summers, we stood in Beethoven’s rooms and looked out the windows (Beethoven treasured a view). It was at Heiligenstadt where at age 31 he wrote his “Testament” permeated with despair about by his increasing deafness.

In the Esterhazy Palace at Eisenstadt, where Haydn composed the masses and operas which glorified and entertained the family who hired

him, we scrutinized their portraits hanging on the walls. Haydn was little more than their employee, but his resultant fame allowed him to travel to England where he became a rich man before returning to Vienna.

In Salzburg we visited not only Mozart’s birthplace, but also the “Marble Hall” of the Schloss Mirabell where Mozart himself performed. At that evening’s concert, the ensemble Salzburger Solisten played Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, allowing us to hear Mozart in situ. A magical moment.

But what made this trip so special was Bill Meredith, who shared his consummate knowledge with an easy, relaxed eloquence. Even our well-seasoned Viennese tour guide was entranced by this professor from San José State. Bill turned our study tour into not merely a unique, but a once-only-ever experience.

You, too, can enjoy the treasures of Beethoven archived in SJSU’s own Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. With the assistance of Patricia Stroh, Curator of the Collection, and a number of campus and community volunteers, Bill has turned the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies into the leading site in this hemisphere for studying the composer’s music and his contributions to humanity. Drop by the Center on the 5th floor of the Library to see its collection of early pianos, first editions, and the lock of hair that revealed unusually high levels of lead in the composer’s body. Better yet, join the American Beethoven Society and share the wonder of this creative genius and his sublime music: www.americanbeethovensociety.org or call 408-808-2058.

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in Mathematics. He earned an MS at Stanford and a Ph.D at UC Berkeley, before returning to SJSU as an assistant professor in Math. He loved teaching, having been influenced by good teachers himself, and lived an active, independent life, speaking out for the disadvantaged and for civil rights. He and his wife Florence retired to their mountain home in Groveland, near Yosemite, for 20 years, then returned to San Jose in 2008. His wife preceded him in death, but he leaves behind a sister, three children, numerous nieces and nephews, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

✿ **Franklin Rogers** (English) passed away on December 3, 2011. He was born in the Bronx, NYC, on July 25, 1921. He enlisted in the US Army after

Pearl Harbor and was sent to the China-Burma-India Theater where he served in Military Intelligence. After returning home, he married his wife, Mary Ann Cate, and had one son, Bruce. Franklin attended UC Berkeley on the GI Bill, where he took his Ph.D. He first taught at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, then at UC Davis. In 1966, he became a Fulbright professor at the University of Lyons, where he taught for three years. In 1975, he was invited to teach at the Sorbonne in Paris and then finished his career at SJSU. He wrote or edited a dozen books on Mark Twain, completed two texts on critical theory, and three novels.

✿ **Robert Wrede** (Mathematics, '94) passed away at his home in Aptos, on December 5, 2011, after a brief illness. He was 85 years old. Bob was born in Cincinnati,

OH, and was a veteran of the Marine Corps, having served in WW II. Afterwards, he attended Miami University and the University of Cincinnati before taking his Ph.D in Mathematics at Indiana University. He authored several mathematics textbooks, including *Introduction to Vector and Tensor Analysis*. He remained a proficient tennis player well into his 80s, winning senior tournaments in Los Gatos, Almaden Valley and Seascap. He was especially proud of having been elected by his peers to the local Hall of Fame in Carthage, OH, where he grew up, excelling in several sports. His family, including great-grandchildren, held a private ceremony to celebrate his life in the same cabin that he, his wife Jeanne and their sons, built from the ground up in the Santa Cruz mountains.

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Affairs and Student Affairs, and a new Chief of Staff. Each of them has already served in different offices at SJSU, thus assuring continuity and experience. Also, new construction changes for the enlarged Student Union Building were announced. It turns out that the original blueprints were flawed, failing to reveal water and steam lines, and electrical and telecommunication duct banks. The building's fall 2013 completion date has now been moved to fall 2014.

One of the more startling announcements we heard is that the CSU is now permitted to offer specialized doctoral degrees. The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) will be the first. While the CSU has for years been authorized to

offer joint doctoral degrees with University of California campuses, we will now be allowed to offer our own doctoral degrees. SJSU will first offer the DNP jointly with CSU-Fresno, and much of the curriculum is now being developed online. Practicing nurses with five years experience will be accepted by both campuses beginning in fall 2012.

At the last Senate meeting the annual budget review revealed that for this academic year, 2011-12, the state of California supplies 40% of the CSU's needs, while fees provide the other 60%. Prior to the state's monetary trigger going into effect, its decrease in dollar support amounts to \$39.4 million. With the trigger, SJSU will lose an additional \$6-7 million, or a 28% reduction from the previous

year. However, with the recent steep tuition increases, the total revenue decrease for the university comes to 6.1%.

Since this report is being composed immediately before the beginning of the holidays, it's only fitting to conclude on a cheerful note. At the last Senate meeting we learned that of the \$200 million fund-raising campaign slated to end in 2013, a total of \$163 million has already been committed. The campaign may therefore end earlier, and University Advancement is already planning its next campaign. Be prepared to donate generously.





Who ARE We?

**By Cindy Margolin
(Psych./Undergraduate Studies)**

When we retired from SJSU, the only public record of our service was the entry in the Emeritus listing in the back of the Catalog. So, here is your opportunity to let people know who we were (and are). We continue to solicit your up-to-date biographies.

It's easy. Go to www.sjsu.edu/emeritusfaculty/. Or enter "SJSU Emeritus Faculty" in the search

boxes on the SJSU Home page (www.sjsu.edu), or Google. When you reach the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association web page, click on "Members." You'll see a Member List, instructions for adding your eBio, and a list of members who have submitted their biographies. Check us out!

To add your eBio, click on the "SJSU ERFA Bio Form (doc)" and fill out the form with your own information. You can then attach

the completed form to an email to me along with a picture as a JPEG attachment. (If you don't want to include a picture, or if you just want to mail me a photo, that's fine.)

If the "doc" form doesn't work, print the "SJSU ERFA Bio Form (pdf)," fill it in by hand, and mail it to me along with a picture. My address: crmargol@gotsky.com or PO Box 1566, Aptos, CA 95001

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