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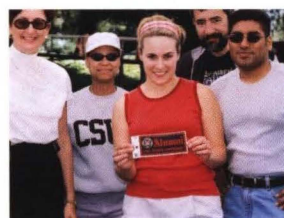
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Alumni Mary Ann Frates and Chuks "U.C." Ukaoma are world travelers offering international aid. (See page 3.) Photos by Ben Ailes and Evergreen Studios (Austin, TX)

Tailgating and Touring



Sunjay Nair

The Alumni Association has been very busy planning and supporting events around the East Bay for you.

One of these is an Oakland A's Tailgate Party on April 28 for the game against the Chicago White Sox at the Network Associates Coliseum. (See the reservation form on page 8.)

A Livermore Winery tour also is in the planning stages and will be announced when all of the details have been finalized. Keep your calendars ready!

On Jan. 25 we celebrated Cal State Hayward's Homecoming, an annual university event co-sponsored by the Alumni Association. This year the university had something to celebrate in addition to the victory of our men's basketball team. The Cal State Hayward women's volleyball team ended the season ranked No. 8 nationally in the final poll. Congratulations to volleyball Coach Jim Spagel, his staff and the team!

The Association also has been working diligently to provide the benefits you've come to expect. We recently entered into a contract with MBNA America to provide new affinity credit cards. These new cards will help you "keep the link" with the campus, and your use of the cards will help support the Cal State Hayward Alumni Association. MBNA donates a portion of your purchases on the card back to the association. These donations will help us provide scholarships to students and will help us keep you informed about campus events and other pertinent information through publications such as *Haywire*. If you have an affinity card already, you

can switch to the new card and maintain your connection to the university.

The Alumni Association also will be involved in hiring a new vice president of University Advancement. This position, like that of alumni director, a post we recently filled, is a key one for the university. The Association works very closely with University Advancement, and the new vice president will have a tremendous impact on this organization.

As the chief fund-raiser for the campus, the new vice president will be critical to the successful completion of our planned Business and Technology Center and to construction of an alumni house in the future.

If you haven't bought a brick for the new Tech center already, I urge you to do so as soon as you can. You will be helping to build the first new education building on the campus since Robinson Hall in 1971. It also will provide you the opportunity to have your name "immortalized in stone" as part of the building.

I will keep you apprised of our progress in the ensuing months for both the selection of the vice president of University Advancement and the progress toward funding the Tech Center.

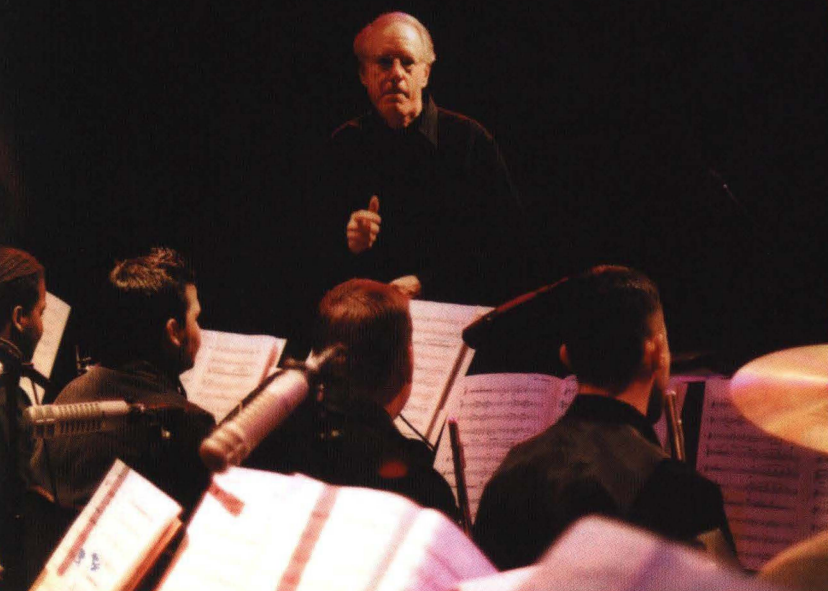
As I have said before — and I'm sure will say many more times — the Alumni Association can't be successful without your help and support. I encourage all of you to join us for upcoming events listed in this publication. If you can't make it to events, please consider contributing to the university and helping to build a foundation for current students, who are, of course, our future alumni.

Thanks for your support,

Sunjay Nair

President CSUH Alumni Association

Night of Jazz Drums Up Music Scholarships



Ben Ailes Photos

More than 300 university supporters and local jazz fans enjoyed a February concert at Yoshi's in Oakland's Jack London Square. Grammy Award-winning drummer Peter Erskine and the Cal State Hayward Jazz Bands were featured entertainers at the benefit event for the Cal State Hayward Music Department.

The evening raised funding for scholarships and special events and gave student musicians the opportunity to perform with Erskine, a drummer with world-class jazz ensembles for nearly 30 years. The drummer, who began his professional career with the Stan Kenton Orchestra in 1972, has performed on more than 300 albums, including the Grammy Award-winning "8:30."

Clockwise from top:

Music Professor Dave Eshelman directs the Cal State Hayward Jazz Ensemble.

Greg Conway plays the baritone saxophone.

Guest artist Peter Erskine takes a drum solo.

Erskine greets John Dalcino, right, a returning music student at CSUH who recalled playing with the guest drummer 27 years ago at a music camp.

Enjoying a night out with good food, company and music were, from left, alum Larry Pegis (B.A., Mass Com, '87), his wife Alisa, his father and CSUH alum LeRoy Pegis (B.S., P.E., '68) and friend Wes Sakamoto.



Building a Better World

By Nancy Ackley

Cal State Hayward alumni Mary Ann Frates and Chuks "U. C." Ukaoma were grateful for the educational opportunities and success each has enjoyed. Now they know the satisfaction that comes from giving of themselves to make the world a better place.

Helping His Homeland

When Chuks "U.C." Ukaoma visited his homeland of Nigeria in 1988, he went to see the hospital where he was treated as a child.

"I had been very, very sick in 1967," said Ukaoma, "and they had to carry me to a local hospital staffed with missionary doctors several miles from our village."

His illness struck during the Nigerian Civil War, and he said that without that hospital and those missionary doctors, he "probably would have died."

Instead, after two or three weeks of getting "a lot of shots," he recovered sufficiently to return home.

While youthful memories often differ from adult reality, Ukaoma was unprepared for what he saw during his 1988 pilgrimage.

"The hospital was almost closed," he said. "It was overgrown with grass, and there was no running water."

He pledged he would not return to his family's village of Alaji until he could build a new medical clinic there. Until he could fulfill that promise, he began a free food program for his village every December to remind



Alumnus U.C. Ukaoma and his wife Christiana are raising their children Ola, 7, and Lawrence, 4, in Texas.

them they were always on his mind.

"It's about giving back," he said. "It doesn't take a lot. Regardless of how small it is, I urge people to give back, even if it's just \$150 every year."

His promise was realized when a modest but modern clinic opened in his village in Alaji in December 2000. The building is 80 feet by 26 feet, and it is staffed with a midwife and a visiting government doctor.

Ukaoma spent a month in Nigeria visiting family and friends before the clinic opened but he returned to the United States before the dedication ceremony. He said the timing was intentional. He had asked his brother to represent him at the celebration.

From Nigeria to Texas

Ukaoma credits his father, "a visionary" who was "a little ahead of his time," with setting the course that enabled him to give back to his homeland. "He encouraged my brothers and me to get an education and go to college."

His father was a businessman and sent his two eldest sons to college at Emporia State University in Kansas. He died, however, when Ukaoma was

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Nigeria

Government: Nearly 16 years of military rule ended when this African nation adopted a new constitution. Now it has democratic, civilian government, headed by a president.

Geography: On the Gulf of Guinea in the Atlantic Ocean, bordered by the countries of Benin, Cameroon, Chad and Niger. Slightly more than twice the size of California, its climate varies from equatorial (south), to tropical (central), to arid (north). The Niger River enters the country in the north-west, flows southward through tropical rain forests and swamps, to the Gulf of Guinea.

Resources: Natural gas, petroleum, tin, columbite, iron ore, coal, limestone, lead, zinc, and arable land. Twelve percent of the country is forest and woodland.

Population: Estimated to be more than 126.5 million, factoring in the increased mortality because of the world AIDS epidemic.

U.C. Ukaoma's sister, Comfort, presented part of the donation from Texas builder Ralph Drees and his wife to a local minister, whose church will provide agricultural loans to villagers.

Working in Paradise

Leaving term papers, lectures, and exams behind her, Mary Ann Frates spent three years after college graduation on a sunny island in the South Pacific.

The Cal State Hayward history graduate didn't go to Tonga to relax, surf or work on the perfect tan. For three years she was a Peace Corps volunteer on the Island of Lifuka, where she taught school, organized community development projects and worked with youth.

"In Tonga, a 'youth' is anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 who is still unmarried," explained Frates, who helped some of them start small businesses, such as selling handicrafts — woven mats, woodcarvings, and traditional island attire — to tourists.

The San Leandro native says she "brought back tons of handicrafts" when she returned home to California in December 2001.

Peace Corps was not her first experience as a volunteer. A San Leandro High School graduate, she attended Chabot College for two years and Cal State Hayward for one before joining AmeriCorps. For one year she worked repairing trails in Yosemite, helping on an archeological dig at San Diego's Presidio, tutoring children, and even painting houses. She loved the experience.

After AmeriCorps, Frates returned to Cal State Hayward to earn a bachelor's degree in history in 1996. Two years later she completed a master's in public administration from CSU Fullerton.

Then Frates decided to spend a few years "giving back" and signed up for a two-year hitch in the Peace Corps. In May 1999, after three months of intensive training — including lessons in culture and language — her class of 25 was assigned to locations throughout Tonga, an archipelago of 170 islands, about 40 of which are inhabited.

The island kingdom is about 2,000 miles east of Australia and ruled by a king. For three years Frates lived on Lifuka, one of five volcanic and coral islands near the middle of the chain. The island has a population of



Peace Corps volunteers, from left, Mary Gura, Mary Ann Frates and Tracie Chunck spend some free time together.

about 3,000 living in five villages. The king appoints the town officers who govern the island.

Lifuka is about two miles long, and she said, "When I stood in the middle of it, I could see the water on both sides of me."

Frates and the other Peace Corps volunteers working on the island lived in separate communities. Each had a house.

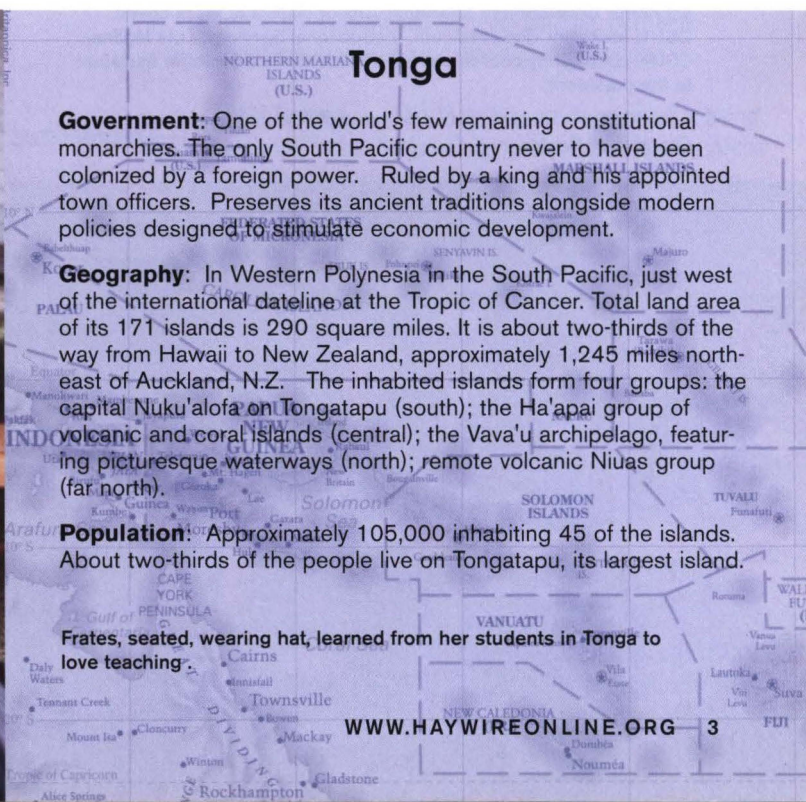
The island has no movie theaters or television broadcasts, and most entertainment there revolves around church social activities. She also visited friends with video players.

While many islanders had VCRs, the volunteers stayed away from such luxuries to avoid the impression of being "rich Americans," according to Frates. For the same reason, they kept their furnishings Spartan.

"Because we each had a house all to ourselves, we were already different," she said. "Some island families of 12 shared a single house."

While she concedes she never became an expert in Tongan, her vocabulary was large enough to meet everyday needs. It also helped that English is the language used in the country's schools.

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Government: One of the world's few remaining constitutional monarchies. The only South Pacific country never to have been colonized by a foreign power. Ruled by a king and his appointed town officers. Preserves its ancient traditions alongside modern policies designed to stimulate economic development.

Geography: In Western Polynesia in the South Pacific, just west of the international dateline at the Tropic of Cancer. Total land area of its 171 islands is 290 square miles. It is about two-thirds of the way from Hawaii to New Zealand, approximately 1,245 miles north-east of Auckland, N.Z. The inhabited islands form four groups: the capital Nuku'alofa on Tongatapu (south); the Ha'apai group of volcanic and coral islands (central); the Vava'u archipelago, featuring picturesque waterways (north); remote volcanic Niua group (far north).

Population: Approximately 105,000 inhabiting 45 of the islands. About two-thirds of the people live on Tongatapu, its largest island.

Frates, seated, wearing hat, learned from her students in Tonga to love teaching.

Cal State Hayward Opens New Center In Downtown Oakland

Hundreds of guests celebrated the January opening of the new Cal State Hayward Professional Development and Conference Center at 1000 Broadway in downtown Oakland.

The state-of-the-art learning center, on the first floor of the TransPacific Centre, includes high-speed computer labs, wireless Internet access, and multimedia-equipped, expandable conference facilities.

The new CSUH center is offering undergraduate and graduate courses, as well as extended and continuing education classes for professional career advancement and personal development. It also has classes designed for careers in international trade and business development, multimedia and teacher education.

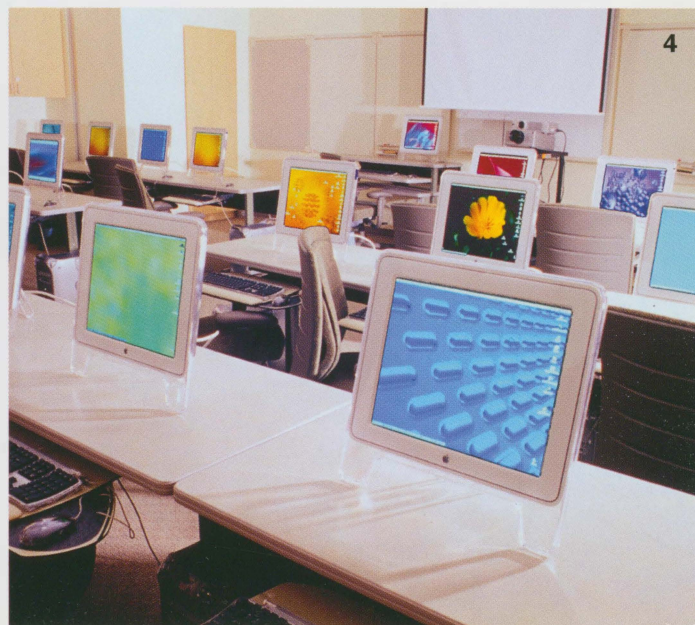
For additional information about instructional programs or use of the conference facilities, call (510) 208-7001.



David Kong Photos

1. Cal State Hayward's new Professional Development and Conference Center occupies an 11,000-square-foot suite on the first floor of the TransPacific Centre, at Broadway and 11th St. in downtown Oakland.
2. Conversing during the reception, were, from left, Carlos Martinez, economic development specialist, City of Hayward; Mack Lovett, CSUH assistant vice president, Instructional Services; Luis Molina, CSUH community coordinator; and Lettie Ramirez, interim assistant to the president.
3. Ronn Patton is director of the Professional Development and Conference Center.

4. The Professional Development and Conference Center features high-speed computer labs, wireless Internet access, and multimedia-equipped, expandable conference facilities.
5. University President Norma S. Rees cut the ribbon, aided by, from left, Ralph Pesqueira, CSU trustee; Ron Temple, chancellor, Peralta Community College District; Dick Spees, member, Oakland City Council; Larry Gould, chairman, CSU Board of Trustees; Elihu Harris, former mayor, City of Oakland (behind President Rees); Joseph Heraburda, president and CEO, Oakland Chamber of Commerce; and James Kelly, associate vice president, CSUH Extended and Continuing Education.



Interim VP Appointed

Jodi Servatius, former director of the statewide CalStateTEACH teacher preparation program, was appointed interim vice president for University Advancement at California State University, Hayward.

She began her new assignment Jan. 3, succeeding Dennis Eloë. A nationwide search for a new vice president is under way. Eloë resigned from the post in December.

Servatius, who has been an administrator, professor, or student at Cal State Hayward since 1970, says she will use this perspective in her new assignment.

She has a bachelor of arts degree from UC Berkeley. At CSUH she earned a master's degree in educational psychology and teaching credentials in elementary education, secondary education, and pupil personnel services between 1970 and 1976. She took advanced course work in multimedia studies at CSUH in 1995 and 1996, and holds an Ed.D. degree in organization and leadership and a credential in administrative services from the University of San Francisco.



Jodi Servatius

CSUH Academic Senate Sponsors Speakers Bureau

Experts on more than 75 topics are available to speak to community organizations through the California State University, Hayward Faculty Speakers Bureau. The Academic Senate is sponsoring this free service, described on the university's Web site at www.cshuhayward.edu. (Select "University News and Events," then "Office of Public Affairs.")

The Speakers Bureau Web site includes both general and specific topics, as well as information on how to contact the presenter. Categories include American and world history, baseball, biological sciences, business and economics, computers, criminal justice, education, geography, the environment, physical education, mass communications, music, nursing, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, statistics, teacher education, theater and dance.

Some speakers have presentations available on current issues, such as cloning, medical ethics, politics, teenage pregnancy, women in sport, and the American diet. Multicultural presentations include the growth of the Asian American population and the enduring influence of Cesar Chavez.

CSUH Quizmaster

Alum Leslie Frates (B.A., Spanish, '76), who now teaches Spanish at Cal State Hayward, has been named one of the 15 most memorable contestants on the game show Jeopardy! She will compete in the special \$1 Million Jeopardy! Masters Tournament, which will run nationally May 1 through 14.

President Rees Recommends Continuation of Quarter System

The six California State University campuses using the quarter system have decided not to convert to the semester system, used by the other 17 universities in the system.

In a letter sent to CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed in November, Cal State Hayward President Norma S. Rees said the majority (76.7 percent) of the voting faculty at this university campus favored retaining the quarter system.

President Rees recommended that Cal State Hayward continue using the quarter system, and Chancellor Reed accepted her recommendation and those of the other five universities.

California State University News from the State System

California State University, Hayward is one of the 23 campuses that constitute the largest university system in the world. More than 385,000 students are enrolled statewide in the CSU system. This summary offers news of the CSU system and its other campuses.

Chancellor's Office — "Tidal Wave II," the long-predicted surge in college enrollment, has begun in California. Higher education leaders anticipate a growth of nearly 35 percent at the state's public colleges and universities over the next decade. The CSU system saw a 6.2 percent increase this year.

The CSU system had prepared for the increases, "but when there is a downturn in the economy, there is an upturn in college enrollment," said Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

Chancellor Reed has described the budget situation for 2001-02 as "grim," reporting the governor has approved a list of budget cuts that includes a \$29.5 million funding loss for the CSU. Reed said these cuts would be equally distributed among all of the campuses and the Chancellor's Office.

In the 2002-03 budget plan, the governor has included \$116.9 million (4.5 percent) for a CSU general fund increase to cover costs of projected enrollment growth. There also is \$22.4 million for a 1 percent employee compensation increase.

CSU San Marcos — President Bush has named CSU San Marcos President Alexander Gonzalez to the President's Commission for Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. The commission, created last October, is charged with forming a multi-year plan to close the educational achievement gap between Hispanic American students and their peers.

CSU Fresno — A \$103 million arena complex is being built for Fresno State's Bulldog basketball teams. Arena foundation work has begun, and construction is to be completed by 2003. The arena will have between 15,000 and 18,000 seats, and the facility will include a business incubator, student recreation center, and 300-seat "classroom of the future." The CSU Fresno Association, a university auxiliary building the center, plans to issue \$68.5 million in bonds to finance part of the project.

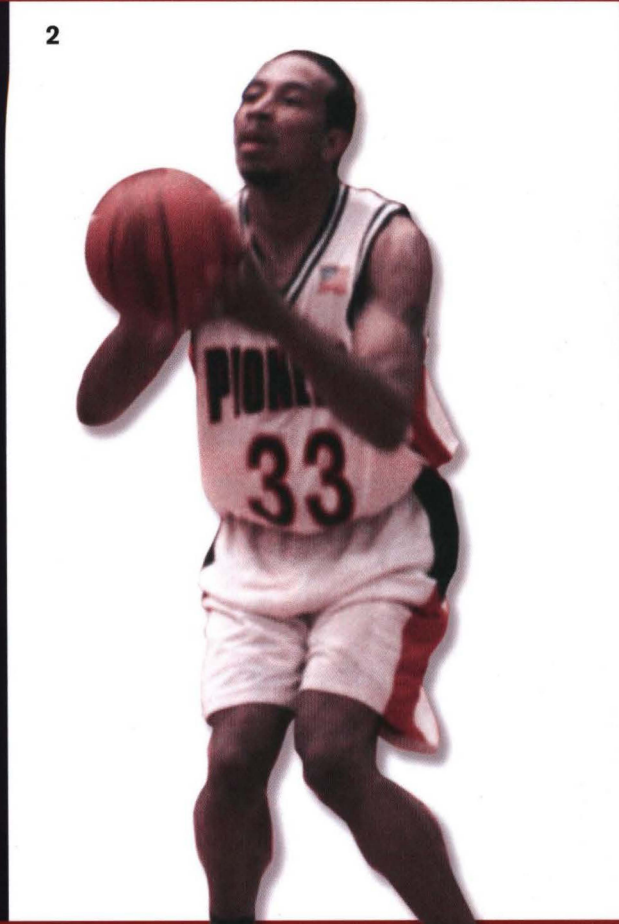
California Maritime Academy — The Maritime Academy has launched a Community Service Learning Center to encourage cadets to volunteer time in the Vallejo community. Students taking classes at the new center must perform a minimum of 30 hours of service related to class curriculum. Area agencies benefiting from student volunteers include the local schools, the Humane Society, Planned Parenthood, and a hospice.

2002 Homecoming Celebration

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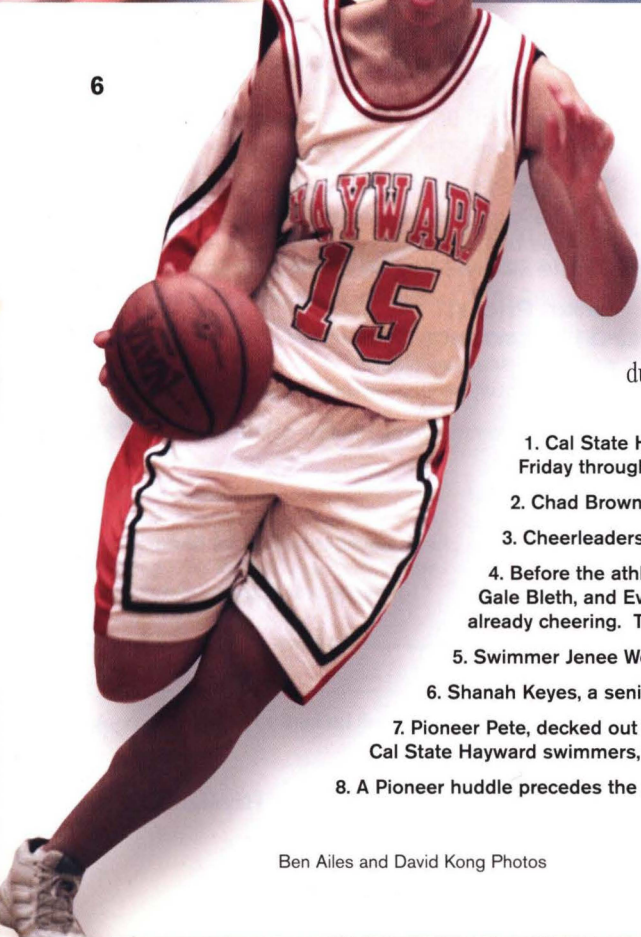
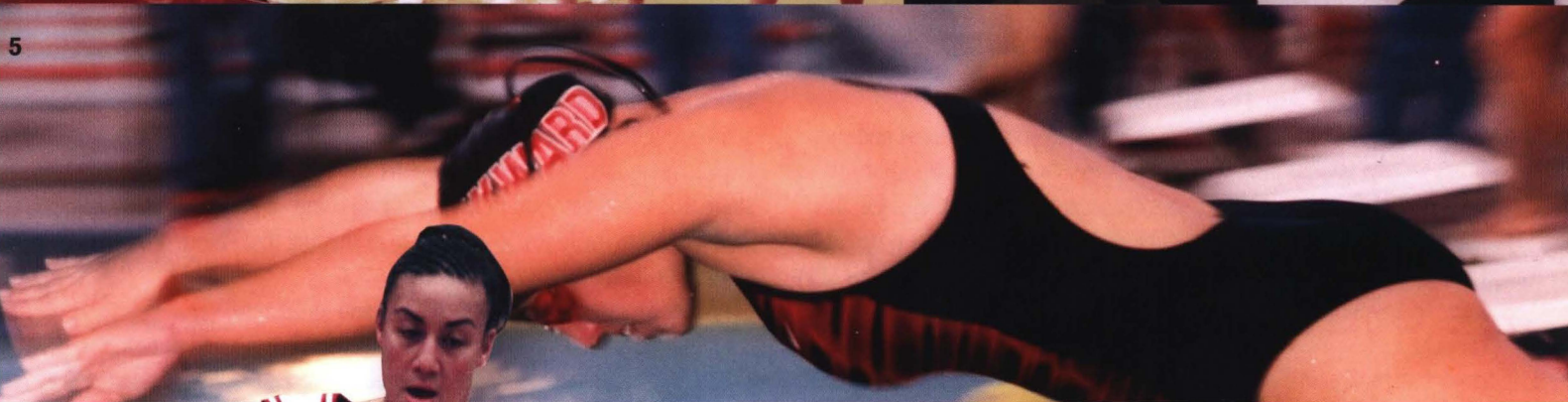


Red and Black is Back!



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Homecoming 2002 chalked up a week of successes, despite two Pioneer losses during the Homecoming contests. This year's celebration featured a noontime fashion show with student athlete models, a poster contest with entries that covered Pioneer Gym at Friday night's basketball games, and a "Red and Black Is Back" competition that transformed campus offices.

The Cal State Hayward Alumni Association hosted a reception following the Friday night game in which the men's team scored a 92-80 victory over the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs. The Pioneer women's team made a last-quarter run, but came up short, losing to Santa Cruz 44- 41. Friday afternoon, the San Francisco State Gators dunked the Pioneer women's swim team, winning the meet 132-73.

1. Cal State Hayward's Warren Hall provided an illuminated "H" from Friday through the weekend.
2. Chad Brown, the men's high scorer, shoots for one of his 20 points.
3. Cheerleaders and fans root for the home teams.
4. Before the athletic contests began, from left, Evelia Jimenez, Gale Bleth, and Evette Castillo of the Student Advisement Center were already cheering. They took first place in the office decoration competition.
5. Swimmer Jenee Woodbury, a senior, makes a diving start.
6. Shanah Keyes, a senior from Gilroy, moves the ball up court.
7. Pioneer Pete, decked out in goggles, Hawaiian shirt and baggies, socializes with Cal State Hayward swimmers, from left, Diana Gee, Jennifer Hoerner and Katie Carlson.
8. A Pioneer huddle precedes the men's game.



Toward an Alumni Vision

By Thomas R. Hoeber, Director of Alumni Relations



Thomas Hoeber

California State University, Hayward is one of the most remarkable institutions of higher learning in the nation. Located on its beautiful campus overlooking San Francisco Bay, the university is unique in the extraordinary diversity of its student body and its effectiveness in preparing men and women for their careers and their lives.

Here, more than 13,000 students, two-thirds of whom are minorities and many of whom come from 70 other countries, attend classes in 53 majors ranging from anthropology to taxation. Over two-thirds of Cal State Hayward students work while attending college and more than a third of them work full time. They average 27 years of age. These are students intent on attaining an education that is directly relevant to their careers and enriches their lives.

The Alumni Challenge

Ironically, that which makes Cal State Hayward so unique and successful as an educational institution raises huge challenges to an alumni association. Graduates are focused: they come here, get what they need, then get on with the rest of their lives. The president of the alumni board at the University of San Francisco told me recently that although he got his MBA here, he doesn't have a connection to CSUH. He said the reason is that he came here at 6 p.m. each evening and left at 10 p.m., after his classes. He never had time to make close friends. For him, these were not necessarily the best years of his life — but just possibly the most beneficial.

Fewer than 5 percent of alumni of Cal State Hayward are actively associated

with the institution at this time. There are various reasons why this is so:

- Graduates are very focused on career and family;
- To the extent they have any connection with the campus, it tends to be with the department in which they majored;
- We at the university have not devoted sufficient resources to reaching out to alumni and providing services that maintain their connection.

So, in 2002, the challenges facing the Alumni Association are great, but so is what is known in the business community as "the upside potential." We have every opportunity to increase dramatically the size, visibility, effectiveness and service of the Cal State Hayward Alumni Association.

A Vision for Tomorrow

During my first three months as director of Alumni Relations, I have met staff, faculty and students on campus, and alumni and others in the community. I have been enormously energized by the positive attitude everyone has regarding the potential for the alumni to be actively engaged in helping the university and the potential for the university to help alumni.

Based on these conversations, and some 35 years of experience with educational institutions, business, government and nonprofits, I have some thoughts on where the Cal State Hayward Alumni Association can hope to go in the next three to five years and what it can become. I will share that vision with you in the months to come. Before I do that, however, I'd like to invite you to participate in shaping that vision. Please share your thoughts on:

- What we should be doing as alumni and for alumni;
- What we should have accomplished three or five years from now;
- Particular issues the association should address now and in the future.

Contact Tom Hoeber at thoeber@csuhayward.edu or (510) 885-2839.



Please join us!

Alumni Tailgate Party at Oakland's Network Associates Coliseum

Sunday, April 28
Oakland A's vs. Chicago White Sox

For more information, visit: www.csuhayward.edu/alumni_friends/alumni/events.html or call (510) 885-3721.

Tailgate: 11 a.m. Game time: 1:05 p.m.

- The Tailgate menu will feature hamburgers, veggie burgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies and soda.
- Seats will be located at field level in Section 108.

Ticket Prices:

- \$11 for current alumni members \$15 for guests
- Only 50 seats available!
- Tickets must be purchased by April 5.

Payment:

☐ Check enclosed. Please make check payable to CSUH Alumni Association.

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

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Please note: Tickets and tailgate location will be sent to purchasers on April 19.

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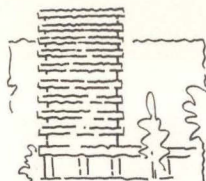
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Want more information? Call 510-885-2839 or e-mail: alumni@csuhayward.edu



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- Free on-campus parking
- Reduced admission to most campus theater, music and athletic events
- A 15 percent discount on related CSUH Extended Education courses

Career

- Alumni Speaker Series
- Participation in affinity alumni chapters
- Networking

Communication

- Free subscription to the *Haywire*, our quarterly Alumni newsmagazine
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Alum Awarded Highest Honors For Career in Scientific Research



Van Emon

Jeanette Van Emon, B.S., Environmental Studies ('75) has received the Award of Distinction, the highest honor bestowed by the University of California, Davis, for her contributions as a research scientist.

The award, presented in October, is given "to individuals whose contributions and achievements enrich the image and reputation of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and enhance its ability to provide public service."

Van Emon is a research chemist with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in Las Vegas. She is the agency's expert in immunochemistry and its application to environmental protection. Van Emon pioneered the development of immunochemical methods for environmental monitoring and human exposure assessment studies.

According to Jerry Blancato, who heads the Human Exposure Research Laboratory of the USEPA, "Dr. Van Emon has been instrumental in making the immunochemistry program one of the most well-known and successful research programs of the EPA Office of Research."

In 1998 Van Emon was one of seven women honored by the National Council of EPA Women in Science and Engineering as pioneers in the protection of the environment.

She has hosted nine international immunochemistry summit meetings and currently serves as program chair of the Agrochemical Division of the American Chemical Society. Next year she will be its division chair.

Van Emon had an interest in environmental science long before Cal State Hayward had an environmental science degree program, so she designed a special major in environmental science.

She took additional chemistry courses at CSUH over the next few years. By the time she started graduate study, she had taken enough chemistry and biology courses to earn degrees in either program.

Her interdisciplinary expertise prepared her to pioneer the development of the immunochemical methods for environmental applications at UC Davis, where she received her Ph.D. in agriculture and environmental chemistry in 1985.

Rich Luibrand, her organic chemistry professor and mentor at Cal State Hayward, attended the October award ceremony in Davis. Luibrand is the chair of Cal State Hayward's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Van Emon said Luibrand "was a great help to me" during her student days at CSUH.

She also acknowledged the contributions of Dr. Harvey I. Scudder of the CSUH Biology Department. She said, "He was a tremendous role model for me with his various interests of pesticides, public health and entomology."



Barnickel

John Barnickel, B.S. Business, Finance Option ('89) currently resides near the beach in Aptos, a town south of Santa Cruz. After graduating, he was recruited by Federal Express, through the CSUH Career Center, for a corporate sales position, where he worked for two years. He earned an

MBA in marketing from UC Davis in 1993 and since then has worked in sales and sales management in the medical/surgical device industry. For the past four years he has been with the Cardiac Rhythm Management Division of Guidant Corporation, managing business development in the Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay areas. His current position puts him in the operating room on a daily basis, working beside cardiologists and cardiac surgeons during the implantation of cardiac pacemakers and implantable defibrillators.

Gwendolyn Brown, B.S., Criminal Justice ('97) is an officer in the Berkeley Police Department's Warrant Division. She has been a police officer for more than 10 years. Prior to that she was with the Richmond Police Department.

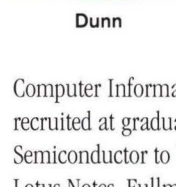


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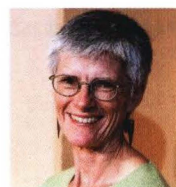
Dunn

Kerry Gail Dunn, M.P.A. ('85) has worked for the U.S. General Accounting Office for 14 years. As a senior analyst, she leads program and policy studies at the request of Congress.



Fullmore

Michael Fullmore, B.S., Computer Information Systems ('01) was recruited at graduation by National Semiconductor to be an administrator of Lotus Notes. Fullmore says the Santa Clara-based company recruits heavily from the recent graduate pool at Cal State Hayward campus job fairs.



Gross

Veronica (Nickel) Rowney Gross, B.A., Fine Art ('67) and Teaching Credential ('68) was in the first graduating class of students who attended Cal State Hayward for all four years of their undergraduate study. After teaching high school students in Union City for 30 years, she has retired and now spends time painting watercolors and gardening.

Nilaja Henry, B.S., Business Administration, Human Resources option ('01) was recruited at graduation by National Semiconductor in Santa Clara, where she is a human resources consultant.



Henry



Johnson

Renaye Johnson, B.A., Psychology ('97) has been a social worker for eight years and has been a social work supervisor for Alameda County Social Services for the past three years.

Linda Karsseboom, M.B.A., Accounting option ('94) works for Thomas Havey LLP as the senior manager. She has worked for the San Ramon-based firm of accountants and consultants since 1993 and is responsible for managing audits.



Karsseboom



Knowles

Hazel Knowles, B.A., Liberal Studies, Early Childhood Development option ('99) is the community education manager for 4C's of Alameda County in Hayward. She is responsible for the agency's library and produces the organization's publications, including the agency newsletter and annual report. She has worked there for nearly five years and was promoted into her current position after completing her degree at CSUH.



McCann

Michelle L. McCann, B.S., Business Administration, Accounting option ('88) is the senior audit manager for the San Ramon-based firm of accountants and consultants, Thomas Havey LLP.

Joan-Margaret McQuade, B.S.,

Economics and Finance, International Relations and Trade ('88) is considering Fall 2002 faculty positions at Yale and Brown. She earned a master's degree in English literature from UC Berkeley in 1996 and a Ph.D. with honors in Comparative Literature from the Sorbonne University in Paris. McQuade is fluent in French and Spanish. Currently, she is a post-doctorate visiting scholar at UC Berkeley and working on three projects in the Department of Comparative Literature.



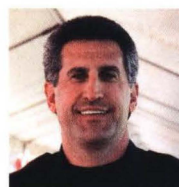
McQuade



Olachea

Shawna Olachea, B.A., Liberal Studies ('95) is a deputy probation officer for the Alameda County Probation Department. She has worked there for four years, three in her current position. She is currently an M.P.A. candidate at Cal State Hayward and plans to graduate in June 2002.

Stephen Pricco, B.S., Criminal Justice ('89) recently was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the San Leandro Police Department. His duties include recruiting and training personnel. He has worked in law enforcement for 20 years. His first two years after graduation were spent with the FBI.



Pricco



Roth

Katharine Roth, B.S., Business Administration, Management Information Systems option ('86) was recruited 15 years ago by National Semiconductor, where she is now manager of information technology.

Susan Simpson, B.A., Anthropology ('80), M.A., Archeology ('82) is a supervisor and environmental planner for CalTrans in Oakland. Her first career was as an archeologist, but she has worked at CalTrans for the past 15 years. Currently her duties include overseeing the agency's environmental specialists.



Simpson

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In Memoriam



Balumbu

Bal Kimbembe Balumbu, 56, an employee and graduate of California State University, Hayward, since 1985, died Friday, Dec. 7, of natural causes. He worked in

the Department of Information and Computing Services and previously was in the Receiving Department.

A native of Kinshasa (Republic of Congo/Zaire), he founded a non-profit foundation to educate children in Africa.

He earned two bachelor's degrees, one in French and one in business administration, from California State University, Hayward; a master's degree in electrical engineering from San Jose State University; and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. At the time of his death he was enrolled in a CSUH master's of science degree program in telecommunication systems.



Staggers

Jon Staggers, 77, was on the California State University, Hayward faculty for 22 years and served as Pioneer men's basketball coach for 12 years. He died of leukemia on Dec. 29 in Oakland.

Staggers led the Pioneers to two Far Western Conference championships in 1976-77 and 1978-79. His teams posted 90 victories during his CSUH coaching career, when the Pioneers competed in NCAA Division II.

He retired as coach following the 1982-83 season but continued to teach physical education at Cal State Hayward until 1993.



Swihart

Virginia Swihart, M.S., Education ('78) was a 47-year resident of Fremont. She taught in the Fremont and New Haven Unified School districts until retirement in 1991. She also

worked with the university's Teacher Education program, supervising student teachers. She died Dec. 5 at 71.

Art Gallery

Faculty Show

April 4 to 25

April 3 – free opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m.

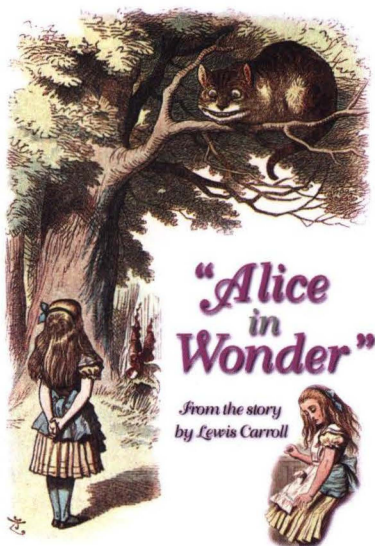
Student Show

May 23 to June 6

May 22 – free opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m.

University Gallery, Art & Education 106

Hours: noon to 3 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday



Theatre

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Original works exploring issues of student life.

April 4, 6 p.m.

April 5, 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.

University Theatre

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A play based on art and poetry from children of the Holocaust

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May 3, 4, 10 and 11, 8 p.m.

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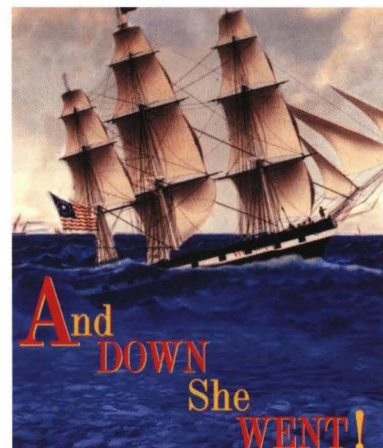
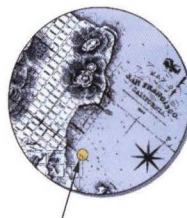
And Down She Went! (Everything you ever wanted to know about subterranean San Francisco but were afraid to ask.)

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Feb. 25 to June 7

Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday-Friday



Music

Jazz Festival Concert

featuring NEA Jazz Master James Moody
Friday, April 12, 8 p.m.

University Theatre

\$15 / \$12 seniors, youth

\$10 alumni, students

CSUH Alumni Composer Concert

with the S.F. Contemporary Chamber Players
Tuesday, April 16, 8 p.m.

MB 1055, Free

Home Concert

University Singers, Chamber Singers Tour
Sunday, April 28, 3 p.m.

MB 1055

\$7 / \$5 – seniors, youth, alumni

CSUH students free

Home Concert

Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Tour
Monday, May 6

University Theatre

\$7 / \$5 – seniors, youth, alumni

CSUH students free

Opera Workshop

May 10, 11, 17 – 8 p.m.

May 19 – 2 p.m.

University Theatre

\$7 / \$5 – seniors, youth, alumni

CSUH students free

Pioneer Athletics at CSUH

Mar. 28 Baseball – Oregon Tech, 1 p.m.

Mar. 29 Baseball – U of LaVerne, 1 p.m.

Mar. 30 Baseball – U of LaVerne, noon.

Apr. 12 Water Polo (women) –
UC Davis, 6 p.m.

Apr. 14 Water Polo (women) –
CSU San Bernardino, 1 p.m.

Apr. 14 Baseball – Menlo College, 1 p.m.

Apr. 27 Baseball – Chapman U, 1 p.m.

Apr. 28 Baseball – Chapman U, noon.

May 5 Baseball – George Fox U, 3 p.m.

May 6 Baseball – George Fox U, 3 p.m.

May 7 Baseball – George Fox U, 3 p.m.

Lectures

Faculty Lecture – "Don't Laugh at Me"

Melany Spielman, Department of
Recreation & Community Services
April 11, 7 p.m.

Oak Room, Contra Costa Campus
4700 Ygnacio Valley Road, Concord
Free

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in his final year of high school.

Realizing that the family's financial circumstances had changed, Ukaoma went into business for himself. He shuttled back and forth to Europe, where he bought suits, shoes and other garments for resale in Africa. Two and one-half years later he joined his brothers in Kansas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance in 28 months.

"I had to complete my degree with the little money I came with," he explained. "I had to maintain a good grade point average to carry the extra units. It was brutal, and I don't recommend it to anyone!"

After earning his degree in December 1985, he left the Midwest to stay with friends in Oakland. There he became a management intern with the City of Oakland and eventually was coordinator of the city's recycling program.

Between 1989 and 1991, Ukaoma enrolled at Cal State Hayward, where he earned a master's degree in public administration. He didn't know it at the time, but his future was being shaped by a research paper he wrote that compared the cities of Emeryville and Pflugerville, Texas.

Both cities were near major metropolitan areas but retained a community identity. Both towns were commercial, rather than residential, and both had little crime.

With MPA in hand, Ukaoma went home to Nigeria in 1992 and returned with his bride Christiana, whose name reflects the influence of church missionaries in their country.

"My job with the City of Oakland's Office of General Services was secure," he said, "but I just had the urge to go to Texas."

At the time, his image of Texas came straight from movies, and his first impressions were "not completely favorable."

"But it has worked out," he said of the state where he and his wife are raising their seven-year-old daughter and four-year-old son.

Upon arriving in the Lone Star State in 1993, the couple had a custom home built in Pflugerville. The man who sold them the property became a friend who encouraged Ukaoma to join him in the field of new home sales. Ukaoma eventually accepted the offer and is now the Austin market manager for Drees Custom Homes.

"Business has been good, and I've been lucky to be in a profession that I truly enjoy and with a supportive company like Drees," he said.

Ukaoma says he finds it interesting that his income has tripled since he started building the clinic in his homeland.

"The rewards of the giver are often greater than the gifts," he said.

Ukaoma, now 41, never asks friends or family to participate in his humanitarian activities. He did not talk about the clinic project until it was done. His deeds, however, have not gone unnoticed.

Recently, Ralph Drees, chairman of the Drees Company, and his wife contributed money to Alaji. Ukaoma asked his sister, Comfort, to distribute the funds to local churches. The churches will lend it to members for agricultural projects, such as buying chickens or crop seeds. In his homeland the donation will go a long way, according to the Nigerian Texan.

Comfort has begun a program that provides chickens for villagers.

Ukaoma and his wife continue to help with village medical needs, taking or sending over-the-counter medicines and pre-natal vitamins for distribution.

The couple now is embarking on a new project, establishing a small, free public school in Nigeria. Starting with a pre-kindergarten class, they will provide the funding to add a grade each year. The want to create an American-style elementary school.

Reflecting on the rewards he has enjoyed, Ukaoma said, "I just hope others will be as selfish as I am, and that they will go out and make a difference in the lives of people around them. It doesn't take a lot, but by giving, you get so much back."

Frates, continued from page 3

"The people of Tonga are wonderful, and they wanted to know everything about me and about California," she said.

From them she learned of the large population of Tonga immigrants living in the East Bay. Some of the islanders had even visited the Golden State.

Frates compared her life on the island to "being in a fishbowl."

"There are absolutely no secrets there," she said. "Everyone knows you and everything about you, and you know everything about them."

Her diet included rice and root crops. She rarely had fruits and vegetables and relished her "Care" packages from home. Between the island cuisine and exercise — biking and walking — she lost about 70 pounds while in Peace Corps.

After nearly two years in Tonga, Frates came home to spend December 2000 in California. Upon her return to Tonga, she signed up for a one-year extension of her Peace Corps service. In the end, however, she found three years was enough.

"I enjoyed what I was doing. I loved the teaching. I loved the weather. And these were really, really good people," she said. "But as wonderful as it was, I realized I was still an outsider in a small community, and I knew I wanted to come back home."

In response to the oft-posed questions, "Would you do it again?" and "Would you recommend Peace Corps service to others?" her response was enthusiastically affirmative.

"It sounds corny, but it was a fabulous experience," she said. "When else in your life would you be able to assimilate into another culture?"

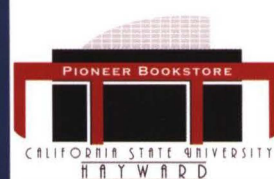
The three years on the island provided another bonus. Frates found the career she wanted to pursue. While teaching in Tonga schools, Frates realized she loved sharing her knowledge with others.

She is back in the East Bay now, investigating teaching options. Some of her teaching experience may count toward a credential, and she is hoping that will enable her to begin teaching in the East Bay.

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