

Contra Costa Campus Celebrates 'New Horizons'

By Laura O'Brien
Staff Writer

Cal State Hayward's Contra Costa Campus will hold its 10th annual New Horizons Celebration Friday, May 30, at Blake's at the Boundary Oaks Country Club in Walnut Creek.

Richard VrMeer, professor emeritus of public administration, and Contra Costa alumna

Julie Germain (B.A., liberal studies and psychology, 1999) will be honored at the event.

VrMeer, who joined the Cal State Hayward staff in 1965 and became emeritus in 1997, continued to teach at Contra Costa until winter quarter 2003. A student committee selected him as the 2003 Distinguished Professor for the campus.

Germain is being honored as the

2003 Distinguished Alum of the Contra Costa Campus for her work in establishing a student internship program with Shaw Environmental Inc., where she is responsible for contract management.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. with check-in and cocktails, and a buffet dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the event are on sale in the Associated Students

lobby at the Contra Costa Campus. Ticket prices are \$15 for CSUH students and their guests and tickets for staff and faculty and their guests are \$20.

The New Horizons Celebration will be a Las Vegas Casino Night. Games such as blackjack, roulette and craps will be played and ticket price include the buffet dinner, games and prizes.

Live music will be provided by

the Windy City Band.

The event is sponsored by the Contra Costa Campus, Student Affairs, Associated Students, the University Union and the CSUH Alumni Association.

"The New Horizons Celebration is a tradition that honors the Contra Costa grads, the Contra Costa distinguished professor of the year and the Contra Costa alumni of the year," said Lisa Zachan of Student Affairs at the Contra Costa Campus. "We also award scholarships."

This year there will be seven

scholarships for \$750 from the J.M. Long's Foundation, two for \$1500 from Maverick's Sports Club and one for \$1,000 from the American Association of University Women.

Prizes will also be distributed during the evening. The grand prize is a spa package to the Claremont Resort and Spa in Berkeley. There will also be prizes for the first, second and third most chips held by participants at the end of the evening and distribution of several prizes donated by Associated Students, local restaurants, stores and area attractions.

CSUH Honors Convocation To Be Held Sunday Cal State Hayward History Faculty Expanding

By Tiffany Dias
Contributing Writer

Cal State Hayward's graduating seniors who have achieved academic excellence will be honored at the Student Honors Convocation May 18.

These students maintained 3.6 grade point averages for at least four quarters. Students who have made the Dean's List also will be honored at the convocation.

Faculty, family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony, which is intended to show pride in and support for the students. From 1,100 to 1,200 people are expected to will attend the convocation, to be held in the University Amphitheater at 4 p.m.

CSUH President Norma Rees will present the students letters signifying their accomplishments. Students also will receive medal-

ions that may be worn during commencement ceremonies, and they will have the opportunity to choose any faculty member as an escort for the convocation.

Students are encouraged to select a professor who has helped them to succeed academically and has been instrumental in their lives.

The students, as well as the rest of the attendees will hear from guest speaker Johan Klehs, a CSUH alumnus.

Klehs worked his way through school, receiving academic scholarships and graduating from Cal State Hayward in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned his master's of public administration in 1977. He went on to serve in the San Leandro City Council and in 1982 was elected to the California Assembly.

He currently is teaching at the University of California, Berkeley, while working as a strategic advisor for private and public sector clients.

A reception will follow the ceremony, offering cake and punch to the students, their families and friends.

CSUH students who have not received an invitation to attend the Student Honors Convocation, are invited to join friends and family in supporting those who have achieved academic distinction.

CSUH News Services

The Cal State Hayward Department of History is pleased to announce that two tenure-track faculty have accepted invitations to join the department in September as assistant professors.

They are Deana L. Heath and Nicole C. Howard.

Heath earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of California, Berkeley, and will be awarded the Ph.D at Berkeley in June.

A specialist in modern imperialism and colonialism and in the history of South Asia and modern Britain, she wrote her dissertation on "Creating the Moral Colonial Subject: Censorship in India and Australia, 1880-1939."

Her interest in censorship is accompanied by a longstanding interest in the Indian film industry.

Heath has taught six different courses as a graduate student instructor at Berkeley, taught composition at the University of Missouri and served as a teaching assistant at San Quentin prison.

The new professor has published three articles and a book review and is competent in Hindi, Urdu, and French.

She is expected to teach classes in world civilizations and modern Europe and to expand the department's offerings with new courses in the history of colonialism and of South Asia.

Howard earned a bachelor of science in mathematics and an M.A. in history at CSU Chico before completing a Ph.D in history and philosophy of science at Indiana University this spring.

A specialist in the scientific revolution of the 15th-17th cen-

turies, she wrote her dissertation on "Christiaan Huygens: The Construction of Texts and Audiences in Seventeenth Century Science."

She comes to CSUH after a year as a tenure-track assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay. She also has taught both history and mathematics at Indiana and Chico. An article on Christiaan Huygens is under consideration by one of the most important journals in European history and she has a contract with Greenwood Press for a book titled "The Technology of Books."

Howard is expected to teach classes in early modern European history and to expand the department's offerings with new courses in the history of science and scientific revolution.

Rotary Clubs Host Annual Chili Cookoff

By Sylvia Jenkins
Staff Writer

The Tri-City Rotary Clubs will host their 12th annual Chili Cookoff Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Washington Hospital parking lot at the corner of Mowry Avenue and Civic Center Drive in Fremont.

"This is a wonderful event for the entire community and families to attend," said spokeswoman Lisa Martini.

Contestants prepare chili the night before and bring it by the gallon, ready to serve throughout the day. Organizers expect over 200 gallons of chili will be consumed.

"Every recipe is kept secret and provides a different taste for people to sample," said Martini. "Chinese chili was a featured item last year."

Local celebrities will act as judges, selecting first, second and third place winners.

People attending the cookoff will have the chance to select their favorite chili by participating in the "Peoples' Choices Awards."

Attendees will receive five tickets, which they will give to the cooks whose chili dishes they favor. At the end of the day, the chefs with the most tickets will be in the running for Peoples Choice prizes.

About 1,500 people attended

last year's event, which raised \$8,000 for charity. This year's goal is \$15,000.

Funds raised will benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation, Washington Hospital Foundation, and the Tri-City Homeless Coalition.

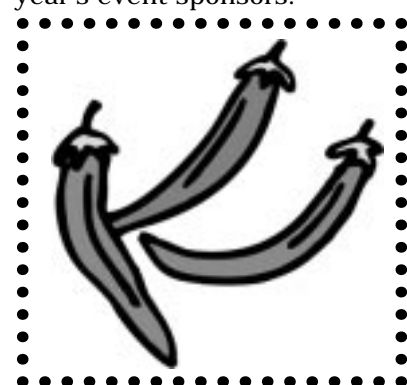
"Not only will this be an exciting event, but this is a great way to raise money and promote awareness for a good cause," said Martini.

Many other special events and activities will accompany this year's cook off.

There will be a hot rod show, arts and crafts, a salsa contest, prizes, games, children's activities, antiques vendors and live entertainment.

Besides chili, hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages will be on sale.

Fremont Bank, Central Chevrolet and The Fremont Argus newspaper are this year's event sponsors.



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