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## Cap and Gown



Ready for Graduation: Zareen Hussain, nursing major, while preparing for her graduation photo says, "I'm very excited. It took me five and a half years altogether."

Photo/Chihiro Koga

## Professor Patricia Radin Dies at 57

By Wil Cabrera  
Staff Writer

Patricia Radin, Cal State Hayward associate professor, passed away from an apparent heart attack Saturday.

Professor Radin was in her third year as a fulltime faculty member in the Communication Department. She also taught public speaking and electronic publishing.

According to John Hammerback, CSUH Communication Department chair, Professor Radin impressed her colleagues with her ability to combine traditional journalism and the Internet to provide her students "the best qualities of the old and new techniques."

"She was valuable to our department and programs because she combined extensive experience in old school written journalism with a deep understanding of new media - particularly Internet," said Hammerback.

Hired in the fall 2000 as an assistant professor, she began teaching public relations and advertising before moving to the news media area.

She completed her bachelor's in English literature from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey (which included a semester at Wroxton College, Oxfordshire).

She earned a master's degree in science and technology policy at the Research Policy Institute at the University of Lund, Sweden, which is supported by the Swedish government and the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

In 2002, Professor Radin completed her doc-

torate in communications at the University of Washington in Seattle.

While completing her doctorate she was elected secretary for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) in 1996. During her one-year term, she worked to improve communications, services and the general effectiveness of the GPSS.

She previously taught communications courses at San Francisco State. She also served as a lecturer at the University of Washington and as a visiting assistant professor at the Pacific Lutheran University.

She began her reporting career at the Tri-Valley News and The Valley Times in 1972. Then

in 1979, she worked in various editorial positions at the Oakland Tribune. She was instrumental in directing coverage of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake that resulted in the East Bay newspaper being awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 1990.

After leaving the Tribune in 1991, she continued freelance writing for The New York Times, San



Patricia Radin

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## Business Professors Ask Rees to Reject Dean Jay Tontz Resignation

By James Barnes  
Staff Writer

Endorsement of a resolution requesting California State University Hayward President Norma Rees to rescind her acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Jay L. Tontz was rejected by the Academic Senate at the June 3 meeting.

Tontz's sudden resignation will take effect at the end of this spring quarter.

The resolution was from Dr. Donna Wiley, professor of the Department of Management and Finance and director of graduate programs for the College of Business and Economics (CBE), and

signed by 95 CBE faculty members.

The resolution requested that the Academic Senate join with the CBE faculty "in requesting that President Norma Rees rescind her acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Jay L. Tontz and, instead, encourage Dr. Tontz to withdraw his resignation."

Professor Frank Lowenthal rose from the audience during the discussion and said that he would abstain from voting on the resolution.

"I was a member of the Five-Year Re-

view Committee," said Lowenthal. "I reviewed the last five years of Dean Tontz. The problem I see is, in effect, this Senate has injected itself into the review process here."

"This could be construed as a censure of the review committee by dissent. I think, in the emotion of the moment, we should not set a precedent."

He went on to say that the overwhelming support by the business faculty, as stated in the resolution, could have been in the report of the review committee.

"The report is confidential," he said. "There is no one that even knows the recommendation of that report."

"This is a dangerous precedent and I urge the Senate to think before it embarks on this course."

Regarding the atmosphere surrounding the resignation, Lowenthal said he was "personally disappointed that what happened could not have been done with better grace."

The Senate approved the portion of the resolution that recognized the support of the faculty of the CBE for Tontz, but rejected the portion asking for Rees to rescind her acceptance of Tontz's resignation.

"Dean Tontz built the program up from nothing and created the world-class reputation that it has today," said Dr. Eric Soares, professor of marketing and entrepreneurship in the CBE. "He has gained us accreditation and kept it all these years."

"In the balance, he has been a fantastic dean. It would have been better had he retired at the appropriate time with honor and grace."

"All five of the department chairs supported the resolution," said Dr. Joy Bhadury, associate professor and associate chair of Management and Finance. "In a time when the average tenure of a business school dean is less than five years, this man deserves this kind of support. It was the desire of the faculty to let him and the rest of the world know

that we have a lot of faith in him and that we loved him as our dean."

"We wanted to make sure Dr. Rees had as much information as possible concerning our support of Dean Tontz and that her decision to accept the resignation was well informed," said Phil Storrer, professor and department chair of Accounting and Computer Information Systems. "Our concern is not just on a personal level, but for the good of the college. We truly believe that without his leadership we are at risk."

"His resignation will cause great harm to the college in our future efforts for recognition in the international community," said Nancy Mangold, professor of accounting and computer information systems, director of the China America Business and Education Center and director of the university's Beijing MBA Program. "We really wish he would remain as our leader and we respect him greatly."

"We would like Dean Tontz and President Rees to give serious consideration (to our request) for the benefit to the college and the university," said Chong Lee, chair and professor of the Marketing and Entrepreneurship Department.

Tontz has received an incredible numbers of e-mails from around the world praising him for his accomplishments and sending regrets concerning his resignation, according to Sandy Anderson, assistant to the dean of the College of Business and Economics.

## CSUH Lecturers React to NY Times Blair Incident

By Howard Oliver and Kalindi Multani  
Staff Writers

Journalists on the Cal State Hayward Communication Department faculty have reacted strongly to the plagiarism/fabrication scandal at the New York Times.

Professor Patricia Radin and lecturers Larry Bensky and Michael Ackley indicated that affirmative action was not the problem (Blair is black), but that the fault lay with Times management.

Jayson Blair, 27, joined the likes of Janet Cooke, Stephen Glass and Patricia Smith as reporters caught plagiarizing and exaggerating their respective stories.

His transgressions came in the form of over 36 stories that contained fabrications or factual errors in his four-year stint at the Times. They extend from his time as a fledgling intern to his reporter status and coverage of events as important as the recent Washington, D.C., area sniper attacks to reaction in the United States to the war in Iraq.

Blair's blatant disregard for journalistic integrity was disclosed when Robert Rivard, senior editor of the San Antonio, Texas, Express-News, picked up a copy of the Times and "read what I thought was our own story again." Indeed, it was.

On April 18, San Antonio Express reporter Macarena Hernandez wrote: "So the single mother, a teacher's aide, points to the ceiling fan he installed in her small living room. She points to the pinstriped couches, the tennis bracelet still in its red velvet case and the Martha Stewart patio furniture, all gifts from her first born and only son. . . . I wish I could talk to a mother who is in the same shoes as I am who has her son missing in action. It's very hard," said Anguiano, who speaks haltingly.

On April 26 a Blair story in the Times began: "Juanita Anguiano points proudly to the pinstriped couches, the tennis bracelet in its red case and the Martha Stewart furniture out on the patio. . . . I wish I could talk to a mother who is in the same shoes as I am, who

has her son missing in action," Ms. Anguiano said.

Blair had stolen from a friend and colleague. He and Hernandez had been in the same intern class at the Times in 1998.

According to media reports, Howell Raines, Times executive editor, in a talk to over 500 employees, revealed his intent to stay on the job until asked to leave. This meeting, closed to "outsiders," was a time to answer some disturbing questions about what is going on in house.

When asked pressing questions about Blair's involvement in certain stories, Raines and Arthur Sulzberger Jr., New York Times Company board chairman, and Gerald Boyd, Times managing editor, replied, "The decision to assign Blair was made by a committee rather than by a single person."

Dr. Patricia Radin, a Cal State Hayward communication professor, said, "The New York Times does a lot of things that are wrong every day - and lot more serious - that I think are poor journalism."

She said that to make Jayson Blair an example was hypocritical, because the typical approach for any newspaper was to always blame the reporter. She did not disagree that he was lazy and should have been fired.

"From my years of supervising reporting I have seen reporters do things that are similar but not to that degree," said Radin. "What he did was completely unprofessional, but I don't believe in picking on a little guy and ignore the big guys."

According to Larry Bensky, CSUH communication lecturer, "The record of inaccuracies for which he has been alleged to be responsible indicates that something broke down in the editorial practice of the New York Times, and that's the shocking element because the (Times) is looked upon as the paragon of the profession."

Bensky was an editor for the New York Times Book Review in the late 1960s.

## Students Get Relief from High Gas Prices

By Amy Doan, Jessica Ledbetter and Katie Nechayev  
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Cal State Hayward students can finally breathe a sigh of relief as gas prices drastically decrease from the all-time Bay Area high set in mid-March.

The high gas prices had many students at this "commuter school" dipping deep into their wallets to pay for travel from cities as distant as San Jose, San Francisco, Livermore and Walnut Creek.

However, now that the war with Iraq is over, national and local gas prices are rolling back down to familiar levels.

Psychology major Bonnie Coleman is happy to see that prices are falling.

"It was getting expensive to drive from Martinez to Hayward at \$2.20 a

gallon," she said. "At least now it's getting better now at \$1.83 a gallon."

During the war with Iraq gas prices surged nationwide. The Bay Area, notorious for being a pricey area to live, saw the highest prices in the nation, reaching as much as \$2.29 per gallon.

Michael Goode, professor of political science, explained that conflict in the Middle East always affected oil. Further, in the midst of the war, the United States continued to suffer from a slow economy.

Goode said relative stability in the Middle East could bring down crude oil prices 10 percent, which would boost the U.S. economy.

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## Ready for Finals?



Studying Hard: Bismark Blanco (left) and Jose Argueta (right), both business majors, cram for their psychology final.

Photo/Chihiro Koga

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