

# EFA News

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## President's Message

### 'Beethoven's Hair' and a lot more

By Charlene Archibeque

I am happy to be serving this year as President of the EFA Board and look forward to getting to know more of you personally. As I now begin my third year of retirement, I must say I miss directing and rehearsing the Choraliers a lot. I miss the music making, the contact with young singers, the visible and audible sense of accomplishment that comes from working with a new choir each year and seeing them grow into a near-professional level in one year. I don't have quite the same sense of accomplishment now as I plan agendas, work on fund-raising for various non-profits, and answer millions of emails. In addition to your presidency I also begin the year as new president of the Silicon Valley League of the San Francisco Symphony. We have about 60 members who meet bi-monthly to hear live music in people's homes as well as raise money for the SFS and Concerts for Kids. If anyone is interested in joining our League, please contact me. In addition, I help chair the Development Committee for the American Beethoven Society. And of course that means more committee meetings and fund-raising. So, as you can see, although I'm on boards, I'm not bored. And yes, I'm still traveling, doing quite a bit of guest conducting, workshopping choirs, and doing residencies at other universities. Since I'm getting ready to go to Buenos Aires and Chile this month, I will make this first non-essay short.

I will see many of you at our first luncheon in October as we hear the wonderful Arlene Okerlund talk about her recent book. You may recall that it was Arlene who first said YES to

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Contributed photo

Pfc. Ted Norton smiles for the camera while on leave during WWII. Some of his remembrances of the end of European operations begin below. Norton retired from the Political Science Department in 1993.

## ***Adventures of a Pfc in the ETO***

*The following is an excerpt, taken from a recently written account by Ted Norton of his World War II army service in the European Theater of Operations. He was able to refresh his memory from letters he had written home that were saved by his parents. He had been drafted in March, 1944, sent to Camp Roberts for basic training as an infantry radio operator, then on to Fort Benning, the Infantry School, for additional communications training. Shipped overseas in January, 1945, he was assigned to a battalion headquarters as a runner (i.e., messenger) in its message center. As part of the 3d Army, he crossed through Germany*

*and into Czechoslovakia. Here's a vivid account of his experiences between the Rhine and the Moldau Rivers, covering the weeks from late March to VE Day.*

### **Germany beyond the Rhine**

We were now approaching the Rhine. We had heard confused accounts of the Remagen bridgehead, but nothing definite. Loaded on trucks, we headed east with other units and crossed the river at Oppenheim on a just-constructed pontoon bridge.

Late in March, we reached Seligenstadt. Here we found a large supply of brandy, and our message

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## First Academic Senate Meeting of Academic Year 2007 – 2008

By Peter Buzanski

Startling news was given to the Academic Senate by various administrators who explained that SJSU's goal for this academic year had been to increase enrollment between three and four per

### President's Message *Beethoven Center tour?*

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accepting Ira Brilliant's collection of 75 first-edition Beethoven scores, which was the beginning of the Beethoven Center, now housed in the King Library. I would love to arrange a special tour of the Beethoven Center for our Emeritus Faculty with Director William Meredith. How about in November? We could play some of the early instruments for you and show you special, hidden items seldom seen by the public. Doesn't that sound like fun? OK, your homework is to read the book, *Beethoven's Hair* by Russell Martin. You can order it on Amazon.com.

cent over last year. Instead enrollment as of September 21, revealed a surge to 31,962 students, for a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) figure of 25,342, an increase of 7.9% students, and 8.6% FTE. As a consequence, President Kassing stated that the University's administrators will consider carefully what enrollment target to project for 2008-09. One immediate plan is to reconsider the academic schedule, which currently does not utilize all the space available, since there is little instruction on Fridays. Perhaps even Saturdays may have to be added to the schedule!

Provost Carmen Sigler spoke of her satisfaction that reaccreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has been complete, and she thanked the many whose work assured the favorable result. Sigler wasted no time addressing those areas that WASC found wanting. Specifically, the retention and graduation rate needs to be improved, and SJSU must confront this problem immediately.

A disturbing graduate fee increase

was brought to the Senate's attention. Without prior consultation, the Trustees will most likely impose a \$210 per unit increase for Master of Business Administration (MBA) candidates as of Fall, 2008. For a full academic load, that results in an increase of over \$2000 per semester. We also learned that the free standing Doctor of Education (Ed. D) degree, for which SJSU has been given no additional funds, is supposed to be financed simply by students in that program paying fees equal to those imposed by the University of California System. While the Ed.D is still in the early planning stage, the MBA degree is a major component of the College of Business curriculum. A motion to oppose the increased MBA fee was referred to the senate's Curriculum and Research Committee.

The subject of Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE) was discussed by an expert of that topic, Dr. Nira Hativa of Tel Aviv University. Her talk dealt primarily with on-line administration of SOTE but she also addressed many of the concerns expressed by faculties regarding the validity of the instrument, whether giving higher grades affects evaluations, whether the time of day of the classes has any bearing on results, etc. One fact about on-line rather than in-class SOTE is that the on-line instrument results, on average, in a 0.5 diminution in the rating. Dr. Hativa suggested that we should simply accept this as a fact, since it should make no difference in the way the instrument is being used, and because there are numerous advantages and virtually no disadvantages of on-line SOTE administration. The four major advantages of on-line administration are a very significant reduction in the cost, the rapidity with which results can be made available, the saving of large amounts of paper, and finally, fewer people required for the entire SOTE process. At Tel Aviv University, an institution very similar in size to SJSU, they were able to reassign two full-time employees to other duties with the elimination of class administered SOTE.

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*A Pfc in the ETO*

# The last two months of war in the Reich

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center took its share. One of our officers came in; the sergeant told me to offer him what I heard as a “bottle” of brandy, which he was happy to accept. As soon as he left, the sergeant asked me, probably profanely, why I had given him a whole bottle. He had said not “a bottle” but “a ball,” meaning, in East Coast usage, a single shot. There was plenty left, however. In fact I drank so much that I passed out for a couple of hours. When I woke up, the communications sergeant, an older man not ordinarily inclined to be authoritarian, reproved me quite sharply--in military vernacular, “chewed me out”--and I was, indeed, more prudent in my consumption of alcohol thereafter. For instance, when, a little later, we came upon a warehouse full of Polish vodka and most of the battalion was incapacitated, I did not succumb. It is also true that I like brandy better than vodka.

We headed northeast for the next few days and liberated the city of Fulda. I had read about its famous cathedral, founded by St. Boniface in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. But I was kept too busy to go look for it, and we moved on. During the Cold War years, I often heard references to the “Fulda gap,” through which the Soviet army might presumably attack the West. Eventually I figured out that what we had been doing in April, 1945, was heading through the Fulda gap in the other direction.

A few years ago, when I signed up for a tour in Germany, I made up my mind to revisit Fulda. I spent three days there before going on to join the tour in Berlin. However, nothing looked familiar. I did visit the cathedral, which is on the edge of town and where I had not gone in 1945, but only slowly could I convince myself that I had ever seen anything in the central area before. However, looking over local bus schedules, I discovered a stop that I remembered from my war-time itinerary, a village called Tann, on the Rhone River. I took the bus out there.

(It was about a twenty-minute ride, although it had taken us two days to get there from Fulda in 1945.) To my delight, I did recognize it. There was the church, that statue, that gate! We had set up our message center in a sort of general store, and one of the local housewives had actually come in to buy something, some small piece of hardware. We told her to help herself. She insisted on paying, so we took her money and dutifully put it in the cash drawer.

The next stop I remember (April 5-7) was Meiningen, once capital of the duchy of Saxe-Meiningen. Here our message center was located in a butcher shop, where there was still a side of meat hanging in the locker. Cow or horse? We wondered, but hacked off steaks anyway. Another HQ unit found a cellar full of sparkling wine, imitation champagne, so we enjoyed a couple days of steak and champagne. The old butcher who owned the shop came by, saw what a mess we were making of his meat, and sliced up some of it for us in more professional fashion.

President Roosevelt died on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The next day I brought the news to the HQ units as I took the daily password around. The men’s reaction was limited. No one expressed deep sorrow or concern. Only a couple asked me who was now President. It illustrates the curious isolation of troops in combat, quite cut off from the outside world and focused on their own immediate concerns.

### South to the Danube

From Meiningen we headed southeast. We didn’t realize it at the time, but this move probably reflected the high-level decision to let the Soviets take Berlin. In one place we stopped, we found railroad cars filled with Nazi ceremonial gear--flags, etc. I grabbed a couple of banners and sent them home. They were beautiful parade standards, of various colors, embroidered with silver. I remarked in a letter that they probably weren’t valuable but made handsome souvenirs. Many years later

I sold a lot of my souvenirs to a dealer; he paid several hundred dollars for each of these flags.

A few days later, we found a warehouse full of less elaborate but still impressive Nazi flags. I got one that must have been 10 x 15 feet. Some of the local mothers also took advantage of the find. On Sunday we saw several little girls dressed in new orange-red dresses and little boys wearing new black and white shorts carefully crafted from the black swastika on a white ground in the flag’s center.

I have forgotten exactly where the following occurred, but I was impressed by it. We had paused just outside a small town. There was resistance; bullets were flying. On a nearby farm, two women were trying to plow a small field. One was pushing the plow; the other was hitched to the plow alongside a cow. Ordinarily this would be a job for a man and a horse, but I guess neither was available. (The German army still used a lot of horses. We had seen stretches of road lined with dead horses, where our aircraft had strafed a German column.) I thought the two women illustrated the peasant way of life: there may be war on, but we’ve still got to get a crop planted.

It was at this time--late April--that we saw evidence of Nazi ruthlessness. Along the road there was a long swath of dead bodies. They were dressed in what looked like striped pajamas. We were passing a labor camp, a small-scale concentration camp. As American troops approached, the guards had fled, machine-gunning a lot of their prisoners as they left. As we paused there, some of the survivors came up; one asked, in good English, for food. We had only our day’s rations, so we couldn’t give them anything but some candy. I assured him that our military government would be moving in and would take care of them. I hope they did.

We reached the Danube at the beginning of May. At this point I began  
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# 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](mailto:gebernard@comcast.net) or by snail mail at 775 Seawood Way, San Jose CA 95120.

**Betty Auchard** (widow of Denny Auchard, Education) writes that “stories from my award-winning book, *Dancing in My Nightgown*, are being published each month in *Today’s Senior*, a magazine in N. Calif. I was also interviewed on two TV shows, ‘View From the Bay’ in San Francisco and ‘Connie Martinson Talks Books,’ in Burbank, CA. None of this activity has improved book sales, but it’s fun and keeps me off the streets. In the meantime, I’m writing Book 2, a collection of short stories about my zany childhood in Iowa. I don’t do housework anymore.”

**Bill Gustafson** (Human Performance, '87) says “Lori Lindquist and I will drive in mid-July to St. Louis for the 37<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research, of which I am a founder (now 7000 members). Then on to Saugatuck, MI for

two weeks of R & R before heading home.”

**Warren Kallenbach** (Elem. Education, '95) has “no trips planned, unless we can count going downtown to the Portland Rose Festival Parade. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Did it rain on our parade? Yes, as usual. Still, a great place to retire, with our daughter, son-in-law and grandson just four blocks away. Why retire here? No state or local sales taxes!”

**Dolores Escobar-Hamilton** (Education, '98) writes “Glenn and I enjoyed four weeks traveling to Venice, then Switzerland, a trip down the Rhine, and Normandy and Brittany. 500 photos later, we faced re-entry to life at the Villages. I continue to work developing the Senior Academy for Education at the Villages where I’m able to interact with SJSU colleagues who deliver lectures and teach classes

through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. It’s a joy to see my neighbors excited about learning, exploring new fields, and developing new skills. Also, working on the EFA Board allows me to enjoy wonderful lunches, parties and camaraderie.”

**Caryl Hinckley** (widow of Ted Hinckley, History). “I’m into my summer travel mode: Chattanooga, TN, to visit my youngest daughter who lives on Lookout Mtn., GA; Eugene, OR, to visit my sister-in-law; Juneau, AK, to visit my oldest daughter who teaches Speech/Comm at the Univ. of Alaska; Santa Rosa to visit my sister; and San Jose, to visit with friends who’ve retired from the History Dept. Plus various visitors in between trips!”

**Ted Norton** (Political Science, '93) “I had a nice trip to Europe (late April to early May) to visit Northern Italy

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## In Memoriam

**Don Betando** (Division of Technology, 1994) passed away on 8/20/07. Don was born on 5/3/34 in San Jose, took his BA and MA at SJSU and received his Teaching Certification in Industrial Studies from Ohio State. He came back to teach at SJSU from 1958-94, where he became Director of Div. of Tech., and Assoc. Dean of Applied Arts and Sciences. An expert in Packaging, he served as President of the Nat. Assoc. of Industrial Technology. Don was widely known on campus for his sense of humor, his easy-going affability and gentle teasing.

**Ed Dionne** (Engineering, 2007) died a month after retiring in July, 2007. Ed was 84 and taught at SJSU for 54 years. He came to SJSU in 1953 and loved teaching, saying “I never worked a day in my life. I just went to school.” Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he served in the army during WW II, in both the European and Pacific theaters. He was known for his kindness, generosity and humor; and next to teaching, he most enjoyed fishing, tennis, poker, and

spending time with family and friends at his cabin on Lake Superior.

**Clarence Flick** (Theater Arts, 1991), born 3/6/20, died 7/15/07. Clarence was best known for his work with students in Radio-TV-Film courses, and for establishing the University’s student-run radio station, KSJS-FM. He took his BA in English at the Univ. of Nebraska in 1942, and his PhD in Speech at Northwestern in 1949. In between, he served in the South Pacific during WW II, leaving as a Major with a Bronze Star. He came to SJSU in 1952 and brought prestige through awards and citations won by the Radio-TV-Film program. He wrote and produced children’s theater, puppet shows, plays and musicals, including “Betsy Ross” and “My Antonia,” and produced a TV “Perspective” program on San Jose.

**G.W. Ford** (Education, 1991) passed away on July 14, 2007. Known primarily as “GW” because most people couldn’t pronounce Gervais Weil, he was born on 11/8/21 in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He came from a family of

educators: his father was a regional superintendent of schools and an early advocate of southern desegregation; his mother was a teacher and his brothers were both university professors. He took his BA from Tulane Univ. in 1943 and immediately went into the Army Air Corps. He had a distinguished career as both a bomber pilot (B-24s) and a fighter pilot (P-51s)—a rare feat accomplished only by an elite group of about 50 aviators. With over 53 combat missions to his credit he became a Lieut. Colonel with numerous medals and awards. On his return, he went back to school, earning his Ed.D from Stanford in 1952. He began teaching at SJSU in 1951. He became Chair of the Dept. of Secondary Education, and Assoc. Dean of Education. He served as consultant to many school districts and directed educational projects in California and in Europe, N. Africa and Central America. On campus, he was widely respected for his integrity and decency. He was methodical,

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## Chat Room . . .

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and Bamberg, Germany. Another one is planned for this October—a cruise from Venice to Istanbul.”

**Ruth Yaffe** (Chemistry '90) and her family had an Alaskan adventure this summer. They visited Barrow on the Arctic Ocean, Glacier Bay National Park, and explored the interior of Denali National Park. The trip included kayaking, whale-watching, ice climbing and photographing wildlife. This was Ruth's 7<sup>th</sup> trip since she first visited Alaska in 1964. She says “the melting of the glaciers is evident everywhere.”

**Gareth Williams** (Physics, '02). “I taught optics and thermodynamics at Stanford University's Summer Session in the Physics Dept. My wife and

I vacationed in Maui in March and Yosemite in May. We plan a trip to Wales and a cruise on the Rhine this summer.”

**James Willis** (Economics '98). “I recently completed the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of my Economics textbook. Marianna and I spent February, '07, in South America and will spend much of September and October, '07, in Southern Africa.”

**Bert Burns** (AVP/Philosophy, '86). “We moved from the Villages to the Terraces.”

**Jack Crane** (Dean, Humanities and Arts, '98). “I started a copywriting business: Eldorado Writing. Its website is [www.eldoradowriting.com](http://www.eldoradowriting.com). On June 22<sup>nd</sup> my new novel was pub-

lished: *The Last Great Superpower.*”

**Ken Dorst** (Theatre Arts, '88). “Peggy and I spent 16 days in October, 2006, on a National Geographic tour of China. It was fantastic! I finally relinquished maintaining the Theatre Arts archives after 19 years. The last two years were spent relocating them after a fire did major damage to the Department's Alumni Room.”

**Edith Lori Lindquist** (Kinesiology, '91). “At the moment, I'm excited about my niece's twin boys who arrived last night (6/1). They are small (5 lbs and 3 lbs) but breathing on their own and doing well. Since she is closing in on 40 she had two geneticists advising her, besides her regular doctor who delivered them.”

## In Memoriam

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thoughtful and generous with his time and assistance. He was also known for having little patience with small talk.

**Irene Miura** (Education/Child Development, 2004), born 7/18/39, died August, '07. After spending her pre-school years in a Japanese internment camp in Poston, Arizona, Irene and her family returned home to Santa Cruz. She took up her education and never looked back with bitterness. She received her BA from UC Berkeley in 1960, where she had been head pompon girl the year before, when Cal went to the Rose Bowl. Although she earned a teaching credential a year later, she chose to stay home and raise a family. When her children were in school, she went on to take an MA at the College of Notre Dame in Belmont, and her doctorate at Stanford in psychological studies in education and child development. She began teaching at SJSU in 1984 and six years later was named “Outstanding Professor.” She became Chair of the Child Development Program from 1987-2000, and then Executive Ass't. to the President until retiring in 2004. She served on the UC Board of Regents from 1997-2001 and was President of the California Alumni Association from 1997-99. She was a

high-energy person with wide-ranging interests, from hiking and backpacking, to sports, music and opera. “She never did anything she didn't enjoy,” her son Greg said. “She knew what she liked to do and went all out on it.”

**Bill DuSel** (English and Administration, 1990), born 2/9/17, died 7/20/07. A native of Menlo Park, Bill attended Stanford Univ. where he received his BA (1938), MA (1940), and PhD (1956). As an undergraduate at Stanford, he met his young wife-to-be, “a loveable fellow-student” in a class appropriately entitled Literature of the Romantic Period. After a stint in the Army Air Corps teaching mathematics, physics and meteorology at pre-flight training centers, he returned home to teach English, physics and business law at Los Gatos High School. President McQuarrie of SJSU hired him to teach English and supervise student teachers in the public schools. His doctoral research at Stanford led to many articles on class room education for which he received national recognition and became President of the Calif. Council of Teachers in English. In 1956, he became “Assistant to the President” (later, “Executive Vice President”) and for the next 13

years served under the administrations of John Wahlquist, Robert Clark and Hobert Burns. He retired at the age of 63 to devote time to other interests, taking college classes in sculpture, drawing, jazz piano and band. He organized musical groups to play at senior centers, convalescent hospitals and day-care centers. His family will hold a memorial service for him on October 20, '07, at The Terraces in Los Gatos, beginning at 2:00pm.

### *Final Reminder for Membership Renewals*

If you have not yet sent in your renewal form and annual dues, now's the time. To continue receiving your newsletter, Directory and luncheon announcements, it's necessary to keep your membership up to date. Send a check for \$15.00 to our treasurer, Ted Norton, 800 Blossom Hill Rd., Q266, Los Gatos, CA 95032. If you have questions about your current status, contact Ted at [tednorton@earthlink.net](mailto:tednorton@earthlink.net) or phone him: (408) 356-6867.

## **A Pfc in the ETO**

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to wonder what would happen after the war in Europe ended--would we get sent to the Pacific? Also indicative of the impending conclusion of hostilities in the ETO was the flood of refugees coming west as we moved east. The highway along the river was filled solid: going one way was the U.S Army; coming the other way was a mixture of all kinds of people united by a single thought--to get to the west before the Russians arrived. Well, that's not entirely accurate. One group we passed was made up of teen-agers, really young, in German uniforms. Apparently some local Nazi leaders had been putting every boy they could find into uniform for a final defense effort--we saw posters that read "We will stand and fight in Ober Donau"--

-but these kids had been released and were headed home, smiling. We picked up one man in a fancy uniform as a possible PW. He told us he was commander-in-chief of the Hungarian Boy Scouts.

About this time I became a radio operator since one of our operators had been wounded and evacuated. So, for the last week of the war in the ETO, I actually carried a radio into combat. We moved up from the Danube, into Austria, and finally into Czechoslovakia--to a little no-place town with just a railroad station, school and a few houses. Here, on the upper Moldau (Vltava) River, we stopped on May 7<sup>th</sup>, and here we stayed until late July. The war in Europe was over, but it would be another nine months before the Army sent me home.

### **Fall Luncheon, Holiday Celebration scheduled**

Our Fall Luncheon will be held on October 25, '07, at Mariani's in Santa Clara. Reservations must be sent in by October 15, so don't delay. (See the enclosed flyer.) Our Holiday Celebration in December will take place on Friday, the 14th, in the University Room (Old Faculty Cafeteria) on campus. Note: this is not the University Faculty Club on 5<sup>th</sup> St! You'll receive another notice in the next newsletter, but you can put it on your calendar now.

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### ***EFA News***

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