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Your reunion. You're invited!



Enjoying the 2005 Banana Slug Spring Fair reunion luncheon were (l-r) guest ANDREA GOURDINE, alumna and College Eight provost ROZ SPAFFORD (Merrill '71), and ANNE ROSENZWEIG (Cowell '71).

RECONNECT at Banana Slug Spring Fair April 22–23. Enjoy panel discussions, receptions, reunions, lectures, and more. For up-to-the-minute information and to RSVP, call the Alumni Association at (800) 933-SLUG or check the web, alumni.ucsc.edu.

The 16th Annual UCSC Alumni Vintners Wine Tasting Taking place during reunion weekend, this delectable event will showcase select wines, gourmet food, and music by talented alumni.

► **Alumni Panel Discussion** will feature Emmy Award-winning writers, an expert on nuclear strategy and nonproliferation, and an acclaimed science writer discussing how UCSC changed them and how they are changing the world (see article, page 7).

► **Alumni Reunion Luncheon** with classmates and favorite professors; special recognition will be given to '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, and '01 grads.

► **Cowell Press Wayzgoose** for book artists and fans of Cowell Press.

► **Distinguished Faculty Lecture** "Financial Crises Around the World," by Michael Hutchison (Merrill '76, economics), UCSC professor of economics and interim dean of the Social Sciences Division.

► **Stevenson College 40th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner** with provosts (past and present), staff, faculty, current students, and alumni for discussion, socializing, and more.

► **Reception for alumni writers**—poets, fiction writers, journalists, screenwriters, and other partisans of the pen.

► **Humanities Division** "Classes Without Quizzes."

► **"The Future of Museums" panel discussion** with alumni directors and curators of major national museums and art galleries.

► **Admissions Office "insiders session"** for alumni parents of prospective students.

► **Departmental and divisional reunions** for economics, environmental studies, Earth sciences, the Jack Baskin School of Engineering, and all grads from the sciences.

► **TWANAS** (Third World and Native American Students) reunion.

► **Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander, GLBTI, and African American** alumni and current student mentor circle.

► **Santa Cruz Hillel** Saturday night event for Jewish alumni, students, and friends.

► **Slug Run** reunion.

► **Receptions and reunion events** at the colleges.

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UC Extension discounts: Another reason to join the Alumni Association

JOIN THE UCSC Alumni Association and take advantage of its many membership benefits, including discounts at UC Extension, the continuing education resource of the University of California. Offering some 17,000 different courses each year, UC Extension is one of the world's largest providers of continuing education, with campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa

Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

Some campuses are offering a 10 percent discount on one class per quarter, while others give a flat amount. The savings apply equally to Alumni Association members from all UC campuses, regardless of where they live or the campus from which they graduated. You don't even have to be in California to take advantage of the UC Extension discount. Many online courses are offered, and the discount applies to them as well.

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The UCSC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund provided \$91,000 to 43 undergraduates with financial need this academic year. Recipients include BACK ROW, l-r: Sarah Pham (College Nine, neuroscience and behavioral science), Colleen McCarty (Porter, anthropology), and Scott Merrall (Cowell, history); MIDDLE ROW: Melissa Dailo (College Nine, sociology), Christina Hamill (Cowell, undeclared), and Amanda Mills (Crown, undeclared); BOTTOM ROW: Saurabh Mishra (Merrill, business management economics) and Ronald Hernandez (Stevenson, sociology).



In performance, Camper Van Beethoven members (l-r) Frank Funaro, Jonathan Segel (Porter '85), and Victor Krummenacher (Porter)

Alumni indie rock band returns to UCSC

BY THE TIME Camper Van Beethoven first played the Catalyst in downtown Santa Cruz in 1986, the band had already completed a national tour as the opening act for R.E.M.

One of the most influential indie rock bands of the 1980s, the idiosyncratic group, featuring three UCSC alums, returned to Kresge College in November to give a free concert for UCSC students.

Camper won widespread critical acclaim and took college radio by storm with its first three albums—full of satiric, irony-laced lyrics and a dazzling array of musical influences.

After the band's first album hit the Top 30 in England and its first three recordings all made the Top 10 in *Village Voice* polls, Camper

went on to make its major label debut on Virgin Records in 1989, releasing the landmark album *Key Lime Pie* before dissolving in 1990 during a tour in Sweden. Following a hiatus of more than a decade, the band got back together in 2002 and in 2004 released a CD titled *New Roman Times*.

Original core members of the band are guitarist/vocalist David Lowery (B.A. math, Kresge '84), bassist Victor Krummenacher (music major, Porter), drummer Chris Pederson (B.A. philosophy, College Eight '83), violinist/guitarist Jonathan Segel (B.A. music, Porter '85), drummer Chris Molla (B.A. music, Porter '88), and guitarist Greg Lisher, part-owner of Artisans, a store in downtown Santa Cruz.

Read more about Camper Van Beethoven's UCSC visit on the web at currents.ucsc.edu/05-06/11-28/camper.asp.

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Nominations are now open for 2006–07 UCSC Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching, Outstanding Staff, and Alumni Achievement Awards.

Go to alumni.ucsc.edu/programs and choose the "awards" button or call (800) 933-SLUG to request a nomination form by mail. The nomination deadline is Friday, April 28.

Cowell College

'71 Katherine HUBAY Peterson was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to the position of Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana in July; she is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and had previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho.

'74 Gayle WILCOX is the fire chief for the Port Orford (Ore.) Fire Department, an EMT training officer for Port Orford Ambulance, and the owner of Sea Breeze Florist.

'77 Joan CORDOVA has joined the faculty of Drexel University's School of Education after earning a doctorate from Harvard University; UCSC friends who attended her graduation were **Ben MENOR** (Merrill '74), **Evelyn CASUGA** (Merrill '76), **Debra PANGANIBAN Louie** (Oakes '76), and **Alexis CANILLO** (Crown).

Rita ROSENKRANZ is the coauthor of *Put Your House on a Diet: De-clutter Your Home and Reclaim Your Life* (Rodale Books, 2005).

'78 Carl NICHOLS Jr. is the coauthor (with Bill Schley) of *Why Johnny Can't Brand* (Portfolio, 2005), a marketing primer that exposes the shortsightedness of the marketing establishment and revives "the lost art of the big idea" that can grab consumers' attention; Nichols and Schley are partners at david, inc., a branding consulting firm (www.davidid.com).

'83 Terry FLYNN has the title of chief learning officer at Sensis Corp., a position that gives her responsibility for organizational development, which she describes as the combination of human performance with organizational systems, structures, and policies. **Hilary HEFFERLIN** is living in Eugene, Ore., with her partner of 13 years; after nine years of church work, she has moved into executive support and human resources.

'84 Chris LINSON married Xenia Fretter last summer, and they have moved to Arcata, Calif.; he is a physical therapist, and she is an ASL interpreter. He can be reached at cjwoodspt@yahoo.com.

'89 Jonathan VOORHEES is an Episcopal priest who serves as chaplain at Kent School, in Kent, Conn., where he lives with his wife, Amy, and daughters, Beatrice (four) and Althea (six months).

'90 Betty SPINDLER's sculpture *Ceramic Hot Dog* goes on permanent display at the American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Collection, in Washington, D.C., this July.

'91 Jose Salvador JIMENEZ and **Gerarda PAGESOLINGAN** (Cowell '92), also known as Sal and Arda, are still together after meeting 19 years ago; they've been married 12 years, live in Montebello, Calif., and have two girls, ages six and 11.

'97 Emily NORTON is co-owner of the Eli Howard Surf School in Encinitas, Calif.; she spends the winter season as a ski patroller at Stevens Pass.

'01 Rachael BIRCH is living in Wisconsin and working for a green coffee company; those interested in home roasting coffee can find out more at www.u-roast-em.com.

Stevenson College

'69 Susan TRIMMINGHAM spent a month in service with the Crisis Corps, an organization of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, working as a crisis counselor with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita survivors at the Greater Houston Disaster Recovery Center.

'70 Helen (Jean) PALMER (Daley) is a psychologist in private practice in Bakersfield.

'78 Michael KIMBALL and his wife, Rachel, had a son, Steven John, in January 2005.

'82 Mark CHRISTIANSEN is a licensed marriage and family therapist, and he is on the faculty of Santa Monica College; he and his wife have a son and daughter.

'87 Daniel EDELSON, who also holds a Ph.D. in computer and information sciences from UCSC, has been promoted to vice president of engineering at NextHop Technologies in Mountain View; in this position he will oversee development efforts for the company.

Marcie WALD, a counselor at Cabrillo College, has written a guidebook, titled *Nothing Can Stop Me: An Open Book on Transfer Application Essays*, for community college students applying to four-year schools.

'89 Tony MICHELS's book *Fire in Their Hearts: Yiddish Socialists in New York* was published in 2005 by Harvard University Press; he is George L. Mosse Associate Professor of American Jewish History at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

'91 Robin GROSSINGER, who also has an M.S. in marine sciences from UCSC, is an environmental scientist working in Oakland at the San Francisco Estuary Institute; he and his wife, **Erica WANDNER** (Cowell '90), a clinical psychologist, live in Berkeley with their son, Leo.

'92 Ann STEPHENSON Volk is a freelance writer specializing

in health care topics; her article "He Even Kissed a Pig" appeared in the February 2005 issue of *Highlights for Children*. She lives in Dover, Del., with her husband, Robert, and three children, Deirdre, Aaron, and Meghan.

'93 Carolyn LEEDY received her M.D. from Northwestern University Medical School in 1998, and she is now a pediatrician at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

'96 Amelia GROTH Weintraub and her husband welcomed their son, Seth, in July 2005; they live in Dublin, Calif.

'04 Emily DUBIN is the youngest graduate of Columbia University's environmental science and policy M.P.A. program; she now works for the City of New York as a geographic information systems (GIS) specialist.

Crown College

'70 Authors Laurence YEP and Belle YANG (College Eight '82) were celebrated at a Smithsonian-sponsored forum, "Two Chinese American Children's Book Authors," in November at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C.; the event, which coincided with Children's Book Week, was part of the Smithsonian's development of Asian American exhibits and programs.

'75 Diana WHITESIDES received the 2004 "Good Egg" award from the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce; she also received the American Red Cross Award for Western States for excellence in aquatics-youth education.

'77 Stephen ROSE recently accepted the position of lead health care counsel for the Seattle-based business law firm of Preston Gates & Ellis, where he will be coordinating the firm's health care law efforts in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and California, as well as Hong Kong, Beijing, and Taipei; he lives in Snohomish, Wash., with his wife, Carole, and their two children, Andrew and Emily.

'78 Valarie ELLIS is happily working as an environmental engineer, protecting the waters of New York State; she is engaged to be married.

'90 Kathleen CHERRY Roarty is married to **Morgan ROARTY** (Crown '90), and they have seven children.

'92 Scott KENNELLY is a licensed clinical social worker supervising the Transition-Aged Youth Services Program for Butte County Behavioral Health; he is married, has two girls, and lives in Chico, Calif. Friends may e-mail him at smkplay@sbcglobal.net.

'04 Victoria CAMPBELL-NOVAK

is a graduate student at Sacramento State University, working toward her master's degree in family therapy.

Merrill College

'71 Georgiann McFADDEN Lyga was presented with a Lifetime Commitment to Social Justice Award by the Sacramento Chapter of Death Penalty Focus and the Friends Committee on Legislation of California at a banquet in June; she was the founder of "noon hour witness," a vigil at the Capitol to protest the death penalty.

'77 Roy Eric XAVIER is the associate dean and chair of the Graduate Committee in the School of Film and Television at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles; he earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, specializing in communications, culture, and technology, and then went on to manage several TV stations in northern and southern California. He is married with three children; one son, Nick, is currently in his second year at Merrill College, studying international politics and history.

'90 Otilio QUINTERO was awarded the 2005 California Peace Prize by the California Wellness Foundation for his work with Barrios Unidos in Santa Cruz, a community organization dedicated to helping youth overcome poverty and the social ills that accompany it; the award, one of only three in the state, includes a \$25,000 prize.

'91 Rafael REYES has made a career change, moving to the nonprofit organization As You Sow, where he works on corporate social responsibility; he is engaged to be married.

Jennifer WALL is celebrating her tenth vintage with Barefoot Cellars, where, as winemaker, she has extended the range of wines while maintaining quality and value. Under her direction, Barefoot wines have had huge critical and popular success, including many gold medals.

'02 Mostafa GHOUS is the director of the Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Program at Solano Community College, which provides academic enrichment to economically and educationally disadvantaged community college students so they excel academically and transfer to

four-year institutions as math-based majors.

'03 Nick BURNS, a former writer/editor for *City on a Hill*, landed his first story in the *New York Times* last June 30; the story, titled "Are Men

scholarly journal *TENSO* and for her work as a scholar of medieval French literature.

'73 Donna BLAKEMORE has been named associate vice president for advancement at San Francisco



A remarkable new book by UCSC alumna Belle Yang (College Eight '82) taps into the hopes and fears immigrant children experience when they try to grab hold of the American dream.

Drawn from Yang's own saga of coming to San Francisco from Taiwan at the age of seven, *Hannah Is My Name* tells the story of a Chinese family's new life, in a brightly illustrated 32-page children's book published by Candlewick Press.

To read the complete article about Belle Yang and other recent stories of accomplished UCSC alumni, go to www.ucsc.edu/alumni_friends/profiles/.

Ready for the 5-Step, 10-Minute Shave?," is about how companies that make men's grooming aids are now selling a variety of products intended to transform shaving into a more elaborate skin care routine.

Porter College

'72 Wendy PFEFFER, a professor of French and chair of the Department of Classical and Modern Languages at the University of Louisville, has been named a Chevalier in the distinguished Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Order of Arts and Letters) by the French government; she was recognized for her efforts as founding editor of the

State University; in this position, she will lead all fundraising efforts for SFSU, including planned giving, major gifts, annual fund, alumni relations, corporate and foundation relations, and capital campaigns.

'76 Lori HIGA is working at the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center, a San Francisco-based HIV/AIDS nonprofit doing media relations/marketing for the Banyan Tree Project, a national social marketing campaign funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Banyan Tree Project is a five-year community-based program to fight HIV-related stigma in Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

'84 Kay BRINSKY Judson writes that the Banana Slug tradition is continuing with her niece, who is now attending UCSC.

'88 Mayumi WATANABE is living in Florida and enjoying the warmer weather but missing the culture of California; he's still painting.

'90 Michelle DAVIS is working as a biologist in Everglades National Park, studying endangered birds; she is also racing small sailboats and planning a sailing voyage to the Caribbean. **Eric ELKINS** is cocreator of a new multiplatform media company called Bias Media, www.biasdotcom.com.

'93 Brenda SHAUGHNESSY teaches creative writing at Columbia University and lives in Brooklyn; she is the author of a book of poetry, *Interior with Sudden Joy*, and her poem "Magician" was published in the July 4 issue of the *The New Yorker*.

'96 Jesse GRIFFITH (a Porter B5C-Dorm veteran) married Tina Wong in Los Angeles in August.

'03 Frank LIN's debut feature film, *American Fusion*, has received positive reviews and won the audience award at the 2005 Hawaii International Film Festival; the movie tells a story of romance between a divorced middle-aged Chinese immigrant who thinks her life is over and a Mexican American dentist.

Jesse THORN hosts and produces an arts-and-entertainment show on public radio aimed at a young, hip audience; the show, *The Sound of Young America*, is broadcast every Saturday from 5 to 6 P.M. on KZSC 88.1 FM at UC Santa Cruz and is available on the Internet at www.splangy.com/radio.

Kresge College

'73 Bruce "Reed" LINDBERG is the managing director of the Boulder (Colo.) Psychotherapy Institute and a licensed counselor in private practice.

'77 Larry SMITH is a research professor at Montana Tech, and he enjoys working on water resources, glacial geology, historical preservation, and winter sports in Butte, Mont.

'79 Doug FRIEDMAN wrote, sang, and played "Island Girl" on his guitar for the Orange County

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Planning Department; he also wrote "Kitty & Weenie," a family comedy screenplay. **Julie SILLIMAN** has been hired as the director of civic art for the Los Angeles County Arts Commission—the first public art program adopted by Los Angeles County; she and her husband, John Coven, welcomed the birth of twin sons in March 2005.

'83 **Lynn HUDSON**, a specialist in African American history, has taken a position as associate professor in the History Department at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minn.; her recent research investigates the legal, cultural, and social manifestations of Jim Crow discrimination in California in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

'91 After nearly nine years making video game manuals, **Belinda VAN SICKLE** has started her own business, called Game Docs; she writes, "I really like what I do, but I'm tired of working for other people. I hope to grow my company into the video game industry's top manual business."

'92 **Jeremy YUNT** received his master's degree in ethics (focusing on environmental ethics) in 1999 from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, and he is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, Calif.; he has been published in the *Journal of Humanistic Psychology* and *Philosophy Now*, among others; friends may contact him at www.jeremyyunt.com.

'95 **Shelley BATES** is the author of *Grounds to Believe*, which won the 2005 RITA Award for best inspirational novel from the Romance Writers of America.

'98 **Natalie LEWIS** completed an M.S. in Asian medicine, and her partner, **Peter LEHMAN** (Merrill '00), is a Ph.D. candidate in comparative literature at UCLA. **Gail GRANT Schull** married Clay Schull in 2004 and in 2005 moved to Idaho, where she is the registrar and director of admissions at the College of Southern Idaho; she is also in a graduate program in educational leadership.

'99 **Claire HOFFMAN** (daughter of **Fred HOFFMAN** [Oakes '74], granddaughter of Dave Hoffman, who taught music at College Five in 1970–72) is currently a reporter

at the *L.A. Times*, in the last two years, she's gotten a master's degree at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and another master's at the University of Chicago in religious studies.

'01 **Alexandra MENDOZA** is in the American studies Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota, where she's been awarded the Ford and MacArthur predoctoral fellowships.

'04 **Greg HOWLIND** is writing, painting, sculpting, and dreaming of someplace Spanish and warm, while rebuilding his VW bus.

College Eight

'88 **Mysti RUBERT Berry** has published a short story, "Reaction Shots," and a novel excerpt, "Strong Flower," in the *Todd Point Review*.

Rachel GOLDBERG is an instructor of conflict analysis and dispute resolution in the Department of Sociology at the Fulton School of Liberal Arts at Salisbury University; she completed her Ph.D. in social science at Syracuse University last May.

'91 **Dennis SULLIVAN** and his wife welcomed their son, Shane, into the world in July.

Graduate Studies

'94 **Karen HANSEN** (M.S., Earth sciences) has taken a new job with Graniterock, at the A. R. Wilson Quarry in Aromas, Calif.

'95 **Gregory HANCOCK** (M.S., Earth sciences), an associate professor of geology at the College of William and Mary, was the winner of one of five Alumni Fellowship Awards, which are presented annually, along with a \$1,000 honorarium, to younger members of the faculty who "possess outstanding qualities as mentors of William and Mary students."

'96 **Lieba FAIER** (M.A., anthropology) has been awarded a prestigious Abe Fellowship from the Social Sciences Research Council, which she will use to do research on human trafficking in Japan, the Philippines, and the U.S.

'03 **Roopali PHADKE** (Ph.D., environmental studies) has been appointed assistant professor in the Environmental Studies Department at Macalester College; her work over the last decade has focused on how river basin technologies, such as dams and canals, can be more sustainably and democratically designed and managed.

In Memoriam

Christopher COLLINS (Ph.D., chemistry '00), a senior organic chemist at SRI International, died unexpectedly in August 2005.

Virginia FIERRO (M.A., sociology '79), who worked at UCSC first as assistant to the director of the Bay Tree Bookstore and then in a similar position for the UC College Prep Initiative, died at her Santa Cruz home in December 2005 after a lengthy illness; she was 53.

Larry HEIN (Crown '82), a firefighter who served as assistant chief of the East Contra Costa Fire District, died in March 2005 of cancer; he was 47.

Walter McKEE (Cowell '76), a professional horseplayer with a gift for numbers and an interest in emerging music, who played a funky techno brand of keyboards, according to his old friend Don Wallace, died of heart failure at age 53 in September 2005.

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'05 **Mike WEBER** is an AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteer in Boston, working at the Building Materials Resource Center (BMRC), a nonprofit that resells new and used donated building materials to the public, offering deep discounts to low-income individuals, and diverting usable materials from landfills.

Oakes College

'95 After working in Indian education for four years, **Christina PARKER** earned a law degree from Denver University in 2002; now she practices tribal law in Washington State.

'01 **Elijah Henry HELMER** is currently performing in the Bay Area; after parting with the group Delicious Vinyl, he produced his own compilation of songs, which was released in July; to download songs, go to www.elijahhenry.com.

'93 **Victoria SANDILANDS**, a poultry behavior and welfare scientist with the Avian Science Research Centre at the Scottish Agricultural College, wrote an article about animal welfare in Scotland for the web site *Global Friends of Scotland* that included a glowing description of her field studies class at UCSC with biology professor Burney Le Boeuf and the influence that class had on her career path.

'95 **Peder HILL** is living in Austria with his wife and two children and is writing a novel; excerpts can be found at www.musik-therapie.at/PederHill.

'97 **Madison NGUYEN** was elected to the San Jose City Council in September, representing District 7; she is the first Vietnamese American elected to the council (see story, p. 12).

'99 **Patrick CHANDLER** is working for the Riverside County Fire Department as a public information officer.



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