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President's Message: Reflections on "A Return to Normal" Following the Pandemic

By Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno

As I reflect on the past year, two events stand out as being exceptional. First is the SJSU Commencement, the happiest day in the campus year; second is the reception for retiring faculty at University House, the home of President Cynthia Teniente-Matson.

One of the perks of being on the ERFA Board is the biannual invitation to participate in Commencement as a member of the platform party. Over the years, Commencement has undergone several major changes. My first recollection of attending SJSU Commencement as a new faculty member was sitting on lawn chairs in the SJSU football stadium, where we had the opportunity to mingle with the students from our departments. Sitting in the blazing sun, we cheered with the undergraduates when they were told to stand with their college/department to be recognized. Then there was a short time when we celebrated at the soccer stadium, college by college, still in the blazing heat and still with no individual acknowledgement of each student. Currently, the Commencements are celebrated indoors on campus at the PCU Event Center with seven to nine separate events each semester. Most colleges have their own ceremony. Students' names are read out by a machine that has been preprogrammed to pronounce the name correctly. Students walk across the stage, are congratulated by the President, Provost and College Dean, and have their photos professionally taken. Master's and Doctoral candidates are also hooded by their department faculty. It truly is the "happiest day of the year." I wish I could bottle the atmosphere and share it with you, but since this is not possible, please consider joining the ERFA Board in the future so that you can experience it for yourself.

The second outstanding event for me this year was the reception for newly retiring faculty, held at the University President's home. This long-standing tradition (interrupted during the pandemic) has been graciously recreated by President Teniente-Matson. Faculty who were fully retiring or in their first year of FERPing were invited to attend. A lovely reception with mingling and appetizers was followed by an individual recognition of each retiring faculty member's career at the University by their Dean. Retirees were presented with a glass apple, along with words of appreciation for their tenure at SJSU. I was honored to attend and hear the amazing accomplishments of the retirees. One Dean brought an article published by one of his faculty, so that we could see the complexity of her work. It gave me a whole new appreciation for my colleagues and how much they have achieved in teaching, scholarship, and service. Please inform your colleagues and urge them to attend when you hear they will be retiring. I was surprised that many who had been sent an email invitation did not know about the event or their eligibility to attend it. We want to celebrate our colleagues for their distinguished careers as they enter retirement. Please help us publicize this important event.

I would like to shine a spotlight on another event this year, the annual May luncheon and Business Meeting held at the Villages on May 19. Our speaker was President Teniente-Matson. She was brilliant, describing SJSU and our place in the world using details and examples that I had never before heard in my 32 years on campus. If you have the opportunity to hear her speak, attend. You will leave with a new joy and understanding of our campus. The event also included brief descriptions of the projects of the 2022-23 ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity awards recipients: Dr. Janet Bang and Dr. Anil Kumar.

In conclusion, I have found being on the Board a very rewarding experience. I started by joining the Program Committee for two years and found that I enjoyed it so much that I “threw my name in the hat” for a Board seat, then President. If you would like to increase your involvement with ERFA, we have positions available on Board Committees. Please contact the incoming President, Elaine Collins, or any of the Committee Chairs listed in this newsletter at their @sjsu.edu addresses to volunteer. Much is ahead for our ERFA organization. For example, I look forward to the restart of the Film Club on Zoom, led by Karl Toepfer. Contact him at Karl.Toepfer@sjsu.edu to have your address added to his notification list. He will tell you monthly what film to watch and when the Zoom discussion will be. I would also like to start a travel dialogue group. I envision a setting where we have, either in person or on Zoom, volunteers who describe their latest post-pandemic travel adventure for 5-10 minutes, with a moderator and time for questions afterward. If you are interested in being on the committee forming this group or in reporting on travel, please send me an email at mj.gorney-moreno@sjsu.edu. Finally, I look forward to seeing you at a Zoom program meeting or at one of our in-person programs this year. I especially hope you will attend our holiday lunch at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library in December.

ERFA’s May Business Meeting and Lunch By Elaine Collins

After three years of virtual Annual Business meetings, we were able to meet this year in person at The Villages Club House. Everyone was warmly welcomed by our ERFA President, Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno. After a delicious lunch with much animated conversation, Mary Jo facilitated our program for the day. She started by thanking all ERFA Executive Board members for their work this year and by welcoming our special guests for the afternoon: President Cynthia Teniente-Matson, Senior Director of Faculty Services James Lee, Assistant Vice Provost for Faculty Development Deanna Fassett, Vice Provost for Faculty Success Magdalena Barrera, and Executive Director of CSU ERFSA Merry Pawlowski.

ERFA’s representative to the Academic Senate, Chris Jochim, introduced President Cynthia Teniente-Matson. She is the first Latina President at SJSU. She was a first-generation college graduate and went on to earn an EdD in Educational Leadership from CSU Fresno. President Teniente-Matson spoke about how excited she is to be a Spartan, why she chose to come to SJSU and what her vision is for SJSU, by discussing three themes: Purpose, People and Place. She spoke of the unique

opportunity at SJSU to serve our very diverse population because of our location; she is interested in finding ways to better partner with our local community to provide not only quality education to our students but also unique opportunities to prepare them for their future careers. After her speech, she gave the audience time to ask questions.

Next, the program turned to this year's ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Awards. Our guests, James Lee, Deanna Fassett, and Magdalena Barrera, plus their staffs, were thanked for providing consultation and assistance in the review and award process. Joan Merdinger, Co-Chair of the Awards Committee, introduced the two recipients of this year's awards. The first recipient is Dr. Janet Bang from the College of Education, Department of Child and Adolescent Development. She spoke briefly about her project studying how very young children learn to put two words together. The second recipient, Dr. Amil Kumar, from the College of Engineering, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, was unable to attend. These awards are possible through generous donations from ERFA members.

Next, Mary Jo presided over our Annual Business meeting. First, she presented the three proposed changes to the ERFA Constitution and the By-Laws. These included removal of "he/she" language, updating "Webmaster" to "Website Administrator," and updating the statement about the ERFA Academic Senate Representative. (Committee service is optional for the ERFA representative; therefore, the representative can request to be appointed to a Senate committee but is not required to serve on one.) All three changes were unanimously approved. The slate of ERFA board members was also approved unanimously. The new Vice President/President-Elect is Winifred Schultz-Krohn, Celia Bakke is re-elected as Secretary (two-year term), Carmen Sigler is elected Member at Large (two-year term), and Chris Jochim is re-elected as Academic Senate Representative (one-year term). Vice President Elaine Collins will become president on July 1.

Then Merry Pawlowski, Executive Director of CSU ERFSA, explained the mission of CSU-ERFSA and how to become a member. New members can currently join at a reduced rate for their first year.

Mary Jo then gave some closing remarks, and ERFA Vice President Elaine Collins led the attendees in thanking her for her great service as ERFA's President during this past year. All in attendance agreed that it was especially nice to meet in person and reconnect with each other at this year's meeting.

Your Dues Work Magic . . . **By Nancie Fimbel**

At the end of the year, when the treasury has a little extra money, the ERFA Board has often voted to make a donation in the name of emeritus and retired faculty to a unit at SJSU. We have supported the Choraliers and the Political Science Department after each provided a program for us. We have supported the Library and, one year, even the Colleges. This year the Board voted to make a donation to SJSU Cares. It is a

campus program that provides emergency relief to SJSU students facing unexpected economic circumstances. Food, housing, counseling, health care, and other types of assistance and services are available to all matriculated students in need.

Please send your \$24 dues for 2023-24 to Treasurer Bill Campsey at 308 Nino Way, Los Gatos, CA 95032-5519. Make your check payable to SJSU-ERFA.

Chat Room; Special News from and about our members. This column contains news about travels and activities volunteered by the membership. Members are invited to send news about themselves to Nancie Fimbel at fimbeln@gmail.com or by snail mail at 239 Cypress Point Drive, Mountain View, CA 94043

Peter Buzanski (History, 1996) celebrated his 94th birthday at the ERFA luncheon with a serenade from the ERFA members present!

Phyllis Connelly (Nursing, 2011) continues to organize a quarterly Zoom meeting for the retired faculty from the School of Nursing. She is also planning the August Central Coast Watercolor Society art exhibit. This is a fund raiser for the San Luis Obispo Library in Nipomo, which Phyllis originally initiated six years ago. Phyllis continues her work on the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Committee at Monarch Dunes in Trilogy, and, in her spare time attends book club, mahjong club and water aerobics. She also golfs. In her latest travels, she saw her one-year-old great-granddaughter in Las Vegas, her 99-year-old former mother-in-law in Boulder City, and her less-than-a-day-old great-granddaughter in Phoenix. Phyllis also wants to report that she spent a good part of a day in May with Dr. Kathy Abriam Yago and her family.

Bill DeVincenzi (Accounting & Finance, 2013) just received his SJSU Award for 25 Years of Service. He officially retired from SJSU at the end of May after 29 years of service. He is, however, still co-directing the Thompson Global Internship program, which will send five students to Hong Kong this summer for an 8-week internship with Crown Worldwide Group.

Dave Elliott (Communication Studies, 1993) has recently published two articles in ProgressiveChristianity.org. One was on the Christian doctrine of atonement ("Time to Get Serious") and the other, on prayer ("Thinking About Prayer"). Dave is now 92 and he says his theology continues to evolve.

Michael Fallon (Sociology, 2017) is waiting expectantly for Bloomsday on June 16. His book *Ulysses Abridged* will be featured in the SF United Irish Cultural Center's "Bloomsday Reading of Ulysses" event on June 17. As a lead up to Bloomsday, Michael presented the book at the American Conference for Irish Studies at SJSU on June 7.

Nancie Fimbel (Marketing & Decision Sciences, 2010) has been selected to be a Trustee of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts for a five-year term.

Anne Fountain (World Languages and Literature, 2008) has a new book, *Indigenous America in the Spanish Language Classroom*, to be published this month. It provides key historical and cultural information about Indigenous peoples of the Americas plus an extensive list of resources and concrete teaching ideas. Husband Mike Conniff and Anne will travel to Spain at the end of June for the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese conference in Salamanca. As a Past President of the AATSP, Anne will be part of a mentoring session that links retired members with new teachers. She will also introduce the conference's keynote speaker, Argentine writer Ana María Shua. Mike is continuing his cruise ship lecturing; he has been invited to lecture on a Crystal cruise ship touring the Antilles in November.

Susan Murphy (Nursing, 2001) Last year Susan accompanied husband Michael to Montreal for a research conference on fascia. A dissected cadaver showed the variety of ways fascia functions in the body—as a transportation system, a protective system, and even cushioning. This year, in a trip full of joyful events, they sang in Carnegie Hall for the third time. They performed with a collection of small choirs singing Lauridsen's requiem, *Lux Aeterna*. While in NY, they explored the High Line and the Pfizer building, known as the Spiral. Susan still leads meditation retreats and sings early music.

María Ochoa (Sociology, 2017) is the author of the photo history book *Russell City: Images of America*. She was recently interviewed for a three-part TeleMundo (Channel 48) news segment regarding the community of Russell City and its Mexican residents and business owners. Russell City was a town of approximately 1400 residents, largely Mexicans and Blacks, that was transferred in the late 1950s and early 1960s from the County of Alameda to the City of Hayward. In 1964, using the power of eminent domain, Hayward removed residents and business owners and razed the buildings of the community. Discussions are now underway to apologize and possibly provide reparations to the former residents and business owners.

Dennis L. Wilcox (Journalism, 2005) and his wife, Marianne, visited Japan on an Overseas Adventure Tour (OAT) in March/April that caught the height of the cherry blossom season. In addition, they visited Korea for 10 days. In August, they are headed to Scotland and England.

A “Best” Trip for Aging Travelers By Marjorie Fitting Gifford and Gilbert Kahele

The Portuguese river trip for which we signed up was canceled three times during Covid before we finally managed to reschedule. By the time we traveled, we were both well above 80 years old and were unable to walk most of the side trips or mount and dismount the buses easily. We solved the problem by going “out” on the tours only every other day and resting on the days in between. This was no sacrifice: we fully enjoyed the scenic views and appreciated the service aboard our ship.

We are now more careful about the trips we schedule but are inveterate travelers and would like to recommend the one we took last December. We had heard about the wonderful fireworks for New Year's Eve in Sydney, Australia, and watched them on TV but when we learned my oldest son and his wife had been there for one of these occasions, we definitely had to go.

An Australian travel agent set up a three-week trip for us. We left home on Christmas Eve for Sydney and checked into the Four Seasons Hotel near the harbor when we arrived. A full view of the Opera House and the scurry of the travelers, ferry boats, and trains greeted us noiselessly from our window on the 25th floor. It was magic!

We signed on with a small cruise line for 5 days including New Year's Eve. The big occasion started with a preview of fireworks at 9 p.m. This lasted about 15 minutes and would rival any full productions we have locally. Then at midnight the real thing erupted all around the harbor in multiple displays; we didn't know which way to look next. Fixed on the shores were miles of colored lights, all synchronized to change color simultaneously--from red to blue to green to purple! The festivities centered on the main bridge crossing the harbor, and lights on the bridge also danced brightly and changed their costumes often for the occasion. Fans of white lights arced across the ground, and bursts and sparkles shot skyward all around us. It was grand! Our cruise spent three days in the harbor with stops at the zoo, the marine museum, a beach, and meals aboard ship in various harbors. The New Year's Eve fest included a seven-course feast of hors d'oeuvres and, of course, lots of champagne and other drinks. The last two days were spent on the Hawkesbury River soaking up the history of the settlement of Australia.

At our hotel we had many activities to choose from. Under our window, the highway was closed off for the holidays, and every night there were bands playing with lights flashing and replays on big screens showing the New Year's fireworks. Then, at 10 or 10:30 each night the light show would close with a hologram display of fish, sea horses, turtles, starfish, coral, and other seascapes in vibrant color as large as our hotel. These festivities lasted until the end of the vacation holidays, at least a week.

During the day, we enjoyed private tours away from the thousands of people gathering near the Opera House. Fortunately, we had toured that fantastic building on an earlier trip for we could never have climbed those thousands of stairs now. But we could ride in a car to the Blue Mountains and have lunch overlooking the valley, and we could ride in a cart around the Botanical Gardens. We visited a wild animal park where we were allowed to pet koalas and feed the wallabies. We visited another, entirely different, branch of the Botanical Gardens. We took a ferry around the inner parts of the harbor and visited the aquarium at one of the stops. (The ferries go to most of the attractions.) And we toured two of the many museums that are near the harbor. My favorite was the anthropological museum, where we could follow the history of the native peoples.

From the hotel to the far side of the harbor, where many restaurants are, is about a quarter of a mile walk, but there are also many pubs and restaurants nearer the hotel.

The fare in the dining room at our hotel was outrageously expensive, so we often ordered dinner in our room (about one-third of the dining room cost) and when we were out we were sure to find a place to eat nearby. We had to adjust to the \$25 hamburger plates and \$35 fish plates, which, with a favorable exchange rate, were really only \$17.50 and \$24.50 at the time we were there.

Given our infirmities, we found much to be recommended about Sydney. I'm sure it has a lot for you to enjoy as well.

Your Donation Dollars Are Hard at Work by Lucy McProud and Joan Merdinger

Starting in AY 2014-15, members of ERFA have generously supported the research and creative activities of our SJSU tenured, tenure-track and lecturer faculty colleagues. Over the last nine years, ERFA members have funded a total of 20 awards through our ERFA Faculty Research & Creative Activity Award Tower Foundation account. Each faculty awardee receives \$2500; thus, in total, the ERFA Board has awarded \$50,000. Due to your ongoing and significant financial support, we have two awardees for this year, AY 2022-2023. If you attended our May 19th Spring Business Luncheon, you met one of the two, Dr. Janet Bang. We also learned about the research of Dr. Anil Kumar, who was unable to attend the lunch. We introduce our awardees and their funded projects to you again here:

Dr. Bang, Assistant Professor in the Department of Child and Adolescent Development in the Lurie College of Education, will “evaluate caregiver empowerment and understanding of strategies, and children’s language development” with a pilot study of 40 English and Spanish-speaking families, in a pre-test post-test design. The focus is on families with pre-school children, ages 12-24 months. “By helping caregivers better understand this critical developmental period,” the researcher expects to “support children’s growth in these foundational skills.” The proposed pilot study will be used as proof-of-concept to prepare for submission of a larger external grant. Dr. Bang will use her award to fund incentives for parent participation and to hire a student research assistant.

Dr. Kumar, Associate Professor in the Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering in the Davidson College of Engineering, proposes a study to help visually impaired people to navigate the outside world via a “low-cost wearable that can increase situational awareness and work to prevent accidents.” With the assistance of a student, Dr. Kumar will create a special vest with sensors that will sense five different angles, five distances, four directions of movement and up to three conflicting objects. The study will focus on prototype development with data collection from 60 subjects. The findings will “be used to determine the usability and acceptability of this kind of technology and potential improvements for the future.” Dr. Kumar will use his award to fund materials for the creation of the prototype vest and for participation incentives.

The ERFA Faculty Research & Creative Activity Awards program is able to provide funding to our worthy faculty colleagues only if ERFA members continue to support this important initiative. If you are able, please help ERFA keep the momentum going for the ERFA Research & Creative Activity Award by sending a check made out to “Tower Foundation” and on the memo line include “ERFA Faculty Award.” Please send your check to our ERFA Tower Foundation Liaison, Jackie Snell, 97 East Saint James Street #52, San Jose, CA 95112-4060. The Tower Foundation is a 501(C)3 organization, and your donation is tax deductible.

Academic Senate Business

By Chris Jochim

During its final month, the SJSU Senate proposed a change to the Senate Constitution, an amendment to the policy on Faculty Emeriti, an adjustment to the term of the Faculty Athletics Representative, a response to nationwide concerns about academic freedom, and more.

At its April 17 meeting, the Academic Senate approved a change to Section 2 of Article IV Powers and Responsibilities of the Senate Constitution, which was subsequently approved by a vote of the campus faculty. Lack of specificity had allowed Senate legislation to linger without Presidential action or to suffer a “pocket veto.” The new language reads as follows:

[Presidential action is] to be taken within a deadline of sixty calendar days after receipt [of legislation]. . . . Policies and procedures that are vetoed by the President shall include a rationale that is reported back to the Senate in writing and made accessible to the larger campus community within this deadline. In the absence of any presidential response within this deadline, the proposed policies and procedures will be considered automatically approved and will go into effect as soon as feasible.

It should be noted that our new President, Cynthia Teniente-Matson, expressed support for the constitutional change.

The Professional Standards Committee made a recommendation that directly affects retired faculty: Amendment A to University Policy F14-2, Emeriti Faculty. After hearing reports of retired faculty finding themselves locked out of campus buildings, including ERFA member and Honorary Senator Judith Lessow-Hurley, certain senators decided to take action. As a result, the Senate approved the addition of a new item on the list of faculty emeriti privileges, as follows: “Faculty emeriti shall have access to campus buildings on the same basis as all other faculty.”

Senators also tackled a matter of particular interest to two members of the ERFA Board, Beth Von Till and Bill Campsey, each of whom has served as SJSU’s Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR). The Organization and Government Committee drafted a resolution to change a 2016 policy that limited the term of the FAR to five years. As

amended and approved by the full Senate, the policy now reads: “The term of the FAR will be three years, renewable for additional three-year terms at the President’s discretion, with input from the Chair of the Academic Senate and the Chair of the Athletics Board. Term limit of the FAR will be three years renewable for two additional three-year terms at the president’s discretion.”

The Senate also took action regarding a timely topic for college professors around the nation, namely, political attacks on tenure and academic freedom. The Senate approved a Sense of the Senate Resolution titled “In Opposition to Florida House Bill 999 and in Solidarity with Public University Faculty in the State of Florida.”

On May 1 the Academic Senate had two meetings: the final meeting of AY 2022-23 and the first meeting of AY 2023-24.

Notes From the CSU-ERFSA State Council Meeting April 27, 2023 By Joan Merdinger

First, an important observation about the attendees at the CSU-ERFSA State Council meeting of April 27, 2023: the SJSU campus was very well represented. Bethany Shiflett was elected at the meeting to the office of Secretary. Bethany also serves as the Archivist for CSU-ERFSA. Romey Sabalius is the current Faculty Trustee. Jonathan Karpf has been named by the President of CSU-ERFSA to serve on the Pre- and Post-Retirement Committee. Plus there are three representatives to CSU-ERFSA on the basis of the size of SJSU from our ERFA Board: Nancie Fimbel, Chris Jochim and Joan Merdinger.

The CSU-ERFSA State Council meeting is comprised of reports from officers and committees and presentations by invited speakers. For this meeting, special reports were given by Dr. Lawrence Grossman on the most recent CalPERS Long Term Care settlement, Dr. Romey Sabalius with the Faculty Trustee Report, and Dr. Beth Steffel from the Academic Senate of the CSU.

Highlights of the State Council Meeting follow.

The Treasurer, Sue Holl, reported that CSU-ERFSA expenses, to date, have matched income. An important reason for the stable amount in the Treasury is use of Zoom for the last several meetings of the State Council. Expenditures will change when in-person meetings resume.

The new Executive Director, Dr. Mary Pawlowski, reported that she is visiting the retirement organizations in the CSU. (Dr. Pawlowski attended the SJSU ERFA Business meeting and lunch on May 19.)

As part of the Faculty Trustee report, Romey Sabalius said that there are currently seven CSU campuses that are and have been at least 10% below the campus state-

funded enrollment target. The campuses are CSU Channel Islands, Chico State University, CSU East Bay, CSU Maritime, Cal Poly Humboldt, San Francisco State University, and Sonoma State University. The Chancellor's Office will begin reallocating resources, starting in AY 2024-2025, to more closely align with campus enrollments.

Dr. Lawrence Grossman gave a report on the CalPERS Long Term Care program and the class action lawsuit. He is a subscriber to the Long-Term Care program but he is neither a lawyer nor an adviser of any kind. He referenced historical documents, underscoring the fact that the current settlement agreement is related only to the rate increase to subscribers that occurred in 2013. The current proposed settlement is for \$800 million. The basic offer includes these options: 1) receiving a refund of 80% of premiums paid and terminating the policy, or 2) keeping the policy and getting \$1000 and a moratorium on premium increases until October 2024. A third option is for policy holders to reject both choices by excluding themselves from the class action lawsuit, and still maintain their policies. If more than 1% of policy holders exclude themselves from the suit, the settlement permits CalPERS to walk away from the settlement. In the discussion that followed, David Wagner, Chair of the CSU-ERFSA Health Benefits Committee, informed the group that CalPERS has stopped enrollment into the LTC program. According to David, with no new members to offset the costs incurred by the members who need to utilize LTC benefits, the program becomes unsustainable.

Ed Aubert from the Membership Committee reported that membership in CSU ERFSA increased by 81 members in the last year, most likely because of the incentive program that provides the first year of membership at half price. The downward trend in membership, beginning in 2013, is reversing. A proposal to continue the reduced rate for the first year of membership was unanimously approved by the State Council members.

There is good news to report from the CSU-ERFSA Grants Committee! SJSU has two awardees, Jo Farb Hernandez and Michael Kimbarow, out of the 13 awardees in this cycle.

From David Wagner and the Health Benefits Committee: COVID-19 tests will no longer be provided by the federal government, but your health plan may cover the cost of the kits. The Pharmacy Benefit Manager for most CalPERS health plans will continue to be OptumRx through the end of 2025. CalPERS will start the process for selecting a vendor for the pharmacy benefit for CalPERS members in mid-2024. Either a new Pharmacy Benefit Manager or a renewed Manager will be in effect as of January 1, 2026.

CSU-ERFSA representative to CFA, Jerry Swartz reported that CFA intends to reopen contract discussions in May with a focus on Article 20 Workload, Article 31 Salary, and Article 37 Health & Safety. CFA is also endorsing bills in the legislature that focus on executive retreat rights, CalPERS investments in fossil fuels, and parental leave for one semester for new parents.

The meeting concluded with concerns about the May 2023 revision of the California state budget.

Did You Know? By Tim Hegstrom

Emeritus status will get you a free parking pass for that occasional trip to campus. The pass has to be renewed every year by June 30. So, contact the parking office and apply for a pass or ask to have your pass renewed. It can come in handy. Whether you are applying for the first time or requesting a renewal, you can now do it online. Send an email to parking@sjsu.edu. Include your name, your Tower Card number (which indicates your status as Emeritus), and the license plate number of the vehicle or vehicles you are registering. (You may register up to four vehicles, but only one may be parked on campus at a time.) Parking Services telephone: 408-924-6557.

An SJSU Tower Card gets any staff member and up to three guests free admission into any ticketed home Athletics contest. According to Dom Urrutia of the Athletics Department, this includes football and basketball games. He says, "Bring your Tower Card to the ticket window/table on site to redeem tickets. The exception to this would be championship games, such as the MPSF Water Polo Championship Tournament that SJSU just hosted. Those matches would be paid admission." So SJSU sports fans take note. You might want to renew your Tower Card if it's not up to date and get free admission for you and guests.

In the March 2023 ERFA News we explained how to apply for Emeritus status and how to obtain your Tower Card. If you have other ideas for emeritus or senior opportunities that might be of interest, please contact Tim Hegstrom at tim.hegstrom@sjsu.edu .

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