



BUD'S RETIREMENT PARTY

When someone like Bud, with a long and distinguished teaching and research career retires, it is not surprising that colleagues, family and friends will organize a party highlighting his many accomplishments, awards, and most of all the many people whose lives were touched and inspired during his career. The organizers of the event took great pains keep the program, speakers, and retirement gift a secret. Approaching the UCSD campus on May 21 one found the entrances lined with signs announcing "PARKING FOR BUD MEHAN PARTY." This hinted of the scope of the event and the presence of the many distinguished guests, some arriving from as far away as Pennsylvania. Approximately 200 top level college administrators, department heads, professors, principals, colleagues, community organizers, family, and

many former students came to highlight Bud's career accomplishments and wish him well. After time to enjoy a great buffet of assorted treats, a long time friend of the Mehan family, Randy Souviney, took charge and after a short introduction introduced the series of speakers as shown in the program. Each one recalled incidents in their careers when they interacted with Bud and the some of the projects or communications that highlighted the teaching and research careers. In addition to the many professionals who spoke, Bud's son & daughter Michael & Megan gave a joint presentation recalling some of their experiences growing up with "father" Bud. The program also included two student teams, one from Preuss School and one from Gompers Preparatory Academy who gave rousing song and dance presentations. Preuss school gave him a letterman jacket.

Hugh "Bud" Mehan

*Professor of Sociology & Director of CREATE
Retirement Program
May 21, 2010
3:00 - 6:00 PM*

Speakers & Presentations

*3:45 - Welcome - Randy Souviney, Senior Lecturer with Security of
Employment, Emeritus, Education Studies (Emcee)*

*Paul Drake, Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Jeff Elman, Dean, Division of Social Sciences*

*Dick Madsen, Chair, Department of Sociology
Gordon Chang, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, UC Davis*

*Annette Laveau, Professor, University of Pennsylvania
Maria Martinez-Cosio, Assoc. Professor, University of Texas Arlington*

4:30 - The Preuss School Student Performance

*Scott Barton, Principal, The Preuss School
Amanda Datnow, Director, Education Studies
Susan Yonezawa, Associate Director, CREATE*

Michael and Megan Mehan, Bud's son and daughter

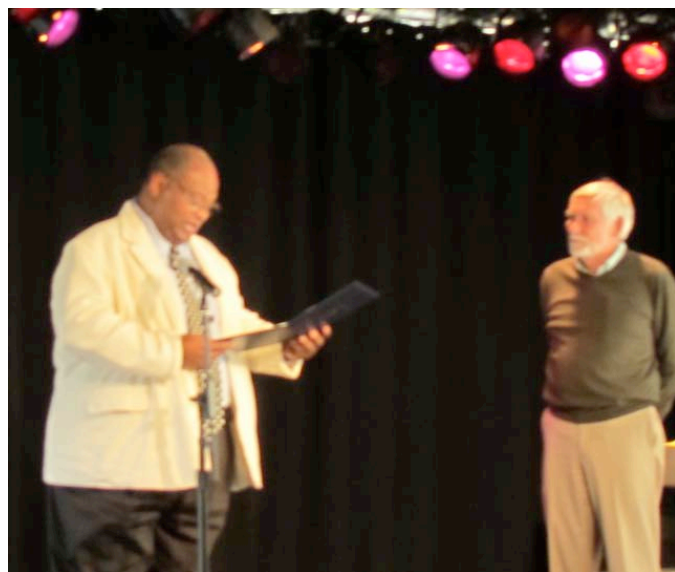
Vince Riveroll, Director, Gompers Preparatory Academy

4:55 - Gompers Preparatory Academy Student Performance

*Cecil Lytle, Professor Emeritus, Department of Music
Closing Remarks & Gift Presentation*

Reception until 6:00 PM

No Host Bar ~ wine, beer, juice, soda, and sparkling water



A presentation that surprised even the organizers of the party was that announcement that Bud has been selected for the Thurgood Marshall College Medal for Lifetime Achievement. An other surprise retirement gift was the creation of the Hugh Mehan Scholarship Fund. The money donated will be used to create a permanent source of funding for underprivileged students attending UCSD.

Finally, Bud announced that although he is officially retired, he has arranged with UCSD to "return to service" part time, so he can continue to direct CREATE and partnership schools. **CONGRATULATIONS, BUD** for all you have done in helping young people have the opportunity to get the education they deserve.

Some pictures of Bud's retirement celebration



Padre's baseball -

Most of our baseball games are seen from our regular seats in section 304, a location we are used to and enjoy. In early June however, we had a special treat; we were invited by Robert to watch the game from the Dynalectric suite. In addition to the game we were treated to a buffet dinner of chicken salad, hot dogs (of course, at a baseball game) , prime rib, etc. The facility consisted of a large room with a sofa, TV, and the buffer line, plus a row of seats overlooking the playing field. Also, there were two more rows of seats at the stadium level. It's a great way to see the game and also interact with the other guests. Ed was there, plus Francie and Lyle, and Carol and Jeff. We had a great time and thank Robert for asking us.



Corbin Hartman celebrates first birthday with family and friends

It hardly seems like a year has passed since May 23, 2009, when little Corbin was born, but the party held one year later was ample proof that he had indeed lived for 12 months. The party was held at the home of the grandparents, Bruce and Birdy, and a large crowd assembled to join in the celebration. To start off, a lunch of Mexican type food was served buffet style. Afterwards, everyone gathered in the back patio to view the opening of the many gifts. Corbin seemed to really enjoy being the star attraction, and helped tear off wrappings and wave ribbons in the air. He received a wide range of toys and quickly went from one to the other, giving each a quick trial. Afterwards the traditional birthday cake was served and enjoyed by all. Everyone enjoyed the celebration and wished him a happy birthday!!!



Saturday lunch with Grandma and Grandpa

The Saturday lunch has become a family tradition, with various members attending whenever time and schedule permit. Regulars are Ed, Listy, and Birdy, but also on occasion, Francie, Carol, and Jeff join us, and once in a while



Margaret and Bud. In addition, various grandchildren and guests attend. At the last meeting however, a new face appeared; little Corbin Hartman, escorted by Grandma Birdy, put in his first appearance. Since the favorite spot, Midway Sizzlers, has gone out of business, we went the Sizzlers on Aero drive. Corbin was seated on a booster chair at the head of the table, and enjoyed being the center of attraction, and the food provided by Birdy. We all enjoyed

seeing him, and hope that he will be with us on many more occasions.

Memorial Day, 2010

Although there was no formal family get-together, everyone gave silent thanks for those who have given up their lives in the service of our country. We have the following poem, provided by Richard, and a thought provoking cartoon provided by our good friend, Harold Levine.

JUST A COMMON SOLDIER by A.L. Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past,
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done.
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof hespoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going on his way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,
But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country and offers up his life?

A politicians stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives,
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,
That the Bills of our country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict then we find the soldiers part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least give him homage at the ending of his days,
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,

Our Country
is in
mourning,
for a soldier
died today.



What is it?? Win a prize!!

In the June issue of RFNL we printed a picture of a



“something” and offered a prize to anyone who could identify it or describe its function. We had two responses: an avocado picker or a lamp cover.

Neither answer is correct, so in order to continue the prize offer we are generously providing a clue in the form of the attached photo. So, start thinking and see if you can be a winner.