



## TEACHER FEATURE: DAVE ALTHAUSEN

When prompted to share their feelings about Dave, fellow adjunct instructors lauded him lavishly: "He is dedicated, hardworking and loyal".

"He is inspiring and an asset to Yuba College and our union".

"Dave has been amazingly dedicated to the interests of adjunct faculty of the Yuba College District. He also enriches our institutional memory, reminding us why we do

what we do. Without Dave, one of the original organizers of YCAFT, we would not be where we are today in effectiveness".

Teaching Criminal Justice at Woodland Community College for the last 34 years is just part of his contribution to our community. Dave also serves as YC-AFT Vice President, and serves on the Flex Committee, District Technology Committee, and WCC Safety Com-

mittee. Until recently he was a Woodland Campus Representative for YC-AFT. He also served on the District Senate for the past 14 years (until it was changed to the Yuba College Senate as we now have two Senates, Yuba and WCC).

Students, too, have praised Althausen.

In the December 2007 issue of *Going Adjunct*, one of his former students, Jennifer Ellasces, ~Continue page 2



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## WELCOME TO NEW YC-AFT CAMPUS REPS



**Mary Benson, Yuba College, Lake Campus**

Has a long history of Volunteering and board membership. Page 2



**Jim Schulte, Woodland Community College** Won "Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award".

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**Bob Cassel, Woodland Community College**

Former fire chief for 20 years, attended WCC in 1975. Page 2



## GRIEVANCES



Do you believe you are being treated unfairly by your college administration? Are you unsure of your rights as an adjunct instructor?

Your YC-AFT union is here to help.

Jim Kitchen has served as Grievance

Officer for YC-AFT for many years.

He has helped many adjunct faculty solve problems ranging from salary issues to return rights. Jim can be contacted at Jim Kitchen (530) 218-1792, or at [j.kitchen@yccd.edu](mailto:j.kitchen@yccd.edu).

## AN INVITATION TO JOIN

All adjunct instructors, union members or not, are eligible to contact **the union** for help with legitimate grievances. Furthermore, all adjuncts pay union fees whether members or not.

However, only union members can run for union office, attend the annual Union Leadership Institute and other conferences, vote for board members, and on local union constitution and by-laws. There are also membership discount perks! To verify if you are a member, or to register as a member, contact Jodi at [j.azul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.azul@sbcglobal.net).

## DAY ONE OF AFT'S BUS TOUR A BIG SUCCESS by Janet Bass

The first day of the AFT's "Your Voice, Your Vote" bus tour was a huge success. The tour kicked off on Oct. 30 at a Detroit-area elementary school that has made an incredible turnaround, and it ended the day in Ohio with a large rally at the Toledo Federation of Teachers that drew hundreds of AFT members, elected officials and TV cameras. AFT president Randi Weingarten wrote in a letter encouraging the union's members to support the 2008 campaign. "Whether it's through energy "Every single day we're fighting to keep Social Security intact, pen-

sions intact, healthcare accessible—or fighting just to keep a union," she said. "We need a team to help working families, and that team is **Obama-Biden**. We need a champion in the White House that says, 'Let's work with teachers, not dump on teachers.'"

[For the entire article [http://leadernet.aft.org/news/article\\_detail.cfm?ArticleID=2303](http://leadernet.aft.org/news/article_detail.cfm?ArticleID=2303)]



## CALL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

If you are interested in either contributing a related cartoon, article, or suggesting topics to include in the December edition of *Going Adjunct*, please contact Jodi Azulai at [j.azul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.azul@sbcglobal.net). Send in your tips to share with other instructors that ranging from

best teaching practices to tips for managing the hectic work/personal life schedule. If you have recommendations for a good book or website with any related information, let us know. Alternatively, you can share wisdom from your own experience.





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was interviewed as an adjunct instructor. When asked why she chose to study Criminal Law she credited his teaching and mentorship. At the time she took his Introduction to Law class, she was an English Major. "The way Professor Dave Althausen taught, really inspired me".

During the course her father passed away. Professor Althausen mentored [me] through this difficult time, which further inspired [me]'. She then changed her career goal to Law Enforcement, earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration and went on to study for a Mas-

ter's Degree in Forensic Science. Many other students over the course of the last 34 years have also followed this career path. This is great for Dave, who admits that his greatest joy in teaching is hearing from students that have gone to careers in law enforcement.

## NEW CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES

### From page 1: Mary Benson

I have a long history of board membership in a variety of community organizations. I am a volunteer junkie, having seen first hand the impact that small groups of people can make in a community. When I heard about the vacant

position of union rep., I couldn't stop thinking about how it fit my skill set of listening carefully to people and advocating for them in every way possible. I have been a longtime supporter of unions and was extremely pleased to discover that union

membership came with my position as an adjunct instructor at Yuba College, Clear Lake Campus. It didn't take long to raise my hand to ask to serve as a rep. for the Clear Lake Campus.

### From page 1: Jim Schulte

It is my pleasure to represent Woodland Community College Campus Adjunct teachers. Thank all of you for your vote of support. It was great this year we had an election for the position showed more people want to be

involved. I am a very strong advocate for adjunct teachers and will work very hard to represent you especially in these very tough economic times.



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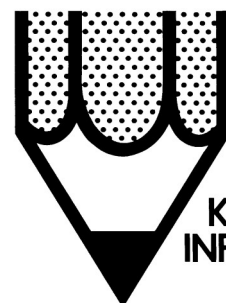


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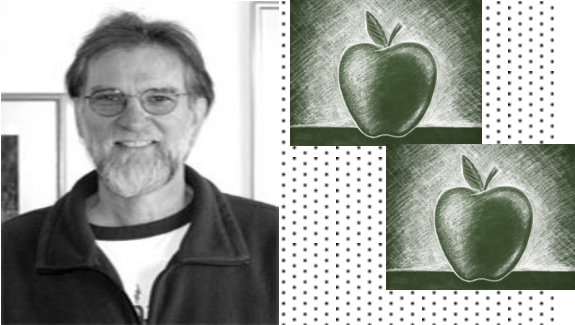
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all members of YCAFT Local No. 4952. In spite of the difficulty of the times, we appear to be seeing increased interest in our union and efforts to represent interests of adjunct faculty of Yuba College District. Many thanks to those of you who attended the adjunct orientation meetings this past August. Most particularly I want to commend and thank those who came forward to become involved in the union. We seem to have new faces from Marysville, Woodland, and Clear Lake. This is a most encouraging sign in what could otherwise feel like distressing times. I am looking forward to everyone's participation.

As always, I welcome your ideas and comments. Contact me directly at dmharris12@mchsi.com, or any of the executive board members. With our increased campus representation we will now have more available contact on each site in the district. Thanks.

In solidarity.

Douglas M. Harris, MSW

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