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Abe Howe

A scholarship fund in the name of Alvin "Abe" Howe, the late teacher education professor emeritus, has been established at California State University, East Bay, where he taught for 32 years.

The scholarship fund will benefit students in the university's College of Education and Allied Studies and was set up by the family of Professor Howe, who retired from the university in 2001 and moved to Corydon, Indiana, where he died July 19 at the age of 65.

Contributions to the fund can be made by sending a check made payable to "Cal State East Bay Educational Foundation." Donors should write in the memo field the words "Abe Howe Scholarship Fund." For more information donors can contact Maryann Annunziata, Cal State East Bay senior development director, at (510) 885-2674, or by e-mail at maryann.annunziata@csueastbay.edu.

Contributions to the scholarship fund can be mailed to California State University, East Bay, Office of University Advancement, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, Calif., 94542.

Professor Howe's colleagues said the idea of creating a scholarship in his memory is appropriate for a faculty member who was devoted to his students.

"Abe knew more students than any faculty member I have ever encountered on campus," said Ann Halvorsen, professor of special education. "People constantly stopped to speak to him, to check in about what they were doing in their lives, and to ask about his, or to ask for his advice and share a story."

"His students greatly enjoyed his reasonable, kind and humorous teaching," added teacher education professor David Stronck. "He was always delightful, helpful, encouraging, generous and truly a team player."

Howe joined the Cal State faculty in 1969 and worked in the Department of Teacher Education until his retirement in 2001. He was active on scholarship committees, summer workshops, tutoring programs, and was an advisor to the student arm of the California Teachers Association. He also worked on projects for the National Education Association.

For three years Professor Howe directed the university's Operation Fair Chance, a teacher credential program that addressed the needs of at-risk students. In the seven years prior to his retirement he team-taught classes for teacher education and special education credential students. He also was active in the Department of Teacher Education project, Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers for Technology, and was an expert in applying technology to help people with learning and physical disabilities

A native of Tell City, Ind., Howe earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1962 from Hanover College in Indiana, where he was an all-conference catcher for four years on the baseball team. He was co-captain of the team for three years and voted most valuable player in his senior season.

He earned his master's degree in elementary education in 1964 from Western Kentucky University and his doctorate in curriculum and instruction in 1969 from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Professor Howe's teaching career began in his hometown of Tell City in 1962 and was followed by faculty positions in Puerto Rico and San Bernardino, Calif., before he earned his doctorate and joined the university.

He operated an antiques store with his wife in Niles, Calif.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Marjo; daughters Marjo Wells of Sacramento and Bridget Howe of Fremont; son Jasin Howe of Sacramento; a brother, James "Lefty" Howe of Evanston, Ind.; a sister, Susan Waterman of Tennyson, Indiana; and granddaughter Amber Wells.

Services were held July 23 in Tell City, Ind.

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