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LIFE WEST REMEMBERS ITS LATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND ACCOMPLISHED AUTHOR

HAYWARD, Calif, November 11, 2008 – During the college's Festival 2008 homecoming event on October 17, Life Chiropractic College West held a memorial for Marda Woodbury, who was the institution's first library director. She held the position from 1980 (when the college was still Pacific States Chiropractic College) to 1995, when she retired. Woodbury passed away on July 8 at the age of 82.

At the ceremony a memorial plaque was presented to the library as a testament to honor Woodbury's many years of dedication to the college. Dr. Gerard Clum, president of Life West, stated, "Marda's commitment and contribution to the college have created a lasting legacy which will continue to serve and inspire students for generations to come."

Current library director Annette Osenga, who worked with Woodbury for 14 years, wrote that "Marda transformed a small set of donated books and a bare-bones staff into a full service library. Her vision guides the library even today."

Shortly after Woodbury's retirement in 1995 the University of Minnesota Press published Woodbury's account of politics and gangsterism that lead to the death of her journalist father in 1935 in Minnesota (*Stopping the Presses: The Murder of Walter W. Liggett*, 1998). The UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism honored her for this book. She also shared many poems, short stories, plays and commentaries with local writing groups and friends.

Life West, established in 1976, is an accredited non-profit institution of higher learning. Currently over 400 students from across the United States and abroad are enrolled, and over 3,700 graduates of Life West are now providing chiropractic care worldwide. The college's Health Center, a public outpatient facility, staffed by approximately 150 senior interns who are guided by licensed doctors of chiropractic, provides affordable health care to more than 1,500 patients per week in the city of Hayward, California. The college and Health Center maintain a Web site at www.lifewest.edu.

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