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University Library & OIT Launch a New Open Computer Lab

What is a “Collaboratory?” That depends on you.

The Collaboratory is a 24-station open computer laboratory located in the Reference Area of the California State University, Stanislaus Library. Its computers are identical to those in the existing Office of Information Technology lab, providing students the same access to all the customary software and hardware, Internet and Blackboard, print capabilities and technical help they are used to.

However, its location will provide students with a few more features. According to Reference Librarian Andre Garza, this is not just another computer lab.

“The surroundings make this an ideal place to work for a number of reasons,” Andre said. “Besides proximity to the Library’s collections, photocopy machines, Interlibrary Loan, reserves, and comfortable study spaces, another key benefit is the nearby Reference Desk. The idea is that students don’t have to leave their computer to complete their research projects; they can do initial research, get research help, brainstorm, and actually write their papers in the library, without having to go elsewhere — it’s one-stop shopping!”

Additionally, “the Collaboratory is open during the same hours that the Library is open, which is a few more than the downstairs computer lab,” added Andre.

Pedagogy Informing Technology

So why a “Collaboratory?” CSU Stanislaus students and faculty are learning and teaching in different ways, so the library is evolving to meet their emerging needs.

According to Andre, students not only need access to more computers in the library, but some prefer to study in groups. “The word ‘collaborate’ captures and highlights their exchange



Students are putting computers to use in the Library’s new “Collaboratory.”

President Shirvani Inauguration

Set For June 2

Dr. Hamid Shirvani will be inaugurated as the seventh president of California State University, Stanislaus on Friday, June 2. The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Quad, followed by a 6 p.m. reception.

Members of the University community are welcome to attend the program along with invited guests who will include dignitaries and leaders from other universities and colleges as well as those from the CSU Stanislaus service area.

Dr. Shirvani assumed the presidency of CSU Stanislaus in July 2005.

of ideas. Also, ‘laboratory’ implies experimentation and exploration,” Andre said.

On another level, the Collaboratory represents a partnership between the University Library and the Office of Information Technology, because both organizations recognize an increasing demand for computing resources. Both the existing OIT lab and this new companion lab in the Library will share common platforms and technical staff, so service between the two will be identical.

The Library and OIT are striving to make the Library facility and the services it offers a better fit for student needs. They encourage students to check out the Collaboratory, especially when they have research needs.

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New Student Fitness Center Part of Sports Complex Proposal

A new state-of-the-art student fitness center has been proposed, California State University, Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani announced on March 2.

This 10,000-square-foot facility is designed to include cutting-edge amenities: cardio and fitness equipment, aerobics room, multi-purpose court and locker rooms. For maximum access, the fitness facility will be in the northeast corner of campus, adjacent to Geer Road.

To benefit the University's current and future students' health, recreation and athletic promise, the project will also include an adjacent all-weather running track stadium with spectator bleachers, as well the addition of air conditioning to the current gymnasium and field house. This project would be funded by student fees and will be placed for vote in the Spring 2006 student referendum.

"This is an exciting project and one that will provide our students with the quality facility they deserve," President Shirvani said.

The site plan and renderings of the Sports Complex can be viewed on our web site at: <http://www.csustan.edu/Mainpage/data/Announcements/SportsComplex/>

Pop's Corner Opens In University Union Complex

Need to pick up some things at the store while you are at California State University, Stanislaus?

Pop's Corner, a small convenience store, opened for business on February 13. Located in the former North Dining Room between Mom's Java House and the University Student Union game room, Pop's has something for everyone on campus.

"It is designed with features of a mini-mart and a drug store and has a little something for everybody," said Bob McMicken, Campus Dining

General Manager for Sodexo, which oversees the store. "We wanted to get the best of both worlds."

Students expressed a need for convenience store items and were active in the process of submitting names they thought were appropriate for the store. The variety of items at the store include hot dogs, warm pretzels, Ices, frozen entrees and assorted food items, household items and much more.

Pop's Corner is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Grocery items and snacks are proving popular at the new Pop's Corner store.

Governor Appoints Student Andrew LaFlamme to CSU Board of Trustees

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed California State University, Stanislaus student Andrew LaFlamme, of Modesto, to the California State University Board of Trustees in February.



Andrew LaFlamme

LaFlamme, 25, is pursuing a Masters of Business Administration degree and is a graduate student tutor. He is vice president for the California State University, Stanislaus Associated Students and a representative to the California State Students Association. In addition, LaFlamme is a member of the Marketing Club and the Pre-Health Club on campus.

"This is great honor for Andrew LaFlamme, and for our University," President Shirvani said. "Andrew exemplifies all of the qualities of

an outstanding student leader: initiative, humility, perseverance, thoughtfulness and honesty."

Shirvani recommended LaFlamme for the student trustee position in November. In a letter to the Governor, Shirvani praised LaFlamme as a "mature and confident individual" who has excelled in leadership positions on campus. LaFlamme was initially nominated by the California State Students Association last fall.

"I'm deeply honored and extremely excited for the opportunity," said LaFlamme. "It's a great time to be able to advance California State University, Stanislaus, and the CSU in general. I hope to provide open communication between CSU students and the Board of Trustees."

LaFlamme served as a summer school instructor for Central Catholic High School in 2005, a teaching assistant with the Denair Unified School District from 2004 to 2005 and a community service officer for the Los Angeles Police Department from 1999 to 2001.

LaFlamme is the second CSU Stanislaus student to be named to the California State University Board of Trustees.



David Dauwalder

Provost David Dauwalder Accepts University of New Haven Post

Dr. David P. Dauwalder, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University, Stanislaus, has accepted a position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of New Haven in Connecticut.

Dauwalder, whose appointment is effective in late spring, will assume the number two leadership post at the University of New Haven, a private school of 4,300 students, and will oversee all academic programs. He has served as CSU Stanislaus Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs since June 2002.

“Dr. Dauwalder has served our campus admirably as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of CSU Stanislaus. “During his tenure

at CSU Stanislaus, David’s personal and professional qualities have earned him the respect of his colleagues and peers.”

Vice Provost Dr. Diana Demetrulias, who has been with CSU Stanislaus since 1983, has been appointed by President Shirvani as Interim Provost, effective in mid-April.

Accomplishments Praised

Dauwalder has drawn praise for his strong analytical skills in contributing to the development of an integrated academic planning and budget process, refinement of the University’s assessment efforts and greater sophistication of institutional research.

He has been instrumental in the effort to engage the campus community in strategic planning as the University continues to grow and develop new academic programs.

Dauwalder said he and his wife, Marty, are enthused about the opportunity to experience a new section of the country on a career path that has taken them from Arizona to Michigan, Washington and California.

“Professionally, this experience will provide me with my first direct involvement with private higher education,” Dauwalder said. “I am extremely proud to have been a part of California State University, Stanislaus. I am a great fan of the CSU system and believe strongly in its mission and in the mission of this campus.”

President Shirvani noted that Dauwalder has worked closely with faculty to increase support for faculty scholarship, most notably the faculty workload agreement. Dauwalder has helped to strengthen partnerships locally and internationally for improving educational opportunities for students and faculty, President Shirvani added.

A search committee has been appointed by President Shirvani to begin the process of hiring a replacement.

Dauwalder came to CSU Stanislaus from Central Washington University where he was Provost and Chief Academic Officer, serving previously as Dean of the School of Business and Economics. He served as a faculty member and administrator at CSU Los Angeles and Central Michigan University early in his career.

Stockton Dean Cynthia Morgan Announces Retirement

Dr. Cynthia Morgan, Dean of the California State University, Stanislaus-Stockton Center, has announced her decision to retire from California State University, Stanislaus, effective July 31.

Over her 32-year career at CSU Stanislaus, Morgan has served as a Psychology Department faculty member and chair before moving up to associate dean and dean.

In eight years as Dean of the Stockton Center, Morgan has helped strengthen the University’s impact throughout San Joaquin County and surrounding areas. Morgan became Dean of the Stockton Center just after CSU Stanislaus moved from its original site at San Joaquin Delta College to the 103-acre site now known as University Park. As dean, she worked closely with Stockton businesses and the Stockton community to establish the vision of University Park and the CSU Stanislaus Stockton Center’s role as the anchor tenant.

“The staff of the Stockton Center deserve most of the credit for what has happened at CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center,” Morgan said. “Staff members are dedicated and always willing to go that extra mile to facilitate student learning and faculty teaching. I have valued their support, as well as that of all in the Stockton community who have supported the Center.”

Morgan has also been instrumental in forging a partnership between CSU Stanislaus and the Stockton Unified School District in its development of Pittman Elementary School at University Park. Over the past year, Dr. Morgan’s leadership has contributed greatly to the development of a new proposed charter school at University Park in partnership with Aspire Schools — a collaboration supported by a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-funded grant administered through the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.



Cynthia Morgan

Wellness WORKS! Continues to Serve Under New Leadership Transition

Wellness WORKS! founder Paula LeVeck, a California State University, Stanislaus Nursing Professor who retired as program director in 2004, has since remained active with a full schedule of serving the community. Diane Feneck, who since 2000 has taught courses for the Wellness WORKS! program that provides support for welfare recipients getting back into the work force, has taken over as the new coordinator.

Since its inception in 2000, Wellness WORKS! has provided a variety of educational services to San Joaquin County CalWORKS participants designed to support their entry into the work world, increase their success as employed citizens and optimize their functioning as individuals, family members and parents. The Stockton-based employment opportunity training program is funded annually by San Joaquin County Mental Health Services.

The vision of the program is to contribute to the health and healing of individuals, families, neighborhoods and communities within Stockton and San Joaquin County.

“This has been the most challenging and creative thing I’ve done in my life,” LeVeck said. “The program is a resource of one or three-week programs of holistically-based wellness topics and activities.”

The program offers courses such as “Success is a Choice,” “Dressing for Success,” “Effects of Smoking,” “Healthy Nutrients,” “Coping with Stress,” “Parenting,” “Tai Chi (Chinese word for energy),” “Healthy Relationships” and “True Colors.”

“To my knowledge, it’s the only one in the nation that was specifically created for welfare recipients,” LeVeck said.

Wellness WORKS! collaborates with Human Services in San Joaquin County. Human Services refers families to the program as an avenue for welfare recipients to become independent and successful in the work force.



Paula LeVeck

LeVeck Honored

In 2005, LeVeck was one of 10 nurses honored by the Alpha Phi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Nursing Sorority, Inc. The nurses were honored for representing an ethnic cross-section of San Joaquin County. The Nursing sorority is seeking to inspire more people to consider nursing as a career and expand the ethnic representation in the field.

Since retirement, LeVeck has served as a board member for the program. She currently teaches the nursing cohort at the Stockton CSU Stanislaus campus, has a part-time practice in counseling that focuses on individuals and couples, is involved in the organization “Healthcare For All” and conducts a “From Violence to Wholeness” workshop for community groups.

“I loved my 20 years at Cal State Stanislaus,” LeVeck said. “Teaching is my passion and I just adored the nursing population. One thing I love most about retirement, however, is the flexibility; the control I have over how I spend my time and what activities I engage in.”



Diane Feneck

Program Under New Leadership

Diane Feneck, who since 2000 has taught courses for the Wellness WORKS! program that provides support for welfare recipients getting back into the work force, has taken over as the new coordinator.

Feneck is a San Joaquin Delta College and Sacramento State University graduate who divides her time between teaching guidance classes at Delta and coordinating the day-to-day needs of the Wellness WORKS! program.

“I enjoy meeting participants and facilitating the process of change in their life,” Feneck said. “It’s such a positive program. I love being part of this program because it’s such a positive influence on the life of our participants.”



Bill Ruud

Bill Ruud Stepping Down as Development Vice President

Dr. Bill Ruud has announced that effective June 30, he will be leaving his position as the University’s Vice President for Development and University Relations. Ruud has elected to transition into his faculty position in the College of Business during the spring semester.

“Please join me in thanking Bill for his service to our University and for his contributions to the Office of Development and University Relations,” California State University, Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. “I know that our students in the College of Business will benefit from the depth of knowledge and experience that he will bring to the classroom.”

President Shirvani said he will be forming a search committee within the next few days to immediately begin the search for a new Vice President. In the meantime, the President will assume administrative oversight of the Development and University Relations administration to insure a smooth transition.

Ruud came to CSU Stanislaus in January 2004 from Boise State University where he served as an administrator and faculty member. He also served for two years as senior policy and chief education advisor for the governor of Idaho.

Three CSU Stanislaus Staff Members Receive Community Award

Promoting education and becoming role models in the Hispanic community united three California State University, Stanislaus staff members and friends: Louisa Herrera, Jessi Reyes Murray and Stella Ureno. After many years of hard work and dedication in the community, the three co-workers and friends were honored in December as the 2005 Outstanding Latinas of the Year by the Latino Community Roundtable (LCR) of Stanislaus County.

LCR is an organization devoted to improving the political, social and economic condition of Latinos in Stanislaus County. According to LCR, the award goes to those who show dedication and selfless service in improving the quality of life for everyone in the community.

“California State University, Stanislaus congratulates these three individuals for this well-deserved recognition and our deepest gratitude for their dedicated service to the community at large,” President Shirvani said. “Their hard work, dedication and outstanding service have helped to improve the quality of life in our community.”

Student Beginnings

Herrera, director of the Tutoring Center, joined the CSU Stanislaus staff in the early 1990’s as an undergraduate while earning her degree. She was a student when she decided to devote her time to help others who were struggling academically and among the first few who helped build the foundation of today’s CSU Stanislaus Tutoring Center.

Reyes Murray, director of Student Support Services (SSS), recalls the day Herrera walked into her office looking for an on-campus job. She helped Herrera and says she knew that based on Herrera’s previous experience at Hartnell Community College’s Tutoring Center she was the right person for the Tutoring Center assistant position.



“I was excited and honored,” said Herrera. “I do what I do because it’s my passion. I want to be involved to make a difference, even if it’s in the life of one person.”

Reyes Murray, Ureno and Herrera are a committed team at CSU Stanislaus.

In 1999, Ureno joined her two friends at CSU Stanislaus as the University’s academic advisor for SSS. Ureno had met Herrera at Hartnell College and had known Reyes Murray for more than 20 years before joining the University staff. Ureno and Reyes Murray met while recruiting for their respective alma maters, Fresno State and San Jose State. Since then, the trio has been working tirelessly to ensure that the academic needs of the students of CSU Stanislaus are met through the Tutoring Center and SSS.

Through the years, the three women have also organized and supported a variety of events, activities and programs that provide direct or indirect benefit to Latino students. They have served together at events for CSU Stanislaus and for many other organizations promoting education and scholarship support, such as the Chicano Council for Equity in Education, the Cesar Chavez Celebration event, Cinco de Mayo, Mujeres Latinas and Noche de Becas.

All three are committed to the same causes and rely on each other not only as colleagues, but as close friends.

“We work well together,” Reyes Murray said. “We push each other and we back each other up.”

Having received the award for their dedication to serving students and the community, the three award recipients said they feel an overwhelming sense of honor for being selected Latinas of the year.

Hispanic Outlook Magazine Rates CSU Stanislaus In Publisher’s Picks Top 100

California State University, Stanislaus is again one of 19 CSU campuses listed in the tenth annual *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education’s* Publisher’s Picks, a national list of Hispanic-serving colleges and universities.

The Publisher’s Picks in the national publication recognizes institutions with solid records in recruiting, enabling and graduating Hispanic students. The standings are based upon formal and informal inquires as well as data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Topics scrutinized include financial aid and scholarship programs, remedial and tutoring programs, English-as-a-second language

offerings, Hispanic studies classes, Hispanic campus organizations, Hispanic faculty and administrators and other services designed to help students succeed.

“California State University, Stanislaus is proud to be an avenue to success for a diverse number of students, including those who are the first in their families to attend college,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of CSU Stanislaus. “The University takes very seriously its responsibility to provide access to quality higher education for all qualified students.”

CSU Stanislaus was officially designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a

Hispanic-Serving Institution in 2003, making the University eligible to apply for grants awarded to colleges and universities with large numbers of low-income Hispanic students. The designation is awarded to schools with a minimum of 25 percent Hispanic students and half or more who are classified as low-income and qualify for financial assistance.

Hispanic student enrollment at CSU Stanislaus accounts for more than 26 percent of the University’s 8,100 students. Hispanic bachelor’s degree recipients receive 18 percent of the diplomas at CSU Stanislaus and 10 percent of the master’s degrees.

Education and Community Leader To Address Cesar Chavez Celebration



Maria Elena Serna

Maria Elena Serna, Vice President of the San Joaquin Delta College Board of Trustees, retired school teacher, former United Farm Workers organizer and community activist, will be the featured speaker at the 11th Annual California State University, Stanislaus Cesar Chavez Celebration on Wednesday, March 22.

The program gets under way at 6 p.m. with mariachi music and a silent auction followed by the keynote presentation at 7 p.m. in the University Union Event Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

“**!Sí Se Puede!** (Yes, we can!)” is the theme of the celebration, which pays tribute to the ideals of the late United Farm Workers Union leader who died in 1993. The program is co-sponsored by the Stanislaus County Office of Education, Union Program Board, Community Trust Credit Union, CSU Stanislaus’ Associated Students, Inc., Office of Service Learning and Development and University Relations division.

Winners of the annual Cesar Chavez poster, essay, and poetry contest will have their work showcased at the program and be presented with their awards. Stanislaus county kindergarten through 12th grade students participate in the contest that includes four age groups.

Community Activist

Serna has been a community activist in San Joaquin County political, educational and social activities for 32 years and was the first Hispanic woman elected to the Delta Board of Trustees in 1990. She is a founding member and past president of the California Association of Latino Community College Trustees and has been named to governor-appointed state commissions.

A teacher in the Lodi Unified School District for more than 25 years, Serna recently retired as an instructor at Bear Creek High School.

Serna is involved in many community and political service organizations and has been the recipient of a number of community service awards. She served on the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee from 1968-75, serving as a legislative chair for San Joaquin County.

Child Development Center Begins Semester with New Leadership

The California State University, Stanislaus Child Development Center is going through a leadership transition this year.

Psychology Professor Jennifer Esterly was appointed the new director of the Center in January after Professor Rita Asher resigned from her position as the director of the CDC at the conclusion of the fall 2005 semester to focus on establishing a Child Development graduate program at CSU Stanislaus.

In order to promote its services and programs, the CDC is inviting all parents, children, students and alumni to its Open House and Reception on Friday, March 10. The 2 p.m. program at the Faculty Development Center will feature a presentation about the CDC and include guest speakers who will recognize Professor Asher’s 23 years as the Director of the CDC.

Esterly served as interim director last fall while Asher was on sabbatical leave. She currently oversees students involved in the program and is also teaching a course in Child Development.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity to work with students in a very personal way,” Esterly said.

Unique Center

The CSU Stanislaus CDC is a unique center that is unlike any other in the CSU system because of the involvement of students and faculty.

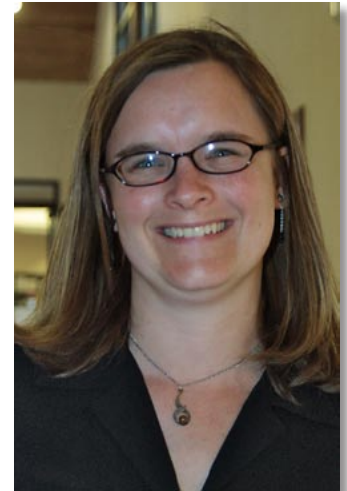
“None of the other CSUs have a center like this with this much participation and student involvement,” Esterly said.

The CDC is an instructional facility established to teach students about child development theory and applications, program design and evaluation and research.

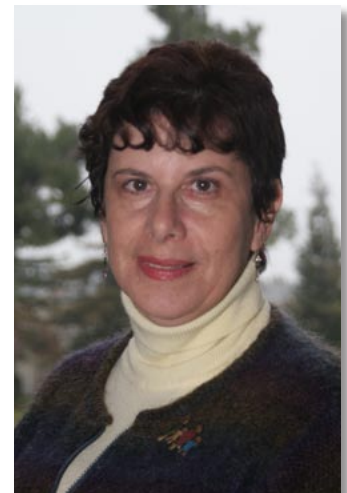
Students from varied disciplines such as Child Development, Communication Studies, Education, Music and Psychology participate at the CDC each semester. By participating in successive laboratory courses, students learn to observe children and record their behaviors, assess children’s development, plan and evaluate developmentally appropriate activities and design and implement research projects.

Along with developing a graduate program, Asher also resumes her responsibilities as the director of the University’s Child Development program.

“The Center has provided me great fulfillment for 23 years and it is with mixed emotions that I leave the Center to pursue another goal, the development of a Child Development graduate program,” Asher said in a written statement released last year.



Jennifer Esterly



Rita Asher

“Invest in the Future” College Opportunity Program Visits CSU Stanislaus

More than 100 people from the education, government and business fields turned out at California State University, Stanislaus on January 13 to participate in a program that focused on the need for California to invest in providing increased college opportunities.

“Invest in the Future: A Dialogue on College Opportunity and California’s Future” was hosted by CSU Stanislaus, Modesto Junior College, The Great Valley Center, El Concilio and The Campaign for College Opportunity which is conducting a 20-city series of events all over California. The Campaign for College Opportunity is a non-profit organization that has set a goal of convincing state leaders to ensure that the next generation of Californians has the chance to earn a college degree.

“We have to increase the number of high school students who are qualified to attend college,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of California State University, Stanislaus. “That means we have to start at an early age, while they

are in elementary school, to increase students’ preparedness for college.”

Preparation Needed

President Shirvani noted that only 24.7% of high school graduates in the Central Valley are qualified to attend a California State University, well below the state average of 33%.

State Senator Jeff Denham, one of the speakers during the program, emphasized the return investment on providing access to qualified high school graduates as a benefit to California’s economy. He pointed out that people with college degrees not only realize higher incomes, but are much less likely to end up on the wrong side of the law which proves equally costly to the state.

“We need to seize upon the future, because higher education produces benefits,” said Denham, who is supporting legislation to ensure access to the state’s colleges and universities. “Making an investment at the K-12

and higher education levels is a priority for the state and the region.”

Henry Brady, lead researcher of a landmark study by UC Berkeley on the benefits of investing in college educations for future generations, said that for every dollar invested in public education generates three dollars for the state’s economy. His study is available on The Campaign for College Opportunity website at: www.collegecampaign.org.

Jessie Ryan, Community Organizer for the Campaign for College Opportunity, said the goal of the campaign is to take the message to Sacramento this spring of increasing college graduate rates by 10% over the next 10 years.

“We are nearing a crisis stage, because by 2020 projections indicate that there will be a shortage of college-educated workers, and that will pose a challenge to California’s economy,” Ryan said. “We must invest today so California will be prepared for tomorrow.”

Employers Ready to Meet Students at April 26 Career Fair in Quad

Signs of spring recruiting are already showing up on campus. Students are visiting the Career Services Center to obtain assistance with resume and cover letter preparation, and to sign up for coaching on interview skills. Many are preparing to participate in the upcoming Career Fair, set for Wednesday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Quad, and the spring On-Campus Interview Program, which runs from February through May.

Recruiters from school districts, business organizations, accounting firms and law enforcement agencies are just a few of the groups expected to recruit soon-to-be-grads from CSU Stanislaus. Some of these firms will also be offering summer internship opportunities with their organizations.



Employers and students communicate at the 2005 Career Fair.

Last year 80 employers signed up to participate in Career Fair, including Frito Lay, Foster Farms, Modesto City Schools, the Internal Revenue Service, Moss Adams LLP, Modesto Police Department and the Peace Corps. Thirty-three employers have already signed up to participate this year, including E & J Gallo, Foster Farms, Directline Technologies and the Merced Police Department. The list of employers participating in the Career Fair is updated daily on the Career Services Center website at: <http://www.csustan.edu/career/Pages/ejf.htm>. The site includes links to employers’ respective home pages.

The Career Fair is open to all CSU Stanislaus students and alumni, but is most beneficial to juniors and seniors. Both the Career Fair and the On-Campus Interview Program are important components in every student’s preparation for employment following graduation. They provide opportunities for on-the-job internship experience, networking with professionals in the field and for full-time professional-level employment.

The Career Services Center, located in Mary Stuart Rogers 245, helps interested students outline a job search, prepare a resume, practice their interview skills and research organizations.

To help students get the most out of recruiting events, several sessions will be offered in conjunction with the campus Career Fair:

- “How to Prepare for Career Fair” is set for Monday, April 10 at 11 a.m. in MSR 200, presented by the IRS.
- “Proper Business Etiquette” will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the South Dining Room, presented by Target.
- “Teaching as a Profession” will be offered by the Teacher Recruitment program on Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m. in the Event Center.

Career Services Provides University With Connection For Success

By *Christine Hollister*

Career Development Services Director

It's in the classroom, student club programs and student housing. It's called co-curricular learning, and students are the beneficiaries of this concept that links academic learning with career preparation.

The idea is that by the time students are ready to receive their diploma, they are also equipped with the tools they need to secure professional employment and manage their career. The University's campus Career Services supports student success by presenting career-related presentations in the classroom, offering professionally-guided workshops and by providing vital career-related resources in a centralized location.

The mission of Career Services is two-fold. Professional staff serve as a resource to assist students in the process of identifying, developing, implementing and evaluating career plans in preparation for employment after graduation. Relationships are developed with a diverse group of employers to obtain occupational information and opportunities for students that will guide their career development process. Career Services also serves as the primary resource to employers seeking to recruit well-educated graduates to fill their employment needs.

Career Services strongly encourages students to begin the process of career planning early on. CSU Stanislaus students are first introduced to Career Services at New Student Orientation. For students with undeclared majors, academic advisors emphasize the need for career counseling from Career Services to focus them on graduation. Career Services also works with faculty to provide in-class presentations and campus clubs increasingly include Career Services presentations in their programs.

Career Services Center

At the core of career preparation is the Career Services Center, located in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building for convenient access. At the Center, students can take advantage of professional staff guidance and a myriad of resources to help them develop a resume, choose a major aligned with interests and employment aspirations, structure a job search or receive interview coaching.

One of the services available at the Career Services Center, the New Resume Referral Program, enables students to submit resumes to match the needs of recruiters. Another, the On-Campus Interview Program, brings employers to campus for internship and professional employment interviews, utilizing private rooms in the Center and convenience of online access for student sign-ups.

Resources include computers with online access to research employers, salary and job links, a library stocked with career-related journals, videos and books, and employment postings ranging from part-time jobs to professional-level opportunities requiring a degree. In addition, the Center offers networking events such as the Career Fair, Accounting Night and recruiter receptions, and work-related opportunities like job shadowing, internships, and community service that bring employers and students together.

Graduate Services

These services and programs are not limited to students. Although undergraduates have priority, Career Services is also accessible at no cost to graduates. Professional assistance is also available to recent graduates seeking professional employment. All are encouraged to participate in the annual Career Fair upcoming on April 26 and to take advantage of online resources offered on the Career Services website. The website is updated as programs are enhanced and new links are added daily for jobs, internships and regional and local career events.

Others benefit, too. Faculty have access to professional staff to support incorporation of career and academic learning, career presentations in lieu of canceling class and employment e-mail from Career Services specific to their academic discipline. Employers have a designated campus host for recruiting activities and pre-interview information sessions, private interview rooms, resume matching programs and candidate orientations that prepare students for the interview process.

Visually Impaired Student With a Goal Earns Scholarship



California State University, Stanislaus student Mauricio Molina, who is visually impaired and training himself to be a technology expert so he can help others like himself, is one of 15 people chosen by the California State University Foundation as a recipient of the Dale M. Schoettler Scholarship for Visually Impaired Students.

The scholarship is named after Dale Schoettler, a visually-impaired businessman who decided to help other blind adults, and is awarded by the CSU Foundation through the Chancellor's office. A total of 15 Schoettler scholarships were awarded to students from all 23 CSU campuses.

"I'm so grateful that the scholarship was available," Molina said. "Finding employment for someone who is visually impaired is just impossible. I needed the help and don't know what I'd do without it."

Molina, a former postal worker and now a full-time student at CSU Stanislaus, is thrilled to be a recipient and has high hopes that the scholarship will help him prepare for a new career in teaching. He has a degenerative eye disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) since 1993. Molina has already lost his central vision and is slowly losing his peripheral vision.

Molina's battle with RP has not only brought him back to school, but he feels it has given him new aspirations and desires. The former postal worker has refused to lose hope and has instead focused on going to school and educating himself about technology for the blind so that he can help other blind adults who are technologically illiterate.

Students Participating in Study Abroad Programs

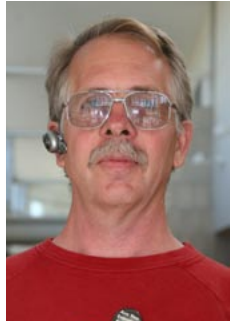
Three California State University, Stanislaus students are participating in the California State University Study Abroad International Program for the 2005-2006 academic year, earning credit toward their degrees while studying in Japan and France.

Jacob Kerr of Modesto, a Computer Science major, and Alex Tejada of Turlock, an Economics major, are studying at Waseda University in Tokyo Japan. Jennifer Spratt of Santa Barbara, a French major, is studying at Aix en Provence FRANCE.

Six other CSU Stanislaus students are currently participating in the University Study Abroad Consortium (USAC). Jose Gonzalez of Delhi and Mayra Zequeida of Las Vegas, Nevada, are studying in Spain, Jason Wilde of Duarte is in Ireland, Stephanie Fassler of Manteca is in Malta and Elisa Gomez of Modesto and Lourdes Manriquez of Patterson are both in Chile.

Kerr and Tejada studied Japanese through the CSU Stanislaus Critical Languages Program, which makes it possible for students to take foreign language courses that would not otherwise be offered due to low demand. Students in the CLP program learn a foreign language by listening to a series of tapes and meeting with a qualified, native-speaking tutor. They are supervised by program coordinator Hildy Heath, Interim Director of Global Affairs at CSU Stanislaus. Other languages offered through CLP at CSU Stanislaus are Russian, Arabic, Hmong and Chinese.

Faculty/Staff Notes



Steven Filling (Accounting & Finance), was honored in January by the Latino Business Association with the group's Volunteer of the Year Award.

The Association recognized the active University faculty member for his devotion of many hours on to a scholarship endowment program at CSU Stanislaus. Filling was also cited for encouraging his business major students to take an active role with the Latino Business Association by volunteering at fundraising events which provide a service to the community while giving and give them an opportunity to network with the business leaders they may seek jobs from in the future.

Filling has also taken on an active role in service-learning programs at CSU Stanislaus. He teams with CSU Stanislaus students to conduct an annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistant Program for low-income parents of students at Empire Elementary School. Filling also played a key role in securing a federal grant to open a homeless resource center in Turlock partnering CSU Stanislaus and a number of other community agencies.

Donald Johnson, an adjunct faculty member who has volunteered over the years to help California State University, Stanislaus establish Project Ethiopia, was recognized in September 2005 by Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi.

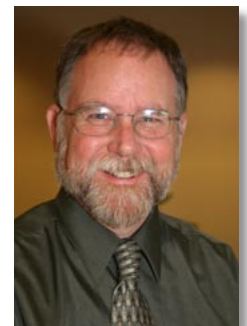
Johnson was honored with a plaque and trophy cup during a special ceremony after the opening of the Addis Accord Conference held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A retired World Health Organization administrator, Johnson has served spot duty in Ethiopia as both a paid and volunteer consultant to a number of health and development projects.

A number of CSU Stanislaus faculty, administrators and students have spent time in Ethiopia through the University's Project Ethiopia which has provided many opportunities for exchange of education and research on a variety of topics.

Brian Duggan (Office of Information Technology) was recently honored by the Directors of Educational Technology in California Higher Education as Member of the Year for 2005.

Instructional Technology Consultant at CSU Stanislaus, Duggan was recognized by the state organization which has brought together sectors of higher education from both public and private colleges and universities. The network is an invaluable resource for sharing ideas and advancing the fields of instructional technology, multimedia, distance education and other forms of open learning that apply cutting-edge technologies.

Duggan has gained national recognition for establishing the on-line Warrior Book Collection Contest at CSU Stanislaus. Students compete for more than \$300 in annual prize money, submitting essays and bibliographies that describe noteworthy book collections that are important to them. Entry deadline for this year's contest is April 7. For more details, check the website at: <http://library.csustan.edu/bookcontest.html>.



University Staff Member Named To Fellows Program

Victor Mitre, annual giving and scholarship specialist at California State University, Stanislaus, has been selected as a Fellow participant for the Great Valley Center Institute for the Development of Emerging Area Leaders (IDEAL) Fellows program at the Great Valley Center in Modesto.

Mitre, who earned his bachelor's degree from CSU Stanislaus in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Psychology in 2001, has been with CSU Stanislaus for three years.

Participants will work with experts at a variety of locations this spring to explore regional issues during presentations, field studies and group discussions. The program is targeted to reach underrepresented groups and minorities and local leaders from rural communities.

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International Cast Participating in University's Empire Conference

Scholars from all over the world will come to California State University, Stanislaus to participate in the March 16-18 Empire Conference.

Titled "Empire, Borderlands & Border Cultures," the program will be held in the John Stuart Rogers Faculty Development Center. Activities will open with a 6:30 p.m. reception on Thursday, March 16, 14 presentation and discussion programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday and the conference concludes with a 5 p.m. banquet on March 18.

CSU Stanislaus faculty will join scholars from all over the United States and 10 foreign countries to make presentations and participate in discussions on topics relating to border issues and a variety of cultural issues relating to the history of colonialism and the world's empires.

CSU Stanislaus faculty, students and staff are welcome to sit in on the programs.

For information, contact Arnold Schmidt in the English Department at 667-3246.

CPR, First Aid Classes Scheduled For March, April

Adult and child CPR and first aid classes will be conducted by California State University, Stanislaus Health and Safety Specialist Kellie Marshall in March and April.

Some openings remain for the Tuesday, March 21 adult CPR class scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Other upcoming classes include adult CPR from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, child and infant CPR from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19 and standard first aid from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 20. All classes will be held in the Public Safety Training Room.

For advance registration, contact Marshall at 667-3572 or at: KMarshall@csustan.edu.

Young Scientists Coming to CSU Stanislaus For Regional Science Olympiad

Budding young scientists from throughout the region are gearing up for the 19th Annual Stanislaus County Science Olympiad scheduled for Saturday, March 11, at California State University, Stanislaus.

The event begins with a General Assembly at 8:15 a.m. in Warrior Arena. More than 550 students representing area junior and senior high schools will participate in the daylong event in the Arena, Science Building and on the University grounds. The event is open to the public and admission and parking are free.

The Regional Science Olympiad consists of individual and team events that encourage learning in biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, problem solving and technology. This year's Olympiad is sponsored by the Stanislaus County Office of Education, US Bank, California State University, Stanislaus and the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County.

Chemistry faculty member Shane Phillips CSU Stanislaus and Barbara Little from County Schools are coordinating the event. They will join more than 150 volunteers, including County staff, college faculty and students, who will judge or assist with the competitions.

Applications Due For Student Commencement Speaker

Applications from students who would like to make the student speaker presentation at the Saturday, June 3 California State University, Stanislaus Commencement are due by Friday, March 17.

Graduating seniors or graduate students are eligible. Application forms, available in the Biological Sciences Department, Room 103 in the Science Building on the Turlock campus and at the Enrollment Services front desk in the Acacia Court Building at CSU Stanislaus-Stockton, must be submitted along with a draft of a proposed speech roughly five minutes in length. Applicants must submit their material to Jim Youngblom in the Biological Sciences Department no later than March 17. For information, contact Youngblom at 667-3950.

Spring Seminar Series To Focus on War in Iraq

A series of Thursday afternoon presentations addressing the war in Iraq are being planned during the spring semester at California State University, Stanislaus.

Members of the University community who are interested in presenting on a topic related to the war can contact Katie Oliviant at 667-3750, Tyler Summersett at 667-3830 or Larry Lopez at 667-3923. Tentative plans call for the 4:30 to 6 p.m. programs on March 23, April 6, May 4 and May 18.

Employee Picnic Volunteer Planners Sought

Volunteers are needed to help plan for the Thursday, June 8 Employee Picnic in the California State University, Stanislaus Quad.

Contact Elisa Johnson, 667-3976, or Tina Drain, 467-5309, if you would like to help plan the mid-day program that includes the picnic, activities and prize drawings.

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Pre-Doctoral Program Applications Due

Applications for the California Pre-Doctoral Program are due on Monday, April 3 in the Graduate School office, Room 160 of the Mary Stuart Rogers Building.

The program is designed to increase diversity of the pool from which the California State University draws its faculty by providing support to students from economic and educational disadvantaged backgrounds. Applicants selected work closely with a CSU faculty sponsor to develop an overall plan that ultimately leads to enrollment in a doctoral program tailored to the specific goals and career objectives of the student.

For more information, contact Frances Davenport in the Graduate School office, 667-3738, or check out the website at: www.calstate.edu/predoc.

University Co-Sponsoring Sacramento Conference

California State University, Stanislaus is a co-sponsor of the 9th Annual Great Valley Conference scheduled for May 10 and 11 in Sacramento that will feature intensive discussion of the future of the 19-county region from Redding to Bakersfield.

“Our Place in the World: Valley At at the Tipping Point” is the title of the program presented by the Great Valley Center in Modesto. The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento.

Program chair is Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and a four-term mayor of San Antonio, Texas. Joining Cisneros as a keynote speaker will be Jaime Lerner, former governor of the state of Parana in southern Brazil and a renowned architect and urban planner.

Discussion topics will include agriculture, environment, growth, health, technology, transportation, water, arts and culture, community building and other regional issues. More than 600 leaders representing business, government and community organizations are expected to participate.

On-line registration is available at: www.greatvalley.org.

Aerobics Classes Scheduled On Campus Through May 11

Step and tone aerobics classes will be held in the California State University, Stanislaus University Union Event Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 2 through 11.

Sign up for the series of one-hour classes which start at 5:30 p.m. by contacting Jen Rose at 667-3150, or show up at the class. Fee is \$15 for faculty and staff and students participate free.

Campus Cats Coalition Addresses Campus Feline Population

The California State University, Stanislaus Campus Cats Coalition is meeting regularly at the University and conducting fundraising activities.

Composed of students, faculty and staff, the group is focused on reducing and stabilizing the cat population at the University in a humane fashion through adoption and sterilization. Geology Department faculty member Steve Kuehn is serving as faculty advisor.

Relay For Life Program at University Track Battles Cancer

The California State University, Stanislaus track will once again be the site for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in Turlock on June 24 and 25.

Participants will run and walk the track from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. over that weekend to raise money for cancer research, cancer education and patient services. Contact the Stanislaus Tuolumne Counties American Cancer Society office at 524-7242 for more information about how to pledge donations for the Turlock Relay for Life.

University Receives Grant For Martin Luther King Day Activities

California State University, Stanislaus was one of three CSU campuses to receive funding from an \$18,000 grant from Best Buy Co., Inc. that will be used to launch service activities emphasizing service-learning on Martin Luther King Day in January.

Elementary and high school students worked together with University students and community partners to create a mural for the King Kennedy Memorial Center in Modesto that illustrates their visions and hopes for change in their communities. Youth were encouraged to participate in seeing King’s legacy flourish in the region.

Student Health Center Laboratory Scores Perfect Accreditation Rating

The California State University, Stanislaus Student Health Center’s on-site laboratory recently achieved the highest accreditation rating – a perfect score of compliance.

Run by Clinical Laboratory Scientist Dan Starn with oversight by the Health Center’s Medical Chief of Staff Dr. Bruce Wilbur, the medical

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laboratory has consistently attained high quality marks. This reliable performance attests to the conscientious and committed work of Mr. Stam and the entire Health Center staff, said Denice Barr, Associate Health Center Director.

The Health Center's laboratory undergoes a rigorous inspection every two years by the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation (COLA), an organization that promotes excellence in laboratory medicine and patient care. During COLA's survey visit, the laboratory was inspected for compliance with the many federal, state and medical regulations designed to ensure patient safety and the highest standards of quality.

In addition to passing an on-site inspection, a perfect rating is given only to laboratories that apply rigid standards of high quality in their day-to-day operations and demonstrate high accuracy in the performance of regular proficiency testing.

Employee Scholarships Awarded For Spring Term

Thanks to funding received from the campus Staff Council, the Employee Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships for the spring 2006 term to staff members Le Huong (Library Circulation) and Jennifer Duarte (Student Outreach, Enrollment Services). They each received a \$125 award to help them with their educational expenses.

All full-time CSU Stanislaus employees, including the Foundation, are eligible for scholarship consideration from this special fund. Consideration is given on the basis of financial need, academic scholarship, career development programs and job-related objectives.

The Employee Scholarship program has provided financial assistance to University employees since 1982 and to their dependents since 1978, and is funded entirely through donations. University faculty and staff can support the Employee Scholarship Program through an annual donation or through payroll deductions



Second City Director Brings Expertise To "Beeswax" Production

David Razowsky of the Second City Los Angeles Studio Theatre conducts auditions on February 23 with California State University, Stanislaus students for the upcoming Theatre Department production of "Beeswax." Seven performances of "Beeswax" are scheduled between March 23 and April 1 in the Mainstage Theatre (See Calendar for details). Razowsky is the artistic director of Second City Los Angeles and wrote and performed at Second City Chicago.

Presidential Assistant To Leave Post

Deanie Brown, Assistant to the President, Internal Relations, has announced that she will be leaving the University by the end of the academic year.

"On behalf of all members of the campus community, I would like to thank Deanie for her conscientious service and the professional contributions and guidance she has provided to our University," President Shirvani said. "We wish her well and trust she will find great success in her future endeavors."

President Shirvani said that to support an efficient and seamless transition to restructure services in light of her upcoming departure, Ms. Brown will assist with special projects while relinquishing the duties associated with her role.

Reminder – Digest is now Web Publication



The California State University, Stanislaus Digest is now an on-line publication only. To check it out, go to the University website at www.csustan.edu and click on "Publications" and "Digest." Or go to the website at: <http://www.csustan.edu/DIGEST/> to check it out. Past Digest issues are also archived on the site.

Athletics



California Golf Writers Add Another Award to Jim Hanny Collection

California State University, Stanislaus men's golf team coach Jim Hanny joined a legendary group when he was honored by the California Golf Writers Association with the organization's 2005 Golden State Award on February 7 during the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Tournament.

The award, established in the 1970s, recognizes those who have exhibited a lifetime of dedication to the game of golf in California. The list of past winners includes Bing Crosby, Jack Flemming, Dinah Shore, Jerry Vroom, Sandy Tatum and Jack Kramer.

Hanny is in his 34th season as the head coach of the Warrior men's golf team. Under his guidance, the Warriors have missed the NCAA national tournament only twice since 1976. In both of those seasons, Hanny still accompanied an individual qualifier to the national tournament, including Andy Moren who earned the Phil Mickelson Award as the nation's top freshman golfer in 2005.

The 80-year-old Hanny guided his men's golf teams to 12 NCAA Division III national championships in 14 appearances in the 1970s and 1980s.

In the last five seasons, Warrior golf teams have showed continued success in the NCAA National Championship, coming as close as second in 2002, when they finished one stroke behind winner and host school Rollins College in Orlando, Fla. It was the best-ever finish for CSU Stanislaus since it began competition at the Division II level in 1989.

**WARRIOR
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**For the latest on
CSU Stanislaus athletics,
go to the website at:
<http://warriorathletics.com/>**



Calendar

March

Through March 15

Art: Joan Moment – *New Paintings*, Students' Works from the Art Department – *The Action of Painting*, University Art Gallery. Information, 667-3186

Through May

Aerobics: Tuesday and Thursday step and tone aerobics classes begin, Event Center, 5:30 p.m. Information, 667-3150

10 Friday

Music: Faculty Chamber Music, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

Reception: Child Development Center presentation by Jennifer Esterly, new director, honoring Rita Asher for her years of service as director, 5 p.m., John Rogers Faculty Development Center. Information, 667-3036

11 Saturday

Olympiad: 19th Annual Stanislaus County Science Olympiad, Warrior Arena, Science Building and grounds, 8:30 a.m.

Baseball: San Francisco State, Warrior Field, 11 a.m.

14 Tuesday

Workshop: "Expressive Art" presented by counselor Margaret Hunter, MSR 200, 1 p.m. Information, 667-3381

15 Wednesday

Softball: Chico State, Warrior Softball Field, 1 p.m.

16 Thursday through Saturday

Conference: Empire Conference: "Empire, Borderlands & Border Cultures" featuring scholars from all over the world, John Stuart Rogers Faculty Development Center. March 16 evening reception, panels March 17 and 18 and closing banquet 5 p.m. March 18. Information, 667-3246

17 Friday

Softball: CSU Monterey Bay, Warrior Softball Field, noon

20 Monday

Lecture: Racial Dissent presentation and discussion, Mary Stuart Rogers Building 130, 7 p.m.

21 Tuesday

Music: Stanislaus Wind Ensemble, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

Art: Through April 28. Dean De Cocker – *Extended Orders*, Camberwell. Green Faculty Exhibition – *An exchange exhibition of works*, University Art Gallery. Reception March 23, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 667-3186

22 Wednesday

Event: Cesar Chavez Celebration featuring guest speaker Maria Elena Serna, Vice President of the San Joaquin Delta Board of Trustees. Carol Burke Lounge, 6 p.m. Information, 667-3982

23 Thursday

Theatre: "Beeswax," University Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m. Information, 667-3166

24 Friday

Theatre: "Beeswax," University Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

Music: Faculty Recital featuring Stephen Thomas on piano, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

Baseball: CSU Los Angeles, Warrior Field, 2 p.m.

25 Saturday

Theatre: "Beeswax," University Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

Baseball: CSU Los Angeles, Warrior Field, noon

Softball: Western Washington, Warrior Softball Field, 11 a.m.

26 Sunday

Theatre: "Beeswax," University Mainstage Theatre, 2 p.m.

Baseball: CSU Los Angeles, Warrior Field, noon

29 Wednesday

Softball: Hawaii Hilo, Warrior Softball Field, 1 p.m.

30 Thursday

Theatre: "Beeswax," University Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

31 Friday

Theatre: "Beeswax," University Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

Baseball: UC San Diego, Warrior Field, 2 p.m.

April

1 Saturday

Theatre: "Beeswax," University Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

Men's Baseball: UC San Diego, Warrior Field, noon

2 Sunday

Men's Baseball: UC Diego, Warrior Field, noon

4 Tuesday

Music: Faculty Jazz Recital featuring faculty member Matt Pivec on saxophone, Snider Music Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

Presentation: "Mindful Meditation" presented by counselor Renae Floyd, MSR 200, 10 a.m. Information, 667-3381

7 Friday

Softball: San Francisco State, Warrior Softball Field, 1 p.m.

8 Saturday

Softball: Sonoma State, Warrior Softball Field, 12:00 noon

Track: Stanislaus Open, Warrior Track, 9 a.m.

9 Sunday

Baseball: Sonoma State, Warrior Field, noon

10 Monday

Golf: Stanislaus/ Buzzini Invitational, Turlock Country Club, 7 a.m.

11 Tuesday

Presentation: "Understanding Depression" presented by counselor Sharon Powell, MSR 200, 2 p.m. Information, 667-3381

12 Wednesday

Music: Chamber Orchestra, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

13 Thursday

Music: Chamber Singers conducted by Daniel R. Afonso Jr., Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

Calendar

21 Friday

Baseball: CSU San Bernardino, Warrior Field, 2:30 p.m.

22 Saturday

Baseball: CSU San Bernardino, Warrior Field, noon

23 Sunday

Baseball: CSU San Bernardino, Warrior Field, 12:00 noon

26 Wednesday

Careers: Career Fair, Quad, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 667-3661

27 Thursday

Music: Jazz Combo Concert, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

28 Friday

Music: Faculty Recital featuring soprano Deborah Kavasch, with guest artist contralto Delia Voitoff-Bauman, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

Event: Employee recognition program, 2 p.m., Event Center.

Music: Ghiglieri Piano Competition, Snider Recital Hall, all day. Information, 667-3421

Reading: Michael Frayn's *Copenhagen* at Phi Kappa Phi's annual induction, Studio Theatre, 4 p.m. Information, 664-6682

May

4 Thursday

Theatre: "The Wager," Studio Theatre, 8 p.m. Information, 667-3166

5 Friday

Theatre: "The Wager," Studio Theatre, 8 p.m.

Art: Through May 31. Graduating seniors exhibition, University Art Gallery. Reception May 5, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 667-3186

Baseball: Chico State, Warrior Field, 2:30 p.m.

Softball: CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Softball Field, 1 p.m.

6 Saturday

Theatre: "The Wager," Studio Theatre, 8 p.m.

Baseball: Chico State, Warrior Field, noon

Softball: CSU Bakersfield, Warrior Softball Field, noon

7 Sunday

Theatre: "The Wager," Studio Theatre, 2 p.m.

Baseball: Chico State, Warrior Field, noon

9 Tuesday

Music: Symphony Band, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

11 Thursday

Music: Stanislaus Symphony Orchestra, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

Theatre: "The Wager," Studio Theatre, 8 p.m.

12 Friday

Theatre: "The Wager," Studio Theatre, 8 p.m.

13 Saturday

Theatre: "The Wager," Studio Theatre, 8 p.m.

16 Tuesday

Music: Student Composition Festival, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

17 Wednesday

Music: Jazz Ensemble, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

18 Thursday

Music: Stanislaus Wind Ensemble, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

19 Friday

Music: Concert Chorale conducted by Daniel R. Afonso Jr., Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

23 Tuesday

Music: Chamber Singers conducted by Daniel R. Afonso Jr., Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421



Personnel Notes

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Provides Counseling Services

Managed Health Network (MHN) administers the Employee Assistance Program. This is a university-paid benefit for eligible employees. Employees of California State University, Stanislaus, with an appointment of at least half-time for more than six months, are eligible for participation in the program. Spouses, registered domestic partners, or roommate, and unmarried dependent children are also eligible. Children are defined as natural, adopted, foster or stepchildren up to age 23. Services include:

Face-to-Face Counseling

Counseling is available for marital and family problems, alcohol and drug dependency, relationships, emotional problems, stress and other issues. Participants are entitled to up to five sessions per individual per incident per benefit period.

Work & Life Services

Telephone consultations are available for child and elder care assistance, financial issues and federal tax assistance, pre-retirement planning and organizing life's affairs, legal services and concierge services.

Privacy

MHN holds privacy in the highest regard and will not share any personally identifying information with employers, or with anyone outside MHN.

Easy Access

1. You can access MHN's EAP services online at <http://members.mhn.com/eos/home/start.do>.
2. Register using your Company Access Code: csustanislaus (NOTE: You will only use this access code at the initial registration).

3. Select your user name and password, and then enter your e-mail address and a password question.
4. To access the EAP referrals you will be prompted to supply additional information. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. EAP benefits are also available by calling MHN at 800-227-1060. The plan number is 5028. TDD callers can dial 800-327-0801.

Human Resources Welcomes Newcomers

Please welcome new Human Resources staff members Veronica Bravo, Receptionist; Patricia Zendejas, HR Assistant; and Filomena Wojciechowski, Administrative Assistant.

Second Physician Added to Student Health Center's Medical Staff

The California State University, Stanislaus Student Health Center's medical staff now has a second physician – Dr. Sergio Mazón.

Mazón joined the clinician core of Dr. Bruce Wilbur and nurse practitioners Denice Barr and Maria Simile-Shaw in August 2005.

Mazón completed his medical school training at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and is board-certified in family practice. Fluent in Spanish and an avid fisherman, Mazón also has a keen interest in mentoring students with an interest in medicine. He currently is serving as the advisor to the Pre-Med Society club on campus.

"Students understand the importance of a healthy mind and body in their pursuit of higher education," Mazón said. "It is a real joy for me to be a part of a team of professionals who work together to help students achieve these goals."



Dr. Sergio Mazón

January Orientation Participants

Participants in the January New Employee Orientation program included (from left) Stephanie Fink (Facilities), Christina Wallace (Child Development), Yao Saefong (Facilities), Chia Saechao (Facilities), Torn Saecho ((Facilities), Susan Helm-Lauber (Economics) and Naomi Tobita (Business & Finance).



February Newcomer Participants

Participants in the February New Employee Orientation program included, (front, from left) Ana Gaby Cervantes (First Year Programs & Advising), Patricia Lewman (Information Technology), Margaret Ramos-Starkey (Academic Senate), Jessica Johnston (Research & Sponsored Programs), Patricia Zendejas (Human Resources), (back, from left) Sheila Doberenz (Extended Education), Dana Culbertson (University Communications), Devin Burbank (Information Technology) and Lenna Bonilla (Reprographics).



Personnel Notes

Recruitment Welcomes:

Name	Classification	Department
Ana Cervantes	Admin Support Assistant I	First Year Programs
Ana Oliviera	Lead Custodian	Facilities Services
Beth Baughn	Admin Support Coordinator II	COE/CREDE Grant
Brandon Price	Administrative Analyst Specialist, E	Student Affairs
Chai Saechao	Custodian	Facilities
Christopher Trep Padula	Equip Tech II, Electronic	OIT
Dana Culbertson	Admin Support Assistant II	DUR
Denise Villaneuva	Admin Support Coordinator I	A&R
Devin Burbank	Equip System Specialist, Foundation	OIT
Elizabeth Magana	Admin Support Coordinator I	
Erin Prevette	Admin Support Coordinator I	Academic Affairs
Filomena Wojciechowski	Admin Support Assistant II	Human Resources
Ivy Fitzpatrick	Admin Support Assistant I	Teacher Education
Jean Conde	Director	Housing
Jennifer Humphrey	Assistant Director	Housing
Jessica Johnston	Administrative Analyst Specialist, NE	ORSP
Jouliet David	Administrative Analyst Specialist, NE	College of Ed
Laura Williams	Admin Support Coordinator II	College ALS
Lenna Bonilla	Mail Clerk	Facilities
Margaret Ramos-Starkey	Admin Support Assistant II	Academic Senate
Marie Sardalle-Davis	Public Communication Affairs Specialist	Enrollment Services
Martha Salvador	Admin Support Assistant II	Global Affairs
Mary Pata	Admin Support Assistant II	A&R
Michael Bianco	Sr. Planner/Estimator/Scheduler	Facilities
Naomi Tobita	Research Associate	Pres/VPB&F
Nora Kisling	Admin Support Assistant II	Teacher Recruit
Patricia Lewman	Equip System Specialis, Foundation	OIT
Patricia Zendejas	Admin Support Assistant I	Human Resources
Rafael Chavez	Groundswoker	Facilities
Sen Seaphanh	Groundswoker	Facilities
Sergio Rodriguez	Facilities Maintenance Mechanic	Facilities Services
Sheila Doberenz	Extended Ed Specialist I	UEE
Stephanie Fink	Admin Support Coordinator II	Facilities Services
Susan Helm-Lauber	Admin Support Assistant II	Economics
Suzanne Newell	Admin Support Assistant I	English
Tom Saechao	Custodian	Facilities
Veronica Bravo	Admin Support Assistant II	Human Resources
Yao Saefong	Custodian	Facilities



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