



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

### DIGEST - OCTOBER 2008

#### **Reaccreditation site team visit includes forums, e-mail input**

CSU Stanislaus is hosting the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) site team visit this week of October as part of the campus self-study reaccreditation efforts for the Capacity and Preparatory Review phase of the program.

The University's four areas of self-identified focus for the site team emphasize:

- student learning and diversity
- support for learning
- teaching and learning
- research, scholarship, and creative activity

The schedule began with a visit to the Stockton Center on September 30, and the WASC site team members are on the Turlock campus through Friday, October 3. After the site visit, the University moves into the Educational Effectiveness Review phase to focus on how well student learning is being facilitated.

CSU Stanislaus faculty, staff, and students are urged to attend specific open forums:

#### **Student Open Forum**

Thursday, October 2, 11:15 a.m.  
Carol Burke Student Lounge

#### **Faculty Open Forum**

Thursday, October 2, 10 a.m.  
Faculty Dev. Center 118

#### **Staff Open Forum**

Thursday, October 2, 4:15 p.m.  
MSR 130C

The WASC team is hosting a confidential e-mail account so that people from the campus community can communicate with the team. Comments can be sent directly to the team chair and are not viewed by any representative of the institution. Contact can be made through [csustanwasc@yahoo.com](mailto:csustanwasc@yahoo.com).

Further details and the full site visit team schedule to CSU Stanislaus can be found on Site Visit Central at <http://www.csustan.edu/WASC/Pages/CapacityPreparatoryReview.html>.

## University faculty, staff get special rate for October 25 Gary Sinise and Lt. Dan Band concert

*Pair of related benefit drives seek support for U.S. Troops and children in Iraq*

Actor, director, and musician Gary Sinise will help California State University, Stanislaus kick off a series of special 50th Anniversary celebrations on Saturday, October 25 with a benefit concert featuring his “Lieutenant Dan Band.” Two related benefit drives seeking support for U.S. Troops and for children in war-stricken Iraq will also be conducted in association with the appearance of Sinise and his band.



Tickets for the concert, available through TicketWeb.com listed under Gary Sinise and at the University Bookstore, are priced at \$25 for University faculty, staff, and military veterans, and \$20 for CSU Stanislaus students. Those tickets are only available at the Bookstore. General admission tickets are \$35. For more information and a link to the Ticket.Web.com ticket purchasing site, visit <http://www.csustan.edu/50th>, or contact the CSU Stanislaus Division of University Advancement at 667-3131.

Sinise, a noted actor probably best known for his role as “Lieutenant Dan” in the 1994 movie “Forrest Gump” and for his current starring role on the CBS television series “CSI:NY,” will be the featured guest of honor and performer on October 25 for the CSU Stanislaus 50th Anniversary Inaugural Gala. After the Gala dinner, Sinise will head to the University Amphitheatre for an 8:30 p.m. concert headlined by the “Lieutenant Dan Band.”

Gala tickets, which include a reception, dinner, and concert tickets, are \$250 per person. Table sponsorship opportunities are available at a variety of levels. Contact University Advancement at (209) 667-3131 for information.

Sinise’s talents with the bass guitar and numerous jam sessions led to the formation of the Lt. Dan Band which has since completed five tours for the United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO) and performs regularly for troops stationed around the world, including in Iraq, as well as for a number of charities. Sinise and the band have since committed themselves to supporting the USO and troops stationed overseas to show their support for members of the U.S. armed forces.

A pair of programs that help the U.S. Armed Forces, military veterans, and war-stricken children in Iraq, one of them co-founded by Sinise, will be conducted in October in conjunction with the upcoming concert. The Turlock American Legion Riders and the CSU Stanislaus Student Veterans Organization will partner with the University to conduct an “Operation Iraq Children” drive October 20-25 to collect school supplies, toys, sports equipment, and shoes for children in Iraq. The program was established in 2004 by Sinise and author Laura Hillenbrand to help American troops in their efforts to assist children in Iraq. Donations sites will be set up on campus the week of the concert.

The Modesto chapter of the Blue Star Mothers, a national organization that supports the American troops and Veterans, will team with Modesto radio stations Sunny 102.3 and KFIV 1360 to collect food, personal hygiene supplies, and “wish list” items for the troops overseas during the week of October 6-10. Donations can be dropped off that week at the station, 2121 Lancey Street in Modesto. More information is available on the station Web site at <http://www.sunny102fm.com>.

University employees are encouraged to give generously to both worthy programs. More information is available in University Advancement, 667-3131.

The Lt. Dan Band is named after the character Sinise portrayed in “Forrest Gump,” a role that earned him an Academy Award nomination. The band was co-founded by Sinise and Kimo Williams who first worked with him as composer for a Steppenwolf Theatre production of “Streetcar Named Desire.” Sinise and some high school friends in Highland Park, Illinois, founded the famous Steppenwolf Theatre Company that later moved to Chicago.

One of Sinise’s high school classmates who performed in productions with him at that level was CSU Stanislaus Theatre Professor John Mayer, and both have continued as lifelong friends. The University is grateful to Professor Mayer for introducing Sinise to CSU Stanislaus and helping to arrange his appearance.

The Lt. Dan Band plays a diversity of music ranging from Bruce Springsteen to Linkin Park, from Aretha Franklin to Jimi Hendrix.

Sinise’s credits are extensive, spanning over two decades as an actor and director on the big screen, television, and stage. He started his career on television in shows such as “General Hospital” and “Knot’s Landing” and has played the role of Detective Mac Taylor in “CSI:NY” since 2004. Sinise gained critical acclaim on the stage, directed and produced movies, and followed his hit performance in “Forrest Gump” with starring roles in movies such as “Apollo 13.” Married to actress Moira Harris since 1981 and father of three children, Sinise has provided his voice for a number of children’s animated shows.

**“Tastes of the Valley” wine and cheese event benefits Ag Studies program**

Wine, cheese, hors d’ oeuvres, and live and silent auctions will provide a fun evening at the 6th Annual California State University, Stanislaus Agricultural Studies Department’s “Tastes of the Valley” wine and cheese tasting program at the Assyrian American Civic Club in Turlock on Thursday, October 2.



Tickets are \$35 for the 6-9 p.m. program, which will be held at the spacious Assyrian American Civic Club for the first time. Proceeds will benefit the Ag Studies program’s student scholarship fund.

Ticket order forms are available on the Ag Studies Web site at [http://www.csustan.edu/agstudies/wine\\_and\\_cheese.htm](http://www.csustan.edu/agstudies/wine_and_cheese.htm). Tickets will also be available at the door.

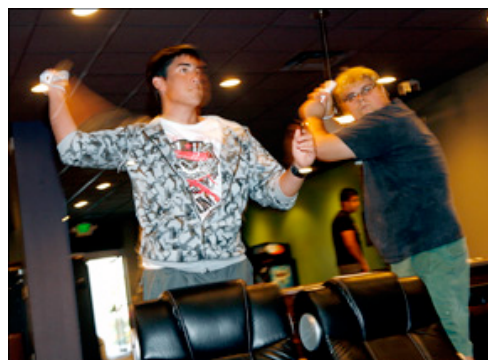
### **Mathematics tutoring program accepting student applications**

The Mathematics Department is still accepting applications for HiMAP, a tutoring academy in mathematics and science for students in grades 6-12 that started September 24 and continues through the school year.

The fee is \$60 a semester per student and includes a HiMAP T-shirt. Children from the University region, including those of CSU Stanislaus employees, are eligible to participate. Application packets are available online at [www.csustan.edu/math/MAP/HiMAP-Home.html](http://www.csustan.edu/math/MAP/HiMAP-Home.html) and also can be mailed by contacting Rita Glynn at [RGlynn@csustan.edu](mailto:RGlynn@csustan.edu). Students are coached in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, general science, and computers during the Wednesday after-school sessions.

### **University Union's Game Room receives upgrade**

The Game Room in the University Student Union has experienced significant improvements just in time for the start of the 2008-09 academic year. Four new 47-inch flat screen HD televisions were added to the back wall of the room along with a second XBOX 360 console, a SONY Play Station 3 console, and a pair of Nintendo Wii consoles. Eight gaming chair rockers were added to the inventory as well, and video games were moved to the west wall of the room. More improvements are reportedly coming soon.



*Kyle Griffith (left) prepares to throw a pitch to Rex Stinson on the Nintendo Wii video game.*

Game Room hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Faculty and staff can use the facility by presenting their Warrior ID Card to the desk attendant. The Game Room is also available for after-hours rental to both on-campus and off-campus groups.

Contact Melissa Goodman at 667-3191, [mgoodman1@csustan.edu](mailto:mgoodman1@csustan.edu) for information.

### **New Campus Training & Professional Development Web site debuts**

Wondering about workshops, training programs, seminars, and other professional development programs that are available to CSU Stanislaus employees?

A new Campus Training & Professional Development Web site has been introduced at <http://www.csustan.edu/ctpd/>.

The key objective of the site is to provide a central location for faculty and staff to learn about all campus offerings related to professional development opportunities and required training programs on campus. The Web site includes details and registration form links on all such programs available to employees.

**New ATM available in Vasché Library lobby**

CSU Stanislaus has its third ATM on campus with the addition of a Wells Fargo machine in the Vasché Library first-floor lobby.

ATMs are also located in the University Union, (Golden One across from the Student Activities Office) and the first-floor lobby of the Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Building (Farmers & Merchants next to the Financial Aid Office entrance).

**Highway stretch to be named after CSU Stanislaus graduate**

A stretch of Highway 120 near Yosemite National Park will be named in honor of former CSU Stanislaus women's basketball standout and graduate Eva Schicke.

A 2002 Criminal Justice Degree graduate of CSU Stanislaus, Schicke was killed in 2004 when she was overcome by wind-whipped flames while battling a wildfire near Groveland. A California State Assembly bill introduced by Assemblyman Tom Berryhill approved the naming of the highway stretch in her honor, and Governor Schwarzenegger signed it into law this month. Firefighters plan to raise the money for a highway sign designating the Eva Schicke stretch of roadway near Groveland.

A memorial to Schicke, CalFire's first female firefighter to die in the line of duty, was placed at the Rim of the World overlook vista point on the Tuolumne River in April.

**Holiday Crafters Annual Bazaar is December 3 in Main Dining Hall**

Hand crafted items by a group of on-campus artists will be available at the Holiday Crafters Annual Bazaar on Wednesday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Main Dining Hall.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the University's Hunger Network, which provides food and other items for the poor and the homeless of the region. Purchases are cash only. Contact Lana Jones at 667-3371 for more information.

## DIGEST - ARTS STORIES

### Arts Calendar

<http://www.csustan.edu/COA/Publications/CalendarOfEvents.pdf>

## DIGEST - ATHLETICS STORIES

### Kim Duyst inducted into U.S. Track & Field/Cross Country Hall of Fame

Former CSU Stanislaus track and field and cross country coach Kim Duyst will be inducted into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Hall of Fame on December 18. Now an Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator in the University's Department of Athletics, Duyst will be in a group of eight coaches from all over the country who will be awarded Hall of Fame honors.

During her 20 years as coach, Duyst guided her athletes to 70 All-American honors, four individual national champions, and a fourth place national track and field team finish in 1994. Virtually every track & field and cross country school record was broken during her tenure.

### 52 Warriors among list of CCAA All-Academic Awards recipients

A total of 52 Cal State Stanislaus athletes from each of the Warriors sports programs were recipients of 2007-08 All-Academic California Collegiate Athletic Association Awards in August.

Women's Soccer led the way with 12 honorees, and women's track & field had 11. Recipients were varsity letter-winners who competed in one of the CCAA-sponsored sports (men's cross country, women's cross country, men's soccer, women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's golf, women's tennis, men's outdoor track & field, women's outdoor track & field, baseball, and softball) during the 2007-08 academic year. They earned a grade-point average of 3.40 or higher.

### Saintignon joins Warriors men's basketball staff ...

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/9/10/MBB\\_0910080110.aspx](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/9/10/MBB_0910080110.aspx)

### Student-Athletes among CSU Stanislaus Presidential, Provost Scholars ...

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/9/6/GEN\\_0906081326.aspx?path=General](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/9/6/GEN_0906081326.aspx?path=General)

### Warriors spike Good Day's Alan Sanchez ...

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/9/8/VBALL\\_0908081813.aspx?path=wvball](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/9/8/VBALL_0908081813.aspx?path=wvball)

### Warrior Athletics Web site

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/>

## DIGEST – FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

### **Lopez-Contreras, Tsacle to join USF teammates in Hall of Fame**

Dr. Enrique Lopez-Contreras, a Professor of Modern Languages, and Dr. Al Tsacle, a Professor of Computer Information Systems, will enter the University of San Francisco’s Father Hubert “Hub” Flynn Athletic Hall of Fame in February along with their 1966 national champions soccer teammates.

Lopez-Contreras and Tsacle were members of the 1966 USF soccer team that captured the Dons’ first of a number of ensuing NCAA Division I championships under the direction of legendary coach Steve Negroesco.



*Enrique Lopez-Contreras*

Lopez-Contreras, a native of Venezuela who went on to become a



*Al Tsacle*

member of his country’s National and Olympic teams, earned all-conference honors at USF in 1965 and 1966, scoring 28 goals during those two seasons. His five goals against San Francisco State in 1965 still stands as a team record, and he was later named most valuable player of the Venezuelan Olympic team.

A member of the CSU Stanislaus faculty since 1973, Tsacle started men’s soccer as a club sport at the University. He guided the program through its development as an NCAA competitor from 1976-98, until a full-time coach was named. He was named to Northern California Coach of the Year honors in 1987 and 1988 when the Warriors advanced to the post-season playoffs.

### **Psychology Chair Gina Pallotta steps down to take counseling post at Stockton facility**

Dr. Gina Pallotta, a member of the Psychology faculty for 18 years and Department Chair, has accepted a counseling position at the California Division of Juvenile Justice’s N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility in Stockton. Her last day at CSU Stanislaus was Friday, September 19.

Stepping in as Chair is Psychology Professor Dr. William Potter.

Pallotta was recognized earlier this year as one of the Outstanding Women of Stanislaus County award recipients for her contributions and dedication of time and professional services to a number of charitable organizations. They include The Bridge project for Southeast Asian immigrants in Modesto where she developed a gang intervention program, the Central Valley Autism Project, the Red Cross, and the Stanislaus County Pride Center.



*Gina Pallotta*

### **Sankey named new chair of Women Geoscientists Association panel**

Dr. Julia Sankey, Associate Professor, Dept of Physics and Geology, is the new chair of the Outstanding Educator Award committee of the international group, the Association for Women Geoscientists (<http://www.awg.org/>).

The role of the Outstanding Educator award is to, "honor well-established college or university teachers who have played a significant role in the education and support of women geoscientists both within and outside the classroom."

### **Teacher Education Professor joins students at Women's Equality march**

Brenda Betts, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Teacher Education, joined CSU Stanislaus graduate student Jane Rodgers and credential student Elaine Hildebrand to march with hundreds of women, men, and youth in the August 23 Women's Equality Day Parade and Rally in Sacramento.

Led to the Capitol by three people on horseback, many participants wore costumes, buttons, and carried banners to show their support for women's equality. After the parade and rally, participants watched a preview of the new film "Engage Her" about why many women in minority communities do not vote. The parade and rally were sponsored by the National Women's History Project in Santa Rosa. Information, books, films, resources, and teaching materials about the contributions and achievements of women are available on the Web site at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).

### **PE's Janice Herring makes trip to Olympics in China with daughter**

Janice Herring of the Physical Education faculty traveled to China in August with the Olympic Orchestra, a group of San Joaquin Valley musicians that included her daughter, Carlee.

The group included more than 130 student musicians and color guard members from high schools in Modesto, Riverbank, and Turlock, along with participants from CSU Stanislaus and Fresno State. Herring accompanied the group as a chaperone, and her daughter played the saxophone during the group's four performances in China.

### **Shannon Nichols named Director of Development in University Advancement**

Shannon Nichols, who brings extensive fundraising experience with her from Maine, joined the CSU Stanislaus Office of University Advancement in September as Director of Development.

Nichols, whose duties will center on fundraising with individuals, corporations, and foundations, previously served as Director of Development of the Maine Women's Fund, a public foundation that promotes social change by investing in the support of women and girls. She worked with high-profile businesswomen to create a giving circle for women who want to give back to their community and mentor aspiring female entrepreneurs. Nichols relished her leadership role while raising more than \$2.2 million in support of



Shannon Nichols

issues she feels passionate about, including economic development, affordable housing, and support services for people with mental illness.

“Shannon Nichols brings many years of experience and a passion for raising money for worthy programs that we welcome at CSU Stanislaus,” said Susana Gajic-Bruyea, Vice President for University Advancement. “I know that people in the community are going to welcome hearing from her and working with her in support of the University’s many great programs and great students.”

Nichols has more than 15 years of experience in helping people, corporations, and foundations use philanthropy to further their values and goals. A graduate of Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts, Nichols previously served as a development director with an affordable housing program in Maine after starting her career in a similar position in Denver, Colorado.

“I’m excited about helping people turn their desire to make the world a better place into something very tangible,” Nichols said. “I look forward to helping individuals and corporations determine how they can best support the academic programs and special initiatives that are fostering impressive results for students, the Central Valley community, California, and beyond.”

## DIGEST – NOTES FROM HR

### Open Enrollment continues through October 10

Open enrollment is the time to make changes to employee medical and/or dental plans. For those who do not want to change their medical or dental plans, no action is necessary.

To make a change, Benefits Information Worksheets must be submitted to Human Resources, MSR320, no later than Friday, October 10. Open Enrollment changes are effective January 1, 2009.

Employees enrolled in the Health Care Reimbursement Account (HCRA) and Dependent Care Reimbursement Account (DCRA) are required to re-enroll each year in the HCRA and/or DCRA plan. Those who wish to participate (even if they are currently participating) in the HCRA or the DCRA, and want to continue participation during 2009, must submit a new enrollment form during open enrollment. The forms are available at [www.csustan.edu/hr](http://www.csustan.edu/hr).

For more information including benefit summaries, insurance premiums, the Benefits Information Worksheet, and links to provider websites, visit the Employee Benefits link on the Human Resource web page at [www.csustan.edu/hr](http://www.csustan.edu/hr).

### Campus to close on Tuesday, November 11 for Veteran's Day

The campus will be closed Tuesday, November 11, in observation of Veteran's Day.

### Upcoming HR-sponsored workshops

Verizon Employee Day – October 7 and December 4. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., MSR130C

### Recruitment Welcomes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Department</u>
Lori Barrows	Administrative Support Assistant II	Nursing
Debra Beckman	Administrative Support Assistant II	College of Human & Health Sciences
Erin Broersma	Lab Assistant II	Biology/ESRP
Thomas Davenport	Facilities Worker II	Facilities Services
Socorro Garcia	Payroll Technician II	Payroll
Michele Gordon	Instructional Support Technician III	Chemistry
Gilberto Herrera	Facilities Worker II	Facilities Services
Hilary Howard	Health Educator	Student Health Center
Soseh Nazarian	Administrative Support Assistant I	College of Education
Shannon Nichols	Director of Development	University Advancement
Jennifer O'Brien	Police Officer	Public Safety
Douglas Stockton III	Facilities Worker II	Facilities Services
Susan Strong	Payroll Technician II	Payroll
Daniel Valdez	Facilities Worker II	Facilities Services
Leroy Whitely	Facilities Worker II	Facilities Services