



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

### DIGEST - FEBRUARY 2009

#### **Carnegie Foundation cites University for community engagement efforts**

California State University, Stanislaus has been recognized once again for its active involvement with the region it serves, this time by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's 2008 Community Engagement Classification.

CSU Stanislaus is one of 119 universities and colleges, and one of only five in the California State University system that has received the honor of being named to Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification. This achievement recognizes the reciprocal partnerships formed between the University and the community. Some examples of the University's community engagement activities include a home-based literacy program serving families challenged by poverty, income tax preparation for low-income seniors and migrant workers, mentoring at-risk youth, science education in K-12 classrooms, public policy, healthy families, and environmental sustainability.

"This recognition by the Carnegie Foundation places CSU Stanislaus among a very select group of universities," said Dr. William Covino, Academic Vice President and Provost. "It recognizes the many ways in which we extend our commitment to teaching and learning to the issues and challenges that surround us, and help build solutions through scholarship and partnership."

The University currently offers more than 50 courses per year that gives students an opportunity to work in the community in meaningful ways. Currently, more than 2,000 students have the opportunity to participate in community service that helps to improve the quality of life in the region. Student services total more than 30,000 hours of service annually.

"This award honors the dedicated efforts of our faculty, staff, students, and community members who work together to improve the quality of life in our region and to develop community-based learning opportunities for our students," said Julie Fox, Director of the Office of Service Learning at CSU Stanislaus. "This recognition is evidence of the University's commitment to the community and to the educational and professional development of graduates who are thoughtful and engaged citizens."

Community-based educational opportunities at CSU Stanislaus have previously been recognized nationally in the Campus Compact's Indicators of Engagement at Minority-Serving Institutions publication "One with the Community." Additionally, the University has been recognized annually since 2006 by the Presidents Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The University will continue to be a leader in community-based education as evidenced by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation 2008 Community Engagement Classification.

## **Phyllis Crittendon one of first Executive MBA graduates honored at December 5 reception**

Phyllis Crittendon, a Senior Buyer in Financial Services who says she learned a wealth of information that applies to her job, was in the group of first graduates of the University's Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) degree program who were honored at a December 5 reception.

"The program has great faculty and is an excellent business model for grooming today's executive leaders," Crittendon said. "The teaching style was very engaging and based on the current experiences of students in the program. What we learned on Saturday, we were actually able to apply to the work place on Monday."

A member of the CSU Stanislaus staff for two years, Crittendon has 20 years of professional background in government, technology, and the medical field. After earning her bachelor's degree in business management, Crittendon said she made it her goal to attain a graduate degree in business.

"It was a very intense 15 months, but the program prepares you for executive level work that enables you to execute business strategies," Crittendon said. "It applied to the work I do at the University and gave me an opportunity to draw on my past management experience."

In addition to Crittendon, former CSU Stanislaus Annual Fund and Scholarship Specialist Victor Mitre completed the degree program.

Having attended class sessions in Tracy, the 28 graduates are the first to complete the 15-month, 36-unit program that has attracted students from all over Central California. Eighty students are currently enrolled in three cohorts, including two still under way in Stockton and Turlock. Another cohort is scheduled to start in Modesto in April.

"It is very gratifying to see the excitement that the Executive MBA program has generated in this region," President Hamid Shirvani said. "The professional skills students are developing on their way to earning a graduate degree are going to benefit communities and businesses all over Central California."

At the December 5 graduation reception attended by a number of dignitaries, College of Business Dean Dr. Nael Aly presented each graduate with a framed class photo and a certificate noting this distinguished accomplishment.

"The EMBA graduates are already seeing positive results from the successful completion of the program, such as a Stanford fellowship, promotions, and new challenging jobs," Aly said. Under the direction of the College of Business Administration and administered through the University's Office of Extended Education, the program has seen its popularity spread far and wide. Students from as far as the Bay Area and Monterey County have enrolled in the degree program that focuses on helping management professionals who are highly sought after by regional industries and organizations to enhance their managerial skills.

"Participants value the involvement they have in working with the program's corporate sponsors to apply their executive skills to real life case studies," said Dr. Ashour Badal, EMBA Senior Associate Director and a member of the College of Business Administration faculty. "The dynamic

experiences that students encounter in this program make them more marketable as professional managers."

Robyn Criswell-Bloom, Director of University Extended Education, praised the cooperative effort that has made the program so successful.

"Delivering education in service to adult learners is the goal of CSU Stanislaus' Extended Education department. We recognize that adults are dedicated to pursuing their academic goals, requiring quality and convenience from their education provider," Criswell-Bloom said. "I'm delighted that the College of Business Administration and UEE collaborated to achieve the goal of delivering a high-end degree program in a format convenient to students. More so, we are pleased at the success and achievement of these new graduates."

For more information on the EMBA program, call 667-3288 or visit the Web site at [www.csustanEMBA.com](http://www.csustanEMBA.com).

### **Penumbra magazine accepting submissions through February 26**

Submissions of short fiction, poetry, artwork, and photography are being accepted through February 26 for "Penumbra," the annual CSU Stanislaus art and literary magazine.

All interested writers, artists, and photographers are welcome to make submissions. Written submissions must include a cover letter with a list of submitted works, a brief biography, and name, address, e-mail, and phone number. Art submissions may be submitted on a CD in .jpg format and should not exceed 11 by 17 in size. All artwork will be printed in black & white, except for the color cover piece.

Send submissions by mail to Rofiah Breen in the English Department, Room 195 in the Library. For more information, call Breen at 667-3673.

### **Science Olympiad set for March 7**

More than 550 students from regional junior and senior high schools will come to California State University, Stanislaus on Saturday, March 7 for the 24th Annual Stanislaus County Science Olympiad.

Events that encourage learning and innovation in biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, problem solving, and technology are scheduled in Warrior Arena, the Naraghi Hall of Science, and nearby outdoor areas from 8:15 a.m. until the 3:15 p.m. awards ceremony. This year's program is sponsored by CSU Stanislaus, the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE), US Bank, and the Education Foundation of Stanislaus County. For more information, see the SCOE Web site at

<http://www.stancoe.org/scoe/admin/studentEvents/RegionalScienceOlympiad/>.

### **New Mathematics Chapter established at University**

The Department of Mathematics is happy to announce that the California State University Stanislaus Chapter of the Society for Applied and Industrial Mathematics (SAIM) was established this fall.

The Department of Mathematics applied for the establishment of a SAIM chapter at CSU Stanislaus and \$500 funding to support academic chapter activities through the year.

“We are happy to report that our SIAM chapter received \$500 in funding from the SIAM main office for the 2008-2009 academic year,” said Dr. Thomas Abram, Mathematics Department Chair. “Students who are interested in applied mathematics and computational science are strongly encouraged to join this association.

Two main associations in mathematics and related fields are the American Mathematical Society (AMS) which focuses on general mathematical areas and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) which focuses on applied mathematics in partnership with computational science to build cooperation between mathematics and the worlds of science and technology through their publications, research, and community.

One mission of SAIM is to encourage students who are the future of applied mathematics and computational science with opportunities to participate in chapter activities. Details of the general student chapter information and benefits of membership are on the Web at <http://www.siam.org/students/>. For detailed information, please refer to <http://www.siam.org/students/chapters/current/calstatestanislaus.php>. Contact faculty members Dr. Jung-Ha An at [jan@csustan.edu](mailto:jan@csustan.edu) or Dr. Kenneth Hoover at [khoover@csustan.edu](mailto:khoover@csustan.edu) for additional information.

### **February 3 Observation Night focuses on Venus, moon, and celestial features**

The Department of Physics and College of Natural Sciences will hold a Public Observation Night featuring telescope viewing of the planet Venus, the moon, and other celestial features on Tuesday, February 3 at 6 p.m.

Viewing on the roof area of the Naraghi Hall of Science will start at 6 p.m., weather permitting. The is free and open to the public. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Participants can enter through the main entrance of the building and signs will be posted directing people to the observation area via the elevator or stairs.

For information, see the Department of Physics Web site at <http://physics.csustan.edu/> or call the Department of Physics at 667-3466 for information.

### **Winter Group Exercise Class sessions available to employees**

Faculty and staff are welcome to participate in the Winter Group Exercise Class sessions conducted in the former University Union Bookstore location.

Aerobics classes are held Mondays and Thursdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., salsa lessons are conducted Tuesdays from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. on Tuesdays, and yagalates is scheduled for Wednesdays. Sponsored by the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Recreation and Wellness and University Student Union Program Board, the sessions are also open to alumni and students. The fee is \$20.

For more information contact Sean Newland, ASI Recreation and Wellness Coordinator, at 667-3150 or by e-mail at [snewland@csustan.edu](mailto:snewland@csustan.edu).

### **David, Mirza receive Employee Scholarship awards**

Jouliet David, an administrative assistant in the Credential Processing Center, and Becky Mirza, Study Abroad Coordinator in the International Education Office, are the newest recipients for awards from the University's Employee Scholarship fund.

The \$250 awards were granted for the fall term and help cover some book and supply expenses while the recipients work toward degrees. The scholarships were announced by the Employee Scholarship Committee, which credits a November donation from Staff Council for making the awards possible.

All full-time staff employees, including those on the Foundation payroll, are eligible for consideration for an award from this special scholarship fund. Consideration is given on the basis of financial need, academic scholarship, career development goals, and job-related objectives.

The Employee Scholarship Fund has provided financial assistance to University employees since 1982 and is supported entirely through donations. For the past several years, awards have been funded by grants from the campus Staff Council. Individuals can support the program through an annual gift or through monthly payroll deductions designated to the Employee Scholarship Fund. Additional information is available by contacting Christine Hollister in the Career Services Center.

### **Tutoring Center receives certification renewals**

The Tutoring and Writing Center received official notification recently that its College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Level 2/Advanced Certification was granted and that its CRLA Level 1/Regular Certification was renewed for three years.

The CRLA is an internationally recognized organization. The program certification process establishes a high standard of training and skills in the University's Tutoring and Writing Center. Certification earned by student tutors is recognized by and transferable to other institutions, according to Louisa Herrera, Tutoring Center Director. The three-year certification extension confirmed a high rating for the Center, she noted.

In Fall 2008, seven tutors were certified at Level 2/Advanced and 19 tutors were certified at Level 1/Regular as part of the ongoing certification process. Stefanie Shea-Akers, a graduate tutor, was responsible for revising Level One for recertification. Michael Carrillo, Paula Barrington-Schmidt, and Stefanie Shea-Akers were instrumental in gathering, writing, and organizing materials for the Level 2/Advanced application.

### **CSU Stanislaus Ag Ambassadors give aid to United Samaritans for Thanksgiving**

For several weeks in October and November, the CSU Stanislaus Agriculture Ambassadors

canvassed local farmers and agriculture companies for donations of food products to give to families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday season.

The students collected complete Thanksgiving dinners for 25 families that were delivered by the United Samaritan Foundation in Turlock.

“It all started with a generous donation of 25 turkeys from the California Poultry Federation and Foster Farms,” said Troy Webb, Ag Ambassador Vice President. “After we secured that donation, thanks to Bill Mattos of the California Poultry Federation, students started bringing in more and more food from local companies. Thanks to the support of the local ag companies, this Thanksgiving was extra special for 25 families!”

### **University’s Sociology Club distributes 413 shoebox Christmas packages**

Members of the University’s Sociology Club provided shoeboxes full of Christmas cheer for more than 400 needy youngsters during a gift drive on campus.

CSU Stanislaus students, faculty, and staff responded generously to the club’s fourth annual gift campaign, providing presents and contributions that filled 413 shoeboxes wrapped for the holidays. The gifts, designated for children 12 and under, were presented to a number of regional organizations, including the Salvation Army and Merced Human Services Agency.

Gift donors selected children’s descriptions from a Christmas tree set up in the Bizzini Hall lobby in mid-November and filled shoeboxes with gifts according to the youngsters’ ages.

Sociology Club Advisor Cathy Wong of the Sociology Department faculty said gift contributions have increased dramatically since the first drive four years ago that filled 65 shoeboxes. That number more than doubled each of the next two years, and the club’s 30 members gathered to wrap the 413 shoeboxes before delivering them to the selected organizations.

### **Psychology Master’s Degree program praised in reaccreditation process**

Praised for the quality of its groundbreaking program which prepares students for careers in a variety of counseling, treatment, and psychological analysis fields, the College of Human and Health Sciences received a new five-year accreditation for its Master of Science Psychology Program in Behavior Analysis.

The University’s Behavior Analysis Program has the distinction of being one of the first of its kind in the United States and one of only 14 internationally accredited institutions, according to Dr. Gary Novak, Dean of the College of Human and Health Sciences and a Psychology faculty member since 1973. The CSU Stanislaus program is also the only one in the U.S. that prepares masters level professionals for both licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist in California and certification as a Behavior Analyst.

Reaccreditation from the Accreditation Committee of the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) affirms that the graduate program has the quality credentials that attract the best students seeking training and skills development for careers in the behavior analysis field.

“The Master of Science Psychology Program in Behavior Analysis is regarded as a unique entity because of the choice of opportunities it offers students who are continuing their educational

pursuits and preparing for careers in the profession,” said Novak, co-founder of the program started in 1973. “Many of our graduates go on to earn doctorate degrees and certification in behavior analysis and licensure in family and marriage counseling.”

Seven faculty members, including Novak, are affiliated with the program which provides students with opportunities to be involved in behavioral treatment programs. Faculty have expertise in a variety of psychology categories, including applied behavioral analysis and developmental disabilities, experimental behavior analysis, child development, behavior therapy, verbal behavior analysis, and behavioral treatment of autism.

Faculty member Dr. Jane Howard is co-founder and co-director of The Kendall School in Modesto which provides intensive behavior analytic intervention to young children with autism spectrum disorders and enables a number of CSU Stanislaus students to experience excellent training opportunities. She has done extensive research on autism and headed up a research team that conducted a revealing internationally-published study dispelling some of the popular notions about how to treat the disorder. Her CSU Stanislaus colleague Dr. Carrie Dempsey, also an active autism treatment researcher, is seeking funding to open a clinic to provide services for children with severe behavioral disorders. CSU Stanislaus graduate students would be trained in new technologies at the clinic in the field of behavioral psychology for assessing and treating the severe behavior disorders. In addition, faculty members Bruce Hesse and Bill Potter engage students in basic behavioral research in an on-campus lab.

## **DIGEST - ARTS STORIES**

### **Townsend Opera Players adds Joseph Wiggett as artistic director**

Dr. Joseph Wiggett, gifted with a rich baritone singing voice and a member of the CSU Stanislaus Music Department faculty, has been named the new artistic director for Townsend Opera Players (TOP).

A voice professor at CSU Stanislaus for the past seven years and frequent performer and director for the opera company, Wiggett replaces the Modesto company's founding director, Erik Buck Townsend, who passed away in September.

Wiggett directed TOP's production of "Pagliacci" last year and has performed in concerts with the Opera Players, including a memorable duet with Townsend. He will select shows, handle casting, choose directors, and oversee youth and outreach programs as TOP transitions to a more professional style.

Wiggett indicated that as director he will be able to promote arts in the region and provide singing opportunities for CSU Stanislaus students.

Wiggett's strong singing background includes the Julliard Opera Center, the Lyric Opera of Chicago Center for American Artists, and the Prague Mozart Academy. He has performed many operatic roles and given recitals throughout the U.S., Europe, and the former Soviet Union. Wiggett has won three Brigit Nilsson prizes and two grants from the Puccini Foundation.

His numerous singing triumphs include the Metropolitan Opera New England Regional Auditions, the Chicago Union Civic and Arts Leagues Competition, and the Center for Contemporary Opera International Competition.

### **Jazz Studies Coordinator Andrew Nevala plays in Venezuela concert**

Andrew Nevala, new Coordinator of the growing Jazz Studies program in the Music Department, performed at the Festival Cuatro Cuerdas in Guanare, Venezuela, in November.

A pianist with a trio that included a bassist from Venezuela and a drummer from Canada, Nevala also accompanied them to performances in Barquisimeto and the Venezuelan capital, Caracas. It was the group's second trip to Venezuela, coming after an earlier performance at the Calgary International Jazz Festival and participation in a clinic in Colorado where saxophonist Chris Potter joined them.

Nevala also performed in New Mexico last year with vocalist Steve Lippia who performs around the country with symphonies and jazz ensembles and calls upon the CSU Stanislaus jazz pianist to accompany him during some of the performances. Nevala has toured the world with a number of different performing acts, from blues to jazz, and has won nine Downbeat Magazine awards for musical performance, arranging, composition, and directing.

Nevala toured with the Glenn Miller Orchestra for two years and has an internationally-released CD on the Capri Jazz Label. Formed in 2001, his "Andy Nevala Quartet and Big Band" performed weekly until October 2006 at the Dazzle Jazz Club and other locations in Denver.

Nevala has also been a judge/adjudicator/clinician at several area jazz festivals since joining the music faculty in 2008, including the Delta College Jazz Festival, the CSU Sacramento Jazz Festival, and the Folsom High School Jazz Festival. He will participate in the California Music Educators Association (CMEA) Jazz Festival in March.

### **Arts Calendar**

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

## **DIGEST - ATHLETICS STORIES**

### **Kim Duyst entered into National Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/12/18/GEN\\_1218082157.aspx?path=General](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/12/18/GEN_1218082157.aspx?path=General)

With more than 70 All-Americans, numerous individual national titles, a conference championship and countless coaching honors to boot, Cal State Stanislaus Associate Athletics Director Kim Duyst received one more award Wednesday recognizing her work as a coach at Cal State Stanislaus.

### **Former Warrior baseball player named California Educator of the Year**

<http://cvhsweb.ceres.k12.ca.us/images/Magnicopy1.jpg>

Greg Magni, a 2001 Cal State Stanislaus graduate and a pitcher on the Warrior baseball team from 1997 to 2000, has been named California League of High Schools Educator of the Year. Magni is a teacher at Central Valley High School in Ceres.

### **Baseball team ranked No. 24 in national preseason poll**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/12/27/BB\\_1227082350.aspx?path=baseball](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2008/12/27/BB_1227082350.aspx?path=baseball)

The Cal State Stanislaus baseball team received a Christmas gift in December in the form of a national recognition. The Warriors debut in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper preseason poll at number 24 in the country at the Division II level.

### **Warrior Kyle Loretelli a preseason All-American baseball selection**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/1/15/BB\\_0115091104.aspx](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/1/15/BB_0115091104.aspx)

Kyle Loretelli has been listed as one of the preseason All-American selections and players to watch in 2009 by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper.

### **Women's Volleyball program adds top recruits Bishop, Dawson**

[http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/1/15/VBALL\\_0115095505.aspx](http://warriorathletics.com/news/2009/1/15/VBALL_0115095505.aspx)

Head coach Christina Lore announced two additions to the 2009 Cal State Stanislaus women's volleyball team, welcoming top recruits Melissa Bishop of Orangevale and Taylor Dawson, a Hughson High School graduate from nearby Waterford.

### **Warrior Men Basketball Schedule**

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/schedule.aspx?path=mbball&>

### **Warrior Women Basketball Schedule**

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/schedule.aspx?path=wball&>

**Warrior Baseball Schedule**

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/schedule.aspx?path=baseball&>

**Warrior Softball Schedule**

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/schedule.aspx?path=softball&>

**Warrior Athletics Web site**

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

## DIGEST – FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

### **Professor Betsy Eudey named Faculty Center Director**

Professor Betsy Eudey was appointed as the University's new Director of the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning in December by Dr. William Covino, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. She replaces Dr. Armin Schulz who retired in December.

Dr. Eudey, Director of the Gender Studies Program, has been a great contributor to Faculty Development Center events and workshops, has chaired the Faculty Development Committee, and is currently Chair of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Inquiry Circle focusing on teaching and learning, including faculty development.

Eudey received the Papageorge Faculty Development Award in 2006 and the Outstanding University Service Award in 2007. Based on Professor Eudey's "understanding of the center's mission to support faculty and staff; her background in the use of technology and distance learning; her involvement in and knowledge of the university on a variety of levels; and her commitment to the FCETL and its programs," she is an exceptionally well-qualified candidate for this position, Covino said.

"As I look back with great appreciation on Armin Schulz's tremendous contributions to this campus, I look forward with pleasure to working with Professor Eudey to advance our core commitment to teaching and learning," Covino said.

### **Library Dean Carl Bengston takes position at Cerritos College**

Carl Bengston, who served as the University's Library Dean for 10 years, departed in December to become Dean of the Library Learning Resource Center at Cerritos College in Southern California. A farewell reception was held in his honor on December 18.

Carl Whitman, Chief Information Officer, has been appointed interim Director of Library Services. Dr. William Covino, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said he will work closely with library faculty and staff to maintain and improve the current operation, and to involve the larger campus community in a discussion of the future development and expansion of the library and its leadership, in the context of the University's needs, plans, and goals.

Some of the advancements in the Library during Bengston's tenure as Dean included:

- Installation of the highly popular "Collaboratory" computer lab facility in the Library's reference area that has become a convenient facility for students doing research and other academic projects.
- Implementation of the state-of-the-art University Library Catalog system in 2008.
- An increased emphasis on special collections, including artifacts and photo collections, as relationships were formed with the region and cultural groups.
- Development of a new system called Link+ that provides expanded capacity for sharing books in library networks.
- An additional librarian position that enables the library to better serve its users.

## **Charles Holmberg puts his name in the running record books**

Charles Holmberg, the University's Director of Information Services and Information Security Officer, is high mileage, and proud of it.

What started out with participation as a cross country runner at the high school and college level has become a lifetime motivator for Holmberg who is ranked 36th in the United States for running three miles or more every day over the past 30 years. His personal odometer for miles run on those nearly 11,000 consecutive days since March 20, 1979 surpassed 60,000 miles on January 4.

Holmberg's running streak drew the attention of Sacramento TV station KXTV News 10 which did a story about his exploits. [www.news10.net](http://www.news10.net)

The U.S. Running Streak Association, which Holmberg joined in 2001 to network his daily mileage logs, keeps track of such accomplishments. Holmberg's record would probably be even more impressive, but his first streak was cut short in the early 1970s was interrupted by illness. Not pleased with the extra pounds he was carrying around at the time, the father of three got serious about keeping the streak going in 1979.

"My children urged me to run to keep my streak alive; my wife (Kathleen) thought I was crazy," Holmberg said. "It's a good way to keep in shape, and I think it has had a lot to do with the great health I've enjoyed over the years."

Now Holmberg is determined to keep his streak going, with his sights set on some day getting to number one on the rankings list. He's not setting any speed or one-day distance records, averaging about six miles per day and participating in occasional distance runs and marathons. Holmberg has run in 32 states during travel time and vacations and braved all kinds of weather extremes.

Holmberg does most of his running in the early morning near his Modesto home before heading for work.

"It's the quiet time of the day and a good meditation time for me to get my thoughts together," Holmberg said.

His dedication to the streak has encountered a couple of close calls, including a bout with the flu, but he runs through occasional colds. He did one run at 11 p.m. after suffering an allergic reaction to a sand flea bite. Antibiotics brought the swelling down in his foot by the next day and he was back to his running.

An encounter with bears on a logging trail near the family cabin motivated him to his fastest run, Holmberg said with a chuckle. The veteran runner estimates he's found more than \$775 on the ground over the years and laughingly recalls being propositioned four times during an early-morning run in Las Vegas where he was attending a convention.

Holmberg has a determined response about how long he plans to keep running.

"Till I die," he said with a grin.

### **Duggan authors new book on the Saluki desert hound**

Brian Duggan, Director of Learning Services in the University's Office of Information Technology, knows his Salukis.

His passion for the popular desert hounds and their history motivated him to author a new book titled "Saluki." The book is the culmination of 14 years of research on one of the oldest know breeds of domesticated dogs.

Introduced to the dog breed by his wife, Wendy, Duggan has become an acknowledged expert on Salukis. In addition to being involved in breeding Salukis at their home south of Turlock, Brian and Wendy also exhibit the dogs at shows and have bred 28 champions over the past 30 years. Brian has also served as a judge at shows in Europe and all over the United States and has become an unofficial historian and presenter on the breed during his years of research. He has also published articles on the history of Salukis that have won awards from the Dog Writers Association of America.

"It's been fascinating for me to do all of the research on a breed that goes back many thousands of years to the Middle East," Duggan said. "I've gone through many historical letters, archives, and books to put together this information."

Salukis are the oldest recognized breed of the sight hound family, known for hunting prowess using their incredibly sharp eyes. Duggan said the book is the first of its kind that includes extensive information about the history of Salukis. The breed had a high status in the Bedouin culture, along with horses, falcons, and hawks. They are referred to highly by many people of status in the Middle East, and representations of them were discovered by archaeologist Howard Carter in 1922 on walls in the tomb of Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Duggan traces the story of the characters who imported the Saluki to the West, most notably the social matriarch Florence Amherst, who was smitten with the breed during a family tour of Egypt and went on to breed many litters of Salukis. Duggan's research touches on letters Amherst wrote to (T.E.) Lawrence of Arabia seeking his influence to help promote the dog breed in the West. Duggan's book reveals that European military officers enjoyed hunting with the hounds in the Middle East and later pursued those hunting exploits when they returned to their homeland with the dogs.

### **Christine Hollister orchestrates county birth archives donation to Library**

A printed abstraction document of births for Stanislaus County from 1873-1905 was presented to the University's Library Archives section by the area Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter. Christine Hollister, Director of the Career Services Center, is a member and regent in the chapter and coordinated donation of the record.

The printed birth records were copied from original documents at the Stanislaus County Library by the Hugh Moss Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Hollister said the copies were made to make the records more easily accessible by researchers in this area.

## DIGEST – NOTES FROM HR

### Check pay warrants for open enrollment changes

Employees are advised to check their January 1, 2009 pay warrant for open enrollment changes. New health premiums and additional information are located on the Human Resources Web site at [www.csustan.edu/hr](http://www.csustan.edu/hr).

### University to close for Cesar Chavez holiday on Tuesday, March 31

The University will be officially closed on Tuesday, March 31, in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

### Visit the HR Web site for an abundance of direct resources

Checked out the Human Resources Web site lately? Lots of great resources are available online. They include job vacancies listed, the Campus Training and Professional Development Calendar, information regarding benefits, forms and applications, the Campus Directory, campus maps, and the College Year Calendar. The site also features links to all of the collective bargaining contracts, corresponding salary schedules, and much more. Check out the site and let Human Resources know what you think.

### Recruitment Welcomes

<b>Name</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Department</b>
Lisa Baysinger	Research Technician I	Institutional Research
Christina Costa	Administrative Support Assistant II	Admissions & Records
Monica Doll	Administrative/Analyst Specialist NE	University Advancement
Leia Durrant	Lab Assistant II	Biological Sciences
Tristan Edgarian	Research Technician I	Biological Sciences
Martin Hildebrandt	Gardening Specialist	Agricultural Studies
Clarissa Lonn-Nichols	Student Services Professional III	Faculty Mentor Program
Melanie Myers	Administrative Support Assistant I	Title V Grant