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# A WORD WITH PRESIDENT SHIRVANI



Welcome to our redesigned alumni magazine for California State University, Stanislaus. I am confident that you will be pleased with the updated look and easy-to-read content. Our goal is to make the magazine interesting and relevant to our readers—the alumni, friends, and supporters of CSU Stanislaus. As always, we enjoy hearing from you and want your feedback. So please let us know what you like—or don't like—about our new “STAN” magazine.

This is an exciting issue for us as we kick off the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which has begun with a commemorative Web site at [www.csustan.edu/50th](http://www.csustan.edu/50th) and will culminate in Fall 2010 with an elegant and spirited University Gala. In between, there will be historical articles, concerts, receptions, galas, alumni activities, and more to commemorate the University's 50 years of service and academic excellence.

Enjoy reading the magazine, which highlights memories and milestones from the past 50 years and tells about alumni and others

who are making an impact as a result of the education they received at CSU Stanislaus or the support they give to the University.

Throughout the year, we will be making a stronger push to reach out to you as our ambassadors in the community. From visiting campus to promoting CSU Stanislaus among community groups and the media, from participating in our government advocacy efforts to supporting scholarships and student recruitment, we rely on you—our grassroots ambassadors—to help us advance the mission and goals of California State University, Stanislaus.

With a new Alumni Director (who you'll meet on page 18) and a solid University Advancement team in place, we look forward to re-introducing CSU Stanislaus and our alumni programs to you.

Regards,

Hamid Shirvani, Ph.D.

## PAPPAS AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE

Harry J. Pappas, the Modesto native and son of Greek immigrants who has successfully developed an array of television and radio stations all over the country, was awarded an Honorary Degree of the Doctor of Humane Letters at the May 31 CSU Stanislaus commencement ceremony.

President Hamid Shirvani and CSU Trustee Carol Chandler presented the doctorate to Pappas, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Pappas Telecasting Companies, the largest privately held commercial television group in the United States. President Shirvani praised Pappas for his dedication to family, business, and philanthropy.

"California State University, Stanislaus is proud to publicly recognize the exceptional talents and contributions of Harry Pappas," President Shirvani said. "He has been at the forefront of media networks for many years and his business ingenuity and insights have earned him a reputation that places him in the highest echelon of industry leaders."


Pappas has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including induction into Broadcasting & Cable's Hall of Fame, the highest honor in the industry. He and his wife, Stella, have established two foundations to help the Greek Orthodox Church, and they support a number of civic organizations and causes. Harry Pappas, who dropped out of college to join his family in establishing a radio station at the start of his distinguished



career, credited his parents who came from humble beginnings with instilling in him determination and the value of perseverance, hard work, and education.

"This great honor will encourage me to continue to persevere," Pappas said. "I very humbly accept this honor. It's important for you graduates to seek the truth, great ideas, and always to keep your hopes alive." Pappas urged students to count themselves among those who are givers in life.

"For in so doing, you'll be achieving the greatest riches of all; that good name in man, in woman is the immediate jewel of their soul," he said.

Pappas, who was a keynote speaker for the 2007 Commencement, has expanded his company over the years to include 31 stations that he either owns or operates. Pappas stations serve more than 16 percent of all U.S. television households and reach nearly 40 percent of the country's Hispanic households. His company's most recent venture is CommunityCorrespondent.com, the first Web site of its kind for viewing on the Internet as well as for inclusion on TV newscasts. 



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Young Harry got his first taste of entrepreneurship running a soft drink concession stand at ballroom dances.

Pappas has served on the boards of the following broadcast industry organizations: Fox Network Board of Governors, National Association of Broadcasters, Independent Television Stations of America, and the Television Bureau of Advertising.

It was his family's broadcast achievements that led Pappas to enter the profession.

# PLANNING WITH PURPOSE

In the heart of the Central Valley, California State University, Stanislaus maintains its park-like setting in its update to the Campus Master Plan.

A major library expansion project, renovation of the original science building into a classroom facility, the addition of a 1,200-seat auditorium in the College of the Arts complex, and another residence hall are high-priority proposals of the CSU Stanislaus master plan being updated this year.

The revised master plan, scheduled to go to California State University Trustees for approval in January, will serve as a blueprint in steering the 228-acre Turlock campus through its growth over the next 20 years. It is the first major update for the master plan since 1968, three years after the opening of the current campus.

Preserving the University's reputation as one of the most beautiful campuses in the CSU system receives strong emphasis in the updated plan, notes CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani. Strategically constructing buildings and parking areas

to preserve a green, park-like campus environment with ample open space is a key component of the plan.

Projections estimate that the campus will be fully developed and reach its full-time student enrollment capacity of 12,000 students by 2027. Parking structures are expected to supplement existing lots to bring the total number of spaces to 6,000, and campus housing would expand from the current capacity of 663 to about 3,000, as taller structures are built.

Future construction will be concentrated around the campus core and on the southeast of the campus to minimize the impact of traffic on Crowell Road, according to the plan. Plans call for the former Yosemite Hall site property on the east side of Geer Road to be developed for combined educational and retail use. **S**

## MASTER PLAN UPDATE GOALS:

- Incorporate needed changes while maintaining the unique character of the campus.
- Balance impact of growth with overall appearance and intrinsic appeal.
- Preserve green space and mature landscaping.
- Use infill techniques to repurpose and reinvent CSU Stanislaus.
- Achieve harmony between new development and existing architecture.



Learn more about the  
University Master Plan at  
[www.csustan.edu/fs](http://www.csustan.edu/fs).





# NEW DOCTORATE PROGRAM HEADLINES EXPANDED GRADUATE SCHOOL OFFERINGS




The quality of academic programs at CSU Stanislaus continues to grow with a groundbreaking doctorate program and newly developed master's degrees.

The Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership degree program opened with its first cohort of 30 students this fall. The University's pool of 45 doctoral applicants was among the largest in the entire CSU system.

Development of the program was coordinated by Dr. Steven Lee, who comes to CSU Stanislaus with extensive doctoral level administrative experience. Classes are conducted by a core of 20 College of Education faculty and another 12 from other University departments or from off-campus. Two specializations are offered—one in leadership for preschool to grade 12 schools and the other for community college leadership.

CSU Stanislaus has also expanded its master's degree offerings. The second of a planned series of 15-month Executive Master's Degree in Business Administration cohorts started in Stockton in April after a 2007 debut in Tracy, and a third session got under way in Turlock


in August. A Master's Degree in Genetic Counseling is being offered starting in September, with CSU Stanislaus Professor of Biological Sciences and human genetics expert Dr. Janey Youngblom. Plans have been approved for a Master's Degree with concentrations in Nursing Education and Gerontology that could be starting up in the Department of Nursing in the spring, pending funding.

The new programs are expected to generate increased interest in the expanding CSU Stanislaus Graduate School, which includes 23 master's degree programs and an enrollment of more than 1,750 students. Other recent master's degree additions to the graduate programs in Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Ecology and Sustainability have proven successful, with the focus on workforce demands and education of students who can step into high demand, professional-level jobs. 

## CSU STANISLAUS' NEWEST DEAN

The newly hired Dean for The College of Education, Dr. Ruth Fassinger, will provide key leadership for the brand new Doctorate of Education program. An active member of the University of Maryland's College of Education faculty and administration for 20 years, Fassinger began her post in July.



Learn more about how the College of Education is preparing tomorrow's educators at [www.csustan.edu/COE](http://www.csustan.edu/COE). 



## BUILDING PROJECTS BRING NEW LOOK TO UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

*The University Bookstore will open in October.*

As CSU Stanislaus continues to grow, new building and facilities projects are popping up all over campus.

Front and center on the University skyline is the new Nora and Hashem Naraghi Hall of Science.


The three-story, state-of-the-art facility features 25 science and computer laboratories, 16 science project rooms, four classrooms, 58 faculty and department offices, an observatory, and an animal care complex. The \$55.4 million building project took just over two years to complete.

The 110,000 square-foot building replaces the University's first science facility built in 1972 for \$2.5 million, which is less than half the size of the new building and scheduled for eventual renovation as another classroom building. As an energy efficient "green building" designed with priorities on environmental innovations that benefit the occupants and surrounding community, Naraghi Hall is officially

registered with the U.S. Green Building Council through its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, gaining a Silver certification.

Two projects are well under way—the \$5.6 million University Bookstore behind the Student Union complex and the \$16.1 million Student Recreation Complex on the east side of the campus that will include a stadium and student fitness center.

Featuring an impressive architectural design with an octagonal entry tower and basilican form, the 12,000 square-foot bookstore will be twice the size of the current shop in the Student Union. In addition to the books, supplies, and always popular CSU Stanislaus clothing items, the store will include a reading and lounge area when it opens in October.

The new Student Recreation Complex, targeted to open by early 2009, is expected to be a community attraction. In addition to the Student Fitness Center complete with workout rooms, aerobic exercise rooms, multi-purpose room, and lockers and showers, the complex will feature a lighted stadium that seats 2,500 people and includes a soccer/football field and track and field facility. The state-of-the-art, all-weather running surface will be named the Al Brenda Track in honor of the local coaching legend and founder of Brenda Athletic Clubs who died in September 2001. The Recreation Complex will also include adjoining practice and intramural competition fields. 

The Nora and Hashem Naraghi Hall of Science received a "Silver" rating from the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) program for its environmentally friendly features. The building is the first in Stanislaus County to achieve LEED certification.

### WE'RE NOT DONE YET

The next projects, following voter-approved bonds, will be the renovation of the Science I Building and an expansion to Vasche Library.




## THE QUAD GETS REVAMPED

For the first time since 1965,

the centrally located Quad area, home of “The Rock,” has received a major face-lift. The project brings a new look to the heart of the campus and center of student outdoor activities. Trees, which had become overgrown with roots that created stumbling blocks and prevented lawns from growing, were removed, and the ground was leveled. In addition to the central Quad area in front of the Vasche Library, the renovated area includes the section in front of the west entrance to the University Union.

Student booths now have a new area to call home on the exterior of the section in front of the University Union where concrete strips have been installed. New trees and lawn were planted in both sections, complemented by a new irrigation system, and an extensive number of benches were installed around the perimeters. New lighting was also installed.

“The Rock,” long a gathering spot for open expression on the campus and known by some as the “free speech rock,” remains a fixture at the north end of the main Quad. 

Discover online how Ed Bearden remembers taking “The Rock” to the Quad in 1966. Find this story and more on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Web site: [www.csustan.edu/50th](http://www.csustan.edu/50th).




## ACTOR GARY SINISE WILL HELP KICK OFF 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION

Actor, director, and musician Gary Sinise will help California State University, Stanislaus kick off a series of special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Sinise, a former Academy Award nominee, is best known for his roles as “Lieutenant Dan” in the 1994 movie “Forrest Gump” and as “Det. Mac Taylor” in the network drama “CSI:NY.” He will be the guest of honor and featured performer that day for the first CSU Stanislaus 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. After participating in the Kickoff Gala Dinner, Sinise will head to the

University Amphitheatre for a concert featuring his “Lieutenant Dan Band.”

Sinise and his “Lieutenant Dan Band” will perform in the open-to-the-public concert which starts at 8:30 p.m. in the Amphitheatre. Tickets for the concert, available through Ticketweb, are \$35 (general admission), \$20 (students), and \$25 (military veterans). For ticket information, contact the CSU Stanislaus Division of University Advancement at (209) 667-3131. 

More than 10,000 people flocked to the California State University, Stanislaus campus on July 4<sup>th</sup> to participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Fantastic Fourth festivities.





# Fostering CHANGE

by Herb Smart

## CONGRESSMAN DENNIS CARDOZA IS HARD AT WORK TO MAKE HIGHER EDUCATION A REALITY FOR EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH

Congressman Dennis Cardoza is passionate about higher education.

Maybe that's because Cardoza, whose grandparents came to the United States from Portugal with big dreams in their heads and little money in their pockets, was the first person in his family to graduate from college.

Now Cardoza is trying to make college dreams a reality for others, especially children and teenagers who are at a disadvantage long before an admissions application is ever filed.

Cardoza, who attended CSU Stanislaus before receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1982, is spearheading the Promise Scholars Program Federal Initiative on behalf of CSU Stanislaus. It is a bill that, among other things, would likely give \$300,000 to the University toward its effort to educate emancipated foster youth.

In early July, a House Appropriations Subcommittee approved a draft of the bill, which still has several hurdles to overcome. It's likely that the final word from Congress will come sometime in February of 2009, with funding possible for the fall.



CSU Stanislaus' Promise Scholars Program aims to provide students from foster care situations access to post-secondary education, in turn offering those students a better future. Promise Scholars are awarded scholarships to meet financial needs, year-round campus housing, enrollment in the University's

Educational Opportunity Program or Student Support Services Program, and involvement in the Faculty Mentor Program. For more information on the Promise Scholars Program, visit [www.csustan.edu/promisescholars](http://www.csustan.edu/promisescholars)

“Since my time at CSU Stanislaus, there has obviously been much growth and progress. The campus has not just matured physically, but people have helped provide more assets for the university and a greater number of resources for students.”

The advancement of foster youth is a personal cause for Cardoza, who represents our state’s 18<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He and his wife, Dr. Kathie McLoughlin, are the parents of two adopted foster care children, Elaina and Joey, in addition to their biological daughter, Brittany.

What follows is a sampling of questions and answers from an interview with Cardoza regarding CSU Stanislaus, foster youth, and higher education.

*You feel very strongly about foster care. Tell us your thoughts about the role of foster care and its importance?*

Foster care is the difference between young people that have been abandoned or abused either ending up on the streets or succeeding in life. Our population consists of a huge proportion of people on streets. One area where we can save some of them is by providing them with a college education. These students become part of a campus community that eventually becomes their family. A lot of these people blossom under the (Promise Scholars) program and are able to achieve their dreams.

*Tell us about your thoughts toward the Promise Scholars Program Initiative, why it's something you support, and why it deserves support from others.*

As an example, I have a young person on my staff named Estakio Beltran. The Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation provides grants to Gonzaga University, and Beltran—a foster kid—received one of those scholarships. After he got training at the University, he has continually achieved. Now, here’s a kid that probably had no chance to succeed in life. He was significantly disadvantaged, and he had one last chance, and he is able to do great things.

*Why do you feel it is important to support higher education?*

I believe that higher education is the economic engine that provides our country with the advantages needed to excel in the world. I believe our country is somewhat lagging now in supporting higher education, and I don’t believe we are building enough universities. Higher education is the engine that drives our communities.

*Tell us about your thoughts toward CSU Stanislaus and the place that the University holds in your heart?*

I think CSU Stanislaus is a fabulous institution. The best of my college days were spent at CSU Stanislaus, and I still consider myself an alumnus of the school. The education was fantastic, the class sizes were small, and I had the chance to really participate. CSU Stanislaus helped me launch my career and pursue the American Dream.


*What do you remember most about your time at CSU Stanislaus? Also, things have changed in several ways since you attended. Perhaps you might comment on how far the University has come as it begins to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

I had a terrific experience at Stanislaus. I served in student government, where I had access to the president and the dean. I also served as student representative to the Faculty Senate. Fighting for the issues was good experience for how to advocate for my constituents.

Since my time at CSU Stanislaus, there has obviously been much growth and progress. To this day, the school continues to provide such a wonderful opportunity for so many young people to achieve their goals.

*Why should people place a high value on a college education?*

I am the first person from my family to graduate from college. I feel that my success is one that mirrors the American Dream. My grandparents immigrated to the United States more than 100 years ago. They came with no education and no money. All they had was a desire to do better for themselves and for their family. In two generations, their grandson was able to become a U.S. Congressman. There is not a day I walk through the halls of Congress that I don’t feel thankful for the opportunities I have been given.

One of the important things about a college education is that learning doesn’t just happen in the classroom. The socialization skills I learned at CSU Stanislaus helped me on my path to achieving the American Dream. 

Congressman Cardoza began his career in politics as an intern on Capitol Hill and believes strongly in the power of internships to positively shape the lives of young people.

To donate to the Promise Scholars Program at CSU Stanislaus, or for more information, contact program director Wanda Bonnell at (209) 667-3957 or e-mail her at [wbonnell@csustan.edu](mailto:wbonnell@csustan.edu).



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# FIFTY!

**A TWO-YEAR CELEBRATION BEGINS,  
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1960 OPENING OF CSU STANISLAUS**

by Don Hansen



## WHERE IT ALL BEGAN:

July 5, 1957: bill signed by Governor Goodwin J. Knight authorizing the establishment of Stanislaus State College in Stanislaus County, the 15<sup>th</sup> in the state college system.

Dec. 9, 1959: Turlock chosen as the new home of Stanislaus State College.

1961: J. Burton Vasche, Ed.D., appointed President of Stanislaus State College.

1963: Dr. Alexander Capurso became the second president of Stanislaus State College.

1963: John F. Kennedy is assassinated.

Local newspaper headlines proclaimed “Jubilant in Turlock” when the announcement came on December 9, 1959, that the new California State College campus would be located in the quiet little Stanislaus County agricultural community. The Turlock Chamber of Commerce celebrated with a “Victory Dinner.”

Nearly 50 years later, California State University, Stanislaus is still a cause for ongoing jubilation as a thriving institution of higher learning and a growing source of pride in the heart of the state on Highway 99.

Since its humble beginning in 1960 at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds as Stanislaus State College where more than 700 students and 15 faculty once shared accommodations with turkeys and fondly nicknamed their institution “Turkey Tech,” the University has transformed into one of the West’s top institutions of higher education. Situated on a beautifully landscaped campus with modern facilities, the University has an enrollment of nearly 9,000 and generates an estimated \$300 million a year in the local economy.

“California State University, Stanislaus is a valuable asset and incredible resource to communities throughout the Central

Valley,” said President Ham Shirvani, who moved into his fourth year as leader this summer. “We are proud of where we’ve been, value our growing reputation for excellence, and are excited about taking this University to an even higher level in the coming years.”

The University’s accomplishments and traditions and how CSU Stanislaus has grown from its tiny beginnings through an already rich history provide a solid foundation for turning current vision into future greatness. That the whole story even began in Turlock came as a big surprise to many people after Governor Goodwin J. Knight signed a bill on July 5, 1957, authorizing establishment of Stanislaus State College.

Following a highly-publicized process to determine where the college would be located as Modesto and Turlock conducted all-out campaigns during a series of hearings for more than two years, the



**President J. Burton Vasche (second from left) meets with administrators (from left) Irene Hatfield, Ernie Reeves, Gerard Crowley, Dean Galloway, and Tom Emmons at the Fairgrounds campus.**



## THAT’S WHO WE WERE IN THE ’60s

Youth predominated the culture of the 1960s. The post-World War II Baby Boom had created 70 million teenagers for the sixties, and these youth swayed the fashion, fads, and politics of the decade, including the crew cuts and bouffant hairstyles! “The Flintstones” made their debut on TV, setting off an animation trend that included “Alvin & the Chipmunks,” “The Jetsons,” and “Mr. Magoo.”



1965: First mid-year commencement held on new campus.

1965: Bob Dylan records “Like a Rolling Stone.”



1966: “The Rock” appeared in the Quad.

1967: The Beatles release “Sgt. Pepper.”

1968: Full-time student enrollment surpassed 1,000.



State Public Works Board unanimously chose the current site along Monte Vista Avenue in 1959. It was a decision that would eventually lead to a reshaping of the culture of the community into a college town where “University Way” signs in school colors along Monte Vista Avenue now recognize the prominence of the campus in Turlock.

“The term they used in those early days was that we would bring culture to agriculture,” said Lola Johnson, an English professor and the last of the charter faculty members from the 1960 debut year to retire a couple of years ago. “We started out primarily as a teachers college for people in the region who needed to complete

teaching credentials. But over the years, the academic programs were expanded and both faculty and students had opportunities to build careers in a number of fields.”

Conditions were difficult during the first five years at the Fairgrounds where temporary walls hanging from wires were constructed to provide for classrooms and offices featuring cement floors, no ceilings, and sometimes adjoining turkey judging shows. Johnson has fond memories of the strong sense of camaraderie that faculty and staff nurtured as pioneers of a new higher education institution. Since starting with six majors and a handful of faculty at the Fairgrounds, CSU Stanislaus now offers

## UNIVERSITY HAS KEPT THE REGION CONNECTED TO WORLD OVER PAST 50 YEARS

Turlock already had plenty to crow about with the upcoming Sept. 19 opening of Stanislaus State College classes in 1960. A visit by soon-to-be President John F. Kennedy 10 days earlier proclaimed that the city which had celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary two years before had claimed its place on the map. Nearly 50 years later, California State University, Stanislaus has become a rich part of the region's history as an institution in tune with and often linked to what is happening in the country and the world.

Kennedy's Sept. 9 campaign stop by train in downtown Turlock served as a fitting

preliminary for the startup of a higher education institution that would bring the world to the community in many ways. While Kennedy's election as President in November 1960 and his 1963 assassination brought changes to the world, Stanislaus State College did the same for the Central Valley region as a place where topics could be discussed in an era that became famous for the free speech movement.

After students Ed Bearden and Larry McGranahan brought what was to become known as “The Rock” to the Quad on the new campus in 1966, it became the place for free speech gatherings over

the years. During the Vietnam War, Academy Award-winning actress and activist Jane Fonda spoke at a 1974 rally at “The Rock” to raise funds for the Vietnam Vets Against the War (VVAW). Academy Award-winning actor Jon Voight also appeared on campus during that time period to demonstrate his support for those opposed to the war.

Nearly 25 years later, retired General Colin Powell who commanded “Operation Desert Storm” to retake Kuwait from Iraq in 1991 and later served as Secretary of State for President George W. Bush, was keynote speaker at

the 1998 CSU Stanislaus Leadership Forum. He was one of a number of celebrities who have spoken or performed on campus over the decades. They have included General Norman Schwarzkopf, former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, former First Lady Barbara Bush, Hall of Fame San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young, comedian Bill Cosby, and music stars Ray Charles, Willie Nelson, BB King, Lou Rawls, Boz Skaggs, Vince Gill, Merle Haggard, and Kenny Loggins. **S**

### ENTER THE '70'S:

Major advances in civil rights, increased influence of the women's movement, a heightened concern for the environment, and increased space exploration defined the decade.

1970: Art, Music, and Theatre buildings completed.

1972: Name changed to California State College, Stanislaus.

1975: A. Walter Olson assumed University presidency.

1973-74:  
Nixon resigns  
over Watergate.





**The completion of Demergasso-Bava Hall in 1998 ushered in a new era of growth for the University.**

42 undergraduate programs, 23 master's degrees, seven post-graduate credentials, and one doctorate.

"It gives me a sense of pride that what we started way back then with so little has become such a successful university," Johnson said. Founding President J. Burton Vasche, who died two years into his tenure, would be pleased with the results of what he helped establish, Johnson noted. "He was a man of vision with great ideas and was oriented to faculty and students in a nurturing way."

When the move was made to the then isolated new campus on the north end of then rural Turlock in 1965, the first freshman class was admitted. The only

two occupied buildings were a main structure (now the Vasche Library Building) in which even the cafeteria was located and a classroom building (since renamed Bizzini Hall) that included science laboratories and art studios on the second floor. Additions in the 1970s included the Performing Arts Complex that houses Art, Music, and Theatre facilities (1970), the first Science Building (1972), a new gymnasium that became Warrior Arena (1977), and the Student Union complex that included the Dining Hall (1978).

CSU Stanislaus started offering classes in Stockton in 1974 and, in 1998, moved to its current Stockton Center location in University Park where more than 1,000 students are enrolled.

The completion of Demergasso-Bava Hall in 1998 ushered in a new renaissance of significant growth in enrollment and building additions named after community donors. With that new era, the "Turkey Tech" nickname was permanently shed as a legend for the memory books. Ducks, geese, and squirrels were joined by students who began to call CSU Stanislaus home in 1993 when the first of three phases of on-campus housing was built. Yosemite Hall, built in 1966 on the other side of Geer Road, was closed down and two more phases were built, with more to come. The Village residential complex now has a capacity of 663 and includes a dining hall and pair of swimming pools.

# 1980s



## THAT'S WHO WE WERE IN THE '80s

Nerds became a hot commodity in the 1980s. Wealthy and brainy computer wizards like Stephen Wozniak helped. So did movies like "Revenge of the Nerds," "Lucas," "Stand by Me," and "Peggy Sue Got Married." The "Flashdance" look had young and old in tank tops, torn jeans, and leg-warmers. Others opted for Michael Jackson's glove or Madonna's fishnet stockings, leather, and chains.



1976: Jim Hanny's golf team won first of 12 straight national titles.

1977: New gymnasium completed.

1977: George Lucas releases "Star Wars."

1978: The personal computer arrives.

1979: Library dedicated in honor of Dr. J. Burton Vasche.





## Things Have Changed Over the Years

When the first class graduated from Stanislaus State College in 1961, the average student was likely to be a white male over the age of 37. Men sported crew cuts, plaid jackets, and ties, while women preferred knee-length dresses and bouffant hairdos.

Now, as CSU Stanislaus nears its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the growth and evolution of campus culture is readily apparent in students and faculty.

University enrollment statistics show that students and faculty come from all walks of life. Female undergraduate students outnumber males, the average age of students awarded baccalaureate degrees is 27.5 years old, and full-time undergraduate students average 23.3. Records show that 42.2 percent of students are Caucasian, 27.1 percent are Hispanic, 11 percent are Asian, and 3.9 percent are African American. Women make up almost 46 percent of faculty, and minorities comprise about 26 percent.

This trend is expected to continue into the future. By 2016, the National Center for Education Statistics expects enrollment of Hispanic students to increase by 45 percent, African Americans by 29 percent, and Asians and American Indians by over 30 percent. At CSU Stanislaus, 40 percent of all freshmen are Hispanic.

Much has changed in the way of fashion and trends since the first graduating class walked the stage. Beatle-mania, Sea-Monkeys, leisure suits, and mood rings have given way to Blackberries, skinny jeans, text messaging, and tattoos. Students wear jeans, T-shirts, and flip flops while faculty have adopted trendy "Business Casual" wear as a comfortable alternative to the formal attire of the past. In the future, Forbes.com expects "smart clothes" featuring computers and other devices integrated into clothing to be popular and that "wearable technology will become a basic commodity."

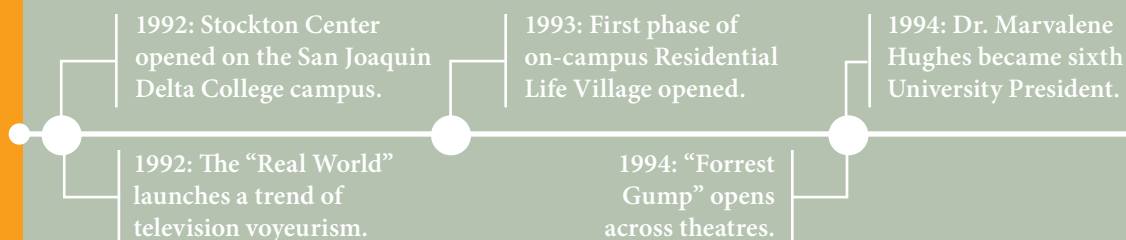
**The Village residential complex now has a capacity of 663 and includes a dining hall and two swimming pools.**



The Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Gateway Building, John Rogers Faculty Development Center, Bernell and Flora Snider Concert Hall, and Nora and Hashem Naraghi Hall of Science have been valuable additions. Upcoming expansion projects for the Library and Theatre buildings and additional new buildings to accommodate future growth are expected to bring new landmarks to the picturesque campus. The latest projects are a new bookstore opening this fall and the Student Recreation Center that includes a fitness center and lighted stadium with a soccer/football field and track and field facility opening in early 2009. Nearly \$200 million has been invested in new building projects, infrastructure, and campus improvements on the 228-acre site.

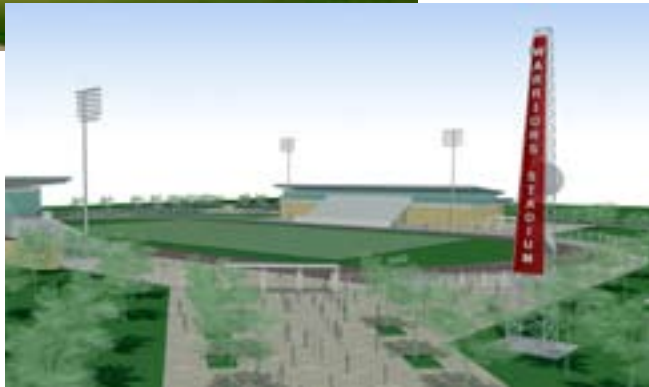
### HELLO '90s:

The age of information and technology. From this decade emerged the World Wide Web, Mars landings, and "Wayne's World."





**The Student Recreation Center will open in 2009 featuring a fitness center and a lighted stadium for soccer and track.**

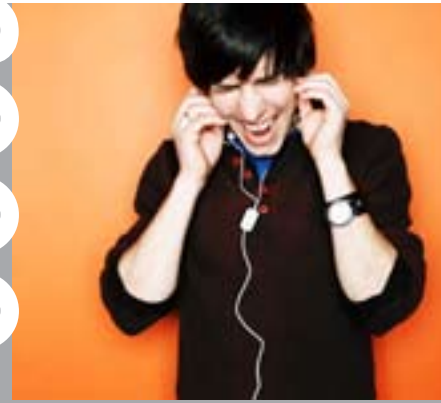


As CSU Stanislaus prepares to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of special programs starting this fall, the future bodes well for the University to develop to its full potential and enrollment over the next 20 years. Considering how far the University has progressed and the mind-boggling development that has taken place at One University Circle in Turlock, CSU Stanislaus already has plenty for its almost 40,000 alumni to take pride in. The foundation for building on the pillars of definition and distinction

that have enabled the University to become an invaluable higher education resource over the years of growth is in place. Highly skilled faculty with a full range of expertise work closely with students in a wide variety of top quality academic programs at a comparatively low cost on a tree-lined campus that resembles a large park.

With the community having developed around the campus that was once surrounded by farmland, bonds and partnerships are being formed that are

2000



### WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THE NEW CENTURY

If you remember shouting "Who Let the Dogs Out?" at Warrior Arena while your brand-new TiVo was at home taping the premier of "Survivor," then you remember 2000. A year later, America rallied together after 9/11 and those nerdy engineers gave us the Segway. Podcasting and blogging are now a part of our vernacular, and on we go...



1997: Athletic program accepted into the California Collegiate Athletic Conference.

1997: Dolly, the first cloned sheep, arrives.

1998: CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center opened at University Park.

1999: United States Budget goes into surplus.



1999: Construction began on Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Gateway Building.



stirring enthusiasm once again about the potential for Turlock to have a full-scale college town identity.

Mehran Khodabandeh, a sophomore majoring in Business Administration and Economics with a concentration in International Business, is eager to see the University continue to grow and team with the community to develop a full-fledged college town reputation in Turlock. He wants to get students and the campus community involved in making that happen as he works toward his degree and makes plans to get into the import/export business.

“More and more students are realizing that CSU Stanislaus is a hidden gem in the CSU system, including some of the best academic programs and faculty, right here in their backyard,”

Khodabandeh said. “I think the University is going to continue to grow because of that, which will eventually help make Turlock a great college town.”

University culture and the still highly productive agricultural region where dairy cows, hay fields, and grape vineyards once dominated the landscape have become good neighbors as CSU Stanislaus strives to provide more college graduates for the Northern San Joaquin Valley. As the University continues to grow and expand its academic programs, the increasing numbers of highly skilled college graduates have made CSU Stanislaus a key component in helping to meet the demands of the region’s increasingly diverse economy. **S**

## Online learning moves University’s academic technology uses into the future

California State University, Stanislaus Teacher Education Professor Melissa Aronson commands a stunning view of the Inland Passage from her home computer in Haines, Alaska. Theatre Professor John Mayer teaches a class online when he’s out of town. Sociology Professor Myron Orleans conducts classes from his laptop computer in Brazil.

They teach CSU Stanislaus classes online through the University’s distance learning program in what seems like light-years since the typewriter era of Stanislaus State College in its early years. The University is expanding opportunities for students to take classes via their computers and the Internet. A total of 22 tenured faculty have taught 74 courses for nearly 2,000 students via the Internet over the past two years.

In the beginning nearly 50 years ago, all work was done on basic typewriters, copies were made on cylindrical mechanisms, and mathematical calculations were

written on paper or tabulated on slide rules by a few who knew how to use them. By the 1980s, the College advanced from the noisy IBM keypunch process used in registration to large early-model computers and eventually transitioned into today’s advanced world of technology where virtually all work is conducted electronically via high-speed computers and the Internet. Today’s college students are packing laptop computers, iPod audio players, cell phones with text messaging, and Blackberries with Internet access, video cameras, and a myriad of other capabilities. Faculty use online learning tools and other computer technology to post lectures, coursework, podcasts, and grades, and to communicate with their students.

“It’s a tremendous market that hasn’t yet been fully tapped into,” said Brian Duggan, Director of the University’s e-learning program. “The possibilities are incredible, especially for people out there dealing with job, child care, and transportation issues.”

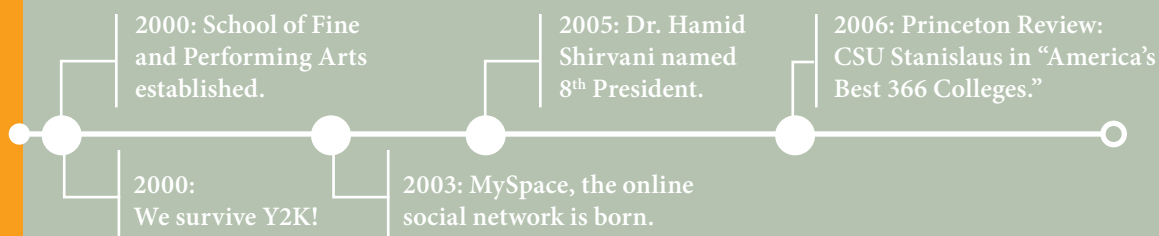
As the CSU Stanislaus endeavor into online classes grows along with the expected increasing demand and spiraling transportation costs, Duggan said that the University could eventually offer complete degree programs on the Web.

Nowhere on campus is the technological age more apparent than in the Vasche Library where students access the new automated catalogue via the Internet to enhance their searches for periodicals and other publications. The Library had more than 2,200 printed publications and journals 10 years ago but has seen that number drop to 1,200 as many of them have been made accessible on the Web, said Carl Bengston, Dean of Library Sciences.

Books and publications continue to be a staple of learning, but more changes are in store. As advanced technology increases the demand for unlimited information through the Internet and other sources in the coming years, CSU Stanislaus is poised to offer its students the opportunity to take classes from any location while still maintaining interaction with fellow students and faculty. **S**

### WE’RE HERE!

Cavemen are hawking car insurance, an astronaut goes AWOL in a diaper, and, iPhones! Plus Bob Barker retires from “The Price is Right.” The new century has been everything but boring!



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

# Alumna Bev Finley's career has taken her all over the world

by Nahrin Mirzazadeh

With memorabilia from numerous countries giving her living room the vibe of a museum, it is no surprise to find out that CSU Stanislaus alumna and retired adjunct instructor, Beverly Finley, has traveled to more than 40 countries.

Finley's world travels, however, aren't the only impressive events that make her life story unique. With a career that ranges from legislative work to health care administration, Finley has much more than travel in her career background.

Finley's journey leading to her diverse and phenomenal career began early on, but it wasn't until her later years that she really discovered her gifts and true calling — serving the community as a health care administrator.

"I started college as a piano major and gradually discovered I was talented but not gifted," Finley recalled.

After years of taking college courses, working at the University of Washington and in the Washington State Senate, and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from CSU Stanislaus, Finley began pursuing other avenues and landed a job teaching tennis at the University of Ife in Nigeria, Africa. It was Finley's experience in Nigeria and her introduction to a group of doctors who sailed around the world to provide medical help that led to her return to CSU Stanislaus in 1975 to earn a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration.

"When I was an assistant to a friend who was a pediatrician [in Nigeria], I realized that her position could not fulfill all the roles," Finley said. "She could not spend time on the administrative things. That's when I realized I could do that. I could take care of the administrative side."

After earning her master's degree from CSU Stanislaus, Finley began her successful, 25-year


career in the health care sector fulfilling the roles of Director of the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Chief Executive Officer at Stanislaus Medical Center, Vice President at Emanuel Medical Center, Executive Director at the Stanislaus Surgery Center, and other similar positions in the health care industry.

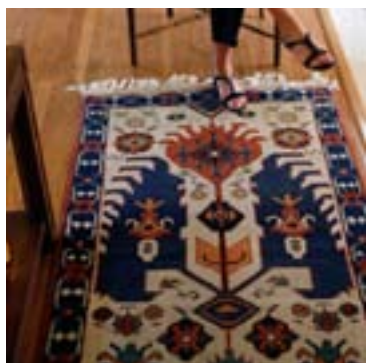
"I think one of the most important parts of my career was getting my B.A. education," Finley noted. "It gave me practice in how to do business. Both the B.A. and M.A. were paramount in pursuing a career in health care."

When asked about her motivation for serving in health care, Finley, who also taught Public Administration courses at her Alma Mater, replied, "When we look at our lives, we should start by realizing we have been given much. Not to share blessings or the givens, such as health, etc., in our society is wrong."

One of Finley's most recent endeavors to help improve the health of others was short-lived. She accepted a director position for the Clinton Foundation HIV/ Aids Initiative in Ethiopia which focuses on bettering the health of Ethiopians by improving hospitals in that region.

Finley's husband, Peter, a retired CSU Stanislaus faculty member and counselor, fell ill, leading to her decision to withdraw from the position.

Finley retired in 2001, but she is still keeping busy as an active member of numerous committees, taking care of her husband, and playing golf. 



An impressive display of art, textiles, and sculptures from around the world garnish every room of the Finley's home. Each piece is coupled with a memory.

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## UNIVERSITY GRAD JACOB MCDUGAL NAMED DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI & ANNUAL GIVING

CSU Stanislaus graduate Jacob McDougal has returned to his alma mater to become Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving.

As CSU Stanislaus prepares to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he will work closely with the University's Alumni Council, Alumni Donor Society, and the community to increase the level of engagement with CSU Stanislaus through annual giving and other special support programs as well as special events.

"Jacob McDougal is a great addition to our University Advancement team," CSU Stanislaus Vice President for University Advancement Gajic-Brueya said. "He is an outstanding graduate of California State University Stanislaus who has gained excellent experience at non-profit organizations conducting special events and fundraising. He will be a great asset in building alumni programs and generating enthusiasm and support for the University."

A 2004 graduate of CSU Stanislaus with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies and a Dean's List achiever his last two years at the University, McDougal was Director of Special Events with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Mission, Kansas, for 2 1/2 years. Participation, revenue, and volunteer assistance increased significantly during his tenure with the Foundation, and he orchestrated formation of a number of community partnerships.

"It is an honor to accept the position of Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving for CSU Stanislaus," said McDougal, who is a founding member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at CSU Stanislaus. "I am excited about the challenges ahead and eager to engage the alumni community and to build key relationships within the Central Valley communities." 

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Prior to working for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, McDougal served as logistics manager for the Special Olympics in North Carolina where he enjoyed similar success with special events, volunteer networks, and fundraising. He was lead event

manager for Stanford University's Athletics Department for five years before turning his focus to earning a college degree. McDougal said he chose to attend CSU Stanislaus because "of its small class sizes and community feel."





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Tell us about your favorite CSU Stanislaus memories and join others who have already submitted nostalgic slices of their experiences. Alumni are urged to submit favorite photos from their time at CSU Stanislaus as well.

Public Relations firm President and Riverbank City Councilmember Virginia Madueño remembers the friendships she established at CSU Stanislaus that helped

her attain success, College of Human and Health Sciences Dean and longtime psychology professor Gary Novak talks about an old photo of him clutching a Sigmund Freud bust, former Associated Students President Marty Grynbaum brings up fond Warrior Day memories, Turlock Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Sharon Silva recalls the fun she had at a professor roast, and Los Angeles casting company owner Robert Ulrich cherishes the fact that he met his wife, TV actress Kim (Johnson) Ulrich, during their time as students. Help us celebrate 50 years at CSU Stanislaus by sharing your memories and photos on our commemorative Web site. 



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Looking at people who transform and influence the world around them, we can't help but wonder who they are and how they got there. The following individuals are all California State University, Stanislaus alumni who have used their education to transform their own spheres of influence. CSU Stanislaus has shaped their past, their careers, and their lives.

# Lives, Space, <sup>and</sup> the Future

by Yu-Tzu Tsai

While college is but a handful of years for most of us, the impact a CSU Stanislaus education makes will last a lifetime, and often the lifetimes of countless others.

## Transforming One Student at a Time

Jennifer Humphrey ('98 B.S. Political Science, '02 M.S. Public Administration) is an example of how personal transformations as a student can inspire someone to want to change the lives of other students. Humphrey is the Assistant Director of Housing and Residential Life, a position that includes the usual variety of paper and desk work.

Her job stands out, however, because she works where students are literally at home—in housing. She sees the elation of her residents receiving care packages as well as the devastation of failing important exams. She enthused that her job is “never dull, never boring.”

Humphrey feels she is a “product of how campus life changes a person.” As a student government member, the

self-proclaimed former “typical commuter student” convinced CSU Stanislaus to pay student workers the state's minimum wage in the following fiscal year, instead of the lower federal minimum wage.

Then in 2001, Humphrey participated in a letter-writing campaign asking all California State Universities to follow suit, and they did.

Humphrey saw “the difference in (herself) when people took time to talk to (her)” as



a student. She liked it and wants to provide that for others. Now, she does so every day, while at work, at her residents' homes.

## Transforming Students and Beyond

On another college campus, another CSU Stanislaus alumnus revels in the broad variety of tasks that make up his job. As Superintendent/President of Merced College for more than 10 years, Dr. Benjamin Duran ('71 BA Spanish) thrives on the “ability to forge the future of the campus and county of Merced,” making it a better place to live and learn.

Saddened by the methamphetamine trade that is destroying disadvantaged Latino lives in the Central Valley, Duran spearheaded a campaign to alert families by using fotonovelas—picture books popular among the Hispanic community. The fotonovela portrays a man who ruined his life after getting involved in the drug trade.

Duran also produced a short film in 2005 based on the fotonovela. He claims he was



subsequently cast as the drug kingpin because no one looks scarier than he does.

Realizing that fotonovelas are an effective way to reach his community, Duran used the same medium last year to try to encourage Hispanic men to enroll in college. A new fotonovela portrays a restaurant employee trying to decide between working and going to college.

Duran recalls an incident at a Merced restaurant where the owner jokingly complained that Duran stole his employee who opted to attend college after reading the fotonovela. It

is anecdotes like this that keep Duran thinking of different ways to improve his community and that show young Hispanic males there are options for them in Merced County.

## Transforming Artistic Space

Another CSU Stanislaus alumnus enjoying a successful career using his art degree is Stephen Weaver ('75 BA Art). This renowned interior designer has renovated everything from Billy Getty's penthouse to the interior of a Boeing 727—to look like the inside of a home.

Weaver insists, however, that “success is in the distant horizon,” despite having been featured multiple times in *Architectural Digest*. Rarely taking time to linger on the finished product, he always “longs for the next thing.”



## Transforming Local Artists

The future of Nora Faria ('90 BA Art) was changed forever by her professor's passing comment. Martin Camarata, founder of the art program at CSU Stanislaus, remarked on the inadequacies of the local art supply stores and asked, “Why can't someone open an art store?”

In the fall of 1988, Faria and her husband answered that question by opening an art facility in their garage, which eventually grew to become the Artel Art Center in Modesto today. Aside from being an art



supply store, Artel offers art classes that students attend from all over the Valley.

Some of these classes are created specifically for children because Faria feels that having art in children's lives is absolutely “vital.” Her own daughter, also an artist and an important part of Artel, is a living embodiment of that. The family business also includes Faria's husband Ed, a CSU Stanislaus alumnus with an MBA, whom she credits for keeping the business financially sound.

Georgia Herrick, an Artel class instructor for 15 years, notes Faria not only stocks “top-notch products” in her store, but is also a “strong promoter of art.” Artel isn't only cultivating future artists in the Valley, but is also keeping them supplied with materials to create art.



The Princeton Review ranks CSU Stanislaus one of the nation's “Best 368 Colleges” in its 2009 guidebook.

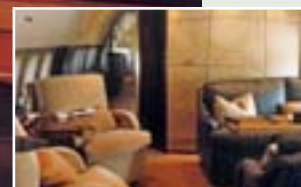
Warrior Athletics is one of 14 NCAA Division II programs honored by the NCAA for overall excellence in diversity of athletes and staff.



After his education, Weaver dabbled in painting and video work. It was his eventual partner who got him started in the interior design business. As a designer, Weaver is an artist as well as a project manager. When he designs someone's home, he rarely purchases existing furniture. Weaver often creates the pieces, which requires him to coordinate with carpenters, metal workers, and upholsterers.

Weaver juggles between the ideal and compromise to complete a project. He muses that sometimes it is not practical to try to arrive at a "perfect" decision. In art, work, and life,

there is always a constant balancing act. Weaver notes that sometimes an artist must eliminate ideas that don't work, start over, and take bigger risks.



### Transforming International Space

As an undergraduate student, Dan Toombs ('88 BA Liberal Studies with emphasis in German) participated in his first study abroad program. While working on his MA in German literature at Sacramento State, Toombs studied abroad again in Germany. This time, he didn't return to the States. He met his future wife, and they moved to England.

His wife became his business partner and, together, they founded CompuGift in 1997. CompuGift specializes in supplying promotional gifts and incentives to businesses. Based in England, Toombs has customers

throughout Europe. His knowledge of a second language and having lived in and experienced the cultures of other countries give him an edge in his favorite aspect of the job—sales.

For students who are considering studying abroad, Toombs enthusiastically advises, "Do it!" He obtained work visas and worked through BUNAC (British Universities North America Club). They offer opportunities to work, volunteer, and teach abroad in different countries.

While Toombs seems settled in England with three children and a business, his eldest daughter, 11, has expressed interest in attending college in California. Would she follow in her father's footsteps and attend CSU Stanislaus? Toombs mulls thoughtful about his daughter, potential retirement, and the future and says, "You never know. Perhaps we will all be back over there in 20 years."

These alumni have undoubtedly mastered the transformation of their individual spheres of influence, and the people they influence will change others' lives in their own ways. The former restaurant worker who returned to school may become a restaurant owner himself, or a college president. The young artist gazing at a famed designer's pictures in a glossy magazine may be inspired to become the next Frank Lloyd Wright. The possibilities are limitless. The transformations these distinguished alumni have made are only beginning, and those at CSU Stanislaus can't wait to see what lies ahead. 

CSU Stanislaus ranks among the best in the entire CSU system for high student retention and graduation rates, according to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

CSU Stanislaus ranks as one of the "Top 100" institutions for awarding degrees to Hispanic students.

The Presidents Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll credited CSU Stanislaus for the educational and volunteer opportunities provided to students through its Office of Service Learning.



## SUSANA GAJIC-BRUYEA NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Susana Gajic-Bruyeva, who started as Vice President for University Advancement in November 2007 and brings a wealth of fundraising experience from north of the border, is enthused about what can be accomplished at California State University, Stanislaus.

“The community has been very welcoming and responsive to our efforts of building support for this University,” she said. “One of the reasons I’m at CSU Stanislaus is that I see an immediate need in a number of areas and really enjoy seeing those needs fulfilled on this close-knit campus. As we embark on this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, I am particularly excited to re-launch this campus to the community and region”

Gajic-Bruyeva served for 10 years as Associate Director of Advancement Services at the University of Toronto, a

major Canadian university where she played an integral role in an unprecedented seven-year, billion-dollar fundraising campaign. She is a native of Canada and graduate of the University of Toronto.

Gajic-Bruyeva’s first stop in the United States was at UC Merced where she served



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as Executive Director of Advancement Services. She was instrumental in building the infrastructure to support advancement in UC Merced’s Division of University Relations where the three-year-old university is establishing a fundraising program.

“Susana has demonstrated that she can provide the dynamic leadership needed to help California State University, Stanis-

laus meet its fundraising objectives,” President Hamid Shirvani said. “She has valuable experience in higher education and tremendous enthusiasm for promoting the great things happening at CSU Stanislaus. We are very pleased that she has joined our team.”

### \$318,000 SCHOLARSHIP GIFT FROM DOCTORS MEDICAL CENTER BENEFITS NURSING STUDENTS

Over the next three years, six California State University, Stanislaus nursing students will reap the benefits of \$15,000 per year Presidential Scholarships thanks to Doctors Medical Center in Modesto.

In addition to the Presidential Scholarships, several students from high schools in Modesto and Turlock will be awarded \$2,000 scholarships.

CSU Stanislaus has expanded its nursing program of late to help increase the supply of qualified nurses in the region, and DMC’s contribution will go a long way toward helping achieve that goal.

### KAISER STEPS UP AGAIN, BOOSTS NURSING PROGRAM WITH \$270,000 GIFT

One year after donating \$90,000 to the California State University, Stanislaus Nursing Program, health care giant Kaiser Permanente again agreed in July to donate \$90,000 for each of the next three years to benefit aspiring nurses.

Kaiser Permanente’s philanthropic efforts have already funded a Nursing scholarship for University students, as well as a faculty position within the Nursing Program’s Learning Resource Center.




## **FOSTER FARMS CONTRIBUTES \$150,000 TO PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Add Foster Farms to the list of regional businesses that have contributed to furthering today's education of tomorrow's workforce.

The poultry and dairy giant joins companies such as MedicAlert and Grupe as recent donors to California State University Stanislaus' Presidential Scholarship Program.

Presidential Scholarships are merit-based scholarships awarded to high school graduates who carry a 3.80 grade point average or above and who score more than 1,350 on their SAT.


Foster Farms has been a longstanding contributor to CSU Stanislaus. In 1999, the company established the Tom Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund, a \$500,000 gift endowment to benefit the University's Economics Department and the College of Business Administration. 

## **JOSH NEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Gazing at pages of programming code just became less frustrating for some California State University, Stanislaus computer science students.

Thanks to the recent establishment of the Josh Neal Memorial Scholarship, beginning this fall, one computer science student per year will be awarded \$3,500 toward his/her schooling.

Computer science majors who are full-time students carrying a 2.5 GPA or higher are eligible for the scholarships.

Before his passing in 2007, Josh Neal used his creativity and operating system knowledge to thrive in Silicon Valley's computer industry. He is a CSU Stanislaus Computer Science alum. 



## **STUDENTS COULD ALWAYS USE A BOOST**


The California State University, Stanislaus Alumni Donor Society plays an important role in ensuring that student needs, such as scholarships, library books, and lab equipment are funded.

## **DONORS BOOST MARIAN PALMER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

During her 25-plus years of supporting California State University, Stanislaus, Marian Palmer did so much more than lend a hand.

Now, her love of giving lives on through the Marian Palmer Nursing Scholarship Endowment, for which the University and its Foundation Board of Directors have raised more than \$400,000 from loyal donors, including \$100,000 from Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock. The funds will be used to help aspiring nurses follow their dreams and help others in need, just as Palmer did in her lifetime.

Palmer served on the CSU Stanislaus Foundation Board of Trustees from 1997 until her passing in 2006. She was a founding member of the Emanuel Medical Center Auxiliary, one of the largest hospital volunteer groups in the region.

To donate to the Marian Palmer Nursing Scholarship Endowment, contact the Division of University Advancement at 209-667-3131. 

## **ALUMNI DONOR SOCIETY**

If you are considering a way to give back to your alma mater, please join the Alumni Donor Society and make a difference in the Stanislaus student experience. For more information or to discuss your ideas for making a difference, call the Office of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving at 209-667-3131.

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# SUSTAINABILITY

The changing landscape in California's Central Valley—where growth has been explosive—has caused us to focus on preserving our agricultural heritage, native species habitat protection, and natural resources—which are all valued as critical.

by Tommi Lou Carosella and Dr. Pamela Roe



When CSU Stanislaus opened for business in 1960, it was surrounded by farmland. How things have changed! As California's population surged, urbanization has claimed ever greater amounts of farmland and the water essential for its operation. Between 1950 and 1993, 23 percent of California's existing farmland was lost to urbanization. While some wildlands have been converted to orchards or cropland since then, the rate of farmland loss has continued to accelerate. In Stanislaus County, the rate of conversion went from 1,234 acres per year (1984–2000) to 2,847 acres per year (2000–2004) to an astonishing 3,245 acres per year for 2004–2006. In neighboring San Joaquin and Merced

Counties, the rate of loss has remained closer to 1,500 acres per year.<sup>1</sup> In all three counties, a significant portion of the farmland being urbanized is classified as prime farmland, the best of the best.

As the population of the Central Valley grows, the demand for water increases, but the supply of water cannot be increased without significant environmental impacts. Thus, increasing the efficiency of water use is becoming more important. If population growth is to continue, it has to be accommodated by *sustainable* development.<sup>2</sup> Sustainability requires a new mind-set, one that recognizes the limits imposed by the environment, what

scientists call “carrying capacity.” The administration, faculty, and students at CSU Stanislaus recognize the importance of sustainability and have several programs that embrace the concept.

Since 1992, the Endangered Species Recovery Program has provided students and faculty with the funds and opportunity to research the impacts of development on our native plants and animals. First directed by Dr. Dan Williams, and now run by Dr. Patrick Kelly, this program has been instrumental in designing habitat protection programs for endangered species and in working with landowners to find solutions to biodiver-



sity loss (i.e., loss or extinction of species). The Agricultural Studies Program, now about five years old and directed by Dr. Mark Bender, is a multidisciplinary program that includes classes in ecological agriculture, ag economics, permaculture, ag policy, and the new tools used by farmers such as GIS (geographical information systems). The goal is to prepare our students for a new future in agriculture that incorporates sustainability as a guiding principle.

The Department of Biological Sciences is offering a new Master of Science program in Ecology and Sustainability with two concentrations—one in the area of

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is an essential part  
of the process.”**

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Ecological Economics and the other in Ecological Conservation. This program was developed so our students could apply their knowledge of biology to finding solutions to the environmental problems they encounter locally, regionally, and globally.

In the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, sustainability is a major theme running through several courses, and the Council for Sustainable Futures raises money for various sustainable projects. The highly successful Bioneers conference held at CSU Stanislaus in fall 2007 (and scheduled to be held on campus again in fall 2008) is an example of this group's efforts.


An additional indication of the CSU Stanislaus commitment to sustainability is the new Nora and Hashem Naraghi Hall of Science. This spacious, modern building was designed to conform to the Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certification program. Although the campus has made progress,

students and faculty continue to work on ways to reduce the ecological footprint of the University.

Change is hard. The natural inclination of both people and institutions is to resist changing the way things “have always been done” on the assumption that if it was good enough for past generations, it's good enough for us. But that assumption no longer holds. What worked a generation ago just isn't sustainable now because both our population and our rate of consumption of natural resources have increased exponentially.

As a result, farmers are looking at ways to reduce their impacts by using waste products as resources, such as chipping orchard prunings and using them as mulch, and generating natural gas from dairy manure. They have reduced pesticide use<sup>3</sup> and turned to more efficient irrigation systems. They are implementing new practices to reduce vehicle trips and air pollution.

The University uses strategically placed ponds to capture storm runoff during the winter, which prevents sediments and other pollutants from directly entering our county's waterways. The grass clippings and leaves collected from the acres of campus landscaping are composted off-site and can be used as soil amendments. Innovations like online classes can reduce the number of car trips to campus, saving gas, reducing air pollution, and even reducing the need for more parking spaces.

On campus, on the farm, and in our daily lives, the cumulative results of many small changes can reverse the tide of negative impacts and lead the way toward an enjoyable and sustainable future. Educating the public is an essential part of the process. We anticipate that CSU Stanislaus will continue to be a leader in sustainability, both in practice and in education. 

*San Joaquin Kit Fox*  
(one of the many local  
endangered species)



Illustration by Tammy White

#### footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Information on conversion of farmland can be found on the State of California, Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resources and Protection Web site: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/DLRP/Pages/Index.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> The term was used by the Brundtland Commission which coined what has become the most often-quoted definition of **sustainable development** as

**development** that “meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sustainable\\_development](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sustainable_development)

<sup>3</sup> Information on pesticide use in California can be found on the State of California, Department of Pesticide Regulation Web site: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>



## FASSINGER BRINGS DIVERSE EXPERIENCE AS NEW COLLEGE OF EDUCATION DEAN

She's worked as an author, teacher, researcher, and psychologist, and now Ruth Fassinger can add college dean to her list of experience.

Fassinger began serving as the Dean of the College of Education at CSU Stanislaus in July, succeeding Carl Brown who retired last spring. She comes to Turlock from the University of Maryland, where she was a professor of Psychology and Interim Chair of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services.


The administration change coincides with the opening of the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program, which began this fall. And perhaps that's the reason why so many — including Dr. William Covino, CSU Stanislaus Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs — are excited to usher in Dr. Fassinger.

"As we launch the new Doctoral program in Educational Leadership and continue

to train the teachers of the future, Ruth Fassinger brings us scholarly and professional distinction, strong leadership skills, and delightful energy and enthusiasm," Covino said.

Those leadership skills were evident at The University of Maryland in Fassinger's work as Co-Director of the College Park Scholars Advocates for Children, and also as Director of the College of Education undergraduate honors program.

With the College she oversees serving as the primary producer of teachers in the region, it only seems appropriate that Fassinger worked in New York's public school system for 10 years.

Fassinger holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from Ohio State University. She is a licensed psychologist in the state of Maryland. 

## MEET DEAN CAROLYN STEFANCO

A prestigious teaching and research experience as a Fulbright Scholar in Croatia provided a notable first year at CSU Stanislaus for Dr. Carolyn J. Stefanco, Founding Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.


Stefanco lectured and conducted research at the University of Zagreb, Croatia, last fall on a Fulbright Scholar grant she was awarded prior to being named Dean in July 2007. In addition to teaching a doctoral seminar on women's history, she conducted an examination of the curriculum in Croatia.

Like many students at CSU Stanislaus, Dr. Stefanco was a first-generation college student and applies that experience in helping students turn their dreams into reality.

"I was the first in my entire extended family to graduate from college," Dr. Stefanco said. "I share with the students here a desire to create a new life for yourself."

"Being a Fulbright scholar was an incredible learning adventure and a real honor," Stefanco said. "I'm interested in international initiatives. I really want to empower students to see themselves as citizens of the world, to have a sense of 'I can go anywhere, do anything.'"

Stefanco is a firm believer in continually expanding academic programs to better meet students' needs. New graduate programs, more exchange programs, and crossing boundaries between disciplines and colleges are on her list of goals.

"As students change, their dreams change," she said. "I would like to help them realize their dreams, so it's important to keep up with change." 



## ON THE SHELF

### Faculty Publications



#### Teacher Education Professors author book titled "Writing to Heal from Rape"

Teacher Education Professors **Dr. Brenda Betts** and **Dr. Pamela Russ** co-authored a new book titled "Writing to Heal from Rape" that focuses

on helping sexual assault victims recover through writing. The book is described by the authors as a practical guide for women recovering from rape, as well as for their friends, families, and counselors. It is also designed for use in college courses, workshops, and conferences to educate professionals and the public about rape and recovery. Betts and Russ are Co-Directors of the Healing Ourselves Project which is designed to help women who are recovering from rape through their writing workshops.



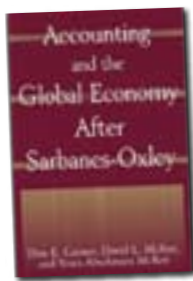
#### Women of color issues explored in book by Angela Cotten of Ethnic and Gender Studies

Innovative approaches to analyzing cultural productions through which women of color have challenged and under-

mined social and political forces that oppress them are explored in "Unmaking Race, Remaking Soul," a book co-edited by **Dr. Angela Cotten** of the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department. The relationship between the aesthetic and the political and the development of expression and creative practices are examined in the book by leading contributors to the fields of contemporary psychoanalytic literary analysis, Latin American studies, Africana studies, philosophy, and art history.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Century authors cited as American realist models by Crumpton Winter of English

**Dr. Molly Crumpton Winter** of the English Department revives the works of four 20<sup>th</sup> century ethnic authors who were ignored by the critics of their day in her book "American Narratives, Multiethnic Writing in the Age of Realism." The authors from the era often termed the age of realism – Mary Antin, a Jewish immigrant from Russia; Zitkala-Sa, a Sioux woman from South Dakota; Sutton E. Griggs, an African American from the South; and Sui Sin Far, a biracial, Chinese American woman who lived on the West Coast – are acclaimed by Crumpton Winter for their emphasis on the issues of ethnicity, identity, and nationality that she claims place them squarely in the American realist tradition.



#### Garner book touches on global accounting scandals and possible solutions

**Dr. Don Garner** of the Accounting and

Finance Department co-authored his seventh book titled "Accounting and the Global Economy After Sarbanes-Oxley." The current volume focuses on the changing accounting and auditing standards in national and global economies in the post-Enron/Arthur Andersen era and explores Sarbanes-Oxley legislation designed to curb such scandals. It examines the reasons behind and consequences of the accounting profession's failure in auditing and self-regulation in the final decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as the major public accounting firms placed consulting profits ahead of public audit duties.

#### Professor Giventer's updated books focus on public management, California

Political Science Professor **Dr. Lawrence Giventer** recently authored revised second editions of a pair of his books, "Statistical Analysis for Public Administration" and "Governing California." In his most recent book,

he presents actual public sector problem situations, realistic data, and a unique set of reference tables that facilitate analysis and problem solving. Issues such as health care, unemployment, environmental quality, crime and safety, education, transportation, aging, housing, land use, equal opportunity, and emergency preparedness are explored. "Governing California" examines the successes and failures in the important process of state government.

#### Parental involvement is topic of Susan Neufeld, Jonnie Shawkey book

**Dr. Susan Neufeld** and **Dr. Jonnie Shawkey**, both of the Teacher Education Department, teamed up on a book about parental involvement in the education process titled "1 – 2 – 3, Parent, Child and Me: Multiple Perspectives on Working with Parents" that was published by the California Reading Association. The book covers research on ideas for teachers to communicate with parents, multicultural issues, building school communities, and messages from parents to teachers. The Reading Association has agreed to publish three more of their upcoming books.



#### Regalado contributes to award-winning anthology on Mexican Americans & sports

History Professor **Dr. Samuel Regalado** is


a contributing editor and writer in a newly released, award-winning anthology titled "Mexican Americans and Sports: A Reader on Athletics and Barrio Life." The book was named Anthology of the Year by the North American Society for Sports History (NASSH). One of Regalado's stories compared the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants Spanish language media on how they covered Latin players from 1958-81. The second was a critique of Mexican American history scholarship and its oversight on topics related to sports. Regalado recently released the third edition of his nationally acclaimed book titled "Viva Baseball: Latin Major Leaguers and their Special Hunger." He also appeared on an April 21 National Public Television special titled "Roberto Clemente."



## Sociology Professor Agnes Riedmann co-authors 10th edition of book

Professor of Sociology **Dr. Agnes Riedmann** is co-author of a popular book titled "Marriages and Families: Making Choices Throughout the Life Cycle" which was recently published in its 10<sup>th</sup> edition. Much of the instructional book explores the process of how modern day couples and families make what can be life-altering choices in a diverse society. The book helps readers question assumptions and long-held values and to reconcile conflicting ideas and values so that they can make knowledgeable choices regarding marriage and family behavior. Riedmann is author of an earlier book titled "Science that Colonizes, A Critique of Fertility," based on her research in Africa.

## Alejandro Vallega contributes to Heidegger studies with new work

**Dr. Alejandro Vallega** of the Philosophy and Modern Languages Department makes what has been praised by one critic as "an important contribution" to studies of German philosopher Martin Heidegger as well as to research on the history of philosophy in his book "Heidegger and the Issue of Space: Thinking on Exilic Grounds." A native of Chile, Vallega engages such main historical figures as Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Kant, and indirectly Husserl, as well as contemporary European and American Continental thought. He is also co-editor of "A Companion to Heidegger's Contributions to Philosophy." 



Dr. Christopher DeVries shows off the universe and space on a microdome.

## NATURAL SCIENCES FACULTY RECEIVE NARAGHI RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

The College of Natural Sciences awarded 12 members of its faculty in March with the first Naraghi Faculty Research Grant Awards aimed at enhancing their work on topics ranging from outer space to food safety.

College Dean Roger McNeil announced the names of the research grant recipients as well as two additional Naraghi Faculty Travel Awards that went to Mathematics faculty members Kenneth Howard and Jung-Ha An.

The awards are bestowed in recognition of the late Nora and Hashem Naraghi, who established the Naraghi Trust that donated \$2 million to CSU Stanislaus in 2006.

The award recipients are:

- Dr. Jung-Ha An, Mathematics, is preparing numerical computations for those in the medical field as well as students to identify and locate nerves in an ultrasound image.
- Dr. Chris DeVries, Physics, is using a network of 24 computers to create a computational star cluster to perform simulations of millions of star formations.
- Dr. Melanie Martin, Computer Science, is conducting a study of the reliability of information on medical Web pages as part of a program to increase the visibility of ongoing health information research taking place in the College.
- Dr. Susan Mokhtari, Physics, will perform a theoretical study of exotic black holes in space.
- Dr. Robert Rogers, Geology, plans to organize, update, and add to the existing Geographical Information System (GIS) database on Central American geoscience data.
- Dr. Scott Russell, Chemistry, is conducting research on bacteria detection related to food safety.
- Dr. Julia Sankey, Geology, is preparing an NSF Sedimentary Geology and Paleobiology Program based on her global paleontology and climate research involving significant dinosaur fossil discoveries.
- Dr. Nhu-Y Stessman, Chemistry, is synthesizing and characterizing some novel dinuclear iron complexes as part of an alternative energy study of enzymes in compounds that convert carbon into hydrogen gas as an energy source.
- Dr. Michael Stevens, Biological Sciences, is preparing a peer-reviewed report on the roles of science faculty with education specialties in collaboration with Biological Sciences faculty at other CSU campuses.
- Dr. Viji Sundar, Mathematics, is preparing a \$1.5 million grant proposal to the National Science Foundation's Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) program.
- Dr. Janey Youngblom, Biological Sciences, is teaming with husband and Biological Sciences colleague, Dr. Jim Youngblom, on an NSF grant proposal to develop a research project, in partnership with UC Davis, for students on analysis of DNA microarray selections.

# FACULTY NOTES

**Arounsack returns to Laos to document "Legacies of War"** Raising awareness of the devastation of unexploded bombs in Laos is the motivation for research being done by **Dr. Steve Arounsack** of the Biological Sciences Department. A 1999 CSU Stanislaus graduate who earned his Ph.D. at UC Davis and a native of Laos, Arounsack is participating in a project called "Legacies of War" that is applying pressure to remove unexploded bombs dropped by U.S. military planes there during a secret Vietnam War bombing campaign. More information is at [www.legaciesofwar.org](http://www.legaciesofwar.org).

**PE Chair Sue Fletcher makes presentations at international conferences** **Dr. Sue Fletcher**, Chair of the Physical Education Department, who recently wrote a report on improving sexual health in diverse populations after polling students in Family Health classes, has been in demand as a presenter at conferences all over the world over the past year. Fletcher was an invited speaker at the Third Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights held in Abuja, Nigeria, in February. She emphasizes that an understanding of ethnic background, attitudes, beliefs, and values surrounding sexuality impact sexual health through life.



**Sara Garfield's Transitional Learning Center helps homeless children in Stockton** Teacher Education Professor **Sara Garfield** and her staff and students at the Transitional Learning Center, a school for homeless children in Stockton, have made a big difference in the lives of thousands of children of the homeless. Heading into its 17<sup>th</sup> year at the St. Mary's Interfaith Center under a freeway overpass near downtown Stockton, the Center has served more than 6,500 children who might not otherwise be able to attend school. More than 400 CSU Stanislaus students have participated in programs helping from 200 to 400 students a day to find refuge in a supportive educational environment.

**Psychology Professors, students combine pigeons, computers to study learning behavior** **Dr. Bruce Hesse** and **Dr. William Potter** of the Psychology Department have teamed up to provide students with hands-on learning tools about behavioral analysis utilizing pigeons and computers. Hesse started teaching experimental analysis of behavior using the pigeons in a small laboratory on the Turlock campus when he came to CSU Stanislaus in 1984. Students are given a month to teach the birds to learn how to peck at an artist's name and then the corresponding work of art using a food reward system. Potter has taken the process a step further with the installation of boxes featuring lighted boards and assorted stimuli which the pigeons can peck at and gain food rewards for picking the correct answer via a laptop computer

keyboard placed over the box. The sociable pigeons have responded in the improvised system connected to circuits and computers, even picking out their mating partners in videos. Hesse and Potter plan to eventually publish the results of their research.



**Anthropology Professor's archaeological research presented at Smithsonian program** **Dr. Sari Miller-Antonio**, Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Anthropology and



Geography Departments, has drawn recognition for her research on human fossils. She was a presenter during a weekend panel seminar series last year about the most stunning archeological finds of the past 50 years titled "Ancient China Revealed" at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Miller-Antonio talked about her involvement in archaeological discoveries in southern China.

**Kenneth Schoenly explores forensic entomology topics** Life and death come together in research

conducted by **Dr. Kenneth Schoenly** of the Biological Sciences Department. The forensic entomologist, who devotes his studies to insects, is senior author of a recently published Journal of Medical Entomology article. The story focused on field testing of the widely-held claim that pig carcasses are valid substitutes for human corpses in training and research forensic entomology programs.

**Professor Richard Weikart appears in Ben Stein movie** When actor, comedian, game show host, writer, and commentator Ben Stein made a movie about the always controversial topics of creationism and evolution, he turned to History Professor **Richard Weikart** for commentary. "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," which showed at theaters nationwide starting in April, includes an interview with Weikart, author of From Darwin to Hitler: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics, and Racism in Germany.

**Kou Yang documents Hmong populations all over the world** **Dr. Kou Yang** of the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department spent more than two months traveling all over the United States, Europe, and the Far East to conduct research on Hmong populations. Yang's research focuses on the involvement of the Hmong people in positions of leadership and their assimilation into the populations of countries. **S**

# WARRIOR HIGHLIGHTS



## HALL OF FAMER GEOFF BRADSHAW RETURNS TO LEAD TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS By Mark Rivera

It has been a busy year for the Cal State Stanislaus track and field program. A new coach, a new stadium and, now, a new hall of famer.

Geoff Bradshaw, the new head coach of the Warrior men's and women's track and field teams and a former star member of the men's squad

himself, was inducted into the NCAA Track and Field Hall of Fame on May 21 in Pomona. The high honor came a day before his CSU Stanislaus athletes competed in the 2008 NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships held at nearby Mt. San Antonio College.

"To quote Jim Sackett, 'it's a humbling experience,'" Bradshaw said, recognizing the longtime Cal Poly Pomona coach who is a member of the USA Track and Field Hall of Fame.

It was not the first time Bradshaw received such an honor. The former Warrior is already a member of the Cal State Stanislaus Athletics Hall of Fame, and is recognized for his 1994 National Championship in the decathlon. Bradshaw, a two-time All-American, was nominated for the NCAA Hall of Fame by former coach Kim Duyst, now Associate Athletics Director at CSU Stanislaus.

"He was a great competitor and had great sportsmanship and is definitely deserving," Duyst said of Bradshaw. "He loves track

and field and loves to compete, and now he's coaching so he's doing something that he loves to do."

A talented baseball player throughout high school, Bradshaw aspired to play college baseball. But when he first participated in a collegiate track and field competition at Cuesta College in Southern California, it was obvious he had talent. Following that event, getting into shape to run full-speed for a lap—400 meters—became his priority.

"I trained all summer so it wouldn't hurt anymore," Bradshaw said of running the 400, one of track and field's more demanding events. "I realized that it didn't hurt anymore. I could run the 400-meters to the best of my ability without it hurting anymore."

Bradshaw admits that replacing Duyst, who shares a space on the wall next to him in the Warrior Athletics Hall of Fame and helped catapult him to where he is now, is an eye-opening experience. "It's immeasurable," Bradshaw said. "She always had that positive encouragement, but she was also stern when I messed up, so she had that balance."

Bradshaw's return to the NCAA Division II Championships as coach with CSU Stanislaus was something different.

"I was sitting there thinking, 'It has been 14 years since I've been to the D-II National Championships.' It was kind of surreal in that aspect," Bradshaw said of returning to the event as a coach.

"He's a good coach, and he's actually a bit tougher and that's probably because he coached Division I," Duyst said of Bradshaw.

"He expects everyone to be the same as him. Sometimes I had to kick him off the track when he was competing. He'd be having a bad day and I'd tell him, 'Go home.'"

Looks like Bradshaw took his mentor's advice. **S**



## NATIONAL TRACK STAR JOEL STALLWORTH COMPETES IN OLYMPIC TRIALS

Former Warrior standout Joel Stallworth continued to raise the level of his running career as he qualified and competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore., in late June.

Stallworth clocked 46.68 seconds in the 400-meter run to finish fifth in his heat during the quarterfinal round, but did not advance as only the top three in the heat moved on to the semifinals.



Stallworth's last major appearance was in March when he helped advance the U.S. 4x400 relay team to a Gold Medal finish at the IAAF World Indoor Track & Field Championships in Valencia, Spain. He took home a gold medal after running the team's third leg in qualifying when the U.S. turned in the fastest preliminary time of 3:08.07. Stallworth was replaced by Greg Nixon in the final as the Americans (3:06.79) beat Jamaica (3:07.69) for the medal.

Stallworth was a two-time California Collegiate Athletic Association Track & Field Athlete of the Year for CSU Stanislaus after a stellar career as a basketball player for the Warriors. 🏆

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## FORMER WARRIOR BASEBALL PLAYER ARTURO FLORES BECOMES EDUCATION LEADER

Arturo Flores, '73 Social Science, came to California State University, Stanislaus to play baseball and left in 1973 with a degree that launched him on the road to becoming the education leader he is today as Modesto City Schools Superintendent.

One of 10 children of migrant worker parents, Flores worked the agricultural fields with his family while he was a youngster. Baseball captured his interest, and the big first baseman was a standout player at Atwater High and then Merced College before being recruited by former Cal State Stanislaus baseball coach Jim Bowen, then in his second year.

Flores, who hit with power, played for the Warriors for two seasons. Noting that he was "too slow" on the basepaths, Flores said his baseball days ended soon after college. But he did heed Coach Bowen's advice as they talked regularly while walking around the University track.


"Jim Bowen was one of my mentors," Flores said. "He communicated very closely with the players to make sure they paid attention and kept their grades up."

Those counseling sessions with Bowen made a strong impression on Flores who

went on to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Social Science, a teaching credential at UC Santa Cruz, and a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis on bilingual education three years later at Sacramento State. He gained early teaching experience as an instructional aide in migrant worker camps before starting his professional career as a junior high teacher in Salinas.

Thirty-seven years later, after compiling a brilliant career that included teaching at the junior high school and high school levels, a high school principalship, and a variety of administrative positions, Flores returned to his home area as leader of Modesto's public school system in July 2007. He spent 15 years with the Sacramento School District where he developed a reputation as a top-flight educator while spearheading the development of a number of school reform programs designed to improve student success.

Reflecting on the positive experience he had as a student at CSU Stanislaus, Flores said that a close relationship with faculty such as retired Spanish Professor Robert Anderson helped keep him on track as the first member of his family to graduate from college.

"I really enjoyed my time there," Flores said. "The personalization and one-on-one with faculty were significantly important to me. I encourage young people to consider going to CSU Stanislaus because of that." 

### '70s

**Antonio "Tony" J. Agbayani**, '78 BA Political Science, of Manteca was appointed a San Joaquin County Superior Court judge in October 2007. An attorney since 1981, Agbayani served as a deputy district attorney for nine years before going into private defense work in 1992 and being appointed Court Commissioner in 2006. He earned his law degree from UC Davis.

**John Joseph Bleiman**, '74 BA Psychology, of Merced is enjoying a second career in the fine arts as an artist, writer, and poet after 25 years as a bookkeeper.

**Brent Bohlender**, '73 BA Education & '86 MA Education, was named a Sac-Joaquin Model Coach for 2007. He is California's all-time win leader coaching girls water polo, and his teams have rolled up more than 1,000 victories during his 32 years of coaching at Beyer, Davis, and Johansen high schools in Modesto. He has been coaching at Johansen since 1992.

**Donna Colbert**, '71 BA Elementary Education, is teaching Special Education at Crowell Elementary School in Turlock.

**Eileen Hamilton**, '70 Education Teaching Credential, was elected to the Turlock School District Board of Trustees in November 2007. She is retired from a teaching career at Turlock High School.

**George Mesrobian**, '76 Education Teaching Credential, is a third-grade teacher at Stroud Elementary School in Empire. He has taught kindergarten through third-grade during his 32-year career.

**Katie Coleman Peters**, '79 MPA, earned her Doctorate in Education Administration and Leadership from the University of the Pacific in May 2007. She is Principal of New Vision High School in Stockton.

**Janet Skooglund**, '76 Education Teaching Credential, is a first-grade teacher at Agnes Baptist Elementary School in Modesto. She has been teaching in the Stanislaus Union School District for 32 years.

**Raymond Sibley**, '77 BA & '79 MPA, is Director of Risk Management for the City and County of Denver, Colorado. The University of North Carolina named him one of the top five

risk managers in the country in 1999, and he was Public Sector Risk Management Association Manager of the Year in 1996.

### '80s

**Doug Baughn**, '80 BA Education & '86 Teaching Credential, became the new Salida Union School District Superintendent in July. Formerly an elementary principal with the Turlock School District, Baughn will succeed the retiring Tony Borba, '75 BA Spanish & '80 MA School Administration.

**Gregorio Billikopf**, '87 MA Labor Management, is a mediator, author, and farm advisor specializing in labor management for UC Davis, where he has worked since 1981. He served a visiting faculty appointment as a professor of agricultural labor management at the University of Chile in Santiago, Chile, in 2005.

**Sonia Casares**, '89 BS Business Administration, is the President of Valley Pension Services, Inc. in Modesto. An accredited Pension Plan Administrator, she has been with the company since 1999.

**Doug Cornfoot**, '82 BA Physical

Education, is head boys basketball coach at Pitman High in Turlock. He was an all-conference basketball player at CSU Stanislaus, twice leading the Warriors to the playoffs.

**Shirleen Lay Domitrovich**, '80 Education Teaching Credential, is a kindergarten teacher at Sonoma School in Modesto. She has taught in Modesto schools for 32 years.

**Karen and Laura Jacob**, '85 BS Business Administration & '92 Education Teaching Credentials, identical twin sisters, are teachers at James Marshall Elementary School in Modesto. Karen teaches fourth grade and Laura is a fifth-grade teacher.

**Harvey Marable**, '89 BS Business Administration & '93 Education Teaching Credential, is head boys basketball coach at Turlock High School. An all-conference basketball player at CSU Stanislaus, he led the Warriors to post-season play in 1981.

**Dave Menshew**, '80 BA History & '94 Education Teaching Credential, was honored in May 2007 as a recipient of the National Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence. Menshew teaches

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science at James C. Enochs High School in Modesto.

**Christina Olivera**, '81 BA Liberal Studies, a teacher at Gustine Elementary School, retired in June after 27 years with the Gustine School District where she specialized in working with bilingual students.

**Cheryl Keser Peterson**, '87 BS Nursing, completed her Master of Science Nursing Education Degree at Walden University in Minnesota in 2007. She works in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph's Hospital in Stockton and teaches in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at San Joaquin Delta College.

**David Peterson**, '87 BA Drama, has been with the Cage and Cash Operations Department of Jackson Rancheria Casino and Hotel since 2004.

**Paul Prescott**, '85 MA History, teaches at Denair High School and has drawn praise for his involvement in the community. He has taught primarily math subjects for more than 30 years.

**Jeffrey V. Reinig**, '81 BA, was appointed Senior Vice President of Property Product Management at the Farmers Insurance Los Angeles home office in April 2007. After starting his career with Farmers at its Merced office, Reinig moved to L.A. in 1986.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE GRAD JON REEDY'S CAREER PATH LEADS TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Jon Reedy, '03 Political Science, is a great example of how a college degree and individual determination can take you right to the top. Shortly after Reedy became

a student at California State University, Stanislaus, a chance meeting with State Legislator Dave Cogdill led to opportunities that enabled him to advance his career all the way to the White House. He has been an Associate Director in President George W. Bush's Office of Cabinet Liaison since May 2007.

"Just because you're a student at a small school, that doesn't limit you," said Reedy, a 2003 CSU Stanislaus Political Science graduate whose Washington, D.C. office window has a view of the West Wing. "With hard work and persistence, you can do anything you want to do."

Reedy said he takes some razzing from fellow White House staff members who are not familiar with CSU Stanislaus, much less his little hometown of Ripon in San Joaquin County. The outgoing Reedy said he counters with lots of information about the University and the region.

As a member of the White House staff involved with organizing Presidential Cabinet meetings, Reedy finds himself in the company of people who are in the news every day and making history. His division covers seven of the 21 Cabinet departments, serving as the main point of contact for access to President Bush, providing information to the President, and scheduling meetings.

"The coolest part of the job is setting up the cabinet meetings and then being there at the meeting," Reedy said. "This is a part of my career that I will never forget."

Noting that he has been interested in the political scene since the sixth grade, Reedy said he received strong encouragement from Political Science Professors Steve Hughes and Stephen Routh during his four years at CSU Stanislaus. Volunteering with Cogdill's Assembly election campaign and then working as a staffer for the legislator who is now a state senator dictated that he be a full-time commuter student.

Shortly after completing his degree, Reedy joined Bush's presidential re-election campaign, was assigned to Missouri, and then to Washington, D.C., after the 2004 election victory. He had a two-month assignment as part of a staff of 600 people who planned the massive presidential inauguration before gaining a political appointment in the U.S. Department of Agriculture as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. **S**

**Enid Sepulveda Rodriguez**, '84 BA English, teaches at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

**William B. Schaefer IV**, '84 BS Computer Science, is Chief Technology Officer with Revcube Media, Inc., a new San Francisco company that is redefining the way online marketing is performed. One of the highlights of Schaefer's distinguished engineering career was being involved in designing the Tomahawk Cruise Missile.

**Billy A. Silva**, '89 BA Anthropology, is a full-time archaeologist for the State of California and runs his own archaeogeophysical consulting firm. He earned his Ph.D. from Arizona State University.

**Sylvia Turner**, '89 BA Mathematics & '05 MA Education, is Project Director of the Lincoln High School Achievement in Mathematics Partnership (LAMP) grant in Stockton. Prior to becoming director, she taught mathematics at Lincoln High.

**Denise Wickham**, '89 BA Liberal Studies & '93 Education Teaching Credential, was appointed Ceres Unified School District Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services in February 2008. She recently completed her doctorate at the University of the Pacific and previously served as a school principal in Riverbank.

**Sandra Wilson**, '82 BA Education, was a library associate with the City of New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina struck in August 2005. She was among the thousands who lost their homes in the hurricane and relocated to the Bay Area. In her effort to return to New Orleans, Wilson has been involved in campaigns to obtain more government assistance for the rebuilding of New Orleans.

**Barbara Worrel**, '87 BA Liberal Studies, was one of four educators named Stanislaus County Teacher of the Year on May 6. She is a physical science teacher at Hanshaw Middle School in Modesto.

### 90s

**Dawn Allen**, '97 BA Sociology, has been a probation officer in Monterey County for eight years. She earned her Master of Social Work Degree at San Jose State.

**Nancy Barajas**, '94 BA Liberal Studies, has been a sixth-grade teacher at Fairview Elementary School in Modesto for 10 years. She participates in a CSU Stanislaus grant program that focuses on implementing teaching methods which help students improve academically.

**Jennifer Bates**, '95 BA Sociology & '00 MA Social Work, is the new Fresno Area Regional Manager of Mental Health Systems (MHS), Inc. A licensed clinical social worker since 2004, Bates previously managed the MHS Teen Recovery Center in Modesto. She was honored by the CSU Stanislaus Social Work Department as 2008 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year for her efforts to combat substance abuse in her community.

**Stacy Blevins**, '94 BA English, is a theater and English teacher at Riverbank High School and an actor, director, and costume designer at Rio Arts in Riverbank.

**Rich Cano**, '99 BS Biological Sciences, is completing his last year of a four-year Anesthesia residency at Stanford University School of Medicine. He has accepted a one-year Pediatric Anesthesia Fellowship at Stanford, starting in June 2009.

**John Karl Claes**, '93 Art, has won a number of awards for his artistry work which has been featured in galleries all over the West. The Turlock artist specializes in landscape paintings of the Central Valley's agricultural fields.

**Eric Hixson**, '93 BA English, was named Principal at Hilmar Middle School in 2007.

**Martha Connor**, '90 MA Non-Profit Administration, who founded and operates the marketing and fundraising firm DirectLine Technologies of Modesto, received national and state recognition in January 2008. Her company was named one of the "Top 100 Small Businesses in the State of California" as well as one of the "Top 100 Woman-Owned Businesses in California" and "Top 500 Woman-Owned Businesses in America" by Diversity Business.com. Connor is a former CSU Stanislaus Director of Annual Giving and Alumni.

**Susan Eggman**, '90 BA Psychology and '97 MA Social Work, is Professor of Social Work at Sacramento State and a member of the Stockton City Council. She was among a number of graduate degree holders from all over the U.S. cited in a Washington, D.C.-based Council of Graduate Schools national publication called "Making a Difference" for spearheading a project to establish community-based affordable housing and reading programs in Stockton.

**Kimberly Flores**, '99 BS Criminal Justice, was class salutatorian as a graduate at Humphreys School of Law in 2003 and is with the Allen, Proietti & Fagalde law offices in Merced.



## GRAD NEAL CHRISTIANSEN SERVING PEACE CORPS STINT IN JORDAN



Christiansen (center) and fellow Peace Corps volunteers pose with First Lady Laura Bush (right) during her October 2007 visit to Jordan to promote breast cancer awareness.

Neal Christiansen, '04 Political Science, started two years of service in the Peace Corps as an English instructor in Jordan in July 2007 where he is working as a teacher.

After spending his senior year at CSU Stanislaus in the Study Abroad program at the University of Bristol in England, Christiansen decided to start off his career with the Peace Corps volunteer experience. He has been chronicling his experience in Jordan online for his hometown newspaper, the Los Banos Enterprise.

One of the highlights early in his service was an opportunity to meet First Lady Laura Bush during her visit to Jordan to promote breast cancer awareness. Christiansen is serving in a small community high in the mountains of northern Jordan where he has had the opportunity to familiarize himself with host families, the local culture and traditions, and even attended a wedding where he joined in the dancing.

Prior to arriving in Jordan where he teaches mostly youngsters, Christiansen and his fellow volunteers received intensive training that included instruction in Arabic, local culture, Islam, teaching methods, safety and security, health and nutrition, and Peace Corps policies and procedures. **S**

## AMY BUBLAK ENJOYS PUBLIC SERVICE AFTER EARNING UNIVERSITY DEGREE



When Amy Bublak started getting involved in campus issues as a student representative at California State University, Stanislaus, it sparked an interest in public service that continues to motivate her some 20 years later.

A 1988 Sociology Degree graduate of CSU Stanislaus, Bublak has served for 14 years as a police officer since leaving her name in the

University's track and field record books. She has also expanded her public service scope, having been appointed to the Turlock City Planning Commission in 2007 after finishing third in the November 2006 Turlock City Council race.

Bublak has also been on the Stanislaus County Red Cross Board of Directors for two years and previously served for a year on the Turlock Arts Commission. She is running for a Turlock City Council seat again in November 2008 and likes being involved at the community level, both as a Modesto Police Department officer and as a Turlock Planning Commissioner. **S**

**Tony Ippolito**, '93 Education Teaching Credential, has been a teacher and wrestling coach at Downey High School in Modesto since 1988. He coordinates the Advancement Via Individual Determination and Success Skills program which focuses on helping students succeed and go on to college.

**John Jacinto**, '95 BS Business Administration, is President and co-founder of VisTech Manufacturing which supplies die cut/assembled acoustical absorbers and other parts to the automotive industry. Since starting up in Stockton in 2003, the company has added plants in Lebanon, Ohio, and Stratford, Ontario, in Canada. Sales in 2008 are projected at just under \$20 million.

**Sherry Matison**, '99 MA Education, is a health teacher at Toyon Middle School in Valley Springs. She previously served as a Vice Principal at Calaveras High School and has been in the education field for 28 years.

**Ronald E. Reid**, '97 BS Business Administration, is a lieutenant with the Turlock Police Department. He previously served with the Modesto P.D. for 17 years.

**Mary Kay Shaver**, '94 Education Teaching Credential, has been a teacher at Taft Elementary School in Stockton for 30 years.

**Robert Todd Swanson II**, '90 BS Business Administration, has been manager of the Grip and Set Lighting Departments at Warner Brothers Studios in Burbank since 1996.

**Michael Torok**, '94 MS Marine Science, was appointed Dean of Arts and Sciences at Columbia College by the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees in May 2008. He previously served as a Dean at Modesto Junior College and taught classes at CSU Stanislaus and UC Santa Cruz.

**Carla Washington**, '95 MA Education & BA Liberal Studies, became Principal at Delta Island School in Tracy in 2007. She previously served as Assistant Principal at Tracy's North School.

**Sharon Womble**, '95 BA Criminal Justice & MA Education, was named Vice Principal at Stella Brockman Elementary School in Manteca in 2007.

**Elisa Zercoe**, '96 BA Special Major & Teaching Credential, is a fourth-grade teacher at Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary School in Modesto.

## '00s

**Ann Amador**, '02 BA Social Science & Teacher Credential '02, was honored as an Outstanding Teacher of American History by the Modesto chapter of The National Society Daughters of the Ameri-

can Revolution. She teaches American history, economics, and government at Johansen High School in Modesto.

**Daniel Baudino**, '06 BA Music, is band director at Turlock High School. He completed his student teaching at Golden Valley High in Merced.

**Justin Blizzard**, '02 BA Art, released a six-song CD, "If I Were Adam," in 2007. The singer-songwriter and accomplished artist and photographer did a live show at the Fat Cat Music House & Lounge in Modesto in May 2007.

**Zeb Brayton**, '03 BA Physical Education, teaches PE and is an assistant baseball coach at Modesto Junior College. He played baseball at CSU Stanislaus.

**Christine Brock**, '05 BA Liberal Studies and Teaching Credential, plans to open Christy's Christian Preschool in Ripon this fall. She taught kindergarten at Brock Elliott School in Manteca for three years after graduating from CSU Stanislaus.

**Katherine Brown**, '06 BA Economics, is a graduate student coordinator with UC Merced's School of Natural Sciences.

**Jose Ignacio Buenrostro**, '07 BS Biological Sciences, is attending medical school at La Universidad Autonoma in Guadaluajara, Mexico.

**Sarah Carpenter**, '05 Music, is the band director at Turlock Junior High School.

**Patricia L. (Jones) Colvin**, '00 BS Business Administration, is an accounting technician with San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services and serving as pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Stockton. She is completing her master's degree at American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley.

**Deserae Cook**, '01 BA Liberal Studies, is teaching sixth-grade at Earl Elementary School in Turlock.

**Erin Evans**, '00 Masters Social Work (MSW), became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in March 2007 and works for the State of Nevada in the Division of Public Health Care Finance & Policy as a health care coordinator.

**Matthew Gouaux**, '03 BA Economics, is an attorney with Trucker Huss of San Francisco, the largest employee benefits specialty law firm outside of Washington, D.C. He earned his law degree with a concentration in taxation from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law.

**Kadie Helton**, '06 BFA Art, teaches art classes for the City of Turlock and is a member of both the Turlock Arts Commission and the Central California

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Art Association. Her art has been displayed and is available at [www.ttkart.com/docs/kadie\\_helton.htm](http://www.ttkart.com/docs/kadie_helton.htm).

**Celeste Hill**, '02 BS Business Administration, works for Fortune 500 company, Parker Hannifin Corp., in a division that makes diesel fuel filters. She is also chief financial officer and operations manager of Alys Blakeley Jewelry Designs in Modesto.

**Joey Horta**, '06 BA Communication Studies, is a morning and noon news anchor and produces newscasts for KGNs-TV in Laredo, Texas.

**Ebony Humphrey**, '03 BA Sociology, is a recreation coordinator for the City of Modesto at the King-Kennedy Center. She also oversees Sista 2 Sista, a female rites of passage and wellness program for girls and young women.

**Lauren Lanum**, '04 BA Liberal Studies, is a fourth and fifth-grade core teacher in language arts and history at McSwain Elementary School in Modesto.

**Misty Leach**, '03 BS Biological Sciences, is a Stanislaus County Deputy Coroner. She specializes in forensic science, focusing on causes of death in coroner's cases.

**Nahrin Mirzazadeh**, '04 BA Communication Studies and '06 MA English, is a full-time English lecturer at UC Merced. She is also teaching a Communication Studies newswriting class at CSU Stanislaus this fall.

**Dorali (Rueda) Mitre**, '01 BA Political Science, was named Philanthropy Coordinator at Memorial Hospital in Los Banos in February. She also runs her own Turlock-based business, Valley Media & Design.

**Victor Mitre**, '02 BA Liberal Studies, is Assistant Director of Development at Community Hospice in Modesto. He formerly worked in development at CSU Stanislaus and UC Merced.

**Tyler Oaks**, '00 BA Spanish, published her first novel, "Ruby Rest," in October 2007, and is writing another one, a mystery set in Sonoma. A resident of Napa, she taught at Modesto Junior College and has traveled extensively in Europe where she lived for a short period in an Austrian castle which inspired the theme for her book. Her Web site is at [www.tyleroaks.com](http://www.tyleroaks.com).

**James Parker**, '04 BA Social Sciences, teaches algebra and health at Valley Charter High School in Modesto.

**Sareth Pen**, '05 Master of Social Work (MSW), is a social worker and ran for Modesto City Schools Board of Education in 2007.

**Emily Pino**, '04 BA Political Science, is an associate planner for the City of Riverbank where she is formulating plans to make the City friendlier to bicyclists and pedestrians. She is a member of the Modesto Bike Coalition.

**Cameron Quick**, '07 Communication Studies, is a ticket sales representative with the Golden State Warriors.

**George Retelas**, '05 BA Communication Studies, is a graduate student in Mass Communications at San Jose State University where he has been producing independent short films that have gained recognition at SJSU and Las Positas College in the Bay Area. He is a recruiter and film teacher for the Art Institute in Sunnyvale

**Kristina Rich**, '01 BA English, is an English teacher and program coordinator at Sierra High School in Manteca. She and her husband, Scott Busch, live in Martinez.

**Kris Richter**, '06 BS Biology, is attending medical school at Touro University in Southern California.

**Lindsay Rivas**, '04 BA Liberal Studies, is a first-grade teacher at Aspire Public Schools' University Charter School in Modesto.

**Monica Silva**, '02 BA Sociology, of Turlock is a financial analyst with Macy's in San Francisco. She started her career as a part-time Macy's employee at Vintage Faire Mall in Modesto.

**Jessica (Colby) Smart**, '04 BA Communication Studies & '05 MA Interdisciplinary Studies, is a Public Information Technician with the City of Modesto. Her husband, **Herb Smart**, '05 BA Communication Studies, joined the CSU Stanislaus Communications & Public Affairs Department in July as a writing specialist.

**Dustin Soiseth**, '01 BA Music—Trumpet Performance, who earned his Master's Degree of Music in Conducting in Dallas, Texas, returned to CSU Stanislaus in 2007 to join the Music faculty and conduct the Stanislaus Symphony Orchestra.

**Julie Swift**, '02 BA Liberal Studies, is a teacher at Valley Charter High School in Modesto.

**Kyle Williams**, '06 BA Liberal Studies, is a sixth-grade teacher at George Komure School in Manteca.

**Austin Worden**, '04 BA Social Sciences, is currently serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Fuling, China, where he teaches English at a university.

### In Memoriam

#### GRADUATES

**Archie C. Harris**, '07 BA Humanities and Social Sciences, Feb. 26, 2008.

**Tom Howard**, '69 BA English, May 15, 2007.

**Joshua Neal**, BS Computer Science, Dec. 19, 2007.

**Claire Schendel**, '77 BA Business Administration, Dec. 22, 2007.

**John Albert Veneman**, '74 BA Business Administration, April 5, 2007

**Antonieta Vieira-Dores**, '99 BA Liberal Studies, July 2007.

**Jane Wynne Woolley**, '74 Liberal Studies & '80 Teaching Credential, Aug. 24, 2007.

#### FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

**Joel Canby**, 88, Anthropology Professor, June 23, 2008.

**Gerard J. Crowley**, 88, Interim Stanislaus State College President (1962-63) and Executive Dean (1960-83), Dec. 17, 2007.

**June M. Meyer**, 89, former Stanislaus State College nurse, July 31, 2007.

**Vladimir S. Tuman**, 84, Physics Professor, June 1, 2007.

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