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This is the Final Printed Digest

In the interest of reducing both costs and paper usage, this will be the final printed version of the California State University, Stanislaus Digest. The Digest will continue to be published on-line periodically from September through May for the faculty and staff of CSU Stanislaus. Notification of future Digests will be sent through University e-mail. To access the Digest on line, visit the University website at: www.csustan.edu, click on "Forms and Publications" and "Digest."



Williams displays his award at the November 9 program.

Retired Professor Honored by U.S. Department of Interior

Retired California State University, Stanislaus Zoology Professor Dr. Dan Williams, who has dedicated himself to the conservation of rare and endangered species and established programs through the University to protect and preserve them, received a special award from the U.S. Department of Interior on November 9.

Williams, a member of the University's Biology Department faculty for 31 years and founder of the Endangered Species Recovery Program (ESRP) at CSU Stanislaus in 1992, was presented with the U.S. Department of Interior Conservation Service

Award for Private Partners. The certificate and citation signed by Secretary of Interior Gale Norton is the department's highest award for private partners – non-governmental individuals or organizations. It recognizes individuals and groups not employed by the Department of Interior who have performed outstanding and direct service to the Department.

"California State University, Stanislaus takes great pride in the dedicated work that has been done over the years by Professor Dan Williams to merit this honor," CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. "His foresight in establishing the Endangered Species Recovery Program through California State University, Stanislaus continues to make a difference in the ongoing drive to preserve native species and the ecosystems upon which they depend in central California."

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January 10 Forum Scheduled For Colleges Restructuring Proposal

A proposal by President Shirvani to form four colleges from the existing College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences will be the discussion topic of a forum scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 at noon in the John Stuart Rodgers Faculty Development Center.

An ad hoc committee that is evaluating the case for restructuring the colleges has completed the first phase of its deliberations by taking input on the proposal from a broad cross section of the campus.

President Shirvani's proposal calls for formation of a College of Fine and Performing Arts, College of Health and Human Services, College of Humanities and Social Services and College of Science and Mathematics. Possible realignment of academic departments within colleges is also under consideration.

"This proposal rests on the fundamental belief that smaller constellations of disciplines

and faculty clustered with similar intellectual connections, complemented with vigorous leadership from deans, will yield innumerable benefits to students, faculty and staff," President Shirvani said in his proposal statement to University staff and faculty. "The proposed organizational structure is not based on increasing administrative bureaucracy, but holding deans to the highest level of accountability and responsibility for serving and increasing support for faculty and students."

In preparation for the January 10 forum, the committee developed several alternative proposals that were distributed to the campus community for consideration, along with the President's proposal, prior to the holiday break.

A web site (<http://www.aabaglobal.org/als/>) is available for comments and includes a link to a detailed description of the restructuring proposal.

\$3.3 Million Grant Will Focus on Teacher Development, Curriculum for High-Needs Schools in Modesto

California State University, Stanislaus has partnered with Modesto City Schools and UC Berkeley as recipient of a \$3.3 million grant to recruit, develop and retain teachers at "high-needs" schools.

The grant from the United States Department of Education will allow CSU Stanislaus to update teacher preparation programs at every stage and to model, teach and support culturally responsive instructional methods as developed by the Center for Research on Education, Diversity & Excellence (CREDE) at UC Berkeley. The program, scheduled to start at CSU Stanislaus in 2005-06, will track and support teachers as they enter the profession at schools with diverse student populations.

"This grant offers the opportunity to recruit and support beginning teachers from this area," said Joan Wink, CSU Stanislaus Professor of Teacher Education and program coordinator. "By creating this program, we hope to not only retain great new teachers, but also enhance the learning of local public school students."

Wink said the program will focus on students with the greatest academic needs. CREDE is a research and development center that focuses on improving the education of students who are challenged by language or cultural barriers, race, geographic location or poverty.

The grant will involve 75 teachers who instruct students from multi-cultural or English-as-a-second language backgrounds. They will learn to use CREDE's instructional model for diverse students. Heavy emphasis will be placed on academic and language development skills through use of interactive instructional methods.

CSU Stanislaus faculty will also help teacher education students at the undergraduate and teacher credential graduate levels turn CREDE's instructional model into practical and effective instructional curriculum. A number of Modesto City Schools teachers will also receive CREDE coach training and eventually serve as mentors at their campuses to help other teachers develop similar curriculum.

More information on the CREDE program is available on the web at: www.crede.org.



Nancy Taniguchi

History Professor Wins 'Best Book of the Year' Award In Utah

California State University, Stanislaus History Professor Nancy Taniguchi won the "Best Book of the Year Award" from the Utah State Historical Society for her book *Castle Valley, America: Hard Land, Hard-won Home*.

Her new book, which was published in 2004, covers the historical events of Castle Valley, Utah, and reveals how they relate to American history.

Castle Valley, located in the counties of Carbon and Emery, is a rural, industrial enclave in a mostly desert environment behind the mountain range that borders eastern Utah. It is also known for its multiethnic communities and historic characters such as Butch Cassidy, who stole its largest payroll, and Mother Jones, who helped organize workers against mining companies.

In her book, Taniguchi tells the story of the people of Castle Valley who experienced poverty, labor disputes, major mining disasters and other challenges to build communities. It reveals how such hardships reflect the historical course of the nation's growth as a whole.

"This book took me 25 years to research and seven years to write, so I am extremely gratified that it has been well-received," Taniguchi said.

The award was presented to Taniguchi at the Utah State Historical Society's annual conference in Salt Lake City. Taniguchi's book was nominated by the Utah State University Press and outranked 14 other nominations for the quality of its research.

Taniguchi published her first book *Necessary Fraud: Progressive Reform and Utah Coal (Legal History of North America)* in 1996 and is currently working on two books about the history of California.

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"During his career, Dr. Williams worked tirelessly to conserve and recover imperiled species in Central California," said Steve Thompson, Manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's California-Nevada Operations Office. "Dr. Williams epitomizes the Service's notion of a partner, a respected colleague, and a friend in the conservation of our natural resources."

The Endangered Species Recovery Program has focused on more than 30 rare and endangered animal and plant species. Current research is concentrated on riparian brush rabbits, kangaroo rats, riparian woodrats, San Joaquin kit foxes, Mojave ground squirrels, blunt-nosed leopard lizards, California red-legged frogs and a number of other animal and plant species. Some of these species are on the road to recovery or have significant conservation measures in progress on their behalf as a result of Williams' commitment and determination.

Riparian brush rabbits, one of the most endangered animals in North America, may now be making a comeback as a result of these program efforts. Captive bred young rabbits have been reintroduced and are now being monitored at the San Joaquin

River National Wildlife Refuge in western Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties where their habitat is being restored and protected.

Since being founded by Williams 13 years ago and funded by a number of grants, in particular major ones from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the CSU Stanislaus ESRP has grown into a cooperative research program working with local, state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, corporations and private landowners. It is one of the largest cooperative conservation programs in the country.

The program includes up to 45 biologists, students and support staff, research associates and a number of collaborators in government and universities all over the world. Coordinated at CSU Stanislaus where faculty and staff work out of an office on the Turlock campus, the program is headquartered in Fresno and another field office is located in Bakersfield. The main office is located in Fresno because federal and state agency offices the program works with are located there.

Now a resident of Oregon since

his retirement from the CSU Stanislaus faculty in 2003, Williams is credited with doing the extensive research that resulted in a number of rare species being listed as threatened or endangered. Those classifications helped bring about conservation programs coordinated with landowners and public agencies to preserve those species and their habitats.

Dr. Patrick Kelly, a member of the CSU Stanislaus Biology faculty who succeeded Williams as ESRP Coordinator in 2002 and has been involved in the program's research activities for many years, noted that Williams is highly deserving of the award.

"What he pulled together in this program with his experience and knowledge is a road map for the recovery of threatened and endangered species," Kelly said. "He demonstrated commitment as a scientist to really solving these problems through his dogged determination to follow through and gain the support of the agencies with the resources. He dedicated himself to this program and provided the leadership and foresight it took to help make a difference."

Information on the Endangered Species Recovery Program is available on its web site at: <http://esrp.csustan.edu>.

University Awarded \$600,000 Grant For Homeless Center

California State University, Stanislaus has been awarded a \$600,000 federal grant to establish a resource center that will serve the homeless population of Turlock.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) program grant will help the community provide services for people who currently have no place to turn for assistance. The project's activities will include providing education, services and life skills training to the homeless, with the goal of reducing the homeless population and alleviating the burden on strained city, county and state resources.

Partnering with the University on this project are: the City of Turlock, We-Care Program-Turlock, United Samaritans Foundation, the Stanislaus Literacy Center, Community Housing and Shelter Services, the Stanislaus Homeless Outreach Program and the CSU Stanislaus Center for Public Policy Studies.

"We firmly believe that our students can and should be active members of the community, and this grant opens the way for them to become involved," CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. "California State University, Stanislaus is strongly committed to being an active partner in programs that serve community needs. I am very proud of our team of faculty and staff for their leadership and commendable service to the academy and the community."

Titled "CSU Stanislaus CARES: Community Action and Resources for Empowerment and Sustainability," the grant project will fund the creation of a multi-service resource center that is rooted in self-governance and empowerment for the area's homeless population.

Playing a key role for CSU Stanislaus in developing the grant were Julie Fox, Coordinator of Service Learning; and faculty

members Steven Filling (Accounting and Finance); Paul Sivak (Social Work); John Garcia (Social Work); and Kelvin Jasek-Rysdahl (Economics), a grant assessment and evaluation facilitator. Garcia and Jasek-Rysdahl are co-directors of the University's Center for Public Policy Studies.

Filling and Fox, co-principal investigators for securing the grant, said the project will meet a definite need in Turlock while providing an involvement opportunity for CSU Stanislaus students.

"This federally-funded project is a prime example of the power of university-community partnerships," Filling said. "Absent the counsel and enthusiastic participation of our community partners, this project would not be possible. The homeless population, the local community and CSU Stanislaus students will all benefit."

"As an integral part of this project, CSU Stanislaus students will be working side-by-side with community partners and the homeless community to solve problems, develop public policy and engage in research projects," Fox said. "We believe that this involvement enriches our students' learning experiences and also provides a unique and effective introduction to being an active member of the community."

Plans call for CSU Stanislaus faculty and students to be integrally involved in side-by-side collaborative action research projects, problem solving, grass roots organization and public policy development with the area's homeless community. The University's Office of Service Learning and the Center for Public Policy Studies are expected to take lead roles in orienting students to involvement in the project.

CSU Stanislaus students will be trained by the Stanislaus Literacy Center to make free reading and writing instruction available to the homeless population at the resource center.

Champion Award Goes to Patty Amador



Patty Amador of Modesto is congratulated as the latest recipient of the Prime Shine Express Car Wash Champion of the American Dream by Amin Elmallah, Dean of the College of Business Administration, at the October 18 program held at California State University, Stanislaus. A native of Modesto, Amador turned Ambeck Mortgage Associates into a highly successful venture and has remained an active supporter of the community.

Kelvin Rysdahl, John Garcia Named Center for Public Policy Studies Co-Directors

Kelvin Jasek-Rysdahl, Associate Professor of Economics, and John Garcia, Associate Professor of Social Work, have been named co-directors of the Center for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) at California State University, Stanislaus.

They succeed Steve Hughes, Professor of Politics and Public Administration, who served as director of the Center since its founding in 1997. Hughes entered the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) this fall and will teach part-time.



Kelvin Jasek-Rysdahl

The Center serves as an applied policy research and public education program on important policy issues, utilizing the expertise of CSU Stanislaus faculty. A number of reports have been compiled for regional government agencies on a variety of topics, including economic development, population growth and job training.

Jasek-Rysdahl, who earned his Ph.D. from Colorado State, joined the CSU Stanislaus faculty in 1996 and has held several positions at CSU Stanislaus and served on many committees. He served as interim director of institutional research in 2004-05. Jasek-Rysdahl served as senior researcher for the Center from 2003-05 and published several papers for the Center involving research that have benefited CSU Stanislaus as well as the region.

Garcia, currently chair of the CSU Stanislaus Institutional Research Board and Graduate Council, joined the faculty of the Master of Social Work Program in 1996. He earned his degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California and recently completed the "Aging Out" study, researching the transition of youth out of foster care.



John Garcia

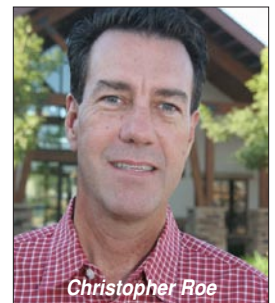
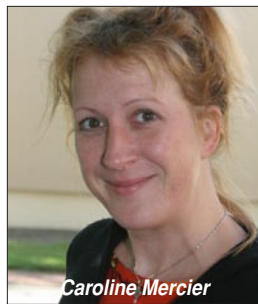
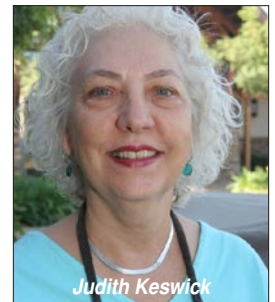
19 New Faculty Join California State University, Stanislaus Full-Time Ranks

California State University, Stanislaus, which has enrolled a record number of more than 6,000 full-time students this fall, has hired 19 new full-time, tenure-track faculty members for 2005-06 with a broad range of expertise and education backgrounds from universities all over the world. Overall enrollment also increased to an all-time high of more than 8,100.

"These new faculty come to California State University, Stanislaus with outstanding credentials as top quality teachers and researchers who have distinguished themselves as the best in their fields of study," CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. "They bring experience and expertise to our academic program that will pay dividends for our students."

The University's new full-time, tenure-track faculty include:

Dr. Kimberly DeVries, Assistant Professor of English, Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts; **Dr. Whitney Donnelly**, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, Ph.D. from the University of California at Davis; **Ms. Jessica Gomula**, Assistant Professor of Art, MFA from Illinois State University; **Mr. Tim Held**, Sr. Assistant Librarian, MLIS from the University of Washington; **Ms. Judith Keswick**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, MS from California State University, Chico; **Dr. Valerie Leyva**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Ph.D. from Loyola College in Maryland; **Dr. Caroline Mercier**, Assistant Professor of Theatre, Ph.D. from Northumbria University in England; **Dr. Susan Mokhtari**, Assistant Professor of Physics, Ph.D. from Imperial College of London; **Dr. Gregory Morris**, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Ph.D. from Mississippi State University; **Dr. Keith Nainby**, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University; **Dr. Tony Perrello**, Assistant Professor of English, Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina; **Mr. Matthew Pivec**, Assistant Professor of Music, MM from the Eastman School of Music; **Dr. Joanna Ploeger**, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, Ph.D. from the University of Georgia; **Dr. Robin Ringstad**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Ph.D. from Berne University, West Indies; **Dr. Christopher Roe**, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, Ed.D. from the University of Southern California; **Dr. Michael Stevens**, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; **Dr. Megan Thomas**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley; **Dr. Noelle Won**, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education, Ed.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles; **Ms. Jane Younglove**, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, J.D. from the San Joaquin College of Law.



Outspoken History Professor Sam Oppenheim Concludes CSU Stanislaus Career

History Professor Sam Oppenheim, one of the more high-profile faculty members at California State University, Stanislaus over the years and now in retirement, received a typewriter when he joined the faculty 35 years ago.

Although he put the typewriter to heavy use, Oppenheim remembers that communicating with fellow faculty members in those days was an arduous task. After typing the letter, he would have to make photo copies and then either mail or deliver the communication to locations on the then small campus.

So when computers arrived at CSU Stanislaus and provided the capability to instantaneously e-mail people on and off campus, Oppenheim gladly welcomed the technology breakthrough. His outspoken comments on a variety of issues, including criticism of presidents and administrators with a twist of humor, became a well-read fixture on Facnet, the faculty e-mail network.

Oppenheim has distinguished himself as a history professor and helped guide CSU Stanislaus through the process of establishing a strong television-learning program as a true proponent of technology on campus. He signed off from the University in December with the conclusion of fall semester final examinations. The longtime professor, known for his sharp sense of humor, history expertise and self-described gadfly reputation, admitted he felt a sense of loss about starting his full retirement. Oppenheim and his wife, Alyne, will make the move to Franklin, Massachusetts, in January to be closer to their children.

"One of the most precious things I will take with me as I retire is a set of wonderful relationships I have developed on campus," Oppenheim said. "Those relationships are not only with my colleagues in the Department of History – which I have always considered the best department in the entire University – but with colleagues in the administration and staff, most of whom have been patient, understanding, helpful and supportive."

Oppenheim, who specializes in Russian history and has been published frequently on that subject, played a key role in the development of the University's interactive two-way audio instructional television system. He has been an active participant as a faculty member teaching classes that are broadcast from the Turlock Distance Learning Center in Demergasso-Bava Hall to Stockton, Merced and Sonora.

Oppenheim served as part-time director of a partnership with regional community colleges and UC Merced that led to development of a site at Merced College and then as coordinator of Regional Distance Learning from 1985-90. The system also includes an access channel on Turlock's Charter cable TV thanks to a partnership grant agreement with Charter and the City of Turlock that was spearheaded by Oppenheim.

Thousands of students have saved themselves the time and money of traveling to Turlock for classes by participating in the televised classes, Oppenheim noted. He has high hopes that CSU Stanislaus will direct more badly-needed funding into technology as well as the University library in the coming years.



Sam Oppenheim

Excellence Award Recognizes College of Business Assessment Process with Students

The California State University, Stanislaus College of Business Administration has received an award from a national organization in recognition of its assessment efforts aimed at improving students' educational experiences.

Education Benchmarking Inc. (EBI) recently awarded its 2005 Commitment to Excellence Award to the College of Business Administration, citing its commitment to continuous improvement and participation in the EBI Undergraduate Exit Assessment. The exit survey provides assessment data from an outside source that enables the College of Business Administration to enhance and continuously improve the quality of education for business students.

"California State University, Stanislaus faculty have developed a very comprehensive process for continuous improvement and have concisely utilized external benchmarking to assess and improve student learning," said Dr. Amin Elmallah, Dean of the College of Business Administration. "This award recognizes faculty efforts and their determination to provide students with top-rated business educations at the undergraduate and graduate levels. I commend and applaud the business faculty and their achievements."

Elmallah said continuous improvement is driven by the consistent use of high quality assessment over an extended period of time. The College of Business Administration has participated in the assessment program since 2001 and has successfully used the results to improve business student learning, he noted.

The benchmarks for the award were an important part of the College of Business Administration's successful accreditation bid in April 2003. The College reached a long-sought goal when it received full accreditation from The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. That intensive three-year process brought the CSU Stanislaus College of Business Administration into a select group of business colleges that have received full accreditation from the nation's premier accrediting agency. Only about one-third, or approximately 400, of the post-secondary business programs in the United States have this accreditation.

Boyett Room Dedicated

Carl and Carol Boyett were the featured guests at a September 29 reception to dedicate the Boyett Petroleum Conference Room. Room 201 in Demergasso-Bava Hall now carries the family's name in recognition of their support of California State University, Stanislaus. Carl Boyett, who has combined a successful career as president of the Modesto petroleum company with a long list of community involvement, was recognized as a Prime Shine Express Champion of the American Dream in 2003.



Former Student Returns as New Kiva Bookstore Manager



Linda Cullen

Linda Cullen never thought she would one day manage the store she worked for as a young college freshman.

The former California State University, Stanislaus student was recently hired as the new Kiva Bookstore manager, succeeding 12-year manager Kevin Storms, who left the job last year.

Cullen started her career with the University's bookstore in the summer of 1982, following her high school graduation. She was promoted to the position of textbook manager in 1988 and has since made a career out of managing bookstores.

She was hired by CSU Monterey Bay when it first opened in 1994 as its bookstore manager and in 2000 she took over the bookstore at the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

When Storms left in 2004, Cullen decided to return.

"I'm glad to be back here and look forward to meet more people," Cullen said. "I like the educational atmosphere with students, faculty and staff."

Cullen is currently managing a staff of 14 and helping to train three student employees who are part of the Best-Seller Management Training Program geared toward developing management skills.

In Brief

Two Artists Featured In Gallery Exhibitions

Photographer and painter Marcia Teusink and multi-media artist Lori Goodman will have their work on display in the University Art Gallery from January 4-31. A reception for the artists is scheduled for 5 p.m. January 5 in the Gallery. Admission is free and open to the public.

"Dust in Sunlight: Paintings and Photographs of a Particular Universe" is the theme of Teusink's exhibition while Lori Goodman's work is titled "Repeats." Teusink works with oil on canvas as well as digital photography, using large-scale pieces to create a spectacular visual impact investigating the effects of sunlight using clouds, bursts and swells. Goodman's sculptures and installations center on the fundamental task of papermaking, utilizing the bark of the Japanese mulberry tree.

Departments Receive Prestigious Award

The California State University, Stanislaus Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Office of Information Technology were honored with the POD Innovation Award this year for their innovative use of technology in the 2005 CSU Stanislaus Technology Fair.

The award from the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education recognizes innovative ideas that improve learning and teaching and enhance the effectiveness of higher education faculty members.

"The POD Innovation Award is quite prestigious and has been awarded since 1986," said Armin Schulz, director of Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

The first annual CSU Stanislaus Technology Fair was co-sponsored by the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and OIT. More than 150 faculty, students, staff and off-campus educators attended the program that showcased how to effectively teach using technology. A number of vendors displayed classroom technology solutions and donated door prizes.

The second CSU Stanislaus Technology Fair is scheduled for April 12, in the Faculty Development Center.

Chicano and Chicana Students Honored For Achievements

For the first time ever at California State University, Stanislaus, Chicano and Chicana students who have excelled academically and provided exemplary service to the community were recognized at a special program on November 17.

Organized by faculty member Dr. Lillia De Katzew of the Ethnic Studies Department, the program focused on students who presented their research findings at the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference held in Miami in April. It was the first time that a panel of students from CSU Stanislaus has participated in the annual conference.

Students recognized included Gabriel Cordova (exemplary service) of Ceres; Homero Mejia (exemplary service and outstanding scholarship) of Denair; Heather Anderson (outstanding scholarship) and Rosa Pantoja (outstanding scholarship), both of Escalon; Jamphis Nelson (outstanding scholarship) of Merced; Salvador Padilla (exemplary service), Rebecca Bravo (outstanding scholarship), Maria Galvan (outstanding scholarship), and Alba Gascon (outstanding scholarship), all of Modesto; Alicia Calderon (outstanding scholarship) of Riverbank; Diana Hernandez (outstanding scholarship) of Stockton; and Sandra Campbell (outstanding scholarship) of Turlock.

Students Practice Networking Skills at Accounting Night

University accounting majors and faculty had the opportunity to network with recruiting employers at the 18th Annual Accounting Night reception held September 28 and hosted by the Career Services Center.

More than 60 students participated in the program, part of a series of events designed to bring students and employers together during the academic year through an on-campus recruiting program facilitated by the campus Career Services Center. Accounting Night is designed to help students learn about careers and employment opportunities, network with recruiters and learn social skills that will be useful in future work environments.

Accounting Students Join Professional Fraternity

Thirteen accounting students were initiated on October 18 into the Beta Alpha Psi fraternity by College of Business Administration Dean Amin Elmallah, Accounting Department Chair David Lindsay and faculty member Kim Tan.

Founded in 1919, Beta Alpha Psi is a nationally recognized scholastic and professional fraternity. New student members include Alejandro Ayala, Robert Burchett, Tricia Campos, Jennifer Carrillo, Kamhoeung Cheang, Brianne Gillaspay, Christopher Gomez, Kimberly Hallsteinsson, Kristie Hess-Shipman, Patrice Jackson-Roduner, Gloria Lee, Marilyn Ross and Xai Thao. Beta Alpha Psi members attend professional meetings, and provide free tutoring to lower-division accounting students before finals. In addition, many members participate in a program that assists low-income families with income tax filing assistance.

Tastes of the Valley Event Benefits Ag Studies

More than 300 people turned out at Hilmar Cheese Company where the Agricultural Studies Department of California State University, Stanislaus held its third annual "Tastes of the Valley" Wine and Cheese Tasting Event benefit.

Participants tasted a variety of wines, cheeses and a variety of other foods from the Central Valley. Additional funds were raised with the sale of donated items during the live and silent auctions. Proceeds will go toward student scholarships in the Agricultural Studies Department.

Seminar Hosted By College of Business

"Hot Topics in Employment Law: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You" was the topic of a law seminar presented by the law partners Jory, Peterson, Watkins, Ross and Woolman for the College of Business Administration on September 23.

Employers, managers and human resource students who attended had a great opportunity to pick up tips on the latest in employment law.

Frank Borrelli Honored By State Employees

Frank Borrelli, President of the California State University, Stanislaus Chapter of the California State Employees Association, was one of a group of union leaders honored recently by the state association.

He was recognized for special work done on behalf of the CSU Stanislaus Chapter membership and his efforts to work with the University administration to solve problems at the campus.

University Student Places in Sac Marathon

Miguel Nuci, a senior physical education major at California State University, Stanislaus, captured third place in the December 4 California International Marathon in Sacramento.

The 26-year-old former CSU Stanislaus track & field star runner ran the race in 2 hours, 20 minutes and 53 seconds. He finished a little more than two minutes behind the winner, Sergey Fedotov of Russia, in beating out a highly competitive field of marathon runners.

Faculty Notes

Harriet Blodgett, Emerita Professor of English, had her article on English novelist Graham Swift accepted for publication by The Midwest Quarterly. "Iphigeneia Revalued: Graham Swift's Fathers and Daughters" is projected to appear in the Spring 2008 issue.

Kim Tan (Accounting and Finance) recently published her co-authored paper, "Deep-Elaborative Learning of Introductory Management Accounting for Business students," in The International College Teaching Methods & Styles Journal, April 2005. Her other co-authored paper, "The Effect of the Auditing Fraud Triangle on Students' Cheating Behavior" was presented at the Annual American Accounting Association Conference in San Francisco, August 8-11, and was also published in the conference proceedings.

Tai L. Chow (Physics) has been invited to be a Visiting Professor of Physics at Yunnan University and Yunnan Nationalities University in Kunming, Yunnan Province, Peoples Republic of China. He will give lectures on "Particle Physics and High Energy" during the spring 2006 semester at the two institutions.

Samuel Regalado (History) was quoted in Major League Baseball's Latino Legends Team edition included in the official 2005 World Series program. Author of Viva Baseball! Latin Major Leaguers and Their Special Hunger, Regalado made comments about the inspiration that many now legendary Latino Major League Baseball players have provided for young Latinos.

Iris Haapanen (Teacher Education) recently published three fully-illustrated books that focus on teaching children and their families about peace through the power of peace bracelets. The editions are a reading book, a student and family workbook and a teacher's and family edition. Haapanen said that the books include her own illustrations on peace bracelets made out of twine for people of all ages. They also include a tribute to former CSU Stanislaus President, Dr. Marvalene Hughes.

Stephen Kuehn and **Julia Sankey** (Geology) made presentations at the annual Geological Society of America meeting held in October in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kuehn presented on his research of volcanic material at the Newberry Volcano in Oregon. Sankey talked about her field research on dinosaur fossil findings in Big Bend National Park in Texas.

Faculty Updates

Promotion - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Dr. Daniel Afonso, Music
Dr. Peter DeCaro, Communication Studies
Mr. Clay Everett, Theatre
Dr. Jennifer Helzer, Geography
Dr. Oddmund Myhre, Advanced Studies in Education
Dr. Susan Neufeld, Teacher Education
Dr. Marjorie Sanchez-Walker, History
Dr. Kim Tan, Accounting
Dr. Shradha Tibrewal, Social Work
Dr. Daniela Vallega-Neu, Philosophy
Dr. Joseph Wiggett, Music

Promotion - Associate Professor to Professor:

Dr. Brenda Betts, Teacher Education
Dr. Bret Carroll, History
Dr. Ping Luo, Physical Education and Health
Dr. John Mayer, Theatre
Dr. Todd Nelson, Psychology
Dr. Dawn Poole, Advanced Studies in Education
Dr. Arnold Schmidt, English
Dr. Nancy Jean Smith, Teacher Education
Dr. Flora Watson, Biological Sciences

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Kyte, Petersen Receive Ethics in Public Service Awards at University Program

Turlock City Manager Steve Kyte and Stanislaus County Office of Education Superintendent Martin Petersen shared the Ethics in Public Service awards November 16 during the second annual program at California State University, Stanislaus.

Kyte, who served as Turlock's City Manager for 26 years and retired recently, received the appointed public official service award. Petersen, Schools Superintendent since 1991 and retiring in 2006, was named recipient of the elected official service honor. They were selected from a field of 11 nominees from Stanislaus and Merced counties. A committee that included representatives from Stanislaus, Merced and Tuolumne counties accepted nominations and selected the award recipients.

The award, co-sponsored by CSU Stanislaus and The Modesto Bee, goes to public officials who have demonstrated exemplary integrity and commitment to upholding the public trust. It recognizes ethical leadership and raises expectations of ethical behavior in the greater community.

The other award nominees were Curt Andre, Mayor of Turlock; John Berry, Deputy Superintendent of the Empire School District; Charles Billington, a member of the Modesto Irrigation District Board of Directors; Vanessa Czopek, Stanislaus County Librarian; Al Girolami, Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge; Kathleen McCorry Crookham, a member of the Merced County Board of Supervisors; Ray Simon, a member of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors; and Roy Wasden, Modesto Police Chief.

Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of California State University, Stanislaus, lauded both Kyte and Petersen for demonstrating ethical leadership.

"Steve Kyte has done a tremendous job for the City," President Shirvani said. "I am impressed by his staunch commitment and support of the efforts to foster a solid and meaningful relationship between the City of Turlock and CSU Stanislaus."

"Martin Petersen is a true leader and a man of commitment and high integrity, who has his heart and soul in whatever he does," President Shirvani said. "It has been a pleasure to work with him."

Kyte guided the City of Turlock through an extensive period of growth that saw the population increase from under 30,000 to its current numbers of nearly 70,000. During that time, he has provided strong leadership with integrity and an emphasis on maintaining the values of the community. Kyte helped organize a Town and Gown group to help bring CSU Stanislaus and the community together.

Petersen, who earned his master's degree from CSU Stanislaus in 1972 and serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, has won many awards for his leadership accomplishments. In 1997, he was recognized by his peers statewide who named him California County Superintendent of the Year. The California Association of Educational Office Professionals selected him as Administrator of the Year in 2000, he was named Citizen of Distinction in 2004 by the Stanislaus National Association for the NAACP and the Association of California School Administrators honored him with the Valuing Diversity Award in 2004.

From developing creative programs that touch hundreds among Stanislaus County's diverse population to mentoring students and staff one at a time, Petersen is a role model of outstanding leadership in public service. He established STANREAD, a literacy program reaching out to non-English speaking adults, the Parent Institute to help reduce dropout rates by engaging parents in their children's educations and the Youth Entertainment Stage Company geared to help at-risk youth from diverse ethnic, academic and socio-economic backgrounds to participate in arts-oriented activities.



Award recipients Martin Petersen (left) and Steve Kyte (right) are congratulated by President Shirvani.

FACULTY, *continued*

Promotion – Student Services Professional, Academic Related II to III

Mr. Don Lawson, Counseling Services

Tenure:

Dr. Daniel Afonso, Music
Dr. Kurt Baker, Psychology
Dr. Peter DeCaro, Communication Studies
Mr. Clay Everett, Theatre
Dr. Jennifer Helzer, Geography
Mr. Geoffrey Mulder, Music
Dr. Oddmund Myhre, Advanced Studies in Education
Dr. Susan Neufeld, Teacher Education
Dr. Marjorie Sanchez-Walker, History
Dr. Kim Tan, Accounting
Dr. Shradha Tibrewal, Social Work
Dr. Daniela Vallega-Neu, Philosophy
Dr. Joseph Wiggett, Music

Difference-in-Pay Leaves

Dr. Peter Ping Li, MOM, AY 2005-2006

Sabbatical Leaves:

Dr. As'ad AbuKhalil, Politics & Public Administration, Fall 2005
Dr. Valerie Broin, Philosophy, Spring 2006
Dr. Annhenrie Campbell, Accounting & Finance, Spring 2006
Dr. Robert Danziger, Music, Fall 2005

Dr. Abdul Fazal, Mathematics, Spring 2006
Dr. Juan Flores, Teacher Education, Spring 2006
Dr. Ann Kohlhaas, Biological Sciences, Fall 2005
Dr. Paul O'Brien, Sociology, Fall 2005
Dr. Jamie McCreary, Psychology, Fall 2005
Dr. Flora Watson, Biological Sciences, Fall 2005
Dr. Janey Youngblom, Biological Sciences, Spring 2006

Retirements:

Dr. James Byrd, Chemistry (FERP)
Ms. JoAnn Hawk, Liberal Studies
Dr. Steven Hughes, Politics & Public Administration (FERP)
Dr. Susan MacDonald, Politics & Public Administration
Dr. George Muedeking, Sociology (FERP)
Dr. Michael Perona, Chemistry (FERP)
Dr. Hope Werness, Art (FERP)

Death Takes Retired Education Faculty Member Jane Diekman

Jane Diekman, a member of the College of Education faculty from 1971 until her retirement in 2000, died September 16. She was 69. A memorial celebration of her life was held October 8 at McHenry Museum in Modesto where she was an active volunteer.

Athletics

Men's Basketball Team Scores Stunner Over Irvine

The high-scoring Warriors men's basketball team pulled off a stunning 91-90 upset win at UC Irvine on Nov. 29, 10 days after the Anteaters shocked No. 13 Stanford.

Senior Calvert Wright hit the game-winning shot on a free throw with just four seconds on the clock and snagged his own rebound on the second shot to seal the win. It was the first win for the Warriors over an NCAA Division I opponent. Senior Joel Stallworth had a career night, scoring 21 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. He was named the California Collegiate Athletic Association Wilson Player of the Week for his part in the victory.

The running-and-gunning Warrior men, 3-6 heading into the winter break, have dropped CCAA games to CSU Monterey Bay and Chico State and road contests in Alaska and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo since the win over the Anteaters in Irvine.

After scoring a conference-opening win over CSU Monterey Bay, the Warrior women's basketball team fell to Chico to even its season record at 3-3.

Both teams start the conference season with five straight road games before hosting San Francisco State and Sonoma State on January 20 and 21.

Women's Soccer Team Sets Record in Post-Season Drive

The Warrior women's soccer team set a new school record with a 15-4-2 season, earning its first-ever post-season playoff spot and the right to host the November 4-6 Central California Athletic Association Championship Tournament at California State University, Stanislaus.

With the help of several departments, including Development and University Relations, Physical Plant and the University Police Department, the Warriors were able to install portable lighting for their first home game "under the lights." CSU Dominguez Hills beat the Warriors 3-2 in the opener to eliminate them from the tournament. UC San Diego took the women's championship and CSU Stanislaus was passed up for the regional tournament in favor of Chico while Sonoma State grabbed the men's crown with an overtime goal.



Women's soccer coach Nicole Van Dyke consoles her team following the playoff loss.

Coach Duyst Joins 5 Other Warriors In Athletic Hall of Fame

California State University, Stanislaus track & field and cross country coach Kim Duyst was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on December 3 along with five athletes and five national champion golf teams.

Duyst was named for her coaching achievements over the past 19 years as the leader of the men's and women's cross country and track & field teams. In addition to being one of the few women to break into the coaching ranks coaching men's teams, she has compiled accomplishments that include -- producing more than 60 All-Americans, including five individual national champions. She was named World Cross Country Championships Head Coach in 1998, NCAA Women's Indoor Regional Coach of Year 2003 and Men's and Women's Indoor Regional Coach of the year in 2004. In addition, she was a member of the United States women's team coaching staff for the 2001 World Track & Field Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and joined the men's staff for the 2003 World Championships in Paris.

Duyst's track & field teams have broken virtually every school record, including an incredible 68 new marks over the past five years.

Athletes inducted were: Harvey Marable, basketball player from 1979-81, who scored a record 255 field goals in a single season; Ben Norwood, a key member of the 1979 and 1980 golf teams and All-American golfer; Gene Oliver, pitcher and member of the 1976 and 1977 national champion baseball teams who holds a Warrior record for the most shutouts in a single season; Terry Rodger, a standout pitcher on the 1973-1976 baseball teams, All-American and All-Conference player who holds a school record for most innings pitched in one game; and William Stokes, Track & Field 1978-1981, who won 129 gold medals as an amateur athlete, was team MVP in 1979 and 1980 and an Olympic Trials qualifier in 1980.

The 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 national championship golf teams were also inducted. Under the direction of longtime coach Jim Hanny, the Warriors won 12 of 14 NCAA Division III golf titles from 1976-89.

Members of the championship golf teams are: Glenn Andrade, Nick Bocchino, Greg Bystrom, Chuck Burley, Tom Clark, Garrett Cox, Doug Dunakey, Dick Freier, John Groth, Mark Hutchison, Pat Lay, Joe McCormick, John Payne, Doug Porter, Troy Williams and Ken Woods.



Kim Duyst with her Hall of Fame award.



Santa Rides in Homecoming Parade

Associated Students President Scott Harvey played Santa Claus in the University's Annual Homecoming student parade on December 2. Part of a series of Homecoming events held during the week, the parade made its first-ever venture off campus across Monte Vista Avenue to nearby Brown Elementary School. Basketball games against CSU Monterey Bay on December 3 capped the big week.

Calendar

January 2006

Through January 31

Art: Lori Goodman – *Repeats*, Marcia Teusink – *Dust in Sunlight: Paintings and Photographs of a Particle Universe*, University Art Gallery. Reception January 5, 5 p.m. Free. Information, 667-3186

12 Thursday

Music: Alumna Recital featuring Crystal McElaney on flute, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

15 Sunday

Men's Track: Youth Clinic, Warrior Track, noon

17 Tuesday

Music: Faculty Chamber Music, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

20 Friday

Women's Basketball: San Francisco State, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: San Francisco State, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Music: Honors Recital, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

21 Saturday

Women's Basketball: Sonoma State, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Sonoma State, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre: "New Clothes for the Emperor," Studio Theater, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. Information, 667-3166

Music: The Doane College Choir, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

26 Thursday

Music: Opera Scenes, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3421

27 Friday

Music: Opera Scenes, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

28 Saturday

Theatre: "The Velveteen Rabbit," Studio Theater, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m.

Music: Junyao Peng on piano, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

February

1 Wednesday

Women's Basketball: Chico State, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Chico State, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

10 Friday

Women's Basketball: CSU San Bernardino, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: CSU San Bernardino, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

11 Saturday

Women's Basketball: UC San Diego, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: UC San Diego, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

14 Tuesday

Art: Through March 15. Joan Moment – *New Paintings*, Students' Works from the Art Department – *The Action of Painting*, University Art Gallery. Reception February 14, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 667-3186

17 Friday

Women's Basketball: Cal Poly Pomona, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: UC San Diego, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre: "Love Letters," University Mainstage Theater, 7:30 p.m. Information, 667-3166

18 Saturday

Women's Basketball: CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Cal Poly Pomona, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre: "Love Letters," University Mainstage Theater, 7:30 p.m.

24 Friday

Music: Donor Recognition Concert, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

March

3 Friday

Women's Basketball: CSU LA, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: CSU LA, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Music: Robin Fisher, soprano, John Cozza, piano, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

4 Saturday

Women's Basketball: CSU Bakersfield, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball: CSU Bakersfield, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

10 Friday

Music: Faculty Chamber Music, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

21 Tuesday

Music: Stanislaus Wind Ensemble, Snider Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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

23 Thursday

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

24 Friday

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

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

25 Saturday

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

26 Sunday

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

30 Thursday

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

31 Friday

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

Personnel Notes

New Staff Members Welcomed In November

Recently hired University staff members who participated in the November 9 orientation program conducted by Human Resources included (from left) Clarissa Lonn, Student Services; Shauna Goad, Financial Services; Marilyn Alvarado, Cashier's Office; Kenneth Howenstine, Music; Julie Jones, Budget/Payroll; Jennifer Duarte, Student Outreach; and Susan Pearce, Public Safety.



October Staff Additions



Employees who participated in the October orientation program included (front, from left) Jessi Reyes-Murray (Student Support Services), Huong Le (Library), Helena Orozco (Student Support Services), (second row) Nanako Lopshire (Financial Services), Leisle Paz (Admissions & Records), Christina Whitehead (Nursing),

(third row) Suzanne Newell (English), Elizabeth Conaway (Admissions), Hugo Ramirez (Facilities), (fourth row) Manuel Figueiredo (Mediated and Distance Learning), Matthew Hayes (Library) and Brett Forray (Service Learning).

Workers' Compensation Program Described

Workers' compensation is an employer-paid benefit program that provides compensation and medical benefits if a CSU Stanislaus employee suffers a job-related injury/illness. This CSU program is administered by Octagon Risk Services. Final determination of eligibility for benefits is made by Octagon.

Employees should immediately report the job-related injury/illness to their supervisor. The supervisor provides an "Employee's Claim for Workers' Compensation Benefits" form which must be completed by the employee and returned to the supervisor. The supervisor then reports the injury/illness by submitting the "Supervisor's Report of Employee Injury" and the "Employee's Claim for Workers' Compensation Benefits" forms to the Human Resources Department. The Employee Claim and Supervisor Report of Employee Injury forms are located on the Human Resources website at: <http://www.csustan.edu/hr/EmployeeBenefits/index.html>. With this information, the Human Resources Department submits the claim to Octagon.

If medical attention is required, the following facilities should be used dependent upon the seriousness of the injury/illness, unless the employee has pre-designated a personal physician:

- Work Wellness of Emanuel Medical Center, 1199 Delbon Ave., Suite 5, Turlock. Phone: 669-2333
- Or Emanuel Medical Emergency Room, 825 Delbon Ave., Turlock. Phone: 667-5800
- Or An Octagon-approved physician

Vacation Accumulation Rules Explained

Vacation credits are cumulative during employment; however, credits that may be carried over into the next calendar year are limited. The maximum number of vacation credits that may be carried over are dependent upon years of service and position classification. Excess accumulations are forfeited unless special approvals due to unusual circumstances are obtained prior to December 31.

All employees unless otherwise listed below:

With 10 years service or less	272 hours maximum
With over 10 years service	384 hours maximum
HEERA Confidential Employees:	
Regardless of service	384 hours maximum
Management Personnel Plan Employees:	
With 10 years service or less	384 hours maximum
With over 10 years service	440 hours maximum
Unit 4 & Non-Academic Year Faculty:	
With 10 years service or less	320 hours maximum
With over 10 years service	440 hours maximum

Recruitment Welcomes:

Name	Title	Department
Houng Le	Library Assistant I	Library
Hugo Ramirez	Administrative Support Assistant II	Facilities Services
Elizabeth Conaway	Administrative Support Assistant II	A&R
Kathy Cummings	Administrative Support Assistant II	Facilities Services
Dale Monday	Piano Tech I	Music
Suzanne Newell	Administrative Support Assistant I	English
John Lemos	Electrician	Facilities Services
Stefanie Stout	Administrative Support Assistant II	Faculty Affairs
Leisle Paz	Data Control Technician	Housing
Matthew Hayes	Library Assistant I	Library
Christina Whitehead	Administrative Support Assistant II	Nursing
Manuel Figueiredo	Equipment Tech I	M&DL
Brett Forray	Admin Analyst/Specialist, NE	Service Learning
Dawn McCulley	Administrative Support Assistant II	Physics
Marilyn Alvarado	Accounting Tech I	Financial Services
Shauna Goad	Administrative Support Assistant II	Financial Services
Clarissa Lonn	Student Service Professional II	Student Activities
Luz Cutler	Evaluator I	A&R
Julie Jones	Account Tech I	Financial Services
Jennifer Duarte	Student Service Professional II	Student Outreach
Vanessa Moreno-Steinbach	Mail Clerk	Facilities Services
Sonya Hernandez	Administrative Support Coordinator II	Liberal Studies
Kellie Marshall	Admin Analyst/Specialist, NE	Public Safety
Phil Travels	Lead Auto/Equip Mechanic	Facilities
Ken Howenstine	Instructional Support Tech I	Music

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President Shirvani is Popular Topic at Holiday Celebration

Faculty leader Steve Filling (*right*) shared a laugh with President Shirvani at the December 15 Holiday Feast and Celebration in the Event Center, presenting him with a “Ham face” poster on a stick that was the subject of a movie comedy produced by University staff and shown at the event. Filling had earlier been presented with a pair of CSU Stanislaus shorts



by President Shirvani. What was previously the President’s Christmas Reception was transformed into the program of food and entertainment hosted by the President’s Office, Staff Council and Labor Council.

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