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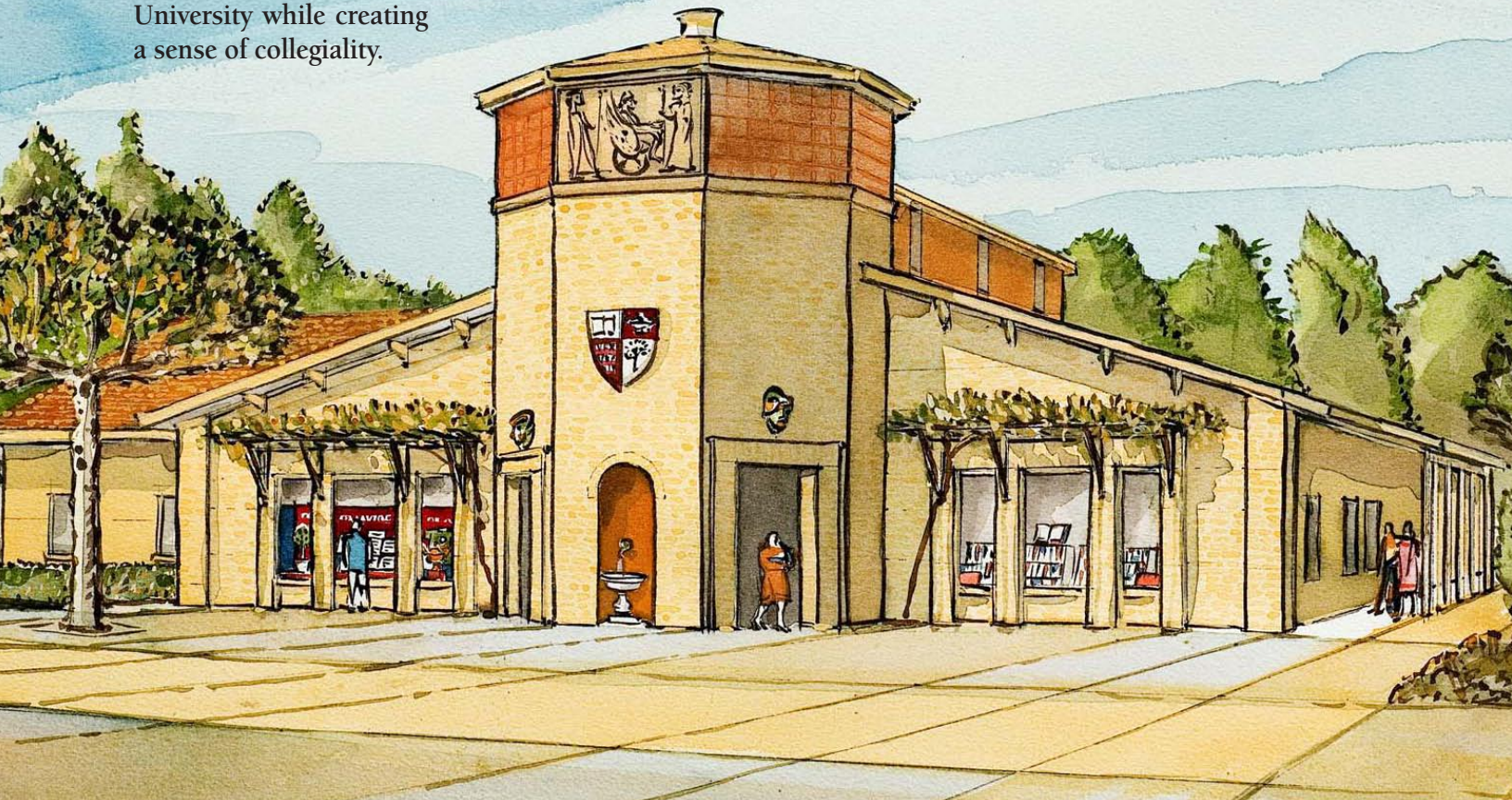
## New campus bookstore approved by CSU Trustees

Plans for a new bookstore at California State University, Stanislaus that will be twice the size of the current shop were reviewed and approved by the California State University Board of Trustees in September.

Scheduled for completion by fall 2008, the 12,000 square foot building will be located near the center of the campus between the Student Union Building Event Center and the current Science Building. The structure is expected to be an architectural showpiece on the Turlock campus.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$5.9 million, with bookstore revenues expected to cover construction costs.

The building's interior will have moderately high ceilings flanking a higher centerpiece that incorporates natural light features and space for murals that tell the CSU Stanislaus story and promote pride in the University while creating a sense of collegiality.



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## Voter-approved bond measure to fund CSU Stanislaus projects

On November 7, California's voters approved Proposition 1D, the \$10.4 billion Education Facilities Bond initiative, by a 57% - 43% vote. Proceeds from the bond include \$7.6 million for important capital projects at California State University, Stanislaus.

Topping the list for CSU Stanislaus' funding is \$5 million to purchase necessary equipment for the new Nora and Hashem Naraghi Hall of Science, including modern microscopes, chemistry accessories, and furniture made from recycled materials for the state-of-the-art science facility when it opens in fall 2007. Funding for the science building construction, which will be completed in May 2007, came from a previous state bond approved by state voters.

In addition to the \$5 million in equipment for the Naraghi Hall of Science, CSU Stanislaus will receive just over \$1 million in Prop 1D proceeds for preliminary plans and working drawings for the upcoming renovation of the current Science Building as well as \$1.6 million for an electrical distribution system upgrade on campus.

## Artists, Philosophers gather at CSU Stanislaus for conference

California State University, Stanislaus Philosophy and Art faculty hosted a two-day joint conference/symposium in early November featuring artists and philosophers from the United States and the United Kingdom.

Entitled "Visual Intelligence and the Sense of Art," the interdisciplinary symposium featured keynote talks by distinguished philosophers from SUNY Stony Brook and Vanderbilt University, and presentations by artists from the United Kingdom. Several of the participants had their artwork included in the curated exhibition "Inspiration to Order," which accompanied the conference in the University Art Gallery.

The conference and artist talks addressed issues concerning the role of decision-making in the production of art, the relation of art and thought, the status of artistic media and curatorial practice, and questions concerning the relation of art and institution. Lectures were followed by lively discussion sessions, some lasting as long as the presentations themselves. It was the second in a series of conferences addressing "Normalization, Exclusion, Excess" and was made possible with funding support from a CSU Stanislaus Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity (RSCA) grant.

A program containing conference abstracts is available from the Philosophy Department. Send e-mail requests to Jim Tuedio at: [tuedio@altair.csustan.edu](mailto:tuedio@altair.csustan.edu). In addition to 12 presenters, some 75 campus faculty and students, members of the local community, and faculty from Fresno State, UC Merced, Modesto Junior College, and Merced College attended the sessions.

## University partners with Medeiros School to prepare future teachers

Preparing future teachers has been one of the hallmarks of California State University, Stanislaus for years, and a partnership program developed by Teacher Education Professor Mary Borba lives up to that tradition. Borba coordinated a project with Medeiros Elementary School in Turlock that will enable CSU Stanislaus students to see the theories and strategies they learn in their courses put into action with children in real classrooms.

One of the CSU Stanislaus Primary Reading courses, EDMS 4140, is currently being taught at Medeiros Elementary, named in honor of the late Sandra Tovar Medeiros, a graduate of the CSU Stanislaus Teacher Education program. Medeiros Principal Al Silveira agreed to provide a classroom for CSU Stanislaus students to meet in on a weekly basis for the literacy course. Instructors provide weekly demonstration lessons in the classroom with children as University students observe. Students then discuss what was observed following the lesson.

"This has been a tremendous opportunity for the University's future teachers to learn theory and apply it with children every time we meet for class on campus at Medeiros School," Borba said. "Increasing our students' experiences with children allows them to be better prepared for what is ahead for them."

### Teaching Experiences

CSU Stanislaus students have the opportunity to apply teaching strategies during each weekly class. They plan and run the Tuesday Literacy Club and assist six students who are English learners. Each University student delivers the after-school program lessons and focuses on oral language, reading, and writing development. Borba observes, coaches, and provides feedback that leads to further discussions in the classroom. The student lessons also inform the instructor as to areas the University students need additional teaching and development improvement.

This partnership goes beyond the traditional classroom as it provides students the opportunity to apply what they learn and attain greater in-depth knowledge of the language and literacy processes.



University student Sara Wallace and Mary Borba (center) work with students at Medeiros Elementary.

## Excellence award recognizes College of Business assessment process

The highly accredited California State University, Stanislaus College of Business Administration has been recognized by a national organization for its assessment efforts aimed at improving students' educational experiences.

Education Benchmarking Inc. (EBI) recently awarded its 2006 Commitment to Excellence Award to the CSU Stanislaus 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 to enhance and continuously improve the quality of education for business students. This is the second time the College of Business Administration has received the prestigious award from EBI.

## Student group helps needy with Thanksgiving baskets

Members of A Day of Hope, a newly formed club at California State University, Stanislaus, dedicated themselves to collecting food for the needy prior to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Although the club is small, members raised more than \$5,700 to purchase turkeys and food, in addition to food items that were donated by the CSU Stanislaus community. Students filled 211 baskets and delivered them to needy families in the region referred by the United Samaritans Foundation and Salvation Army.

Christopher Scott, President of the club, said members sent thank you notes to 174 people at CSU Stanislaus who contributed money for food. He lauded members John Calhoun, Sara Moore, Sonia Koltzoff, Nichole Jacot, and Sean Byrne for coming through and helping make the project a success.

Scott said the group conducted a similar project last year and then decided to become an official student organization this year. They are planning to raise money for a non-profit organization as their next project, he noted.



Members of the new University club A Day of Hope gather in front of the Thanksgiving food baskets collected for the needy at CSU Stanislaus.

## Accounting & Finance Chapter makes debut on campus

The Beta Alpha Psi petitioning chapter from the Department of Accounting and Finance at California State University, Stanislaus became the Beta Alpha Psi Lambda Rho Chapter 269 during a ceremony in October.

The President of Beta Alpha Psi, Kenneth Bouyer, and the Regional Director for the Western and Northwest Regions of Beta Alpha Psi, Professor Bill Wells, presented the Charter to Drs. David Lindsay and Kim Tan of the CSU Stanislaus faculty at a chapter installation ceremony on campus. Tan and Lindsay are the founding faculty advisors for the chapter.

The 78 student charter members are Jennifer Allen, Nathan Amarante, Alejandro Ayala, Deborah Baker, Jeanette Becker, Taryn Borba, Rosie Borjon, Dorene Borrás, Jeremy Buckelew, Robert Burchett, Sharon Butler, Thomas Cabral, Tricia Campos, Sherry Cardoso, Jennifer Carrillo, Kamhoeng Cheang, Irina Cueto, Rada David, Nathan Davis, Randeep Dhanota, Dustin DuBurg, Mark Fitzgerald, Adriane Franklin, Vickie Garrett, Brienne Gillaspay, Chris Gomez, Grace Gonzalez-Wright, Kendra Graham, Bridgett Gyorfi, Kimberly Hallsteinsson, Michael Hancock, Diane Haugh, Kristie Hess-Shipman, Michael Hicks, Lan Ho, Crystal Hyatt, Patrice Jackson-Roduner, Maryam Jerjiss, Xuejiao Jiang, Alexander Kern, Gloria Lee, Winnie Low, Crystal Moren, Raquel Morshead, Heather Myers, Emily Nicholas, Sarah Nystrom, Cindy Oliveira, Michelle Page, Janet Riley, Kevin Riley, Gina Romo, Juan Rosales, Marilyn Ross, Randall Schwantes, Aman Singh, Hardeep Singh, Sanjeev Singh, Thomas Sites, Shirreen Sujata, Ira Taylor, Janet Taylor, Sarom Tea, Jousa Thao, Xai Thao, Damon Thompson, Amy Underwood, Rachele Vande Pol, and Steven Williams. The faculty charter members are Annhenrie Campbell, Steven Filling, Lynn Johnson, David Lindsay, Kim Tan, and Andrew Wagner. The honorary members are Connie Bird from Clendenin, Bird & Billington Company, Ron Ehrke from Atherton & Associates, and Trudia Pauley from Foster Farms.

Beta Alpha Psi chapters can only be installed at educational institutions that are accredited members of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). The University's College of Business was accredited in April 2003, and its Department of Accounting and Finance petitioned to set up a chapter in Spring 2004. Dr. Tan noted that each Beta Alpha Psi member has contributed in his or her own way to helping the chapter succeed; there is synergy from the students' combined efforts.

The October chapter installation ceremony was the culmination of a lengthy petitioning period during which the Beta Alpha Psi members in the Department of Accounting and Finance demonstrated the ability to successfully conduct the activities of a Beta Alpha Psi chapter. Members provide free tutoring service to lower division accounting students, and many members participate in volunteer income tax service programs.

## CSU Stanislaus student participates in Congressional intern program

California State University, Stanislaus student Cristina Barron of Escalon is one of 25 college interns from the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy serving in offices of the California Congressional delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

Barron, a junior majoring in Political Science, is serving her all expenses paid internship during the fall semester in the offices of Congressman Dennis Cardoza (D-Merced).

Students for the eighth annual program were selected by the presidents of the California State University system for their exemplary scholastic achievements as well as their interest in politics. The Congressional Internship Program was founded by Leon and Sylvia Panetta to give students a hands-on experience as to how democracy works in the U.S.

## Chicano Studies students honored

California State University, Stanislaus student Areli Dohner-Chavez (right) is congratulated by Dr. Lillia De Katzew of the Ethnic Studies Department during a November 15 awards program honoring Chicana and Chicano University students. The Modesto Chapter of the American GI Forum partnered with Ethnic Studies to present Outstanding Scholarship in Chicana/Chicano Studies Awards to Dohner-Chavez, Patricia Alberto, Erica Ayala, Elizabeth Castaneda, Consuelo Centeno, Graciela Gonzales, Rosaura Guzman, Jeannette Lepe, Elizabeth Nevarez, Gerardo Rico Guzman, Angelica Ruvalcaba, Azucena Zamora, and Elbia Zamora.



## Students adopt Empire fourth graders

Dan Dwelle, University Student Union Board of Directors Chair, works on pumpkin carving with some of the 90 Empire Elementary School fourth graders who were entertained Halloween Day on the California State University, Stanislaus campus. University student leaders have taken fourth graders at the school under their wings and conducted fund-raising programs, including a pie-throwing booth in October, for the purchase of backpacks and other educational supplies for the youngsters. Halloween Day activities included tours of the campus radio station, art and drama facilities, and lunch.

## Event benefits Agricultural Studies

California State University, Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani makes remarks as Mark Bender, Chair of the Agricultural Studies Department listens during the October 5 "Tastes of the Valley" fundraiser held at Hilmar Cheese Company. Participants enjoyed wine, cheese, and other treats while participating in silent and live auctions during the event that benefited the Agricultural Studies Department.



## In Brief

### Employee scholarship awarded for fall term

Thanks to funding received from the campus Staff Council, the Employee Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that an undergraduate staff member has been awarded a \$250 scholarship for the fall 2006 term. Frances Davenport, a Communication Studies major, received the award to help her with educational expenses.

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

The Employee Scholarship program has provided financial assistance to University employees since 1982 and is funded entirely through donations. For the past several years, awards have been supported financially through the efforts of the Staff Council. University faculty and staff can also support the Employee Scholarship Program through an annual gift, or through payroll deductions.

For more information, contact Christine Hollister in the Career Services Center at 667-3073.

### Parking expanded with opening of temporary lot

A temporary parking lot with 156 spaces has been developed east of the Nora and Hashem Naraghi Hall of Science.

“Because the parking situation on campus has become such a concern, we are doing our best to ensure that we solve these problems now and into the future,” President Shirvani said. “We are in the planning stages for other parking relief as well.”

The new lot can be accessed from Melones Drive and is graded with marked spaces.

### Help sought for Harvest for the Homeless garden project

The California State University, Stanislaus Hunger Network Club is seeking volunteers to help maintain its “Harvest for the Homeless” garden project.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to help plant, pick, and maintain the garden this coming spring. Tools and equipment are needed, and faculty interested in incorporating the project into their coursework are encouraged to contact the Office of Service Learning for grant funding opportunities.

The Hunger Network Club has provided a bounty of produce to United Samaritans from a small garden in the Bio Ag area to help feed the hungry in the Turlock region.

For more information, contact Margaret Ramos at 602-4303 or 667-3714.

### Larry Peters appointed Director of University Communications

Larry Peters, who served as Director of University Graphic Services at Humboldt State for six years, started as the new Director of University Communications at California State University, Stanislaus on November 13.

At Humboldt State, Peters was the principal administrator for the primary campus publications, graphic design, Web design, and printing.

### Doctoral Incentive Program provides forgivable loans

The Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program, which provides forgivable loans up to \$30,000 to students pursuing doctoral degrees at any accredited university in the United States, is available through the California State University, Stanislaus Graduate School.

Upon receipt of a doctoral degree, a participant is eligible to have the loan cancelled through employment as a faculty member at a CSU campus, with 20 percent of the loan being forgiven for each year of full-time postdoctoral teaching employment at a CSU. The application deadline is February 15. Contact the Graduate School at 667-3129 for more information.

### Flu shots available at Student Health Center

Influenza vaccinations are available to faculty, staff, and students at the California State University, Stanislaus Student Health Center.

Cost is \$15 for faculty and staff and \$2 for students.

For more information and vaccination hours, check out the Web site at: <http://healthcenter.csustan.edu/services/immunizations/>.

### HR Team captures CSU Stanislaus Games Tournament

The California State University, Stanislaus team of Susan Saddik, Christopher Clough, and Russell Goza won the Third Annual CSU Stanislaus Human Resources Games Tournament on November 5.

Team Coach Dr. Ed Hernandez said the event has a reputation as being a warmup for spots on the National HR Games Tournaments team. The CSU Stanislaus HR team claimed its first national championship in June, setting a new point total record. Four CSU Stanislaus students are ranked in the Top 20 for HR competitors nationally.

## In Brief

### 2006-07 Staff Council officers selected

New California State University, Stanislaus Staff Council officers and members have been selected for the 2006-07 academic year.

Officers are Tina Drain (Enrollment Services), Chair; Teresa Berry (Modern Language & Philosophy), Vice Chair; Vickie Harrang (Human Resources), Secretary; and Elisa Johnson (Financial Services), Treasurer. Other members of the Council are Mary Gail Gordon (Advanced Studies), Christi Jantz (Biological Science), Wilma Seltzer (Financial Aid), Heather Thompson (Enrollment Services), and Angie Zimmerman (Teacher Education).

### Applications sought for Hispanic Serving Institutions Fellowship Program

The United States Department of Agriculture – Hispanic Serving Institutions National Program is accepting applications for the 2007 USDA HIS Fellowship Program – E. (Kika) de la Garza Fellowship Program. There is no limit on the number of applications per institution, including CSU Stanislaus which is designated by the federal government as a Hispanic Serving Institution.

Participants will interact with a network of leaders representing academia, government, and non-profit organizations in Washington, D.C., that work to advance the excellence of education at Hispanic Serving Institutions. Travel, housing, and per diem stipend (meals, commuting cost, incidentals, etc.) are provided through the program.

Application deadline is January 15, 2007. Apply online at: <http://www.usdahsifellows.org>.

## Faculty Notes

**Rhoda E. Macdonald** (Sociology) has edited a book titled, *Social Statistics: Syllabi and Instructional Materials (Second Edition)*. It was published by the American Sociological Association (ASA) in Washington, D.C., August 2006. It is 220 pages in length, is sold by the ASA for \$23 (bound) and \$19 (downloaded) for those interested in purchasing a copy.

**Arnold Schmidt** (English), President of the California State University, Stanislaus chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, participated in a Partnering for Success Workshop held in Portland in August. Schmidt represented one of 30 chapters from all over the country during the session that focused on sharing ideas and demonstrating proven strategies for efficient operation of respective chapters.

Faculty members in the Department of Teacher Education contributed seven articles on “Women in History” themes to *The Social Studies Review*, Fall 2006. The CSU Stanislaus faculty members pointed out that the achievements of women are often overlooked in textbooks and emphasized the need for an inclusive curriculum.

**Brenda Betts** served as “Guest Editor” for this issue as Teacher Education faculty members collaborated successfully in their efforts to encourage teachers to celebrate the many contributions of women across time and cultures in their classrooms. In her article, Betts suggested teaching and learning about the Woman’s Suffrage Movement through symbols and images.

**Pamela Russ** contributed her narrative poem to honor the lives and celebrate the contributions of Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King.

**Chris Roe** shared his experiences teaching about women in a student-initiated project on ancient civilizations for the sixth-grade curriculum.

**Armin Schulz** offered reminders that reading is one of the best ways to highlight the contributions and accomplishments of women. His article provides an extensive annotated bibliography.

**Susan Neufeld** provided an insightful article about ways that women have left their stamp on history as postmasters and on postage stamps.

**Jonnie Shawkey** provided fascinating stories about female scientists and mathematicians from the past and the present who benefited from the help of mentors in their education and careers.

**Mary Salisbury** wrote a compelling article from her first-person experiences about the plight of internally displaced people and refugees in Uganda, Africa.

Two former members of the Teacher Education faculty, **Catherine Lange** and **Sharon Brockman**, also wrote about the teacher’s responsibility to teach about women’s history. Lange focused on the importance of women leaders as role models. Brockman provided strategies so students can learn how interdependence was essential for survival during the Westward Movement.

## Faculty Update

### Promotion - Assistant Professor to Associate Professor:

Dr. Mark Grobner, Biological Sciences  
 Dr. Iris Haapanen, Teacher Education  
 Dr. Eungsuk Kim, Economics  
 Dr. Stephanie Paterson, English  
 Dr. Stephen Routh, Political Science  
 Mr. Stuart Sims, Music  
 Dr. Dawn Strongin, Psychology  
 Mr. Andrew Sutherland, Theatre  
 Dr. Christopher Vang, Teacher Education  
 Dr. Jason Winfree, Philosophy  
 Dr. Shawna Young, Physical Education and Health

### Promotion - Associate Professor to Professor:

Dr. Elmano Costa, Teacher Education  
 Dr. Robert Danziger, Music  
 Dr. Steven Filling, Accounting  
 Dr. John Garcia, Social Work  
 Dr. Edward Hernandez, Management  
 Dr. Margaret Hodge, Nursing  
 Dr. Kelvin Jasek-Rysdahl, Economics  
 Dr. Chet Jensen, Advanced Studies in Education  
 Dr. Patrick Kelly, Biological Sciences  
 Dr. Ann Kohlhaas, Biological Sciences  
 Dr. Pamela Marques, Social Work  
 Dr. James Payne, Sociology  
 Dr. Alfred Petrosky, Marketing  
 Dr. Dennis Sayers, Teacher Education  
 Dr. Koni Stone, Chemistry  
 Dr. Stephen Thomas, Music

### Tenure:

Dr. Mark Grobner, Biological Sciences  
 Dr. Iris Haapanen, Teacher Education  
 Dr. Margaret Hodge, Nursing  
 Dr. Chet Jensen, Advanced Studies in Education  
 Dr. Patrick Kelly, Biological Sciences  
 Dr. Eungsuk Kim, Economics  
 Dr. Stephanie Paterson, English  
 Dr. Stephen Routh, Political Science  
 Dr. Dennis Sayers, Teacher Education  
 Mr. Stuart Sims, Music  
 Dr. Dawn Strongin, Psychology  
 Mr. Andrew Sutherland, Theatre  
 Dr. Christopher Vang, Teacher Education  
 Dr. Jason Winfree, Philosophy  
 Dr. Shawna Young, Physical Education and Health

### Sabbatical Leaves:

Dr. Brenda Betts, Teacher Education, Spring 2007  
 Dr. Elmano Costa, Teacher Education, Spring 2007  
 Dr. Jennifer Helzer, Geography, Spring 2007  
 Dr. Lin Myers, Psychology, Spring 2007  
 Dr. Rosanne Roy, Psychology, Spring 2007  
 Dr. Ken Schoenly, Biological Sciences, Spring 2007  
 Dr. John Sumser, Communication Studies, Spring 2007  
 Dr. Margaret Tynan, Social Work, Fall 2006  
 Dr. Daniela Vallega-Neu, Philosophy, Fall 2006

### Retirements:

Dr. Melissa Aronson, Teacher Education (FERP)  
 Dr. Marylee Bradlee, Teacher Education  
 Dr. Julia Cruz, Modern Languages  
 Dr. Louis Feldman, Mathematics (FERP)  
 Dr. Fred Hilpert, Communication Studies (FERP)  
 Dr. Helena Janes, Teacher Education (FERP)  
 Dr. Ron Lodewyck, Computer Information Systems (FERP)  
 Dr. Jamie McCreary, Psychology

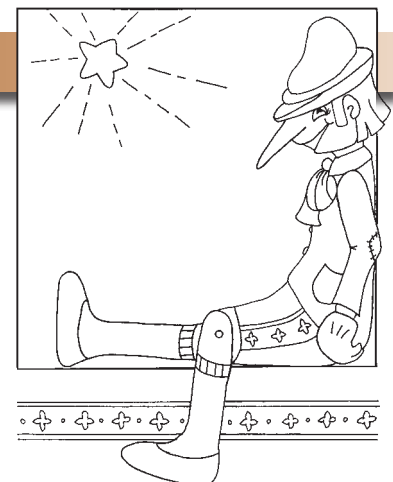
## Arts

### Children's Theatre Workshop to present "Pinocchio"

"Pinocchio" comes to life in the California State University, Stanislaus Mainstage Theatre on January 20 and 27 in a presentation by the Children's Theatre Workshop of the Department of Theatre in the College of Arts.

The two days of Saturday performances are scheduled for 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$4 for the general public, \$3 for students, faculty, staff, and seniors, and \$2 for children under 12 will be sold at the door. Call the Theatre Box Office at 667-3166 for more information.

Directed by M.B. Sahlman, "Pinocchio" will be produced through the combined efforts of students enrolled in the Performance for Children class. Luigi Cricket narrates the story of how Geppetto, a poor woodcarver, with the help of Sofia, the Blue Fairy, creates the puppet boy Pinocchio.



# Athletics

## President Shirvani appointed to pair of athletic panels

California State University, Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani has been appointed to national and regional athletic panels.

He was named to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Presidents Council in November and was elected in September to serve as a member of the California Collegiate Athletic Association's (CCAA) President's/Chancellor's Group (PCG) at the Conference's fall meetings in Los Angeles.

Effective in April 2007, President Shirvani will represent the NCAA's Region 4 on the 16-member Presidents Council which meets regularly to rule on national and regional budgetary, compliance, conference alignment, and membership issues. Region 4 includes California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Hawaii, and Alaska. CSU Stanislaus is a member of the California Collegiate Athletic Association. The appointment is for a four-year term.

"Since California State University, Stanislaus is a member of one of the most competitive athletic conferences in the country, it is an honor to be selected as a member of the Presidents Council," President Shirvani said. "It is a great opportunity to assure that our student athletes and the University's athletic program are on the right track to experiencing success as one of the top programs in our region."

President Shirvani said the University takes pride in the number of CSU Stanislaus student-athlete scholars who have distinguished themselves in the classroom as well as in competition in the CCAA.

CSU Stanislaus ranked third in the 12-school CCAA for number of athletes earning CCAA All-Academic Team honors in 2005-06. The 35 Warrior athletes qualified for the select list with a grade point average of 3.4 or higher and a minimum of 24 semester units.

The CCAA President's/Chancellor's Group is composed of four campus presidents including Shirvani. Other members are: Dr. Michael Ortiz of Cal Poly, Pomona; Dr. James Rosser of CSU Los Angeles; and Dr. Rollin Richmond of Humboldt State. The group sets the agenda for all CCAA business and makes decisions on behalf of the Conference's Executive Council whenever necessary.

## Amye Leon named to new Athletics Advisor position

Amye Leon, a graduate of Fresno State University with academic advisor experience, has been named California State University, Stanislaus' first Athletic Advisor.

Leon, who earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Fresno State, started in the newly created position on November 15. She will work with the University coaching staff to monitor academic progress of students; oversee compliance and eligibility of student-athletes; act as a liaison with University departments, support programs, and faculty; provide academic advising; and help students select appropriate educational and career goals.

Prior to joining the CSU Stanislaus staff, Leon served as admissions advisor at National University for two years and was previously an academic advisor for the Fresno State Psychology Department for four years.

## Warrior volleyball coach named to Sonoma State Hall of Fame

Christina Difani, heading into her third year as head coach of the California State University, Stanislaus volleyball team, was inducted into the Sonoma State University Athletics Hall of Fame during a November 11 ceremony in Santa Rosa.



One of the top volleyball players ever at Sonoma State, Difani (1995-98) holds school records in kills (1,429) and kills per game (3.69). She is also in the school's top 10 lists in attempts, digs, games played, and hitting percentage. An All-West Region pick in 1997, Difani was the Northern California Athletic Conference Player of the Year as well the year after leading the Cossacks to an 11-1 conference record.

"I was humbled for being chosen as one of the inductees for this year's Sonoma State Hall of Fame. It was great to be honored with such a great class of inductees and to be recognized for my success as a player; it meant more than words can say," Difani said. "My only hope is that I can coach local athletes the game of volleyball so that they, too, might one day recognize similar success like I had playing at Hilmar High School and at Sonoma State."

## WARRIOR UPDATES

For the latest on CSU Stanislaus athletics,  
go to the Web site at: <http://warriorathletics.com/>

## Personnel Notes



### Campus to close December 25 through January 1 for holidays

*The campus will be closed during the Christmas holiday break from December 25, 2006 through January 1, 2007. The campus will re-open on January 2, 2007.*

### Check out the Human Resources Web site for information, resources

A great variety of resources are available on the Human Resources Web site. Visitors will find vacancies listed, the training calendar, information regarding benefits, forms and applications, the Campus Directory, Campus Maps, and the College Year Calendar. The site also has links to all the collective bargaining contracts, corresponding salary schedules, and much more. Check it out and let us know what you think: [www.csustan.edu/HR/](http://www.csustan.edu/HR/).

### Rules apply to vacation accumulation credits

Vacation credits are cumulative during employment at CSU Stanislaus; however, credits that may be carried over into the next calendar year have limits. The maximum number of vacation credits that may be carried over is dependent upon years of service and position classification. Excess accumulations will be forfeited unless necessary approvals are obtained prior to December 31.

#### All employees unless otherwise listed below:

With 10 years service or less	272-hour maximum
With over 10 years service	384-hour maximum

#### HEERA Confidential Employees:

Regardless of service	384-hour maximum
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#### Management Personnel Plan Employees:

With 10 years service or less	384-hour maximum
With over 10 years service	440-hour maximum

#### Unit 4 & Non-Academic Year Faculty:

With 10 years service or less	320-hour maximum
With over 10 years service	440-hour maximum

### New Vision Plan change effective January 1

As of January 1, 2007 the University's new vision plan provider will be Vision Services Professional, Inc. (VSP). Enrollment will be automatic. More details will be provided soon.

### Check for open enrollment changes

Employees are advised to check their January 1, 2007, pay warrants for open enrollment changes. New health premiums are located on the University Web site at [www.csustan.edu/hr](http://www.csustan.edu/hr).

### September Newcomers Welcomed

Taking part in the September new employees orientation were (center) Kara Benson, Procurement Services; and (from left) Pam Thao, Admissions & Records; Traci Loomis, President's Office; Jamie Browning, Student Health Center; Ho Thao, Admissions & Records; Adisa McKenzie, Facilities Services; Matt Sanchez, Financial Aid; Patricia Martin, Financial Services; Christina Phillips, Student Health Center; Stella Ureno, Student Support Services; and Lauren Gee, President's Office.



# Personnel Notes

## Recruitment Welcomes:

Name	Classification	Department
Crocker, Brittany	Evaluator	Graduate School
Dougan, Sherri	Administrative Support Assistant	Facilities Services
Garcia, Belinda	Administrative Analyst Specialist	Financial Aid
Hatcher, Beverly	Director, Title V/HECCC	Provost
Hendrix, Trish	Accountant	Financial Services
Heneks, Gloria	Administrative Support Coordinator	Academic Affairs
Hirsch Korn, Marie	Confidential Technical Support	Faculty Affairs
Jackson, John	Administrative Analyst Specialist	Financial Services
Lee, Sounisa	Administrative Analyst Specialist	ORSP
Leon, Amye	Student Services Professional	First Year Programs
McKoon, Esther	Administrative Support Coordinator	Service Lrng/HUD
Mooney, Rachel	Administrative Support Assistant	College of H&HS
Nuno, Gabriela	Student Services Professional	Student Outreach
Peters, Larry	Director, University Communications	University Advancement
Ramirez, Hugo	Student Services Professional	Student Outreach
Soria, Silvia	Administrative Support Assistant	Career Services
Stamper, Kristina	Desktop Publishing/Graphic Specialist	College of the Arts
Touma, Samuel	Student Services Professional	Business Administration
Walker, Pamela	Extended Ed Specialist	Extended Education
Zaragoza, Zona	Administrative Support Assistant	Stockton Center

## November Orientation Participants

Participants in the November new employees orientation session were (from left, front) Tristan Edgarian, Endangered Species Recovery Program; Silvia Soria, Career Services; Elizabeth Hodge, Public Safety; Gloria Heneks, Assessment & Quality Assurance; Jeffrey Holt, Endangered Species Recovery Program; (second row, from left) Laurisa Hamilton, Endangered Species Recovery Program; Marianne Huizing, Endangered Species Recovery Program; Zona Zaragoza, CSU Stanislaus-Stockton; Esther McKoon, Office of Service Learning; (back, from left) Sherri Dougan, Facilities & Support Services; John Jackson, Financial Services; Nicholas DeVors, Endangered Species Recovery Program; and Matt Lloyd, Endangered Species Recovery Program.



# Calendar

## DECEMBER

### 20 Wednesday

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

### 29 Friday

**Women's Basketball:** Eva Schike/SFS New Year's Classic, Warrior Arena, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

### 30 Saturday

**Women's Basketball:** Eva Schike/SFS New Year's Classic, Warrior Arena, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

## JANUARY

### 3 through February 1

**Art:** Printmaking by Patrick Merrill and mixed media by Ellen Roehne, Art Gallery. Artists' presentations on January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

### 5 Friday

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

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

### 6 Saturday

**Women's Basketball:** CSU L.A., Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball:** CSU L.A. Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

### 12 Friday

**Music:** Guest singer Jenni Samuelson, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, (209) 667-3421

### 16 Tuesday

**Women's Basketball:** Chico State, Warrior Arena, 7 p.m.

### 17 Wednesday

**Music:** Alumni recital by Leah Carl on Violin, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### 19 Friday

**Women's Basketball:** CSU Monterey Bay, Warrior Arena, 5:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball:** CSU Monterey Bay, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

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

### 20 Saturday

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

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

**Theatre:** Pinocchio, Mainstage Theatre, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### 25 Thursday

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

### 26 Friday

**Music:** Guest Artist, Continental String Quartet, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### 27 Saturday

**Theatre:** Pinocchio, Mainstage Theatre, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### 28 Sunday

**Music:** Faculty/Guest Recital featuring singers Joseph Wiggett and Buck Townsend, Snider Music Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

### 2 Friday

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

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

**Softball:** Best of the West Tournament, Pedretti Park, all day

### 3 Saturday

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

**Men's Basketball:** CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Arena, 7:30 p.m.

**Softball:** Best of the West Tournament, Pedretti Park, all day

### 4 Sunday

**Softball:** Best of the West Tournament, Pedretti Park, all day

### 15 through March 15

**Art:** "Paintings Addressing the Line" featuring internationally recognized California abstract artists, curated by Andi Campognone, Art Gallery. Reception and presentation on February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Information, (209) 667-3186

### 16 Friday

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

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

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

### 17 Saturday

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

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

### 23 Friday

**Music:** Faculty Recital featuring Stephen Thomas on piano and vocalist Joseph Wiggett, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.



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