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March 8 program to review “Access to Excellence” input

As a follow-up on a series of recent campus discussions to gather input for the development of a new California State University system-wide strategic plan, a presentation has been scheduled for Thursday, March 8.

From 10 a.m.-noon in Room 118 of the Rogers Faculty Development Center, results of the 12 open forums held on campus will be summarized by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs William A. Covino.

The new “Access to Excellence” strategic plan discussions have focused on identifying the strengths of CSU Stanislaus and the CSU system, what can be done better in the future, changes that need to occur, and how

technology can help to achieve future goals. Framework topics for those discussions include assuring access, connecting to schools and community colleges, fulfilling commitments to multiple stakeholders, ensuring success in student learning, faculty/staff excellence to promote student success, and campus/system identity now and in the future.

The CSU Board of Trustees has embarked on the development of a new CSU system-wide plan to succeed the current strategic plan known as “Cornerstones.” Campus discussions focused on the topics have been held at CSU Stanislaus in January and February.



Andrew Janz

Student Leader Andrew Janz named to CSU panel

CSU Stanislaus Associated Students, Inc. Vice President Andrew Janz is one of two students in the CSU system who has been appointed by the California State Student Association (CSSA) to serve on a committee that will help structure the future of higher education.

Janz, a graduate student from Visalia working on his Master’s Degree in Public Administration, will join Nasmi Kansari of CSU Channel Islands as representatives on the steering committee of the CSU systemwide strategic planning initiative called “Cornerstones.” The CSSA is a statewide organization that represents students in the CSU system.

“Having a CSU Stanislaus student on this committee is a real tribute to our University, since this panel will be involved in a national roundtable effort to come up with recommendations for reframing higher education for the future,” CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. “The committee will focus on strategic areas that are central to the California State University’s capacity for enhancing student access and success, as well as academic quality in the next decade.”

Important Input

Janz said he is eagerly looking forward to bringing all of the entities together at CSU Stanislaus to provide important input to the committee as it seeks to provide recommendations that will impact the future of higher education in the United States. He noted that student involvement on the committee demonstrates the CSU’s commitment to shared governance and will allow student issues to be addressed directly.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for students to directly impact and shape the future of the CSU in a positive manner,” Janz said. “This appointment comes with great responsibility and allows students to be directly involved in the strategic process for the California State University system.”

Janz has engaged students, faculty, administration, staff, and the community in extensive discussions involving a series of questions for input on forging a strategic blueprint for the CSU system in the coming decade. Plans call for a system-wide discussion of the topic to occur in April 2007 as preparation for a series of public sessions to be held in the fall prior to having a final plan in place by May 2008.

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What are you looking for in University news?

The University Digest, a long-time fixture at California State University, Stanislaus, is due for some changes.

Currently published periodically on the University Web site, the Digest features news about the University and its employees. Future plans call for the publication to become a more frequent web-based, broadcast e-mail newsletter.

We would like input from faculty and staff on what they are looking for in the Digest.

What types of features do you look for?

- a) calendar of events
- b) faculty and staff achievements
- c) student achievements
- d) personnel updates
- e) Colleges and department news

How often should the publication be distributed?

- a) weekly
- b) monthly
- c) bi-monthly
- d) quarterly

How do you receive most of your campus-related news?

- a) e-mail announcements
- b) campus mail bulletins
- c) the University Web site
- d) department or College meetings

Please send your input to Don Hansen, Public Affairs Specialist, at: dhansen@csustan.edu.

Jennifer Helzer wins Geographical Society fellowship



Jennifer Helzer

Dr. Jennifer Helzer, Assistant Professor of Geography at California State University, Stanislaus, has won the McColl Family Fellowship for 2007. The award, announced in February by the American Geographical Society, is given to only one person each year.

Dr. Helzer, a member of the CSU Stanislaus faculty since 2001, will be going to Australia in spring 2007 to work on a comparative study of Italian immigrants in California and Australia, focusing on the connections between landscape, culture, and regional identity. She is interested in contrasting the role Italian immigrants played in shaping socioeconomic development and regional identity in two such distinct Pacific Rim destinations.

Dr. Helzer's findings in Australia will be combined and contrasted with her earlier work of a similar nature in California. In addition to the article she will write for "FOCUS on Geography," she plans another journal article and a conference paper for the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers plus a co-authored article for another journal – all growing out of the results of this fieldwork.



Gary Novak

Human and Health Sciences, Natural Sciences Deans named after national searches

Dean appointments for the Colleges of Human and Health Sciences and Natural Sciences were made in January.

Dr. William Covino, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced that **Dr. Gary Novak** has been named Dean of the College of Human and Health Sciences and **Dr. Roger McNeil** was appointed Founding Dean of the College of Natural Sciences.

A member of the CSU Stanislaus Psychology Department faculty since 1973, Dr. Novak has served as Acting Dean of the College of Human and Health Sciences and was the final choice after a national search for candidates. He has served as Chair of the Psychology Department and has been an active internationally-recognized

researcher on the behavioral analysis of child development. Dr. Novak received a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Currently Chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Louisiana State University, Dr. McNeil will begin his term as Dean of the College of Natural Sciences in May. Professor McNeil received a Ph.D. in Physics from UC Davis and has been on the faculty at LSU since 1986. His work in high energy particle physics has involved research at accelerator centers all over the world that has been the subject of more than 260 refereed publications. Dr. McNeil has secured grants from the Department of Energy and other sources totaling more than \$7 million.



Roger McNeil

Rare old books identified in University Library

University librarians recently identified two of the oldest books in the Vasche Library's collection.

The oldest, a small classic Latin text, is a "scholar's edition" of Lucretius' "De Rerum Natura" (loosely translated as "on the nature of the universe"), published in Venice in 1515 by the Aldine Press. This book not only comes out of the humanist tradition of Renaissance Italy but was issued by a printing house of great importance in the history of printing. Aldus Manutius, the printer, is known for several striking innovations in book publishing that have since been adopted universally. The book was donated to the library in the early 1970's by Dr. Catherine Rau, Professor of Philosophy.



Library Collections Archivist Ken Potts displays some rare books.

The second oldest book in Special Collections is "The Summe of Christian Religion" by Zacharias Ursinus that dates back to 1611. It is a theological study outlining and delineating the Heidelberg Catechism, first published in 1563. The Heidelberg Catechism was considered the second great catechism (next to Martin Luther's) of the Protestant Reformation churches. This unique, rare book was one of many donated to the library by Rev. Eshoo Paul Sayad, a Turlock minister. The Sayad Collection of rare and unusual books explores theology, Assyrian history, culture, and religion.

Many photographs archived

Aside from fascinating old books, the library's Special Collections has an abundance of interesting photos that depict local history and culture. In Spring 2005, the Special Collections unit received a grant to digitize these images and make accessible a collection of more than 200 historical photographs. The unique, now digitalized, collection consists of two sets of images and one commemorative scrapbook. Some historical photographs of Turlock date from the 19th century forward. A second smaller collection of photos taken by the late Modesto photojournalist Manuel Dias offers a complimentary view of our region's geography and culture and Portugal's Azores Islands. The collection is available at <http://oac.cdlib.org/institutions/>.

There are many other interesting artifacts to be found in the Library's Special Collections such as maps and building plans, oral history project materials, the Stanislaus County and Cities Historical Records Collection, the Turlock City Clerk Memos and Receipts, and a variety of historical items and treasures that document the history of CSU Stanislaus. The University archives include CSU Stanislaus yearbooks that were published 1961-83, newsletters, faculty publications, copies of the student newspaper The Signal, catalogs, handbooks, and many other artifacts from CSU Stanislaus' early days.

Hilpert to serve as Faculty Ombudsman Officer



Fred Hilpert

Professor Fred Hilpert, a veteran faculty member in the Communication Studies Department, has accepted an appointment from President Hamid Shirvani to serve as Faculty Ombudsman Officer and Senior Advisor to the President on Special Projects.

"As a highly respected faculty member who has made extensive contributions to the University, Dr. Hilpert will essentially serve as my liaison to the members of our faculty," President Shirvani said in a February 5 announcement to faculty. "Dr. Hilpert will make himself available to faculty for any concerns, issues, suggestions, and ideas that you wish to raise and have addressed."

"He will serve as my eyes and ears for issues and act as my advisor in determining how best to solve problems or implement suggestions for improvement or change," President Shirvani added. "He will serve as a sounding board and spokesperson for special projects identification, development, and completion. Beginning immediately, he will serve as a member of my Cabinet and participate in other senior administration meetings. I would like to emphasize that Dr. Hilpert's role does not change or bypass existing operational structures, administrative positions, communication and consultation protocols, provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, or faculty governance."

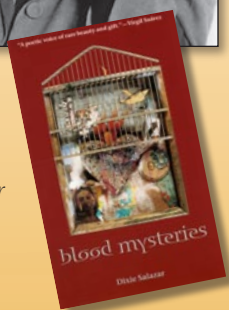
Hilpert, a member of the faculty since 1977, served as Communication Studies Chair for 13 years and has twice received the University's prestigious Outstanding Professor Award.

Noted poets to make University presentations on March 8 and April 26

A pair of distinguished poets, one of them who devotes her time to teaching women in prison and the other nationally famous, will make reading appearances on campus this spring during programs sponsored by the English Department.



Dixie Salazar



Dixie Salazar, a Fresno poet, novelist, and painter, will do a poetry reading on Thursday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Vasche Library Galloway Reading Room. Salazar will read selected poems from her most recent book “Blood Mysteries” and will display some of her art work.

Salazar currently teaches creative writing at Valley State Prison for Women as well as writing and literature at Fresno State. She has published three books of poetry, and a novel and her poems have appeared in a number of poetry publications.

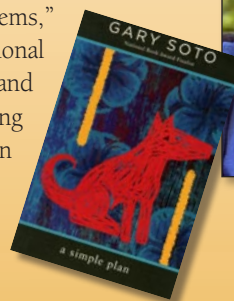
Highly acclaimed writer, film producer, and poet **Gary Soto** will visit CSU Stanislaus on Thursday, April 26 at 1 p.m. in Room 130 of the Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Gateway Building.

Soto, who divides his time between his native Fresno and Berkeley, is the author of 10 poetry collections for adults, most notably “New and Selected Poems,” a 1995 finalist for both the Los Angeles Times Award and the National Book Award. Soto’s book sales have surpassed three million copies and he has won many awards for his work that includes the award-winning film “The Pool Party,” plays, short stories, novels, and the a libretto in the opera “Nerdlandia.”

Both programs are open to the public and admission is free.



Gary Soto



Grupe, Medic Alert donate \$50,000 each for Presidential Scholarships

The Grupe Company, based in Stockton, and Turlock-based MedicAlert have each donated \$50,000 to the University for the purpose of funding additional Presidential Scholarships.

MedicAlert Foundation’s donation to the University’s Presidential Scholarship Fund is in celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2006 and serves as a tribute to the visionary founders of MedicAlert Foundation, Dr. Marion and Chrissie Collins. The \$50,000 Presidential Scholarship will be presented to a nursing student, recognizing MedicAlert’s dedication to supporting the funding of nursing education.

MedicAlert President and CEO Paul Kortschack said, “We are delighted to fund this scholarship for the students at the University. We hold the University in high esteem for their high academic standards across all disciplines and the role the University plays in addressing the healthcare needs of the region.”

The Grupe Company’s donation strengthens an existing partnership between CSU Stanislaus and The Grupe Company, which is developing University Park, home of the University’s Stockton Center.

Fritz Grupe said, “Phyllis and I are pleased to be able to participate in the Cal State Stanislaus Scholarship program. There is a definite need in our community to help some extremely bright students better their education. We would encourage others in the community to also get involved.”

CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said, “We are delighted to partner with Grupe and MedicAlert to provide scholarships to our top students. These two companies have made a solid investment in the future of our brightest and best students and, by doing so, have demonstrated their commitment to furthering educational opportunities in the Central Valley.”

Both the Grupe and MedicAlert Presidential Scholarships will be funded over a four-year period, with \$12,500 being awarded to the two selected students annually. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition and fees, books, room, and board.

Student Health Center achieves full accreditation renewal

The University's Student Health Center received official notification of a full three-year accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). This is the sixth consecutive cycle of full accreditation since 1991 when the Student Health Center first sought accreditation status.

AAAHC, a private, not-for-profit organization that assists health care organizations to improve the quality of care to their patients, commended the University's Student Health Center for its dedication and effort in providing high-quality health services to students.

Status as an accredited organization means the Student Health Center has passed a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care. This three-year accreditation recognition, the maximum awarded by AAAHC, comes after an extensive on-site survey conducted on September 28-29, 2006, of both the Turlock and Stockton facilities and services.

Improvement activities praised

The on-site surveyor was particularly impressed with the facility in Turlock as well as the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) activities performed by staff stating, "This organization is very sophisticated and knowledgeable about how to gain the maximum benefit from their CQI activities. They are fully aware of the concept of 'closing the loop.' Their studies cover a wide range of areas including: administrative, clinical outcome and cost of care issues."

This is an important milestone in the continuing growth and success of the Student Health Center, said Denise Barr, Student Health Center Director. "We are pleased and proud to have our efforts recognized with this accreditation," Barr said. "It underscores our long-standing commitment to providing the highest possible level of quality care to the students at California State University, Stanislaus. It is our students who are the ultimate benefactors of our participation in the accreditation process."

Barr also commended the Student Health Center's staff, citing their exceptional commitment to excellence and dedication to critically evaluate their quality of care, level of performance, and daily operations. In particular, each and every staff member, working collectively in teams, was intimately involved in assuring compliance with the accreditation standards and played a pivotal role in the center's success, she noted.

AAAHC is the largest accrediting organization in the ambulatory health care arena. More than 2,300 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by the AAAHC, including most CSU student health centers.

Philosophy Department schedules Spring Talks through May

The Philosophy Department will conduct a series of five Spring Colloquium talks on Friday afternoons in March, April, and May.

On Friday, March 2, department faculty member **Dr. Daniela Vallega-Neu** will present a philosophy talk titled "Embodied Time: On Rhythm in the Work of John Cage" on her work on musical embodiment, with special attention to the compositions of John Cage (in FDC 114, from 3-5:30 p.m.).

A special symposium on "Philosophy and Music" featuring the accomplished pianist **John**



John Kamitsuka

Kamitsuka and colleagues from the Philosophy Department will follow on Friday, March 16 in the South Dining Hall, from 3-5:30 p.m. Kamitsuka will also perform a special musical recital sponsored by the University Honors Program in Snider Hall the following evening (Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.). His program will feature Bach (Preludes and Fugues), Beethoven (Sonata #31, Op. 110, considered one of the crowning glories of his last period), Schubert ("Wanderer" Fantasy), and Brahms (shorter selections).

The following speakers will round out the Philosophy Colloquium series in Continental Philosophy for the Spring semester: **Dr. Josh Hayes** of Santa Clara University will present a talk on Heidegger and Animality on Friday, March 23 (FDC 114, from 3-5:30 p.m.); the distinguished **Professor Alphonso Lingis**, an emeritus from Penn State University, will speak on Friday, April 27 (FDC 114, from 3-5:30 p.m.); and the distinguished **Professor John Sallis** of Boston College will speak on Friday, May 11 (FDC 118, from 3-5:30 p.m.).

"Professor Lingis and Professor Sallis are extraordinarily accomplished scholars in Continental Philosophy, and it is a rare privilege to host them for these talks," said Dr. James Tuedio, Chair of the Philosophy and Modern Languages Department.

All talks are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Tuedio at: <tuedio@altair.csustan.edu> or phone the department (667-3686).

Preparations being made for April 25 Career Fair, spring interviews

Signs of spring recruiting are starting to appear at CSU Stanislaus, reports Christine Hollister, Director of Career Development Services.

Students are visiting the Career Services Center to obtain assistance with resumé and cover letter preparation, and to sign up for interview coaching. They are also preparing for Career Fair, set for Wednesday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in The Quad. In the meantime, the On-Campus Interview program runs from mid-February through mid-May.

Recruiters from law enforcement, business, accounting, and school districts are just a few of the groups expected to recruit soon-to-be-grads from CSU Stanislaus. Some of these firms will also be offering summer internship opportunities with their organizations.

Last year more than 90 employers participated in Career Fair, including Don's Mobile Glass, Stockton Unified School District, County Bank, Frito Lay, Kemper CPA Group, the U. S. Forest Service, Foster Farms, the Internal Revenue Service, Sonora Regional Medical Center, Merced Police Department, and E. & J. Gallo Winery.

The Career Fair is open to all CSU Stanislaus students and alumni, but is most beneficial to juniors and seniors. This event is also open to students and graduates of other CSU campuses.

Important components

Both Career Fair and the On-Campus Interview program are important components in every student's preparation for employment following graduation. These opportunities provide for on-the-job internship experience, networking with professionals in the field, and for full-time professional employment. Students can sign up online for interviews after participating in orientation at the Career Center, which helps guide them through the interview process.

The Career Services Center, located in MSR 245, is an excellent resource to help students outline a job search, prepare a resume, practice their interview skills, and research organizations. For students to get the most out of upcoming recruiting events, they are encouraged to start planning and preparing to participate, dress professionally, actively talk with employers, and follow up with a thank you note to each recruiter as a professional courtesy. By following these steps, students will reap the benefits of campus recruiting events, Hollister noted.

Ag students travel to Tucson to participate in national conference

By Christopher Lemos
Student Reporter

Ten CSU Stanislaus "Agriculture Ambassadors" joined more than 300 students in Tucson, Arizona, for the 12th annual National Agriculture Ambassador Conference.

The three-day conference consisted of professional and collegiate workshops presented by the USDA, Arizona Farm Bureau, National Collegiate FFA, and various other industry and academic groups. Topics for the workshops included Excellence in Leadership, Literacy and Communication, Recruitment and Retention, Pioneering a New Global Agriculture, and many others.

A "Beg, Borrow, and Steal" session encouraged Ambassadors to exchange ideas and learn about best practices examples. In addition to the workshops, the Ambassadors heard from three nationally recognized speakers: Dr. Barry Asmus, Senior Economist of the National Center for Policy Analysis; Andrew McCrea, five-time Oscar-winning radio broadcaster; and Dr. James Knight, Faculty Associate for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Arizona.

The Ambassadors also participated in conference social events such as a scavenger hunt, group meals, a banquet, and a gift exchange where students from different schools traded school memorabilia and souvenirs. The group enjoyed a cave tour and visited a local zoo and historical museum.

"We became like a family and developed as a unit that is going to strive to make the most for the agriculture program at (CSU) Stanislaus," freshman Darrell Canaday said.

With the beginning of a new year and new semester, the CSU Stanislaus Agriculture Ambassadors are embracing the conference theme, "A Vision Beyond Tradition" and forging ahead with new enthusiasm.

The University's Agriculture Ambassadors are developing a Web page on the Agricultural Studies Department Web site at www.csustan.edu/AgStudies.



Agriculture students and department chair Dr. Mark Bender (far right) tour Mammoth Cave near Tucson.

In Brief

Applications sought from Student Speaker candidates

Two students are to be selected to speak at this year's University commencement program and applications are being accepted.

Candidates for student speaker can obtain an application packet in the Office of Biological Sciences in Room 103 of the Science Building or at the front desk in the Acacia Court Building at the CSU Stanislaus Stockton Center. Completed application information and a draft of a proposed five-minute speech must be delivered to Dr. Jim Youngblom in the Department of Biological Sciences by March 16.

For information, contact Student Speaker Committee members Youngblom (3950), Kathy Shipley (3749), Keith Nainby (3523), or Arnold Schmidt (3246).

February 28 program to focus on faculty and student dialogue

In an effort to promote more dialogue between faculty and students, a program has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Event Center.

Titled "Get DUMB, Get Smart: A Campus Dialogue on the Intersection of Popular Culture and Higher Education," the program will feature a panel of students and faculty talking about views, perceptions, and experiences built around issues of popular culture -- past, present, and future and how higher education might view current trends. It is designed to provide faculty and students the opportunity to hear opinions and varying points of view and then engage in lively conversation around pop culture topics related to art, music, fashion, politics, values, and perspectives.

Program sponsors are the Associated Students, Housing and Residential Life, Student Affairs, and the Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

The program is free and open to all, and faculty is urged to encourage students to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Warrior Book Contest accepting student entries

Entries are being accepted through April 6 for the 2007 Warrior Book Contest, an awards program sponsored by the University Library that encourages an appreciation of books, scholarly research, and student writing skills.

Entries include a minimum of 25 titles of books and publications collected and owned by students. They are judged on an essay submitted with that title list which describes how and why the collection was assembled and a "wish list" bibliography that lists 10 titles that would enhance the collection.

More information is available on the Library Web site at: <http://library.csustan.edu>.

Library offers workshops during Spring Semester

Workshops that feature tours and a variety of topics on how to make efficient use of the facility are being offered at the Vasche Library during the Spring Semester.

Opening programs will feature tours on February 21 (1 p.m.) and 22 (11 a.m.), and a series of workshops ranging from Web searching and online research to how to cite sources are scheduled through May 3 at the CSU Stanislaus campus in Turlock as well as at the Library at the Stockton Center.

To check out the complete list of workshops, go to the University Library Web site at: <http://library.csustan.edu/workshops.htm>

New Agricultural Studies Scholarship announced

A new Agricultural Studies Scholarship is being offered by the Turlock Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee.

The \$1,000 scholarship for four years is funded through the Turlock Chamber of Commerce Ag Scholarship Luncheon scheduled for Monday, March 12 at the Turlock Turf Club. It is open to 2007 high school graduates from Denair, Hilmar, Hughson, Livingston, Pitman, Turlock, and Turlock Christian High Schools as well as incoming community college transfers to CSU Stanislaus from one of those high schools.

Application information on the scholarship is on the CSU Stanislaus Ag Studies Web site at: <http://web.csustan.edu/AgStudies/>. The application deadline is February 19.

High School Mathematics Access Program starts February 21

The California State University, Stanislaus High School Mathematics Access Program (HiMAP) which offers a tutoring program for high school students will conduct its spring semester sessions from February 21 through May 30.

Sessions are held from 4-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in Demergasso-Bava Hall. Program cost for participating high school students is \$50. Information is available at www.csustan.edu/math/MAP/HiMAP-Home.html or call 667-3012.

In Brief

“Vagina Monologues” productions scheduled for March 2-4

The CSU Stanislaus campus chapter of the National Organization for Women will present its annual production of Eve Ensler’s “Vagina Monologues” on March 2 through 4.

Performances in Snider Music Recital Hall are scheduled for 8 p.m. on March 2 and 3 and 2 p.m. on March 4. Ticket prices are \$6 for students, \$12 for seniors and groups of 10 or more, and \$15 general admission.

Ticket reservation information on the student-run production, which is part of the V-Day campaign that focuses on an end to violence against women and girls throughout the world, is available at 632-1202. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Proceeds will go to sexual assault/domestic violence prevention and treatment programs in the region.

March 7 Student Research Competition accepting applicants

Undergraduate and graduate students will compete for cash prizes in the 21st annual California State University, Stanislaus Student Research Competition on Wednesday, March 7.

Up to 10 winners in the different categories will qualify to advance to the CSU program scheduled for May 4 and 5 at CSU Dominguez Hills.

Applications, due March 1, are available in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, MSR 245. For information, contact Kim Kinnear at 667-3493 or KKinnear@csustan.edu.

Heidi Lofgren receives employee scholarship

Heidi Lofgren is the newest recipient of the \$250 CSU Stanislaus Employee Scholarship for the spring semester.

The scholarship will help Lofgren cover some book and supply expenses while she works on obtaining a degree in Agricultural Studies. Her award was announced by the Employee Scholarship Committee, which credits a donation from the campus Staff Council for making the scholarship possible.

All full-time staff employees, including those on the Foundation payroll, are eligible for consideration for an award from this scholarship fund established in 1982. Consideration is given on the basis of financial need, academic scholarship, career development program, and job-related objectives. More information on the program is available by contacting Christine Hollister in the Career Services Center.

Athletics

Will Keener tribute award announced at game

Will Keener, a longtime CSU Stanislaus sports information director who passed away in September 2006, was recognized for his passionate commitment to the University on January 19 with the naming of an athletic award in his honor.

During the recognition ceremony prior to the Warrior men’s basketball game against CSU Monterey Bay, it was announced that the Will Keener Memorial Sportsmanship Award would be presented to deserving male and female athletes each year. The Keener family was on hand to participate in the announcement.

Keener, a Modesto native who grew up in Ceres, retired from CSU Stanislaus in 2001 after 31 years with the University. He served as a university public affairs officer and was the Warriors’ first sports information director.

Keener is survived by his wife, Blanche, whom he shared a 45th wedding anniversary with on Sept. 10, as well as daughters Tracy Walsh of Modesto and Shelley Fernandes of Turlock, and six grandchildren.

WARRIOR UPDATES

For the latest on CSU Stanislaus athletics,
go to the Web site at:

<http://www.csustan.edu/athletics/>

Faculty Notes



Mark Bender receives Turlock's Ag Leader of the Year Award

Mark Bender (Agricultural Studies) was honored as the Agricultural Leader of the Year at the annual Turlock Chamber of Commerce Best of Turlock awards program on January 27.

Endowed Chair of the Agricultural Studies Department at CSU Stanislaus since 2002, Dr. Bender was selected for the award

as a tribute to his dedication to the University program and its students. He taught agriculture at Modesto Junior College for 26 years and was Dean of Agriculture, Environmental Sciences and Technical Education when he accepted the offer to start the Agricultural Studies program at CSU Stanislaus. Widely involved in agricultural circles all over the country, Bender serves on 13 committees and is highly committed to his students and the University's agriculture program.

Eric Houk (Economics) traveled to Kona, Hawaii, during the summer to present two peer reviewed research papers at the 12th International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment. His research papers examined the economics of transferring water for endangered species recovery and the effectiveness of residential water conservation materials. Dr. Houk also published peer reviewed journal articles in the "Journal of Agricultural Water Management" and the "Interdisciplinary Environmental Review." His article that examined the economic impacts of irrigation induced waterlogging and soil salinization was recognized by ScienceDirect™ as one of the "Top 25 Hottest Articles" in the "Journal of Agricultural Water Management." In addition, Dr. Houk was involved in the publication of a letter that focused on the need for California legislators to move forward on policies that would help control global warming. "The most expensive thing we can do is nothing: An open letter on global warming from California economists" received a lot of publicity and was published several places online as well as in newspaper articles. Many well known economists signed their names to this letter, including three Nobel Laureates. A copy of this letter can be found at <http://www.climatechoices.org/>



Brenda Betts (Teacher Education) made a presentation titled "Stories of Courage and Survival: Displaced Children in U.S. History" at the 86th annual conference of the National Council for Social Studies in Washington, D.C. on December 2, 2006. Dr. Betts' presentation was based on an article published in "Social Studies and the Young Learner," a refereed journal of the National Council for Social Studies. In her article and presentation, Dr. Betts focused

on the challenges faced by homeless children on the Cherokee Trail of Tears, the Underground Railroad, the Orphan Trains, and the Holocaust. These are stories of resilient children from diverse backgrounds who survived forced eviction, enslavement, desperate social conditions, and deadly ethnic prejudice. Learning about children's experiences in the past can help children today to overcome challenges they encounter in their own lives, Betts noted, adding that history becomes meaningful to students when they have the opportunity to learn about events from the perspectives of other children.



Richard Weikart (History) recently published an article titled "The Impact of Social Darwinism on Anti-Semitic Ideology in Germany and Austria, 1860-1945" in "Jewish Tradition and the Challenge of Evolution," ed. Geoffrey Cantor and Mark Swetlitz (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2006), pp. 93-115. He also gave a talk about his book, "From Darwin to Hitler: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics,

and Racism in Germany," to the Turlock Tuesday Reading Club in January 2007.

Arts

“Little Shop of Horrors” honored



California State University, Stanislaus’ production of the musical “Little Shop of Horrors” was selected for participation in the 2007 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival XXXIX, Region XIII. The Regional Festival, encompassing colleges and universities in California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa, attracted 58 entries of which 10 were invited to be showcased at the KCACTF Regional Festival, February 12-17, in Cedar City, Utah.

The KCACTF is a national theatre program with funding and administrative support from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The Regional Festival provides numerous workshops, seminars, audition opportunities, scholarships, and awards for students and faculty. The Regional Festival is also a showcase for the finest work produced in university and college theatre programs.

This year’s invitation marks the fifth time since 1972 that CSU Stanislaus has been recognized at the Regional Festival. The 25 members of the production cast and crew traveled to Cedar City, Utah, for the showcase performance on February 17. In addition to being the largest production to travel to the Regional Festival from CSU Stanislaus, it is also the very first musical ever to represent the University at this event. The production is under the co-direction of faculty Drew Sutherland of the Theatre Department and Dr. Joseph Wiggett of the Music Department.

Performances at the regional competition were considered for

participation in the National Festival in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the full production performance, three CSU Stanislaus student actors have been nominated for the Irene Ryan acting competition. Dan Mauterer (Audrey II puppeteer) of Modesto, Carol Smeltzer (Audrey) of Modesto, and Josh Bailey (Seymour) of Cottonwood will have the opportunity to compete for scholarships and the chance for selection to the National Festival in Washington D.C.



*Photos courtesy of The Modesto Bee
Dan Mauterer and Josh Bailey steal the show in “Little Shop of Horrors”*

Students, faculty talent featured in Donor Recognition Concert

Talented faculty and students performed in the Department of Music’s Fourth Annual Donor Recognition Concert on Friday, February 16 in Snider Music Recital Hall.

Generous donors who have provided vital support for the University’s music program were recognized during the program. A dessert reception followed the program.

Tickets were priced at \$8 general admission and \$6 for students, staff, and seniors. Proceeds benefitted the Department of Music Scholarship Fund.



*Faculty member
Matt Pivec
performed.*

Personnel Notes

New vision plan effective with the new year

Effective January 1, the University's new vision plan provider is Vision Services Professional, Inc. (VSP). Enrollment is automatic for employees and their dependents. More details will be provided soon.

HR Office moves to third floor

Human Resources moved from its second floor offices to the third floor, MSR 320, in January. Phone numbers have stayed the same.

Open enrollment changes

Employees are advised to check their January 1, 2007 pay warrant for open enrollment changes. New health premium rates are located on the University Web site at www.csustan.edu/hr.

Cesar Chavez Day holiday is March 30

The University will be closed Friday, March 30 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

Visit the Human Resources Web site

The Human Resources Web site features great resources. Available are vacancies, the training calendar, information regarding benefits, forms and applications, the Campus Directory, campus maps, and the College Year Calendar. Also included are links to all the collective bargaining contracts, corresponding salary schedules, and much more. Check it out and let HR know what you think: www.csustan.edu/HR/.

December Orientation Participants

Participants in the December new employee orientation session were (from left, front) Beverly Hatcher, Director Higher Education Consortium of Central California (HECCC) and Title V Program; Gabriela Nuno, Student Outreach; Monica Smith, Endangered Species Recovery Program (ESRP); (center, from left) Yvan Bautista, Facility Services; Marie Hirschhorn, Faculty Affairs; Kristina Stamper, College of the Arts; Sounisa Lee, Research & Sponsored Programs; Amye Leon, First Year Programs & Advising; Larry Peters, University Advancement; Rachel Mooney, College of Human & Health Sciences; and Guy Marlow, Office of Information Technology.



Recruitment Welcomes:

Name	Classification	Department
Alissa Aragon	Administrative Support Assistant II	Student Leadership and Development
Becky Atkins	Applications Programmer	OIT
Yvan Bautista	Graveyard Custodian	Facilities Services
Pamela Burns	Administrative Analyst Specialist	College of Education
Tiffani Burns	Director of Major Gifts	University Advancement
Phyllis Crittendon	Buyer III	Financial Services
Tina Drain	Associate Director, Records, Registration & Evaluations	Admissions
Megan Guenther	Student Support Professional I	Academic Affairs/Provost
Guy Marlow	Applications Programmer	OIT
Leslie Morrison	Student Support Professional I	First Year Programs
Gary Novak	Dean, College of Human & Health Sciences	College of Human & Health Sciences
Raichelle Owens	Student Support Professional I	Graduate School

Keep these guidelines in mind for building evacuations

The University Police have some reminders on important guidelines for the safe evacuation of campus buildings.

Please remember the following information when asked to evacuate your building:

Each building on campus is part of the Building Marshal and Monitor program. These are trained emergency evacuation staff to assist you with a safe exit. They will identify themselves during an evacuation.

Please respond quickly to their requests to leave a building, even when you don't smell smoke or see the emergency. These participants have direct radio contact with the University Police and are instructed to assist you.

NEVER assume an alarm is false or "just a drill."

When the audible alarm sounds, everyone is to proceed quickly and safely to the nearest exit.

Always follow the direction from a Marshal or Monitor in your building. Resistance can be unsafe for you and others.

During the evacuation, if a person requires special assistance to exit, guide them to the nearest outdoor balcony (near a stairway) to wait for further instruction. Immediately notify a Building Monitor of their special need and location.

Evacuees are to gather on a grass area away from the building and off all concrete areas. Wait for instruction to re-enter.

Following is a list of building Marshals. Please direct any questions regarding the Campus Building Marshal and Monitor program to Kellie Marshall at Public Safety/University Police Services. And, if you are interested in joining this important crew, please contact Public Safety.

Art / Drama / Music	Bob Varin
Facilities Services / Corp Yard	Mike Bianco
Educational Services / CDC.....	Chris Wallace
Classroom.....	RayDelle Kistler
Faculty Development Center	Ximena Garcia
Gym / Fieldhouse	Charlene Bargas
PE Annex.....	Janice Herring
Health Center	Suzie Madison
Library Building	Currently rotating
MSR	Ron Noble
DBH.....	Kathleen Hidalgo
Science Building.....	Phil Rojas
Sodexo / Main Dining	Jeff Brown
Student Union Building	Melanie Lourenco
The Village Housing.....	Tyler Miller

National organization recognizes University's redesigned Web site

CSU Stanislaus nabbed a bronze award for its redesigned Web site in the 22nd Annual Admissions Advertising Awards, the Admissions Marketing Report announced recently. The University distinguished itself among more than 2,100 entries from more than 1,200 colleges, universities, and secondary schools. Entries were received at Atlanta headquarters from institutions in all 50 states and several foreign countries.

The annual Admissions Advertising Awards is the oldest and largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. A national panel of judges consisted of admissions marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals, and the editorial board of Admissions Marketing Report, which bills itself as "The National Newspaper of Admissions Marketing."

The judges recognized 15 institutions with the prestigious "Best of Show" award. Gold awards were granted to 224 institutions. Silver awards went to 194 institutions, and 172 bronze awards were awarded. Admissions Marketing Report is the nation's leading marketing publication for higher education. Now in its 25th year, the Report is read each month by nearly 4,000 higher education marketers. Awards are based on creativity, quality, consumer appeal, and overall breakthrough advertising content.

A University committee led by Associate Vice President Roger Pugh worked closely with a consultant to create a template for the new Web site, which launched in December 2006. The new site features enhanced interactive communication tools for potential and current undergraduate students as well as spiffier graphics and streamlined navigation.

"I am very proud of the hard work that dedicated individuals put into this outstanding project," CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. "We have a Web site that stands out and does an excellent job of reaching external and internal audiences."

Calendar

FEBRUARY

15 through March 15

Art: "Paintings Addressing the Line" featuring internationally recognized California abstract artists, Art Gallery. Reception and presentation on February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Information, 667-3186

23 Friday

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

24 Saturday

Softball: Chico State, Warrior Field, noon

Track & Field: Alumni/All Comers Meet, Warrior Track, all day

MARCH

1 Thursday

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

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

2-4 Friday through Sunday

Production: "Vagina Monologues," Snider Music Recital Hall, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Ticket information, 632-1202

2 Friday

Talk: Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium presentation by Dr. Daniela Vallega-Neu, FDC 114, 3 p.m.

Softball: CSU Monterey Bay, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

3 Saturday

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

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

Softball: CSU Monterey Bay, Warrior Field, noon

Track and Field: Stanislaus Open, Warrior Track, all day

8 Thursday

Poetry: Reading by poet, novelist, and painter Dixie Salazar, Galloway Reading Room in Vasche Library, 2:30 p.m. Information, (209) 667-3274

9 Friday

Music: Stephen Thomas & Friends Chamber Music, Snider Music Hall, 7:30 p.m.

10 Saturday

Baseball: CSU Monterey Bay, Warrior Field, 11 a.m.

15 Thursday

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



A. J. Valentine of the Warrior baseball team.

Baseball: Simpson College, Warrior Field, 11 a.m.

16 Friday

Program: Philosophy Spring Colloquium symposium featuring music of pianist John Kamitsuka, S. Dining Hall, 3 p.m.

Music: Guest artist Lorna Peters on harpsichord, Snider Music Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball: CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Field, 2 p.m.

17 Saturday

Music: Guest artist John Kamitsuka on piano, Snider Music Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball: CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Field, 11 a.m.

Softball: CSU Bakersfield, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

18 Sunday

Baseball: CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Field, 11 a.m.

Softball: CSU Bakersfield, Warrior Field, noon

22 through April 26

Art: Visiting artist in ceramics/sculpture Art Gallery. Artist reception and presentation on March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

22 Thursday

Theatre: Female Transport, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m. Information, 667-3166

Music: Jazz Combo, Snider Music Hall, 7:30 p.m.

23 Friday

Talk: Dr. Josh Hayes of Santa Clara University presenting at Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium on "Heidegger and Animality," FDC 114, 3 p.m.

Theatre: Female Transport, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

Music: Lecture and demonstration by Mason Bates, Composer/DJ, Snider Music Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Softball: Sonoma State, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

24 Saturday

Theatre: Female Transport, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

Baseball: Western Oregon, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

Softball: Sonoma State, Warrior Field, 11 p.m.

25 Sunday

Theatre: Female Transport, Mainstage Theatre, 2 p.m.

Baseball: Western Oregon, Warrior Field, 11 a.m.

26 Monday

Baseball: Western Oregon, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

Softball: Western Washington, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

28 Wednesday

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

Softball: Hawaii Pacific, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

29-31 Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Theatre: Female Transport, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

30-31 Friday- Saturday

Softball: Mizuno Tournament, Warrior Field, all day

APRIL

1 Sunday

Softball: Mizuno Tournament of Champions, Pedretti Park, all day

Calendar

3 Tuesday

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

4 Wednesday

Music: Faculty Recital featuring vocalist Constance Weichert, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

7 Saturday

Track & Field: Stanislaus Invitational, Warrior Track, all day

13 Friday

Baseball: Cal Poly Pomona, Warrior Field, 2:30 p.m.

15 Sunday

Baseball: Cal Poly Pomona, Warrior Field, noon

16-17 Monday-Tuesday

Golf: Stanislaus/Buzzini Invitational, Turlock Golf CC, all day

20 Friday

Softball: CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Field, 1 p.m.

21 Saturday

Softball: CSU Dominguez Hills, Warrior Field, 11 a.m.

24 Tuesday

Music: Faculty Recital featuring double bass Randall Keith, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

25 Wednesday

Music: Jazz Combo, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

26 Thursday

Poetry: Reading by Gary Soto, nationally acclaimed poet, novelist, writer, and movie producer, MSR 130, 1 p.m. Information, (209) 667-3274

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

27 Friday

Talk: Penn State Professor Emeritus Alphonso Lingis speaking at Philosophy Department Colloquium, FDC 114, 3 p.m.

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

MAY

1 Tuesday

Music: Symphony Band, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

3 Thursday

Music: Passamezzo Baroque, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre: Medea, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

4 Friday

Celebration: Cinco de Mayo event, Arts area, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Music: Faculty Recital featuring Matt Pivec, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre: Medea, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

Baseball: CSU San Francisco, Warrior Field, 2:30 p.m.

5 Saturday

Theatre: Medea, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m.

6 Sunday

Theatre: Medea, Mainstage Theatre, 2 p.m.

Baseball: CSU San Francisco, Warrior Field, noon

7 through 30

Art: Fine Arts graduating seniors exhibition, Art Gallery. Reception and artist presentations on May 11, 6:30 p.m. Information, 667-3186

8 Tuesday

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

9 Wednesday

Music: Percussion Ensemble, Snider Music Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

10 Thursday

Music: Symphony Orchestra, Snider Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre: Medea, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m. Information, 667-3166

11 Friday

Talk: Professor John Sallis of Boston College speaking at Philosophy Department Spring Colloquium, FDC 118, 3 p.m.

11-12 Friday-Saturday

Theatre: Medea, Mainstage Theatre, 8 p.m. Information, 667-3166

15 Tuesday

Music: Student Composition Festival, Snider Music Recital Hall, 4 -7:30 p.m.

16 Wednesday

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

17 Thursday

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

18 Friday

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



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