As the 2005-06 academic year comes to a close at California State University, Stanislaus, it offers an opportunity to reflect on some of our accomplishments—and to look ahead to new goals. The strides that have been made are good news for the University.

One of the highlights has been the establishment of four new colleges: Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Human and Health Sciences, and Natural Sciences. The creation of these new colleges will allow California State University, Stanislaus to better focus its energies on providing a superior university experience for students.

More students are coming to California State University, Stanislaus than ever before. With the largest-ever freshman class entering in fall 2005, enrollment has reached an all-time high, a strong indication that the University’s fine reputation for offering quality higher education is gaining recognition. A few other examples of the University’s burgeoning profile include:

1. U.S. News & World Report named CSU Stanislaus a Top 10 Public Masters University in the West in its 2006 issue of “America’s Best Colleges”.

2. The University was one of 12 campuses cited in a national study by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for creating a campus culture that has helped improve student success and produced higher than predicted graduation rates.

3. Graduates of the expanding four-year nursing program surpassed the national pass rate average on the national licensing examination in 2005.

4. More than $135 million in state funding has been invested in buildings.

5. Creating a culture of engagement where faculty, staff, students and administrators work together as colleagues and will take the campus to the next level.

Of course, the soul of a university is its faculty. Because of the hard work and dedication of so many professors, our students know the education they receive at CSU Stanislaus is second to none. Our faculty experts are renowned for their work in agri-business, the arts, business, environmental science, mathematics, nursing, psychology, teacher education and too many others to name here. I offer my deepest appreciation for their commitment as we move ahead to add to our course offerings in the coming year.

CSU Stanislaus students have demonstrated that they can compete with the best in the country. The Human Resources Management team has swept the state and regional titles and is prepared to claim a national championship in June while the Warrior athletic teams have proven themselves formidable opponents. The baseball and softball teams were nationally ranked this spring; the golf team continued its strong national showing and the men’s basketball team pulled off its first-ever win over a Division I opponent with a stunning upset victory at UC Irvine.

To take the next step up and keep more of the Central Valley’s brightest university-bound students in the region, the University has established the President’s and Provost’s Scholarship programs. These lucrative scholarships, funded through generous contributions by private donors, are designed to recognize and reward students who have demonstrated the highest levels of academic achievement in high school and provide them the opportunity to attend CSU Stanislaus.

We are also striving to become more responsive to the community by offering a number of programs and events that appeal to our neighbors and supporters as CSU Stanislaus does its part in transforming Turlock into a University town. This summer, we will launch our inaugural Shakespeare Festival, featuring CSU Stanislaus students performing one of the most beloved of the Bard’s comedies, “The Taming of the Shrew,” and also performances of “The Pooh Stories” for the children. We will continue to offer plays, concerts, lectures and other programs to engage and entertain the citizens of our community.

Please join me in celebrating our many accomplishments during this first year of my presidency. I look forward to an exciting future filled with multiple opportunities to enhance and improve on a university designed to meet the needs of our students, our community and the state.

Hamid Shirvani
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Student is Losing His Sight But Not His Vision

We are all born with five senses: the ability to see, hear, feel, smell and taste; each sense created for a specific purpose. But what would happen if one day we were told that we would lose one of our vital senses?

California State University, Stanislaus student Mauricio Molina, 44, faced what many would consider a nightmare when he received news of an eye disease that would cost him his eyesight. The news, however, did not debilitate Molina, but instead motivated him to find a new path in life.

It was a typical day at work for the former postal worker in the Bay area when Molina noticed he was struggling to see even with his eyeglasses. Shortly after, he sought a medical explanation and was told he had a degenerative eye disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP). RP is an inherited eye disease that affects the retina and causes gradual loss of vision.

Molina soon took retirement from his postal job and began to explore his options. During this time, he contacted the California Department of Rehabilitation and received training in technology for the blind.

The changes in his lifestyle were great and the challenges were many, but with the support of his family and an optimistic attitude, Molina moved forward and embraced his new life as a returning college student.

After moving to Modesto in 2001, he enrolled at Modesto Junior College, where he earned the Disability Student of the Year Award and graduated with honors in 2004.

Molina transferred to CSU Stanislaus where he is working on his bachelor’s degree in History. Having discovered firsthand that accommodations and accessibility for the blind are limited in most places, Molina is pleased with what the University has had to offer through its Disability Resource Services program.

Molina is a student assistant at Disability Resource Services, where he helps prepare school material for fellow visually impaired students.

Besides being a 4.0 student, Dale M. Schoettler Scholarship recipient, University employee and family man, Molina is also a great inspiration to those around him.

“He’s remarkable,” said Michelle Sanchez-Stamos, Disability Resource Services advisor. “Everybody just loves him because he’s a model human being. He’s taught me not take things for granted.”

Molina said his visual impairment has given him a new vision in life. He pushes himself daily to succeed in his educational endeavors and overcome obstacles he faces as a blind student.

“Everything takes me just a bit longer,” Molina said. “It’s an all-day affair.”

A typical day for the father of two begins at 6 a.m. After his wife, Deborah, drops him off at the bus station, it takes Molina more than an hour to get to school. He spends his time on the bus listening to books on tape and preparing for his classes.

Once at school, Molina heads to Disability Resource Services where he uses special equipment and software like Kurzweil 1000 and Job Access With Speech (JAWS) to scan textbooks and other material.

Carrying an academic load of at least 12 units per semester, Molina spends the rest of his day attending class, recording lectures, typing up his notes, scanning textbooks and recording material he can listen to while walking or riding the bus. After a long day at school, Molina continues his routine at home and calls it a day at around 9 p.m.

“This is my job,” Molina said. “I’m here and I’m committed.”

Molina plans to enroll in the University’s teacher credential program after graduation. He would like to teach history and is eager to help those with similar disabilities.

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

California State University, Stanislaus has partnered with Modesto City Schools and UC Berkeley and received 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, which started at CSU Stanislaus during the 2005-06 academic year, 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 teachers who instruct students from multi-cultural or English-as-a-second language backgrounds. They are learning to use CREDE’s instructional model for diverse students. Heavy emphasis is 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 are receiving CREDE coach training and will eventually serve as mentors at their campuses to help other teachers develop similar curriculum while also serving as mentors to CSU Stanislaus student teachers.

More information on the CREDE program is available on the web at: www.crede.org.
Governor Appoints CSU Stanislaus Student Andrew LaFlamme to CSU Board of Trustees

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced in February the appointment of California State University, Stanislaus student Andrew LaFlamme, of Modesto, to the California State University Board of Trustees.

LaFlamme, 25, is currently pursuing a Masters of Business Administration degree at CSU Stanislaus and is a graduate student tutor. He is vice president for the CSU, Stanislaus Associated Students and a representative to the California State Students Association. In addition, LaFlamme is a member of the Marketing Club and the Pre-Health Club on campus.

"This is great honor for Andrew LaFlamme, and for our University," California State University, Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. "Andrew exemplifies all of the qualities of an outstanding student leader: initiative, humility, perseverance, thoughtfulness and honesty."

Shirvani recommended LaFlamme for the student trustee position in November 2005. In a letter to the Governor, Shirvani praised LaFlamme as a "mature and confident individual" who has excelled in leadership positions on campus. LaFlamme was initially nominated by the California State Students Association last fall.

LaFlamme served as a summer school instructor for Central Catholic High School in 2005, a teaching assistant with the Denair Unified School District in 2004 and 2005 and a community service officer for the Los Angeles Police Department from 1999 to 2001.

Newly Restructured Colleges at California State University, Stanislaus
Restructuring By Department:

College of the Arts
- Department of Art
- Department of Music
- Department of Theatre

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Department of Agricultural Studies
- Department of Anthropology and Geography
- Department of Communication Studies
- Department of Criminal Justice
- Department of Economics
- Department of English
- Department of Ethnic and Gender Studies
- Department of History
- Department of Liberal Studies

College of Humanities and Social Sciences (cont’d)
- Department of Philosophy and Modern Languages
- Department of Politics and Public Administration
- Department of Sociology

College of Natural Sciences
- Department of Biological Sciences
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Computer Science
- Department of Physics, Physical Sciences and Geology

College of Human and Health Sciences
- Department of Nursing
- Department of Psychology and Child Development
- Department of Social Work
Ed.D. Program Targeted for 2008 Startup

California State University, Stanislaus is one of six California State University campuses given approval to plan for an initial offering of the educational doctorate (Ed.D.) program as early as fall 2008.

“The University’s placement in one of the first two sets of campuses to receive approval to develop an Ed.D. speaks well of the high quality of our programs and for the level of confidence and stature we are developing within the CSU system,” CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. “We have faculty with the ability to develop and teach a unique program that will serve California and the Central Valley extremely well.”

The Ed.D. programs in the CSU will be developed through extensive consultation with school superintendents, K-12 principals and community college partners. Of the 60 credits required in the degree program, at least six must be from a college other than the College of Education. State legislation approved in 2005 cleared the way for CSU to offer the higher degree, in addition to its current bachelor's and master's degree programs.

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.

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 Swak (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.

Human Resources Team Shoots for National Title After Regional Win

The California State University, Stanislaus Human Resources Team cleared a major hurdle on April 8 in its bid for a national championship, mowing down the competition to win the 2006 Pacific Western Region Championships in Honolulu.

The CSU Stanislaus victory in the finals over defending national champion Fresno State set the stage for a national title rematch with three-time champion Cornell University which captured the title in 2004. The other three regional powerhouses expected to compete in the Society for Human Resources Management Games in Washington D.C., on June 24-25, are University of Minnesota, University of South Carolina and University of Texas.

CSU Stanislaus College of Business faculty member and team coach Ed Hernandez said the student team of Rosie Borjon of Escalon, Crystal Jack of Volcano and Alfonso Valencia of Winton nearly doubled the score of its Fresno State opponent in the lopsided finals victory, rolling up 11,000 points to Fresno State’s 6,500. That overwhelming win, featuring the second highest score in national tournament history (CSU Stanislaus set the previous mark in the state event), avenged a narrow 4,400-4,000 preliminary round loss to Fresno State. In the semi-finals of the 10-team tournament, CSU Stanislaus easily defeated Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Since joining the human resources competition in 2004, the record-setting CSU Stanislaus team has compiled a 42-5 record, including a 20-1 mark this year.

During the winter of 2004-05, the University’s Human Resource Management program set a national record previously held by much larger universities as 15 CSU Stanislaus students passed the rigorous Professional in Human Resources examination during the designated testing period. That surpassed the previous record of 12 established by students at the University of Illinois the previous year.
University’s Nursing Program Expands to Meet Demand

Need for Qualified Nurses is Ongoing

Concerns about a nationwide nurse shortage are being taken very seriously at California State University, Stanislaus.

Nationally, nearly 30,000 qualified applicants were turned away from entry-level baccalaureate nursing programs in 2004 due to an insufficient number of faculty, clinical sites, classroom space, clinical preceptors and budget constraints. That was the central message of the 2004-05 American Association of Colleges of Nursing report on Enrollment and Graduations in Baccalaureate and Graduate Programs in Nursing.

The CSU Stanislaus Nursing Program, established in 1977 to accommodate registered nurses who wanted to earn bachelor’s degrees, has been increasing its enrollment to help meet the surging demand for qualified nurses. In 2002, the program opened its pre-licensure track, admitting 30 nursing students looking to earn their bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degrees. Students accepted into the pre-licensure program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), obtain a California Public Health Nurse Certificate and earn a BSN degree that will prepare them to meet the demands placed on today’s nurses.

An Ongoing Pursuit

After careful planning, the CSU Stanislaus Nursing program was able to expand its pre-licensure program by admitting an additional 10 students in fall 2005. Nancy Clark, Nursing Department Chair and Professor, said plans are being made to add more openings to the program by this fall.

There are currently 250 students majoring in pre-nursing, 100 pre-licensure students and 52 registered nurses who have returned to college to earn their BSN degrees.

“This is tremendous growth, but we have to continue to expand to help meet the growing demand for qualified nurses in this region,” Clark said. To accommodate the growing student numbers, the University’s Nursing Department has hired three additional full-time faculty members over the past three years.

According to Clark, nurses with bachelor’s degrees are sought after in the health care industry for their skills in critical thinking, leadership, case management and health promotion.

Four-year degree graduates are also valued for the training they receive to practice in a variety of inpatient and outpatient health care settings. Because the current nurse shortage is predicted to increase, CSU Stanislaus continues to work with the community and local health care providers to expand its program and ensure quality education.

In addition to its undergraduate program expansion, CSU Stanislaus has also been collaborating with Sonoma State University to maximize CSU system nursing program resources by offering the Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner Program. The participating universities just received a new grant that will allow them to continue accepting students interested in graduate work.

Partnerships Pave the Way

Successful partnerships with hospitals and medical centers in the region have played a significant role in the opening and expansion of the Nursing program. Kaiser Permanente, Memorial Hospital Association, Doctors Medical Centers of Modesto and Manteca, Dameron Hospital, Emanuel Medical Center, San Joaquin General, Stanislaus Behavioral Center and Merced Behavioral Center are among the hospitals and centers that have partnered with CSU Stanislaus to either help fund its program or provide clinical sites for student use. Saint Joseph’s Medical Center in Stockton also recently partnered with CSU Stanislaus to provide a clinical faculty partner who is now teaching in the pre-licensure program.

Graduates in the Work Field

In May 2005 the pre-licensure program graduated its first class of 26 students. Most stayed in the region and are currently working in acute care settings.

George Valez, a 2005 BSN graduate, is currently working in the Memorial Hospital and Emanuel Medical Center emergency rooms as a nurse. He hopes to work his way up on the health care ladder and eventually pursue a degree to become a nurse anesthetist, a registered nurse educated and trained to administer anesthesia.

Valez, who has been part of nursing programs at other colleges, said he enjoyed and appreciated the program at CSU Stanislaus the most.

“It’s demanding, but it has a different focus,” said Valez. “The teaching method is different and it emphasizes critical thinking. I loved it.”

With the demand for qualified nurses on the rise, many who aspire to the profession are looking to CSU Stanislaus and other higher education institutions in the region to provide the training they need.

“Without nurses the whole healthcare system would collapse, so it’s important that programs like the one at CSU Stanislaus keep on expanding their capacity,” Valez said. “We are the ones in constant contact with patients. We are the doctor’s eyes and ears. We keep them informed about the patient.”
Return of the Rabbits

On location with the University’s Endangered Species Recovery Program

by Don Hansen
California State University, Stanislaus student Jeff Holt was well aware that this was not a rabbit that you pull out of your hat as he delicately removed the wild little furry creature from a sack, examined it and jotted down statistics.

There is much more to working with these rabbits than pulling the bunnies out of a hat, trap or a sack. Holt, majoring in Biology at CSU Stanislaus, was helping out recently with a census on the riparian brush rabbit population at a “propagation pen” facility in San Joaquin County. A subspecies of the brush rabbit (Sylvilagus bachmani), which is found from Oregon to Mexico, the riparian brush rabbit has only two known populations and is one of the most endangered animals in North America. Today, riparian brush rabbits are showing signs of making a comeback in the San Joaquin Valley river woodlands where they once thrived.

Like the riparian brush rabbit, for many wild animals and plants in the state, the key to their future survival is closely linked to a program founded and coordinated at California State University, Stanislaus.

The Endangered Species Recovery Program (ESRP), established in 1992 under the direction of CSU Stanislaus Professor Emeritus Dan Williams, has brought together a long list of federal, state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, corporations and private landowners in a cooperative research program focused on the recovery of threatened and endangered species. More than $24 million in grants and contracts have been generated by the program since its startup 14 years ago with the initial and ongoing support of two federal agencies, the Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The program has grown to about 45 biologists, support staff, students and research associates who are based at CSU Stanislaus, the program headquarters in Fresno (where regional federal agency offices are located) and in Bakersfield. Projects are being conducted all over the state, but primarily in Central California. To the extent possible, ESRP projects involve students and faculty from CSU Stanislaus and other campuses.

The CSU Stanislaus program assists federal and state agencies in resolving conservation conflicts through scientifically-based recovery planning and implementation that literally involves dozens of native species of animals and plants. ESRP works with a number of other public agencies, such as Caltrans on road projects and the California Department of Fish and Game on Mojave Desert research, to provide them with technical expertise, data, research results and expert advice on resolving environmental conflicts.

“The key to the success of the project has been the very high level of collaboration and cooperation between federal and state agencies, private landowners and individuals” said Dr. Patrick Kelly, Associate Professor of Biology and ESRP Coordinator.

Most of the issues involving animals and plants that end up on the threatened and endangered lists involve habitat that has been impacted over the years by increasing land development for agricultural, industrial and urban uses all over the state. ESRP research in identifying species-at-risk and assistance in developing conservation and recovery solutions are greatly appreciated and sought-after by resource-management agencies.

“The cooperative nature of the program in bringing a lot of agencies and their resources together under one umbrella has made a big difference,” said Scott Phillips, a geographic information systems analyst and network administrator who joined ESRP in its Fresno office in 1995.

A variety of animals are on the current ESRP project list. They include the riparian brush rabbit, riparian woodrat, San Joaquin kit fox, Mohave ground squirrel, giant and San Joaquin kangaroo rat, California red-legged frog and blunt-nosed leopard lizard, to name just a few.

Program biologists have contributed to the recovery of several rare plants, including Bakersfield cactus, Kern mallow and palmate-bracted bird’s beak. They have also assisted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in writing recovery plans for plants in a number of regions in California and southern Oregon.

Major field experiments have also been conducted to determine cost-effective restoration techniques that can be applied to large expanses of retired agricultural lands. A native

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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.”

“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.”

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.

“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.”

Making reintroduction possible is a captive breeding facility located in a remote area of San Joaquin County where rabbits are kept in large screened and fenced enclosures complete with extensive ground cover. Unlike domestic rabbits, riparian brush rabbits breed from about January to May each year, but enough bunnies are born every year to provide for reintroduction at the two San Joaquin River sites. Hundreds of the rabbits, which only weigh a little over one pound and are fitted with tiny radio collars, have

Four of the Many Endangered Species Recovery Program Project Sites

(Endangered Species, continued)

plant nursery is being maintained to produce native plants and seed for restoration efforts and experimentation.

One of the ESRP’s most heralded and extensive recovery projects is with the riparian brush rabbit. The rabbit is on the path to recovery following its reintroduction at two locations — the San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge west of Modesto and on the Faith Ranch, owned by the Gallo family, along the San Joaquin and Stanislaus Rivers in western Stanislaus County. Biologists assigned to the ESRP offices located in the Student Services Building at CSU Stanislaus team with the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California departments of Fish and Game, Water Resources and Parks and Recreation on the major reintroduction project.
be released into the wildlands along the rivers and are monitored with radio-receivers and live-traps. This enables ESRP biologists to collect extensive data on their ecology.

There have been setbacks along the way in the rabbit’s riparian habitat that features thick woods of oak and other trees, blackberries, and an abundance of shrubs and plant life. Flooding on the San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge this spring has taken a toll on many of the rabbits. In 2004, a major wildfire on the Refuge also took the lives of some rabbits. However, the conservation strategy for the rabbit was developed with wildfire and flooding in mind. Project officials are confident that the rabbit population will recover and grow in coming years as a more effective conservation strategy is implemented for the rabbit, a strategy that will also benefit other wildlife species that live along the rivers.

Kelly, a native of Ireland who has a Ph.D. in vertebrate zoology from UC Berkeley, has understandably strong convictions about the importance of the overall program.

“These endangered plants and animals are part of our natural heritage,” he said. “It is as important to preserve our natural heritage as it is our cultural heritage.”

Kelly points out that raising awareness of the importance of ecosystems — which are in many ways crucial to our quality of life — is a seemingly endless challenge.

“Most Valley residents are somewhat or very unfamiliar with the natural values of the place in which they live,” Kelly said.

People don’t have to travel to Yosemite to see nature in action because it’s all around them in the San Joaquin Valley, where a number of ESRP projects are taking place, including right on campus, Kelly noted.

He points out that preserving our species and ecosystems while at the same time maintaining one of the most vibrant agricultural economies in the world is not only preferable, it is also achievable. He quotes the famous natural philosopher and writer Aldo Leopold with describing the ideal and environmentally sustainable worldview, a view that will become even more important as the region’s economy diversifies and population increases.

“Conservation is a state of harmony between man and land.”

For more information, check out the ESRP website at: http://esrp.csustan.edu

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Marianne Huizing (left), a CSU Stanislaus biologist, and Tristan Edgarian, a field assistant, prepare to check a rabbit at a habitat site.
Shakespeare and Children’s Production Scheduled for July

California State University, Stanislaus will offer a premiere summer season of entertainment in July with an outdoor production of William Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew” and an indoor children’s production of “Pooh Stories.”

Drew Sutherland, Festival Director and a CSU Stanislaus Drama Department faculty member, said plans call for the July festival to become an annual event at the University. The Shakespeare performances are scheduled for 8 o’clock Thursday through Sunday evenings for three weeks at the University Amphitheatre and “Pooh Stories” are scheduled for a pair of weekends, July 22, 23, 29 and 30.

“The thing that excites me the most about this is that we get to offer high quality children’s theatre inside during the heat of the summer,” said Sutherland, architect of the University’s exciting new summer program. “Then, the evenings can be spent under the stars watching exceptional theatre. This kind of entertainment will be great for the whole community. I’ve been very impressed with the way the community has responded with sponsorships to help support this program.”

The festival will have, at its core, a company of 16 students who will all receive full scholarships and be housed at CSU Stanislaus during the eight-week rehearsal and performance period. All proceeds from the event will go into an account earmarked for the next summer program’s scholarships.

Student performers in the productions directed by CSU Stanislaus Theatre Professor Jere O’Donnell are Colleen Albert, Emily Gomes and Virginia Olivera of Modesto; Jason Bayless, Ashley O’Bryan, Matt Valaderex and Amber Wallen of Turlock; Carl Lindberg and Kelsey Bennett of Manteca, Lyz Battuci of Merced; Tim Sutton of Sonora; Susan Brummet of Hollister; JC Wilde of Duarte; Kitty Keim of Avalon; Megan Lynch of Truckee; and Leila Ghaznavi of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sutherland also will participate as an actor in the Shakespeare production. Shakespeare’s classic comedy, “Taming of the Shrew,” centers on one man’s attempts to control the willful, bad-tempered Kate (the shrew). Complete with plot twists, disguises and rollicking language, Petruchio’s clever attempts to “tame” the shrew have delighted audiences for centuries.

“The Taming of the Shrew,” featuring an impressive working Italian café set designed by CSU Stanislaus expert Noble Dinse, will play for 12 performances the last three weekends in July (13-16, 20-23, 27-30). The Amphitheatre will open at 6:30 each evening to accommodate people who want to spread blankets out and enjoy picnic dinners and their favorite beverages. An art walk featuring the work of local artists will be set up at the Amphitheatre entrance.

Ticket prices are $10 general admission, $7 for college students and CSU Stanislaus staff and $4 for those 16 and under. Tickets are on sale at the University Theatre Box Office, (209) 667-3166.

The week after the Shakespeare event opens, the actors will put on a children’s theatre performance in the University Drama Building Mainstage Theatre. Showtimes for the weekend programs are 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Tickets are $2 for children, $3 for students and seniors and $4 general admission.

For more information on tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please contact the School of Fine and Performing Arts office at (209) 667-3959. Or check out the website at: www.csustan.edu/Theatre/Data/Announcement/index.html.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

“Taming of the Shrew”
July 13-16, 20-23, 27-30 in University Amphitheatre
Show times: 8 p.m. Gates open 6:30 p.m.
Admission: $10 general, $7 students with ID, $4 children under 16

“Pooh Stories Part Duex”
July 22, 23, 29, 30 in University Theatre
Show times: 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m.
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University Foundation Board Members Dianne Gagoss, Marian Palmer Honored

California State University, Stanislaus Foundation Board Trustees Dianne Gagoss and Marian Palmer were recently the recipients of countywide honors recognizing their philanthropic efforts.

The Yosemite Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals named Gagoss as Outstanding Volunteer fundraiser and Palmer as Outstanding Philanthropist during a November awards program in Modesto. Both of the longtime active CSU Stanislaus advocates have been involved supporters of a variety of community organizations and causes.

Gagoss, who has served on the University Foundation Board since 2001, serves on the Modesto Symphony, Modesto Performing Arts Center and Stanislaus County Ag Foundation boards of directors. In addition to her involvement with CSU Stanislaus, Gagoss is a past president of the Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary and also active with the Center for Human Services.

Gagoss developed the Conductor’s Circle donor program as a Modesto Symphony board member that has grown from a startup of 15 gifts of $1,000 each in 1985 to more than 100 members who gave nearly $300,000 in 2005. A lifetime Modesto resident, Gagoss was married to the late George Gagoss, a Modesto developer and philanthropist, for 46 years.

Palmer has dedicated herself to a variety of causes and notes that she comes from a family of philanthropists who have given back to the community over the years. A Turlock native and member of the CSU Stanislaus Foundation Board since 1997, Palmer has done volunteer work with the University for more than 25 years.

Palmer has served as a board member and volunteer for Emanuel Medical Center for more than 30 years, having raised more than $100,000 over the past four years for the Legacy Circle of Emanuel and served as President of the Emanuel Auxiliary. As a founding member of the Emanuel Thrift Store and gift shop projects, Palmer has helped the hospital raise more than $1.5 million. She has also been an enthusiastic supporter of the Turlock Community Theater, Turlock Historical Society, her church and a number of other organizations. Palmer has received many awards over the years, including the Turlock Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian of the Year honor and California Woman of the Year tribute from Assembly member Greg Aghazarian.

Boyett Room Dedicated

Carl and Carol Boyett were the featured guests at a September 29 reception to dedicate the Boyett Petroleum Conference Room. Room 200 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.

Hispanic Outlook Magazine Rates CSU Stanislaus in Top 100

California State University, Stanislaus is once again one of 19 CSU campuses listed in the tenth annual Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education’s Publisher’s Picks, a national list of Hispanic-serving colleges and universities.

The Publisher’s Picks in the national publication recognizes institutions with solid records in recruiting, enabling and graduating Hispanic students. The standings are based upon formal and informal inquires as well as data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Topics scrutinized include financial aid and scholarship programs, remedial and tutoring programs, English-as-a-second language offerings, Hispanic studies classes, Hispanic campus organizations, Hispanic faculty and administrators, and other services designed to help students succeed.

“California State University, Stanislaus is proud to be an avenue to success for a diverse number of students, including those who are the first in their families to attend college,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of CSU Stanislaus. “The University takes very seriously its responsibility to provide access to quality higher education for all qualified students.”

CSU Stanislaus was officially designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Hispanic-Serving Institution in 2003, making the University eligible to apply for grants awarded to colleges and universities with large numbers of low-income Hispanic students. The designation is awarded to schools with a minimum of 25 percent Hispanic students and half or more who are classified as low-income and qualify for financial assistance.

Hispanic student enrollment at CSU Stanislaus accounts for more than 26 percent of the University’s 8,100 students. Hispanic bachelor’s degree recipients receive 18 percent of the diplomas at CSU Stanislaus and 10 percent of the master’s degrees.

Former Trustee Anthony Vitti Receives Honorary Doctorate at Commencement

Anthony M. Vitti, who served on the California State University Board of Trustees from 1989 to 2005, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the CSU Stanislaus Commencement on June 3.

More than 2,000 CSU Stanislaus students received bachelor’s and master’s degrees during the morning ceremony in the University Amphitheater.

Vitti, who made a number of visits to CSU Stanislaus during his 16-year tenure on the CSU Board, has been praised for his advocacy efforts that have helped the University become one of the best in the West.

“This honorary degree is an honor and a tribute to Anthony Vitti’s many years of superior service and dedication to the objectives and ideals of the California State University system and CSU Stanislaus,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of CSU Stanislaus. “He provided extremely intuitive and trustworthy guidance and advice during a time of challenges faced by the CSU system and its campuses. His exemplary support for California State University, Stanislaus and its objectives is much appreciated.”

Vitti was recently recognized by the CSU Board of Trustees with a formal resolution conferring on him the title of Trustee Emeritus. He was appointed as a CSU Trustee by Governor George Deukmejian and reappointed by Governor Pete Wilson in 1997.

A private practice attorney since 1971, Vitti has been involved in real estate development and the mortgage brokerage businesses for many years. He is a co-founder of CommerceBank in California and served on the board of directors of Stagg Food, Inc., a Los Angeles canned food company.
Kyte, Petersen Receive Ethics in Public Service Awards

President Shirvani Inaugurated as University’s Seventh President

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. He received the Association of California School Administrators' highest award this year – the Ferd Kiesel Memorial Distinguished Service Award – this year. In 1997, Petersen 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.

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 this year, 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 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.

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

In full display at the program was a Presidential Inaugural Rose Garden featuring a colorful variety of 100 rose bushes planted at the north entrance to the Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Gateway Building. Donations to establish the rose garden go to the University’s Presidential Scholarship Program for High Achieving Students.
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University Teams with Delta College on New 2+2 Business Degree Program in Stockton

California State University, Stanislaus-Stockton Center and San Joaquin Delta College will partner starting this summer to offer a 2+2 business degree program in Stockton that will include Friday evening and Saturday morning classes and some course offerings via the web.

The program is designed to give Delta students the opportunity to complete a business degree through a transfer program to CSU Stanislaus that will enable them to take all of their degree classes in Stockton. Students will complete their first two years of lower-division general education and prerequisite classes at Delta and then transfer to CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center where they can complete upper-division courses to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a selection of concentrations in accounting and general business.

“Development of this program in collaboration between San Joaquin Delta College and California State University, Stanislaus is a major plus for students in the San Joaquin County region who want to earn a business degree and take their classes in Stockton,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of CSU Stanislaus. “The classes will be offered at convenient times at CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center and be available online for working professionals and others seeking to achieve their educational goals.”

Dr. Raúl Rodriguez, Superintendent/President of San Joaquin Delta College, said the new program will meet a demand in the Stockton region.

“We are pleased to work with CSU Stanislaus to facilitate an easy transition for students seeking a bachelor’s degree,” he said. “This new program will enable many Delta College graduates majoring in business to pursue their undergraduate degrees closer to home. The program provides flexibility for students who need to work while attending college or who have other non-traditional schedule requirements or circumstances.”

Noting that the average age of CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center students is 32 and that most are working full-time jobs, President Shirvani said this program is tailored to meet the needs of those students.

Core business major courses, set up in a progressive block format, will get under way at CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center in June. Since most students entering the program typically work full-time, 8 to 5 Monday through Friday, classes will be available on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Some of the courses and class subject matter will be made available online and at the Stockton Center.

“One of the primary focuses of the program is to meet the needs of our constituents in the San Joaquin County region, so we are really excited about the partnership we have in serving community college students,” said CSU Stanislaus College of Business faculty member Dr. Ashour Badal Mavaneh, coordinator of the Stockton Business Degree program. “Based on a series of focus group meetings we’ve held with community leaders, they’ve made it very clear that there is a need for more degree program classes in Stockton offered at convenient times for busy adult professionals. It’s our responsibility to provide that for them and we are committed to bringing it to Stockton.”

Members of the Stockton Business Community are Welcoming the New Partnership Program

“Having an opportunity like this available in the San Joaquin County region is a giant step toward getting many more people in the community involved with and supporting public higher education in Stockton,” said Tom Beard, President and CEO of Stockton Eastern Railroad and Stockton Terminal Co. “It’s a great way of building a relationship between the schools and the community to offer another quite appealing tool for businesses.”

Sedrick Mitchell, a former Stockton resident and Deputy Director of External Affairs for the California Department of Parks and Recreation, is enthused about the new program as a CSU Stanislaus graduate serving on the University President’s Council.

“This is another example of this University’s commitment to a student-centered high-quality educational experience,” Mitchell said. “Those students who avail themselves to this program will discover a clearer pathway to both academic and professional success.”

Stockton Dean Cynthia Morgan Announces Retirement

Dr. Cynthia Morgan, Dean of the California State University, Stanislaus-Stockton Center and longtime faculty member, will retire from California State University, Stanislaus, effective July 31.

Morgan has been called upon by President Hamid Shirvani to apply her administrative knowledge and skills as a Special Assistant to the Provost, as of March 20. Dave Hamlett, Director of Academic Services at Stockton, has assumed the role of Director of the CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center.

Over her 32-year career at CSU Stanislaus, Morgan has served as a Psychology Department faculty member and chair before moving up to associate dean and dean.

In eight years as Dean of the Stockton Center, Morgan has helped strengthen the University’s impact throughout San Joaquin County and surrounding areas. Morgan became Dean of the Stockton Center just after CSU Stanislaus moved from its original site at San Joaquin Delta College to the 103-acre site now known as University Park. As dean, she worked closely with Stockton businesses and the Stockton community to establish the vision of University Park and the CSU Stanislaus Stockton Center’s role as the anchor tenant.

“The staff of the Stockton Center deserve most of the credit for what has happened at CSU Stanislaus-Stockton Center,” Morgan said. “Staff members are dedicated and always willing to go that extra mile to facilitate student learning and faculty teaching. I have valued their support, as well as that of all in the Stockton community who have supported the Center.”

Morgan has also been instrumental in forging a partnership between CSU Stanislaus and the Stockton Unified School District in its development of Pittman Elementary School at University Park. Over the past year, Dr. Morgan’s leadership has contributed greatly to the development of a new proposed charter school at University Park in partnership with Aspire Schools — a collaboration supported by a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-funded grant administered through the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.
Botany Professor Steve Grillos Shares Retirement with Students

When California State University, Stanislaus Botany Professor Steve Grillos decided to retire 14 years ago, he felt strongly that his work was not finished.

So Grillos “retired” with the understanding that he would teach at least one class each semester on a volunteer basis. His only compensation since then has been a parking pass and mileage for some of his field trips.

Grillos, now in his 54th year of teaching and a CSU Stanislaus faculty member since CSU Stanislaus moved to its current location in 1965, says his real paycheck these days is the satisfaction he gets out of working with students and fellow faculty in the Department of Biology. He has been teaching “Biological Illustration” and “Flowering Plants of California” since starting his pension plan in 1992 and takes great pride in the accomplishments of students who have gone on to successful careers.

“The University and the state have been very good to me during my career,” Grillos said. “If I can be of any service to the students, I’m here to help them in any way I can. I really do still enjoy coming to work every day.”

Not that Grillos doesn’t savor the benefits of retirement as well. He and his wife, Bessie (his first wife, Georgia, died in 1996), devote his off time to gardening at their Modesto home, traveling and spending time with family, including seven grandchildren. Grillos has visited his family’s Greek roots in Crete and likes to play golf on a regular basis.

But high on his priority list is devoting Monday through Friday to students at CSU Stanislaus, both as an instructor and as an advisor. Continuing teaching has also enabled Grillos to maintain his keen interest in microscopic analysis of plants, ranging from ferns and flowering plants to weeds and trees.

“Steve has been a wonderful colleague, mentor and friend,” said Wayne Pierce, a Professor of Botany who was hired in 1971 by Grillos, then Biology Department Chair. “It has meant a great deal to me and my other colleagues that he has remained such an active participant in departmental activities and the classroom. It has meant much more to the hundreds of students who have benefited from his counseling, guidance and teaching in the years since he ‘retired.’ ”

The Biological Illustration class taught by Grillos continues to be one of the most popular elective science courses, according to Pierce. Some of the work his students produce in that class is regularly displayed in the Science Building lobby. Grillos is known for his skill at restoring damaged microscope slides that contain sections of biological material.

Involved in the planning of the current Science Building which was added to the CSU Stanislaus campus in 1972, he instituted the design for the botany laboratories that are still described as highly functional and spearheaded the addition of the adjoining greenhouse facility. Grillos hired many of the Biology Department faculty, developed and taught 17 courses, served as Speaker of the Faculty and found time to publish a book titled “Fern and Fern Allies of California.”

So it was fitting that Grillos, one of the more popular members of the University faculty, was named the University’s Outstanding Professor of the Year in 1993. He and retired English Professor Lola Johnson are the only two remaining faculty members from the first year on the current campus.

A native of Wyoming with degrees from the University of Wyoming and University of Denver and a doctorate from Oregon State University, Grillos recalls that botany caught his interest as a young forestry student. He switched focus and started his teaching career at Modesto’s Downey High School, advanced to Modesto Junior College and then to what was CSU Hayward, now CSU East Bay.

When Grillos joined the CSU Stanislaus faculty at the new campus, the science laboratories were located in the Classroom Building, now Bezzini Hall. While there was plenty of excitement about moving into the Science Building 32 years ago, Grillos said the University has since outgrown the facility. He’s eagerly anticipating completion of the new Science II Building in 2007.

Grillos is hoping to take part in the move over to the much larger and modern facility next year. He wants to be there for the students.

“I want to teach and work with the students as long as I can,” he said. “Being around them keeps me feeling young, to where I do not feel my age.”
Provost David Dauwalder Accepts University of New Haven Post

Dr. David P. Dauwalder, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University, Stanislaus, has accepted a position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of New Haven in Connecticut.

Dauwalder, whose appointment was effective in May, has assumed the number two leadership post at the University of New Haven, a private school of 4,300 students, and will oversee all academic programs. He has served as CSU Stanislaus Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs since June 2002.

“Dr. Dauwalder has served our campus admirably as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of CSU Stanislaus. “During his tenure at CSU Stanislaus, David’s personal and professional qualities have earned him the respect of his colleagues and peers.”

Dauwalder has drawn praise for his strong analytical skills in contributing to the development of an integrated academic planning and budget process, refinement of the University’s assessment efforts and greater sophistication of institutional research. He has been instrumental in the effort to engage the campus community in strategic planning as the University continues to grow and develop new academic programs.

Dauwalder said he and his wife, Marty, are enthused about the opportunity to experience a new section of the country on a career path that has taken them from Arizona to Michigan, Washington and California.

“Professionally, this experience will provide me with my first direct involvement with private higher education,” Dauwalder said. “I am extremely proud to have been a part of California State University, Stanislaus. I am a great fan of the CSU system and believe strongly in its mission and in the mission of this campus.”

President Shirvani noted that Dauwalder has worked closely with faculty to increase support for faculty scholarship, most notably the faculty workload agreement. Dauwalder has helped to strengthen partnerships locally and internationally for improving educational opportunities for students and faculty, President Shirvani added.

Vice Provost Dr. Diana Demetrulias has been named Interim Provost while a search for the new leader is conducted.

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, 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 multietnic 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.

Rysdahl, 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) last fall and will teach part-time.

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 has 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.
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 photocopies 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, made 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.

4 Faculty Awards Recipients Announced

California State University, Stanislaus faculty members Dr. Jamie McCreary, Dr. Nancy Taniguchi and Dr. Jane Howard have been named 2005-06 Outstanding Award recipients by California State University, Stanislaus and Dr. Betsy Eudey received the Elizabeth Anne B. Papageorge Faculty Development Award.

McCreary, a Professor of Psychology and a faculty member for 31 years, was commended as a dedicated educator whose teaching, mentoring and activism for quality education mark her for distinction as one of the “best of the best” at CSU Stanislaus.

Taniguchi, a Professor of History, is known for her passion for history and has a distinguished record of publishing her historical research.

Howard, a Professor of Psychology, is known for her dedicated work at two important centers, both of which she founded. The centers have brought psychological services to the community making a big difference in the lives of many children and families in the region. Howard, who has done extensive research and publishing in her field, has been actively involved in community service since her first year on campus.

Eudey, an Assistant Professor and Director of Gender Studies, was commended for her ability to spread to her colleagues enthusiasm for teaching and dedication to student learning. She served as interim director of the Faculty Development Center in 2004-05.

Bill Ruud Heads for Faculty Position

Dr. Bill Ruud announced in March that he was leaving his position as Vice President for University Advancement to focus on teaching. During the spring semester, Ruud elected to transition into his faculty position in the College of Business.

“I know that our students in the College of Business will benefit from the depth of knowledge and experience that he will bring to the classroom,” CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said.

Shirvani has assumed administrative oversight of the University Advancement administration to insure a smooth transition. A search for a new vice president is being conducted.

Ruud came to CSU Stanislaus in January 2004 from Boise State University where he served as an administrator and faculty member. He also served for two years as senior policy and chief education advisor for the governor of Idaho.
Retiring Business Dean Amin Elmallah Reflects on College’s Progress

By Ben Parent

In the Dean’s conference room in the College of Business Administration at California State University, Stanislaus, 12 clocks simultaneously display time from cities in Egypt, China, Ivory Coast, India, United Kingdom, Australia, China, Poland, Greece, Thailand and the United States. Each clock represents the home city of a different College of Business faculty member, a fact that brings great pride to the person who put the clocks and many of the faculty there: a businessman, educator and self-described “international citizen” who is a tireless champion of diversity in and out of the classroom.

Born in Alexandria, Egypt, Dr. Amin A. Elmallah was the first in his family to attend college, begging off his father’s usually sound advice “to be a doctor or engineer” to study commerce at Alexandria University. A competitive scholarship award brought him to the United States to pursue his Master’s of Business Administration, and eventually, his Ph.D.

While he considered going back to his home country at several points in his 45-year career, admiring students, advancement opportunities and influential colleagues have always encouraged him to stay and to keep making a difference as an educator. Now, after serving six years as Dean of the College of Business Administration at CSU Stanislaus, the time has come for Elmallah to retire from an institution that has seen a significant boost in the status of its business offerings. His hard work and ability to build bridges between faculty and administrators, as well as the University and the region’s business community have had a lot to do with those improvements.

“Working with the faculty, students and staff has been the hallmark of my time here,” Elmallah said. “Fostering a relationship that centers on friendships with faculty members, while at the same time building a team environment, has been extremely rewarding.”

Elmallah taught and administrated at four other universities in the United States, including California State University, Chico and Sacramento State, before becoming to CSU Stanislaus in 2000. Along the way, he put together a substantial list of personal and professional accomplishments, using his gregarious personality to tirelessly promote how business can affect positive change at local, regional and international levels.

At CSU Stanislaus, Elmallah has been equally efficacious. During his watch, the College of Business Administration earned eagerly and long-sought accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in just three years.

“Without hesitation, I would say I am most proud of receiving our AACSB accreditation, which we achieved in April 2003,” Elmallah said. “All of the credit belongs to the faculty. They did an outstanding job in doing what is necessary to earn this premiere accreditation in record time.”

In addition, during Elmallah’s tenure, the University developed a Master’s of Business Administration in International Finance major in conjunction with Cergy-Pontoise University in France, established the annual Business Education Conference of Central California with five other area colleges, increased the size of its College Business Advisory Board to 45 members, established an annual Ethics in Public Service award with area business leaders, and most recently, watched its Society for Human Resource Management student chapter team advance to the finals of the National HR Games for the second year in a row.

“I truly believe California State University, Stanislaus has a major role to play in advancing the economic, social and cultural agendas of the Central Valley,” Elmallah said. “The University is a gem in the community and the region, and I know that people will continue to appreciate that as it grows and thrives.”
Promoting education and becoming a role model in the Hispanic community united three California State University, Stanislaus staff members and friends, Louisa Herrera, Jessi Reyes Murray and Stella Ureno. In recognition of many years of hard work and dedication in the community, the three co-workers and friends were honored in December as the 2005 Outstanding Latinas of the Year by the Latino Community Roundtable (LCR) of Stanislaus County.

The award goes to those who show dedication and selfless service in improving the quality of life for everyone in the community by LCR, an organization devoted to improving the political, social and economic condition of Latinos in Stanislaus County.

“California State University, Stanislaus congratulates these three individuals for this well-deserved recognition and our deepest gratitude for their dedicated service to the community at large,” said Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President of CSU Stanislaus. “Their hard work, dedication and outstanding service have helped to improve the quality of life in our community.”

Herrera, director of the Tutoring Center, joined the CSU Stanislaus staff in the early 1990’s as an undergraduate while earning her degree. She was a student when she decided to devote her time to help others who were struggling academically and among the first few who helped build the foundation of today’s CSU Stanislaus Tutoring Center.

Reyes Murray, director of Student Support Services (SSS), recalls the day Herrera walked into her office looking for an on-campus job. She helped Herrera and says she knew that based on Herrera’s previous experience at Hartnell Community College’s Tutoring Center she was the right person for the Tutoring Center assistant position.

In 1999, Ureno joined her two friends at CSU Stanislaus as the University’s academic advisor for SSS. Ureno had met Herrera at Hartnell College and had known Reyes Murray for more than 20 years before joining the University staff. Ureno and Reyes Murray met while recruiting for their respective alma maters, Fresno State and San Jose State. Since then, the trio has been working tirelessly to ensure that the academic needs of the students of CSU Stanislaus are met through the Tutoring Center and SSS.

The Tutoring Center provides personalized learning support for students on a variety of subjects, primarily English and mathematics. Student Support Services focuses on low-income, first-generation, undergraduate students with extra tutorial assistance, scholarship awards, academic advising and curriculum planning, internship opportunities information and a variety of other programs and activities.

Through the years, the three women have also organized and supported a variety of events, activities and programs that provide direct or indirect benefit to Latino students. They have served together at events for CSU Stanislaus and for many other organizations promoting education and scholarship support, such as the Chicano Council for Equity in Education, the Cesar Chavez Celebration event, Cinco de Mayo, Mujeres Latinas and Noche de Becas.

All three are committed to the same causes and rely on each other not only as colleagues, but as close friends.

“We work well together,” Reyes Murray said. “We push each other and we back each other up.”

With work and volunteer hours consuming their schedules, Herrera, Reyes Murray and Ureno know why their work is important.

“I believe education is a right for everybody,” Reyes Murray said. “It is a life-changing experience. I would like to see kids go to school, value education and graduate.”

“We need to step up,” Herrera added. “If we didn’t do it, who would! There has to be someone to do it.”

Having received the award for their dedication to serving students and the community, the three award recipients said they feel an overwhelming sense of honor for being selected Latinas of the year.

“I was excited and honored,” said Herrera. “I do what I do because it’s my passion. I want to be involved to make a difference, even if it’s in the life of one person.”

Service Learning Leader Julie Fox Receives State Recognition

Julie Fox, who has championed faculty and student involvement in the community as the California State University, Stanislaus Service Learning Coordinator, is the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Richard E. Cone Award for Excellence & Leadership.

The annual award, bestowed by the California Campus Compact, recognizes those at colleges and universities for cultivating successful partnerships in higher education. Fox and award recipients from all over the United States received their awards on April 19 at the Continuums of Service Conference in Bellevue, Washington.

Fox has drawn praise for her dedication to creating an effective Office of Service Learning at CSU Stanislaus that has increased the level of civic engagement by students and faculty while pioneering beneficial partnerships in the region.

“Julie Fox’s service to the external and campus community has been outstanding,” CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. “Her commitment to community service and her work with the faculty in promoting service learning for our students is well deserving of this kind of recognition.”

“This is an award for all of us at California State University, Stanislaus as well as our community partners who have worked so hard to collaborate with the University to create a meaningful service-learning program,” Fox said. “It showcases the fact that CSU Stanislaus students have the opportunity to (continued on next page)
learn, make connections with the community through civic engagement and realize the difference they can make in the lives of those who are struggling to achieve their full potential in the San Joaquin Valley.”

Nearly 2,000 students a year make that connection by participating in and volunteering for a variety of public service programs in the region. Fox has worked with faculty to expand the service-learning component to more than 40 University courses, linking students with a long list of community projects.

Leading by example through her involvement in many projects, the Office of Service Learning leader has been the driving force behind service-learning course development, more than 30 community partnerships and more than a million dollars in grant funding. The long list includes a resource center for the homeless in Turlock, an income tax assistance program for low-income families in Empire, a home-based literacy program that pairs students with low-income families in Stanislaus County, a resource center in Modesto that helps Southeast Asian refugees adjust to life in the San Joaquin Valley and mentor programs teaming University students with elementary school children.

A graduate of CSU Stanislaus where she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees, Fox started her involvement in service learning as a student. Her strong commitment to community-based education led to her recognition as “Outstanding Volunteer” by Community Housing and Shelter Services in 1996. Fox opened the University’s Office of Service Learning as coordinator in 2000 and has determinedly promoted civic engagement and community building in her leadership role as a campus ambassador to students, faculty and the community.

Richard Patterson, Jr., who served as Director of the California State University, Stanislaus Office of Community and Minority Affairs and was one of the University’s leading ambassadors as a community leader, died March 15 in San Bernardino. He was 57.

Patterson also served on the Modesto City Council and Modesto City Schools Board of Trustees. A series of strokes in 1993 forced him to withdraw from public life and he took official retirement from the University in 1995.

Patterson thrived in his role as a University ambassador. A star football player at the University of Nevada, Reno, where he earned his degree, Patterson started at CSU Stanislaus in 1972 in the Economic Opportunity Program office and became Director of Community and Minority Affairs in 1986.

Patterson served one term on the Modesto City Schools board and was elected to the Modesto City Council four times. He was elected as a member-at-large of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Board of Directors. CSU Stanislaus presented Mr. Patterson with the Richard Patterson Leadership Award during the 1998 Leadership Forum program featuring keynote speaker Colin Powell, the former U.S. Secretary of State and retired Army general.

Richard Fox, continued

Construction on the $54 million Science II Building at California State University, Stanislaus reached the halfway mark this spring. The state-of-the-art three-story, 110,000 square-foot facility, expected to become the showcase science building in Central California, will include laboratories, classrooms, offices and an observatory on the west end of the structure. The two-year construction project is scheduled for completion in spring 2007 and the first classes will be held in the building in fall of next year. The newly formed College of Natural Sciences will be headquartered in the building. Updates on the progress of the project are available on the University websit at: http://www.vpcs.online.com/csustan/
From the Alumni President ~

Ranks of New Alumni Association Members are Increasing

It is my great pleasure to welcome all of those who have recently joined the California State University, Stanislaus Alumni Association. They are becoming a growing force. For the first time in the University’s history, a major campaign was conducted to invite former alumni members and those who had never been members to join or rejoin the Alumni Association. The campaign was a great success!

Graduates of the University who were not current members of the Alumni Association were contacted over a four-week period earlier this year. The purpose was to establish a strong alumni base by creating awareness about the Alumni Association while extending an invitation to join the Association. As of April 3, more than 450 new members had joined the Alumni Association. That brought the numbers up from just 900 members to more than 1,350 Alumni Association members. This is a tremendously historic and important increase in the Association’s membership.

A larger Alumni Association allows us to reach, serve and engage more CSU Stanislaus alumni and students. The Association’s goal is to foster lifelong connections between the University and its graduates, and to provide the University with support and goodwill. In addition to providing services that help connect Alumni with one another and support CSU Stanislaus, membership dues support scholarships for deserving students. Those contributions also support programs such as Homecoming; chapter events; reunions; annual awards including the Alumni of the Year and the Alumni Service Award as well as the Athletic Hall of Fame Awards event; the Grad Fair; the Wine, Cheese and Jazz Festival; and many other fundraising and friend-raising events.

CSU Stanislaus is nearing a big milestone in its history. The University will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2010 and that means many people refer to California State University, Stanislaus as their alma mater. More than 35,000 students have graduated from the University since 1960. These graduates represent many of the outstanding teachers, accountants, nurses, attorneys, business owners, financial planners and other business and community leaders in our region. We are proud of the University’s Warrior Association and our outstanding athletes who have made their mark at the national level over the past year, talented student performers in the arts and leaders in the agricultural field.

As an alumnus of CSU Stanislaus, I am proud of the diploma that hangs on my wall and am honored to be part of the University’s rich nearly 50-year history.

As we prepare to celebrate the University’s Anniversary, I invite you to reflect on your experience at CSU Stanislaus and the impact your education has had on your life. I also invite you to look forward to an exciting future for the University. President Ham Shirvani is actively leading CSU Stanislaus to the next level of educational excellence, making it a better place for everyone — students, faculty, staff and the community at large.

That gives you all the more reason to stay connected with your University — CSU Stanislaus.

With Warrior Pride,

Todd Barton
President, ’05-’06 Alumni Association Board of Directors

Former Migrant Worker Realizes Career Dream as School Administrator

Josefina Gutierrez, ’86 Liberal Studies & Spanish, believes strongly that it’s never too late to start pursuing your dreams.

The California State University, Stanislaus alumna began pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher when she was in her early twenties. Although success did not come overnight for the former migrant worker, Gutierrez-Miller maintained her determination and has advanced into the administrative ranks as a vice principal at Orville Wright Elementary School in Modesto.

She began working in the fields as a child, picking oranges and tomatoes in the San Joaquin Valley. One of 12 children, Gutierrez-Miller moved from Mexico to the United States with her family hoping to lead a better life north of the border. After spending years helping the family earn a living in the fields, Gutierrez-Miller decided to enroll at Modesto Junior College at the age of 21 and faced new challenges. Because she had worked in the fields for years where there was no need to speak English, Gutierrez-Miller spoke only Spanish. After enrolling in English as a Second Language classes, Gutierrez-Miller started on the path to become a bilingual teacher.

She transferred to CSU Stanislaus in 1984 and joined the University’s Mini-Corps program, designed to train students throughout the state who are pursuing bilingual teaching careers. Gutierrez-Miller graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Studies and Spanish, completed her multiple subject teaching credential and began teaching in 1987. Ten years later, Gutierrez-Miller returned to the University to earn her administrative credential.

That enabled her to transition from a bilingual classroom teacher to an administrator in the late 90’s. As an influential leader today, Gutierrez-Miller is looking forward to eventually becoming a principal. What she most enjoys about her work, however, is not the success, but her interaction with the students.

“Having struggled myself and having gone through obstacles, I see what these kids go through,” Gutierrez-Miller said. “I enjoy working with the students and supporting them, making them believe in themselves, making them realize they can be successful.”
Meet Sean, age 15. Four parts simmering rage, one part hooky player. The casual observer would home in on his penchant to play hooky. Sean has a dark side. When his anger erupts, he attacks his mother. And pretty much makes life miserable for the rest of his family.

Say you’re Sean’s last hope. How would you help?

Previous attempts that focused on enticing him to go to school not only failed, but did nothing for his home life. His family reached breaking point. Sean could be headed for foster care. His prospects looked bleak.

Lots of kids like Sean end up in the system, whether penal or foster care — or both. Sean was luckier.

Meet Dr. Emily Branscum, Marni Dick, Jennifer Johnson and Wes Lang. (See sidebar, “Quick Profiles.”) They caught Sean before he fell through the cracks. Last summer, these four California State University, Stanislaus alumni pooled their experience and expertise in psychology, child development and social work to become Behavior Solutions, International. This private agency serves the public sector in five counties from the foothills to the San Joaquin Valley. It contracts with county offices of education and regional centers for behavior management. Retired orthopedic surgeon Dr. John Branscum provides financial support. He’s a board member, and Emily’s dad.

“His outlook has been extremely beneficial,” Emily said. “He told me, ‘Go do it, what are you waiting for?’”

Behavior Solutions’ interventions are neither quick fixes nor one-size-fits-all. Their strategies distinguish them. First, they look at the child’s world in macro mode — church, home, school, playground — wherever he spends time, they spend time, and scads of it. They don’t zoom in only where problems occur and introduce changes there. Second, they empower the child’s support network — his family, teachers, peers — to contribute to the fix instead of unwittingly triggering the behavior. Finally, the group’s stance is that the child is better helped at home, the earlier the better, before foster care is the sole option.

The group decided Sean needed structure, firmness and consistency in his environments. Over time, he learned to earn privileges and to verbalize or walk off his anger. He stopped assaulting his mother. His school attendance improved greatly. You can imagine how ecstatic his family was.

Happy endings like this feed the hunger to help others. Dr. Emily Branscum thought she’d be a teacher or a marriage and family therapist. As a CSU Stanislaus senior, she took a graduate-level class on behavior analysis with Dr. Bruce Hesse.

“I thought behaviorists were the bad guys,” Branscum said. “I’d pester him with questions like ‘How do you really help a person if you don’t talk about how they think and feel?’” In her master’s program she worked closely with Dr. Gary Novak, absorbing his theory of child development. Her dissertation at Florida International centered on aggressive behaviors in kindergarteners and first-graders.

At 18, Marni Dick went to work at a group home for severely emotionally disturbed children in Merced. By 20, she was managing it.

“I didn’t know it was called behavior modification,” Dick said. “I had applied for a childcare job.” She entered CSU Stanislaus at 23. “By then I knew I wanted to work with the toughest of the tough kids whom no one else wanted.”

Dick credits the influence of Drs. Bruce Hesse and Gina Pallotta. She worked full-time at Aspira Foster Families while an undergraduate, and at Sierra Vista Child and Family Services as a graduate student.

Jennifer Johnson’s initial fascination was with science, particularly genetics. She sees its connection with her life’s work.

“Genetics already did its job; I get to work with the residual effects,” Johnson said.

She thanks Dr. Agnes Riedmann for opening her eyes to the intertwining of society’s actions and human behavior. Johnson remembers gratefully that Drs. Paul O’Brien and John Garcia encouraged her intense love for research despite her avowed aversion to statistics.

Wes Lang retains a profound appreciation for the way that the Social Work faculty put a strong emphasis on the values behind the work, such as social justice and the empowerment of those being served. He credits Dr. Pamela Marques for shaping his practice and for her support as he earned his state license. When Wes talks about how important family connections are in making positive changes, he speaks from his own experience as the father of Garrett, who is autistic.

“It’s helped me reflect on what it means to have a fulfilling life, and that each person is going to define that differently,” Lang said. “I don’t want to put lots of expectations on my son, but I want to help him grow and develop in whatever ways he chooses.”
Grad Vickie Trask Finds Calling with Troubled Youths

Vickie Trask, ’01 Communication Studies, is a walking, talking example of the value of education to both youth and adults.

As a teacher at the Stanislaus County Office of Education Juvenile Hall and Petersen Alternative Center for Education for the past two years, she has been able to make a difference in helping kids who don’t fit into the mainstream. Named Stanislaus County Teacher of the Year in 2005, Trask was one of 14 semi-finalist nominees for California Teacher of the Year honors in recognition of the life-changing work she is doing with troubled youth. She can relate to her students.

“I was raised in 19 foster homes and was in and out of high school 48 times by my junior year while growing up in Southern California,” Trask said. “I know from experience what low self-esteem does to an individual and am determined to make a difference in students’ lives.”

She remembers being influenced by a high school teacher who went out of her way to help the floundering Trask who was also dealing with learning disabilities, including dyslexia. It was the start of a long career path to her present teaching role.

Trask enrolled at Cal State Fullerton but dropped out her junior year. She taught community college classes for many years and worked various other jobs, including a stint with Extended Education at CSU Stanislaus as coordinator of the Business and Industry program. Then, at the age of 43, Trask enrolled at CSU Stanislaus, completing her bachelor’s degree in December 2001 and going on to earn a master’s degree.

After helping to spearhead a new occupation program at Juvenile Hall, Trask accepted the challenge to become a teacher there. She teaches computer applications classes, helping students build the skills they can use to become productive workers.

“My time at CSU Stanislaus was a wakeup call for me that education is so important,” Trask said. “My students are learning that with hard work, the bright orange uniforms they are wearing can be turned into business attire. All I want to accomplish in my career is to impact students’ lives in a positive way.”

Grad Virginia Madueno Found Connections at CSU Stanislaus

Virginia Madueno, ’89 Communication Studies, feels she made the most out of her California State University, Stanislaus education.

In addition to graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Communication, Madueno said she was able to tap into a network of people and resources that are paying dividends in her career. She is president and owner of a public relations and marketing firm that specializes in marketing to Latinos and serves as a city councilmember in her hometown of Riverbank.

Madueno established the new business, Imagen Public Relations & Marketing, nearly five years ago after 12 years in public relations with Stanislaus County. What started out as a plan to spend more time with her three children while her husband, Ramiro, established a tile contractor business, has blossomed into a success that Madueno traces back to CSU Stanislaus.

“My education at CSU Stanislaus provided me with a lot of connections to the community,” said Madueno. “I was introduced to many people who helped me shape my career and made a big impact on my life.”

Madueno feels her college experiences as the daughter of Latino immigrant farm workers from Mexico, who apprehensively allowed her to move away from home to attend CSU Stanislaus, were invaluable. She nurtured an appreciation for her Latino heritage and found support from other students as they reflected on where they had come from and where they were going with their lives.

Now Madueno, amazed at the tremendous impact the media has had on people of her culture, focuses on developing media and marketing campaigns, ranging from raising awareness of college-going opportunities to drug prevention, that target the Latino community.

Madueno said enrolling at CSU Stanislaus was a turning point in her life, starting with her participation in the Bridge Program that gives incoming students a preview of college life. As a freshman, she roomed with her sister, Maria, in the original University housing complex, Yosemite Hall on Geer Road across from the campus. Her initial plans to become a teacher changed after she took a public speaking and communications class from Dr. Fred Hilpert, who helped guide her to her current career path.

Madueno said having the opportunity to interact with University leaders and staff members provided her with invaluable training. Experience she gained with the late Richard Patterson, the University’s former director of community and minority relations who served on the Modesto City Council, influenced her decision to get involved in politics, she said.

With her new successes as an up-and-coming businessperson have come commitments to the community and recognition. She was elected to the Riverbank City Council in March 2005 and recently was one of 22 women in the United States selected to participate in the national Hispana Leadership Institute’s 2006 Executive Leadership Program.

Madueno remains involved with her alma mater as well, having recently been appointed by CSU Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani to his President’s Council.
CSU Stanislaus Alum Serves the County

Jeff Lambaren
California State University, Stanislaus graduate Jeff Michael Lambaren, ’87 BA Political Science, ’96 MA Public Administration, is helping people lead more productive lives as the executive director of Link2Care, In Home Supportive Services Public Authority of Stanislaus County.

The new program, established in 2005, is associated with the county’s In Home Supportive Services Program and designed to help the elderly and disabled by providing them with caregivers.

“We help people to have a more productive life,” said Lambaren, in his 16th year with Stanislaus County.

Lambaren, who earned his bachelor’s degree in Political Science and master’s degree in Public Administration from CSU Stanislaus, oversees training of caregivers and ensures that the needs of both the consumers and the providers are met.

Lambaren returned to CSU Stanislaus as a graduate student after being part of a major layoff in the county. He used the break as an opportunity to further his education and advance his career. While taking his master’s degree classes, Lambaren worked for the Private Industry Council and as a social worker. After completing his master’s degree, he was hired by the chief executive office and was appointed to his new leadership position in 2005.

“I have good memories of the Public Administration program,” Lambaren said. “All the classes I didn’t want to take ended up being the most important.”

International Student Finds Career Success in Silicon Valley

Shreedhar Ganapathy
California State University, Stanislaus is known for its diverse student population. Students from around the world attend the University because it is affordable and has a great student-faculty ratio that offers students the opportunity to work closely with their instructors.

Shreedhar Ganapathy left his career and life in India to attend CSU Stanislaus, hoping to start a new career in the technology industry.

With bachelor’s and master’s degrees in commerce from India and career experience in currency trading for Banque Nationale De Paris, Ganapathy enrolled in the CSU Stanislaus Master’s of Business Administration Program in 1997. He took advantage of the program’s flexibility and enrolled in computer science classes that would eventually help him land a position with Sun Microsystems Inc. He graduated in July 1998.

“CSU Stanislaus allows you to build your elective courses to what you want to go forward with,” Ganapathy said. “There are no restrictions. It is a very flexible system that many other schools don’t have.”

Ganapathy is now staff engineer and senior software architect for Sun Microsystems Inc. in Santa Clara. One of his many responsibilities includes helping to create software that makes automated business transactions and processes possible.

Ganapathy described his experience at CSU Stanislaus as “extremely pleasant.”

“Professors were very knowledgeable and access was never a problem,” Ganapathy said. “The management training in the MBA program helps me with the business aspect of what I do almost every day.”

Ganapathy encourages the University to seek out large employers from the Bay area to recruit more CSU Stanislaus graduates for lucrative jobs.

CSU Stanislaus Alum Earns Ph.D. and Returns to Teach at His Alma Mater

Steve Arounsack
Steve Arounsack, who earned both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at California State University, Stanislaus, has returned to teach courses in anthropology and biology and recently completed his Ph.D. in ecology at UC Davis.

Arounsack, 29, has been teaching courses at the University related to biology, global issues and ecology for more than a year. He finished his Ph.D. work in March.

“It’s really an honor to come back and teach at a place that is close to my heart,” Arounsack said. “I am continually impressed by the sharp minds and compassionate hearts of my students here at California State University, Stanislaus.”

The former honors student studied Biological Science and Chemistry as an undergraduate and earned a master’s in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Ethnecology. As a CSU Stanislaus student, Arounsack was selected as a Gates Millennium Scholar and a Rogers Scholar. Arounsack was also awarded the Burton Vasche Award for scholastic achievement and leadership and the 1999 Judge and Alverta Hughes Humanitarian Award for community service.

Aside from his many academic achievements, the Lao native has devoted much time contributing to the Southeast Asian culture. At the age of 19 he co-founded Lao Vision Magazine, which was distributed to more than 2,200 people worldwide, and in 2000 he coordinated, produced and directed a documentary about the lives, perspectives and talents of Southeast Asian musicians in the Central Valley. The documentary aired on Sacramento’s public TV, which broadcasts to more than 2 million viewers. Arounsack is also the founder of Pacific Arc Media LLC, a company that focuses on documentaries and media which highlight Southeast Asian culture.

Denise Hopkins Serving as Dean at St. John’s University

Denise Hopkins, 90 BA English, former Associated Students Administrative Director at California State University, Stanislaus, was promoted in January 2005 to Dean of Student Life at the Staten Island Campus of St. John’s University in New York City.

Hopkins served in her Associated Students advisor role at CSU Stanislaus for more than nine years (1992-2001) before moving to New York to earn a Master’s of Education from Columbia University Teachers College in 2005. She was Director of Student Affairs at Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology for more than two years before joining St. John’s as an Associate Director of Student Development at the main campus in Queens.

As a CSU Stanislaus student, Hopkins graduated summa cum laude with an English degree and was active with the English Club, intramural sports and the Child Care Subsidy Advisory Committee.
CSU Stanislaus Chicano/Latino Alumni Chapter Revived

The Chicano Alumni chapter of the California State University, Stanislaus Alumni Association has recently been reorganized and re-chartered in an effort to involve members with University activities and programs.

Mayté Ramirez, ’98 BA Liberal Studies, a Spanish Teacher at Orestimba High School in Newman, was selected new Chapter President at an alumni meeting in January. Chicano/Latino alumni association members feel that the time is right to invigorate the alumni chapter.

More than 25 percent of CSU Stanislaus students are of Latino or Hispanic heritage and the numbers are increasing each year as a reflection of the diversity in the Northern San Joaquin Valley.

An indication of the growing presence of Chicano/Latino students on campus is the membership increases in student clubs on campus such as MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), NAK (Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Phi Lambda Rho Sorority, and LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens). The hope is that the Chicano Chapter will provide these campus community members a means to continue as active members of the CSU Stanislaus “family” after graduation.

Fernando Beltran, ’93 BA English, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chicano Alumni Chapter and CSU Stanislaus staff member, said more meetings are coming up. A mixer was held at a Turlock restaurant in March and another one is scheduled for June 8 from 6-8 p.m. at Universal Brokers in Turlock, 300 E. Main Street. Call Fernando Beltran at (209) 667-3615 for information.

The Chapter hopes to involve Chicano and Latino alumni in CSU Stanislaus activities and programs such as the Chicano Commencement in June, the annual Cesar Chavez Celebration, and other programs and activities. In addition, organizers are seeking to develop programs on and off campus specifically for alumni chapter members, such as a major scholarship fundraiser, family day at a local park and special trips to plays and other productions in the Bay Area and Sacramento.

A membership application can be downloaded by going to www.csustanalumni.com (be sure to circle the “Chicano/Latino Chapter” on the form). For more information please contact Fernando Beltran at (209) 667-3108 or Jaime Alcaraz at 664-675.

2006 Summer Arts Festival

Fantastic Fourth Celebration!

Tuesday, July 4th, 2006
8:00 p.m.

Enjoy a free concert in the CSU Stanislaus Amphitheatre featuring the Stanislaus POPS Band, followed by an unbelievable fireworks extravaganza!
Jane Hanny, ’97 BA Social Sciences, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a sales executive for Fidelity National Title Insurance Company.

Ramona Harris, ’87 MA Education, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is the co-owner of Act of Kindness.

Patricia Kilpert, ’86 BA Organizational Communications, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a realtor for RE MAX Executive.

Judy Lyons, ’84 BA Speech, was acknowledged by The Modesto Bee for her accomplishments as the new Modesto High Girls Tennis Team Coach.

Sue Olen, ’82 BA Art, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is the co-owner of Sue & Rhonda Wall Design.

Nick Pinhey, ’89 MA, was named new Public Works Director for the City of Modesto in November 2005, The Turlock resident previously served as Director of Public Works for the City of Tracy and has 28 years of public works experience in the region.

Randall S. Price, ’86 BA Liberal Studies, was acknowledged by The Modesto Bee in ”Class Acts” for his contributions as a sixth-grade teacher at Schendel School and Harmony School.

Laurie Reilly, ’87 MA Education, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a realtor for PMZ Real Estate.

Tinna Savini, ’89 BA Art, was acknowledged by The Modesto Bee for the art show, ”Prejudial Forms” which was displayed at Modesto’s Mistlin Gallery in November 2005.

Diane Smith, ’80 MA, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a realtor for Prudential California Realty.

Diane Stephens, ’82 BA Nursing, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a Marriage & Family Therapist for the Pacific Psychotherapy Center.

Lisa Steve, ’87 CRED Elementary Education, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a realtor for RE MAX Executive.

Debra Wright, ’89 BS Business Administration, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is an Insurance Agent for Wright Insurance Agency.

Karen D. Adams, ’92 BS Business Administration, was elected as the Merced County Treasurer-Tax Collector in March 2002.

Debbi Agresti, ’90 BS Business Administration, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a realtor for PMZ Real Estate.

Cindy Alamo, ’90 BA Liberal Studies, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is an instructor at Backstage Academy of Dance.

Ana Cabral, ’94 BS Business Administration, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a loan officer for Capital Pacific Mortgage Company.

Wendi Cook, ’94 BA Liberal Studies, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a staff member at Deborah Morgan Dance Studios.

Lori Crivelli, ’91 BS Business Administration, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is the owner of Lori Crivelli Insurance & Financial Services.

Tony Dossetti, ’91 MPA, was named interim Turlock Police Chief in December 2005. Dossetti retired at the Merced Chief of Police in November 2005.

Nicole Edington, ’90 BA English, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a partner in the Law Office of Cousin & Edington.

Susan Eggman, ’92 BA Psychology, is a sociology professor at Sacramento State University and a resident of Stockton where she is a candidate for Stockton City Council. She worked as a drug, alcohol and mental health counselor before obtaining a doctorate in social work and social research from Portland State University.

Dorothy Elliott, ’91 BA Liberal Studies, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is the owner of Dorothy’s Ceramic Tile.

Clay Everett, ’91 MA Arts, was acknowledged by The Modesto Bee for his contribution to building a replica of the Tomb of the Unknowns for the "Welcome Home the Heroes" celebration stage parade in November 2005.

Ann Friend, ’91 BA Political Sciences, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is an attorney and counselor for Friend and Walton, A Professional Law Corporation.

Maria F. Gioielli, ’98 BA Criminal Justice, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is an attorney for Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pal loos, Pacher & Silva.

Dawn Hamilton, ’94 BA Liberal Studies, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a loan officer for Capital Pacific Mortgage Company.

Cheryl Harvey, ’97 BA Criminal Justice, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a Realtor for Prudential California Realty.

Mary C. Jones, ’95 MA Education, is Assistant Superintendent of the Educational Services Division at Ceres High School. She was recently the keynote speaker at the Cornerstone Lodge No. 111’s 28th annual Black Heritage Celebration in Merced.

Sandy Lopes, ’92 BA Liberal Studies, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a residential specialist for Coldwell Banker.

Marla Madrid-Mendoza, ’99 BA Liberal Studies, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a Real Estate Broker for 1st American.”

Kathy L. Monday, ’97 BS Business Administration, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is an attorney for Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pal loos, Pacher & Silva.

Mike Munry, ’93 BA English, was acknowledged by The Modesto Bee in “Class Acts” for his contributions as an English and drama teacher at Modesto High School.

Thomas Oliveira, ’94 BS Business Administration, was selected to attend the Northwestern Mutual Forum in recognition of his outstanding year of performance, serving the needs of customers throughout the region. He is a financial representative with the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Modesto.

Judy Pallios, ’98 MBA Business Administration, joined County Bank as vice president and senior business banker serving Modesto and Merced. She previously served as vice president and business banking manager for Wells Fargo Bank, Business Banking.

Sofie Pettygrove, ’93 BA Sociology, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is the owner of Pettygrove.

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named the new CEO at Sutter Tracy Community Hospital in December 2005. He previously served as vice president for clinical services for 11 years at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto.

Kurt Vanderweide, ’96 MPA. ’90 BS Biological Science, is a senior field representative for State Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian and serves on the Turlock City Council.

Julie Walton, ’99 BA Liberal Studies, was recognized as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a realtor for Coldwell Banker.

‘00’s

Jeff Bolognini, ’03 BS Business Administration, has been hired by University of the Pacific Athletic Director Lynn King to be the university’s new supervisor of Facilities and Event Management.

Barbara Chavez, ’00 BS Business Administration, was profiled by the Tracy Press for her contributions to the Tracy community as the owner of Chavez Accounting.

Nicole Ecker, ’01 BA Liberal Studies, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is a staff member at Deborah Morgan Dance Studios.

Jillian Megee, ’04 BA Communication Studies, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is an administrative assistant at Mid-Valley Engineering.

Karen Moody, ’02 MA English, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She is the owner of Workshops, Etc.

Jessica Neyens, ’02 BS Business Administration, was acknowledged as a Woman in Business by The Modesto Bee. She covers much of the Turlock campus. They also sponsored the circle of Excellence Award for the last three years.

Faculty

Nobilie Dinse, Theater Department, was acknowledged by The Modesto Bee for building a replica of the Tomb of the Unknowns for the “Welcome Home the Heroes” celebration stage parade in November 2005.

Sarah Klein, Music Department, was acknowledged by the Sulphur Springs News-Telegram, for her new position as a full-time strings instructor for the Sulphur Springs Strings Program, Texas.

Marriages & Engagements

Marty R. Belleville, ’85 BA Biological Sciences, married Susan A. Reardon on September 10, 2005.

Melissa Bettencourt, ’03 BA Organization Communication, was engaged to Greg Brewer. They were married on September 24, 2005.


Tom Booz, ’99 BA Sociology, was engaged to Stacy Boyers. They planned to wed in April 2006.

Clarissa Calderon, ’90 BA Spanish, married Dexter Long on June 8, 2005.


Crystal Humphreys, ’05 BA Sociology, married T.J. McKiernan on July 2, 2005.

Lindsey P. Jefferis, ’05 BS Liberal Studies, married Richard W. Francis on September 24, 2005.


Taya L. Locke, ’04 BA Theater Arts, was engaged to Jeremy D. Matthews, ’04 BA Communication. They planned to wed on June 10, 2006.

Sandra Oliveira, ’02 BA Liberal Studies, married Dan Balvert on November 5, 2005.

Karla Plett, ’02 BA Sociology, married Brian Binkley, ’05 BA Criminal Justice, on July 23, 2005.

Leanne M. Ratley, ’04 BS Business Administration, was engaged to Robin R. Kelen. They planned to be married in June 2006.

Haydee Ruiz, ’05 MA Education, is engaged to Jack Wong. They are planning to wed in October 2006.

Tron O. Severo, ’03 BA Physical Education, was engaged to Kathryn Gainey. They were married on November 20, 2005.

Stephanie Shaw, ’01 BA Psychology, married Carlos Martinez on October 8, 2005.

Stephanie Smith, ’04 BS Business Administration, married Sean Monley, ’04 BS Business Administration, on September 17, 2005.

Margaret Strope, ’04 GE CERT, married David Smith on June 5, 2005.


Births


In Memoriam

Cathryn L. Barringer, ’62 BA Social Science, October 26, 2005

Geraldine A. Brooks, ’72 CRED Elementary Education, December 9, 2005

Connie S. Calderon, ’71 BA Social Science, October 3, 2005

Kelly A. Denis-Pierce, ’97 BS Business Administration, February 21, 2006

Rita S. Denson, ’79 BA Sociology, ’82 CRED Elementary Education, January 28, 2006


Longtime University Supporter Marjorie Bright Passes Away

Majorie Bright, who served on the California State University, Stanislaus Foundation Board of Directors for seven years and was one of the University’s most ardent supporters over the years, died November 5. She was 83.

Mrs. Bright was on the University’s Foundation Board since 1992-98 serving as secretary of the board from 1994-96. She was named a trustee emerita and her daughter, Carol Bright Tougas of Modesto, was named to the board in 1998.

During her involvement with CSU Stanislaus, Mrs. Bright founded the Marjorie H. Bright Scholarships in 1986 that are awarded annually to University students. That program has provided scholarships to more than 100 students.

Mrs. Bright also provided generous support to the University by making housing available to visiting faculty and students. She was owner and general manager of Hersley Property Management Co., which includes many apartment complexes all over the area. She and her husband, Calvin Bright, were co-owners of Bright Development Co., a major housing developer in the region.

In 1990, the Bright Family Foundation enhanced gift donations of the graduating classes of 1986-89 with funding for development of the lighted California State University, Stanislaus sign and water fountains plaza at the corner of Monte Vista Avenue and Geer Road as well as the connecting paved bicycle and walking path that covers much of the Turlock campus. They also sponsored construction of the covered pergola pavilion located next to Village Lake.

A native of Choteau, Oklahoma, Mrs. Bright lived in Turlock for 50 years. After starting out in the rental property business, she founded Bright Foods, Inc. in Turlock which was eventually sold to Banquet Foods. That paved the way for Mrs. Bright and her husband to build a booming real estate empire that included rental properties and commercial and residential construction.
Warrior Athletics Tastes Success in 2005-06

The California State University, Stanislaus Warriors athletic teams have made their mark this year, with encouraging strides in a number of sports. From the soccer field in fall to the baseball diamond in spring, the Warriors generated excitement.

Women’s soccer set the tone for the season, establishing a new school record of 15-4-2, owning the best record in the California Collegiate Athletic Association and sharing the honor of hosting the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Soccer Championships in November. A record seven Warrior players earned All-CCAA honors. Head Coach Nicole Van Dyke was named the conference “Coach of the Year” and goalkeeper Breanna Vaughan was named to the all-region team.

Men’s soccer narrowly missed the playoffs after posting the team’s best record in more than 10 years with an 8-10-2 overall mark. The team grabbed a 3-2 win from the defending NCAA Division II National Champion Seattle University, had a win at home over CCAA Champion Sonoma State and seniors Tony Amaral and Albert Martins were All-CCAA first team selections.

Hilmar native Chris Difani made her debut as women’s volleyball team coach in 2005. Difani will bring in her first recruiting class in fall 2006 as the rebuilding process begins after a rough season last year.

Both the men’s and women’s cross country teams cracked the top-10 regional rankings and earned all-academic honors for accomplishments in the classroom.

Women’s basketball started strong at home, opening its schedule with a 5-0 start but ran into rugged competition the rest of the way. The team enjoyed a season sweep over San Francisco State and a home upset over CSU Dominguez Hills in February. Sophomore Gwendolyn Page earned first-team All-CCAA honors.

The men’s basketball team showcased a high-tempo, high-scoring offense that delighted fans all season, giving CSU Stanislaus the second best home attendance in the conference. The team posted a 14-13 overall record, had an exciting 91-90 upset-win at UC Irvine in November for the program’s first-ever victory over an NCAA Division I opponent and three All-CCAA selections.

The track and field teams had three members -- Chaunte Mitchell and Tamara Neeley on the women’s side and Ranbir Johal for the men -- compete at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Boston. Joel Stallworth won three events in the CCAA Championships and was named the Conference’s Men’s Athlete of the Year.

The men’s golf team continued to show dominance, coming in second at the CCAA Championships. They ranked seventh in the country heading into the NCAA Division II Regional in Phoenix in early May and qualified for the national tournament in West Virginia.

Baseball earned its first-ever Division II national ranking, peaking as high as 13th in the country. The Warriors played in one of the toughest conferences in the country and finished with a 31-24 overall record.

Softball snared a playoff spot, rolling up a 34-23 mark. The team ranked in the top-10 in the NCAA West Region and was one of eight teams in the championship rounds.

Former Warriors Pitcher Advances to Major Leagues

Stephen Andrade, who pitched for the California State University, Stanislaus baseball team in 2001, has become the second Warrior to make it to Major League Baseball.

Andrade, 28, who is from Woodland, was called up by the Kansas City Royals on May 1 and took immediate advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate that he could throw strikes. He pitched a scoreless 1 1/3 innings and struck out the first batter he faced in his debut of a 3-2 loss at Detroit.

Called up from the Royals farm club Omaha that day, Andrade said he met Kansas City Manager Buddy Bell for the first time when he got to the mound in his relief role.

“I said, ‘Sorry I didn’t get to talk to you earlier. Nice to see you.’ It went good,” Andrade told the Woodland Daily Democrat.

Andrade was waived by the San Diego Padres, Royals and Toronto Blue Jays during the spring and then re-signed by Kansas City which assigned him to its Triple-A team in Omaha. He pitched for the Toronto organization’s Double-A New Hampshire FisherCats last season.

Outfielder Rusty Kuntz, a member of the CSU Stanislaus Warriors two NCAA Division III national championship baseball teams in 1976-77, became the first Warrior to play in the Majors. He played for the Chicago White Sox, Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins and coached with several Major League teams after retiring as a player.

Former Warrior Golfer Keith Ornelas Scores on Pro Tour

Keith Ornelas, ’04 Business, scored his first victory on the professional golf tour in April, capturing the NGT Capital Series event in Queenstown, Md.

The former California State University, Stanislaus golfer and Modesto native is in his second year on the National Golf Tour circuit. His triumph came one day after he finished second in the Tournament Golf Association of America event in Chester, Va.

Ornelas led the 2004 Warriors golf team to a fourth place finish in the NCAA Division II National Championship. He lives in Washington D.C.
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.

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.

Duyst was named for her coaching achievements over the past 20 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 the Year in 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.

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 Brytstrom, 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.

Jim Hanny Honored by California Golf Writers

California State University, Stanislaus men’s golf team coach Jim Hanny joined a legendary group when he was honored by the California Golf Writers Association with the organization’s 2005 Golden State Award on February 7 during the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Tournament.

The award, established in the 1970s, recognizes those who have exhibited a lifetime of dedication to the game of golf in California. The list of past winners includes Bing Crosby, Jack Flemming, Dinah Shore, Jerry Vroom, Sandy Tatum and Jack Kramer.

Hanny is in his 34th season as the head coach of the Warrior men’s golf team. Under his guidance, the Warriors have missed the NCAA national tournament only twice since 1976. In both of those seasons, Hanny still accompanied an individual qualifier to the national tournament, including Andy Moren who earned the Phil Mickelson Award as the nation’s top freshman golfer in 2005.

The 80-year-old Hanny guided his men’s golf teams to 12 NCAA Division III national championships in 14 appearances in the 1970s and 1980s.

In the last five seasons, Warrior golf teams have showed continued success in the NCAA National Championship, coming as close as second in 2002, when they finished one stroke behind winner and host school Rollins College in Orlando, Fla. It was the best-ever finish for CSU Stanislaus since it began competition at the Division II level in 1989.
California State University, Stanislaus students have overwhelmingly approved a referendum to fund construction of a student recreation complex that is scheduled to open in 2008.

Sixty-eight percent of student voters approved of the measure. A higher than normal number of student voters took to the polls on May 3 and 4 to vote for the referendum and student body officer elections.

“I am very pleased to see that students are so supportive of this project, because it will really be an asset to the University and the community,” California State University, Stanislaus President Hamid Shirvani said. “This is a project that captures the spirit of this University and contributes to physical education and fitness as one of the four essential pillars of education along with the spiritual, intellectual and personal components. It’s also one of the major elements of establishing Turlock as a college town.”

The complex, which will be located on the east side of campus at the corner of Geer Road and Christoffersen Parkway, will feature a 21,000-square-foot fitness center, a 2,500-seat lighted soccer/football stadium with a state-of-the-art all-weather turf and track, a lighted intramural competition field and a soccer practice field. A field events site for the relocated track and field program is also included in the project.

Under the plan approved, students will pay an additional $80 in the fall, spring and summer terms, and $27 in the winter term. However, the fees will not be implemented until 2008. Students who take more than half of their classes at the Stockton Center will not be required to pay the fees, and monthly rates will be available for those students who are not taking classes during the summer.

A unique feature of the project is the campus commitment that half of all donations and profits related to the facility will be directed toward reducing the student fee after the complex is opened. The other half of donations will go to athletic scholarships while the remaining half of profits generated by the facilities will be designated for future expansion and improvements of the complex.

“The complex is going to be a fabulous addition to our campus and I know students are excited about this as something coming in the near future,” said Chelsea Minor, Associated Students, Inc. President. “With this vote of 68%, it’s very apparent to me that students have a want and a need for this facility. That was very important to the student leadership as we went about making sure that students were supportive of this project.”

Addition of a lighted intramural field will provide CSU Stanislaus with its first dedicated facility for that program. Participation in intramurals has increased dramatically with the University’s steady enrollment growth and improved student-generated recreation programs.