For the first time since the California State University, Stanislaus campus opened at its current site in 1965, the centrally located Quad area is receiving a major facelift.

Work began in January on the project, which will provide a new look to the heart of the campus and center of student outdoor activities and programs. Trees, which had become overgrown with roots that created stumbling blocks and prevented lawns from growing, were removed and the ground was leveled.

Completion of the project is targeted for mid-March. In addition to the main Quad area in front of the Vasche Library where what is known as "The Rock" is located, the project includes the section in front of the west entrance to the University Union and Bookstore.

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

"The Rock" and its adjoining stage area, long a gathering spot for open expression on the campus as the "free speech rock," will remain a fixture at the north end of the main Quad. CSU Stanislaus graduate Ed Bearden said he remembers hauling the rock to campus in 1965 and placing it in the Quad.

"A fellow student helped me haul the rock from a Modesto nursery to the campus in a pickup," Bearden said. "We felt strongly about the free speech movement and there being a place at the campus for that to happen."

Work is also progressing on the new University Bookstore between the University Union and the Student Services Building, with completion scheduled for this fall. A new Student Recreation Complex that will include a stadium, soccer field, track, and fitness center is scheduled for completion later this year.
New catalog research system added as part of Library's technology upgrade

Finding information and research data through the University's Library Catalog has received a powerful boost from the newly installed Millennium integrated library technology platform.

"We began looking at new library technology systems at the beginning of 2006," said Carl Bengston, Dean of Library Services. "When our staff saw it (Millennium), they were really impressed that all of Millennium's modules were well developed, up-and-running rather than 'in development,' and would function as a unified whole in terms of functionality and 'look and feel.' "

The new Library Catalog is part of the implementation of an updated integrated library system (ILS) at CSU Stanislaus. Some of the features of the new Catalog include:

- Enhanced search capabilities, including powerful keyword and field searching.
- Easy access for current students, faculty, and staff to their own library account.
- Easier to read lists of library holdings, including their availability status.
- Clearly displayed links to materials in the library's online collections.

A majority of other California State University Libraries have made a similar transition to Millennium over the last few years. Key functionality of the new ILS includes:

- Online Public Access to the Library Catalog - allows library users to search the holdings of the University Library (including books, CDs, periodicals, theses, videos, etc.).
- Personal Online Accounts - allows students, faculty and staff to track and renew the materials borrowed from the library.
- Circulation - manages the check-out and check-in process as well as tracking overdue materials and fines.
- Cataloging - enables library staff to add and maintain accurate records of the library's holdings according to national and international standards.
- Acquisitions - allows the library to order, receive, process, and pay for new books and other materials.
- Serials - allows the library to track new issues of journals and other periodical subscriptions.
- Patron database - enables the library to maintain accurate lists of currently enrolled students, faculty and staff, allowing the library to check-out materials and provide online access to the library's electronic collections.
Commencement speaker student applications being accepted

Applications for student speakers at the University's May 30 and 31 Commencement ceremonies are due by Friday, March 14.

Completed packets, including five-minute speech drafts, from interested graduating seniors and graduate students must be sent to Dr. Jim Youngblom, Department of Biological Sciences, Naraghi Hall, Room 264, CSU Stanislaus, Turlock, CA 95382. Application packets are available in the Department of Biological Sciences, Naraghi Hall Room 259, or at the front desk in the Acacia Court Building in Stockton.

For more information, contact 2008 Commencement Student Speaker Committee members Youngblom (667-3950)/JYoungblom@csustan.edu, Kathy Shipley (667-3749), Keith Nainby (667-3523), Caroline Mercier (667-3456), or Cheryl DeLancey (667-6823).

Community Service Tour of Turlock a Success

In an effort to enhance and grow campus and community partnerships, CSU Stanislaus leaders toured the City of Turlock on February 11 to learn about its past and hear about future opportunities and challenges.

Participants included Provost William Covino; Vice Provost Diana Demetrulias; Assistant Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs Juan Carlos Morales; College of the Arts Dean Daryl Moore; College of Business Administration Dean Nael Aly; College of Education Dean Carl Brown; College of Human and Health Sciences Dean Gary Novak; College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Carolyn Stefanco; College of Natural Sciences Dean Roger McNeil; and Library Services Dean Carl Bengston. They visited six community agencies to hear about programs and saw how CSU Stanislaus faculty and students currently partner with each agency.

At the Turlock Salvation Army, participants were briefed about the Volunteer Return Preparation Program tax clinics and how Child Development students work with seniors on a life scrapbook program. The group visited the University-run CARES Resource Center, and viewed art work displayed at Turlock’s City Hall. The tour concluded at the Turlock Chamber of Commerce where campus officials met with approximately 30 members from non-profit organizations, private-sector business leaders, and Turlock’s Mayor John Lazar, Vice-Mayor Kurt Vander Weide, and Assistant City Manager John French. The program strengthened the university’s efforts to engage campus leaders with community leaders to help address the pressing issues facing the City of Turlock.
April 16 Technology Fair to focus on academic instruction

The University's Office of Information Technology (OIT) and Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning will host the 4th Annual CSU Stanislaus Technology Fair on Wednesday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Building lobby.

With an expanded program, this event will be a showcase of innovative technologies that support academic instruction in the classroom, office, and home. The Fair is open to faculty, staff, and students. Selected vendors such as Apple, Dell, Epson, eInstruction, WolfVision, MediaSite, IT Solutions, SoftChalk, AT&T Mobility, and ClearWire will give informal demonstrations of new technology developments. Additionally, OIT, the Library, Disabled Student Services, and the Common Management System (CMS) Project will have informational displays. For the first time, Astronomy’s new portable planetarium will be demonstrated.

For additional information, contact Brian Duggan, Interim Director of Distance Learning, at 667-3347 or bduggan@csustan.edu.

Iraq photo exhibit debuts in Carol Burke Lounge on March 10

"Iraq: Through My Eyes" is the title of a photo collection that will be on display in the Carol Burke Lounge of the University Union, starting with a 4 to 6 p.m. reception on Monday, March 10.

The gallery of photos that will be on display during the spring semester were taken in Iraq between 2003 and early 2008 by Timothy Junak, a former soldier and contractor for the U.S. Air Force in Iraq. Junak is a family friend of University Union Reservation/Facility coordinator Melissa Goodman.

The March 10 reception and gallery are open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Union Program Facility Programming Coordinator Maria Smith at 667-6833.

Ag Studies student ambassadors participate in programs

University student Agriculture Ambassadors of the Agricultural Studies Department have been on the road in early 2008, participating in a number of programs all over the country and California.

Eight of the CSU Stanislaus Ag Ambassadors participated in the National Agriculture Ambassador Conference at North Carolina State, January 2-5. Students set up booths at the Jan. 22-24 Stockton Ag Expo and Feb. 12-14 World Ag Expo in Tulare to promote the CSU Stanislaus Ag Studies program and participated in a variety of activities at the heavily attended events. CSU Stanislaus student ambassadors delivered gift bags for six needy families to Sierra Vista Child and Family Services in Modesto during the December holiday season, Department Chair Mark Bender noted.
Nominations due for Campus Safety Award

The deadline is Friday, March 14 for nominations for the University's Campus Safety Award presented by the Department of Public Safety.

Groups and/or individuals at the University who have made significant efforts to promote the safety and well-being of fellow employees are honored with the awards at the April 9 employee recognition program. Nomination forms are available at the University's Public Safety Office.
Arts Calendar
http://web.csustan.edu/COA/Publications/CalendarOfEvents.pdf

Piano Duo Concert marks restoration of University's Steinway Grand Piano

The College of the Arts and Department of Music at California State University, Stanislaus marked the restoration of a special University piano during a performance by guest artists Mark Anderson and Tamriko Siprasvili on March 6 in the Bernell and Flora Snider Music Recital Hall. The performance was in celebration of the restoration of a 1921 model D Steinway Grand Piano, which has been generously donated to the Department of Music.

The 1921 Steinway D Grand Piano was donated to the Department of Music about a year ago by Mark Lewallen of Linden. Since then, the piano has been renovated at Dale Erwin’s Piano Restoration, made possible by a gift from the late Aleta Rossotti of Merced. The Department had already purchased a newer Steinway in 2003 through the generosity of numerous donors to the “88 Keys to Success” campaign and other funding from the University. To celebrate the arrival of the restored Steinway, the Department invited Anderson and Siprasvili to present a piano duo concert on these two excellent instruments.

Anderson and Siprasvili recently opened the Anderson-Siprasvili Music Academy in nearby Pleasanton. They first met at the Leeds Piano Competition in England in 1990 and were married in January 1993. Both have been recognized with first place awards at prestigious international piano competitions and have toured extensively throughout Europe and the Soviet Union. They gave their first recital as a duo in January 1994 and have since appeared as a duo throughout the United States and Europe. They have been exploring the two-piano and four-hand repertoire since their meeting in 1990 and have become sought after as a duo-piano team and as soloists for two-piano concerto performances by orchestras in the United States and abroad.
DIGEST - ATHLETICS STORIES

CSU Stanislaus baseball team off to winning start

The Cal State Stanislaus baseball team was ranked No. 23 in this week's NCAA Division II Collegiate Top 25 Baseball Poll after rolling up a 14-4 start early in the season and taking three of four games from defending West Region champion Cal State Los Angeles over the weekend. The Warriors, enjoying a return to the national rankings compiled from a field of hundreds of schools all over the country, host No. 16 Chico State four a four-game set starting Friday at 2 p.m.

Former Warriors Coach LeAnn Millar receives SOS Club Award

Former CSU Stanislaus Women's Basketball Team Head Coach LeAnn Millar received the Darel Phillips Coaches Award at the March 5 Outstanding Athlete Awards program held at the Sportsmen of Stanislaus Club in Modesto. She guided the Warriors to five conference titles during her 19 seasons of coaching and was NCAA Division II West Region Coach of the Year in 2000.

A number Cal State Stanislaus student-athletes were nominated and two Warriors were named finalists for the Outstanding Athlete honors in recognition of their accomplishments in 2007. The two finalists — Jessica Gaumnitz and Megan Law — were both candidates for the Open Division of the Outstanding Female Athlete Award. Gaumnitz and Law were on the 2007 West Region Championship softball team.

Will Keener, former CSU Stanislaus Sports Information Director who died in 2006 after a 31-year career with the University, was honored posthumously with the Jay Pattee award for public service.
Warrior runners receive Academic Awards

The Cal State Stanislaus women's cross country team and two individual Warriors received academic awards from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as the USTFCCCA named the 2007 NCAA Division II All-Academic Teams.

Hoopster Westbrook earns Academic All-District award

Cal State Stanislaus men's basketball player Calvin Westbrook has been named to the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District second team for District 8 College Division. The award is presented by the College Sports Information Directors of America and is voted on by sports information directors.

Stallworth qualifies for World Championships

Former Warrior track and field star Joel Stallworth finished fourth at the USA Track & Field Indoor Championships last weekend and has qualified for the March 7-9 World Championships in Spain.

Check out the Warrior Athletics website

For more on Warrior Athletics, including recent results and schedules, please visit http://www.warriorathletics.com/.
Susan Marshall named Faculty Director of General Education

Professor of English Susan Marshall was named the University's new Faculty Director of General Education in February.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs William Covino said Professor Marshall has impressive credentials, which include her successful leadership experience, her commitment to the quality of student learning, and her appreciation and enthusiasm for a first-rate general education program. Marshall has begun her new role as coordinator of the general education academic programs that include the subject areas of communication skills, natural sciences and mathematics, humanities, social sciences, individual resources for modern living, and required courses in history and government on a reduced time base during the spring 2008 semester. She will assume full duties in fall 2008.

"The faculty and administration worked together to create this important leadership role, and we all look forward to the development of general education as an integral part of the students' university experience," Covino said.
Teacher Education Professors author book titled "Writing to Heal from Rape"

Teacher Education Professors Dr. Brenda Betts and Dr. Pamela Russ are the authors of a new book that focuses on helping rape victims recover through writing.

Titled "Writing to Heal from Rape," the book is described by the authors as a practical guide for women recovering from rape, as well as their friends, families, and counselors. It is also designed for use in college courses, workshops, and conferences to educate professionals and the public about rape and recovery.

Betts and Russ are Co-Directors of the Healing Ourselves Project which is designed to help women who are recovering from rape through their writing workshops. They have conducted a pair of the workshops at CSU Stanislaus this year. Betts and Russ combined their knowledge and skills as writers, teachers, and advocates for women and their families to create the unique book with interactive and dynamic writing activities to facilitate the healing process. The authors point out that rape is a topic that many people avoid talking about because they feel uncomfortable and embarrassed. However, Betts and Russ feel strongly that fear and silence give power to the rapists.

Betts and Russ note that writing can be an effective strategy for healing from trauma. The book includes a collection of powerful and revealing stories written by victims of rape, women who reveal intimate details of their individual struggles to transform themselves from rape victims to rape survivors.

More information on the book and the "Healing Ourselves Project" conducted by Betts and Russ is available on their website at www.healingourselvesproject.com or by calling Betts at (209) 667-3793.
**Professor Chan publishes article, serves on boards**

**Marjorie Chan**, Professor of Management, has published an article titled “Executive Compensation” in the *Business and Society Review* (Blackwell Publishing), Vol. 113, No. 1, March 2008, pp. 129 to 161. Her article presents various perspectives and reform endeavors in an attempt to stimulate thoughts and debate on executive compensation. Chan examines some of the studies on agency theory and managerialism, two major perspectives that guide CEO compensation research.

Dr. Chan has been an editorial advisory board member of the *Open Ethics Journal* (Bentham Science Publishers) since the fall of 2007, and she is also a re-elected member of the Board of Trustees for the Annual International Conference on "Advances in Management" through July 2008.

**Oppenheim stays active in retirement with teaching, publishing**

**Sam Oppenheim**, professor emeritus in History, who is teaching courses at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island/Providence and is a resident of Massachusetts, published an article in 2007.

Oppenheim's research piece titled "Teaching about Slavery--Political Correctness or Good History and Perspective" appeared in the January 2007 (Vol. 7, No. 1) edition of the *International Journal of Historical Learning, Teaching and Research*. It is available in print edition or online at the journal website, [http://library.georgetown.edu/newjour/search.html](http://library.georgetown.edu/newjour/search.html).
DIGEST – NOTES FROM HR

New website provides CalPERS members with user-friendly tools

CalPERS has launched myCalPERS, a new website that will provide employees a one-stop shop for all their retirement, health, and financial planning needs as CalPERS members.

MyCalPERS is a secure, personalized, centralized website that allows CalPERS members to view and manage their personal CalPERS information and conduct personal CalPERS transactions online. To access and use myCalPERS, go to http://www.calpers.ca.gov, select "For Members" and then myCalPERS. Members will need to register for a "User ID" and "Password." CalPERS has integrated its registration process so that members who have registered to use their online services in the past do not have to re-register. You can use your existing CalPERS User ID and Password.

Long Term Care Program application period runs April 1 through June 30

Why Plan Ahead for Long-Term Care?

Most people learn about long-term care the hard way – when they or a loved one need care. Planning ahead gives individuals time to talk with their family about preferences, to find out about care options, and to give some thought to the types of services they would want. Additionally, planning ahead helps employees determine how they will pay for care in a way that does not deplete their financial resources.

The application period for long-term care plans ends June 30. To request an application kit, visit the CalPERS website at www.calpers.ca.gov or call 1-800-266-1050.

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