Spring Events Set For Year of Unity

This semester, the University’s Year of Unity kicks into high gear with seminars, lectures and workshops. Professors are actively engaged in a wide variety of activities to assure that diversity issues are being addressed in the classrooms.

CSUS designated 2000-01 as the Year of Unity in wake of last year’s hate letters and bombs threats, to reinforce its commitment to fostering an environment of tolerance, understanding and appreciation of the Capital Region’s richly diverse society.

When a hate crime targets a member of the African-American community, it targets all of us,” CSUS President Donald R. Gerth said. “When an anti-Semitic hate letter arrives in our mail, it is not only anti-Semitic, it is anti-human being and it trashes civilization as we know it. When members of the gay community are being bashed, we are all bashed. When our Hispanic brothers and sisters see themselves humiliated, we are also humiliated, we are all bashed. When members of the gay community are bashed, we are all bashed.

The University saves $1 million each year due to energy conservation measures that have been put in place since 1993.
The CSUS Bulletin welcomes submissions to the Professional Activities section from faculty, administration and staff. Items are run on a space available basis. They should be no longer than 75 words and may be submitted to bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5290.

Grants

RUTH BALLARD, biological sciences, received a $13,000 grant from the CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology for her proposal “Adaptation of In Situ PCR for Forensic Typing of Nuclear DNA From Shed Hair.” The research will be performed as a collaborative effort with the California Department of Justice and will employ state-of-the-art techniques in biotechnology including in situ PCR and capillary gel electrophoresis.

Scholarship

THOMAS STRAUSSER, history and religious studies, and professor of religious studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, received a $30,000 grant from the CSU Professional Activities Grants Program for his project “Kenossoan Cults and Their Implications for Neolithic Society,” at the “Knossos: Palace, City, State” conference in Heraklion, Crete in November. The conference was a centenary celebration of excavations at the Minoan palace of Knossos.

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Stouder is a native of Colorado, where he grew up in a rural town near the mountains. He attended the University of Colorado at Boulder for his undergraduate studies and received his medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

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Jana Noel

It’s near the end of Jana Noel’s first semester teaching at CSUS, and her office has become crowded with art projects.

Some have the sophistication of a trained adult. Others cry out for entry in an elementary school art show. One eye-grabbing piece was crafted by an entire third-grade class, and includes a cutout paper figure done by each student.

Noel hadn’t expected so much when she assigned a graduate-level class filled with elementary art teachers a final project on multiculturalism. But it’s the sort of enthusiasm the new professor of teacher education has come to expect at CSUS.

“I love it here,” Noel says. “My students are excited. They want to go out and change the world.”

Noel came to CSUS this fall from Montana State University, where she had taught for nine years. Her academic focus is primarily in multicultural education. She studies broad trends in education, and will employ state-of-the-art techniques in biotechnology including in situ PCR and capillary gel electrophoresis.

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Future Stars to Perform at Lenaea Festival

CSUS sets the stage to spotlight high school drama students at the 44th annual Lenaea Festival, Feb. 2 - 4. The festival is the oldest high school drama event of its kind in the country. Whereas some festivals require specific scenes from particular plays, the Lenaea Festival has no limitations on performance subjects and no restrictions on the number of participants.

The Lenaea Festival features duets, monologues and one-act plays written and directed by West Coast high school students. Hundreds of students from Bakersfield to Seattle will perform 58 one-act plays, in addition to numerous monologues and duets, at this year’s festival.

Each participant will receive advice and one-on-one workshops regarding their productions from a team of guest respondents, including actor Robert Pine and screenwriter Tim Wright. Each piece will also be critiqued to emphasize the show’s strengths and weaknesses, as well as to provide the students with a practical theatrical experience.

The festival is funded in part by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, the CSUS Foundation and the CSUS department of theatre and dance alumni chapter.

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schools to prepare students for a sample essay exam. The exam is evaluated by CSUS professors, and students are given a diagnosis of their writing strength and weaknesses. A similar test will be given to the students again in spring 2001 to gauge their progress.

Team members also meet frequently with English teachers from the four schools to discuss common concerns regarding student writing.

“Teachers are especially concerned about how best to prepare ESL students for college level writing as well as the many high stakes exams they now face,” says Robby Ching, a member of the group.

And member Tina Jordan says, “Visiting high school classrooms not only strengthens purposeful dialogue between university faculty and high school teachers, but it also encourages students to consider college preparation seriously.”

Future plans include a conference at CSUS for participating high school English teachers on Feb. 22.

The group is also resurrecting the Sacramento Valley Writing Collaborative, a group of English professors from CSUS, UC Davis, community colleges and the Area 3 Writing Project. The group will now include representatives from local high schools and middle schools as well, and will meet regularly to arrange writing conferences and other events.

Amanda Godley, the newest member of the Writing Collaborative says, “We would like to expand our programs to the district level next year so that we can reach more high school teachers and bring them into a dialogue about issues in writing. Our hope is to reach not only English teachers from more schools and grade levels, but also teachers of subjects other than English.”

For more information, or to find out about working with the CSUS/High School Writing Collaborative, contact Darlene Ott at 278-4183.

Job News

Applications are being accepted for a number of administrative positions at CSUS. The positions include:

•  Administration and support manager in support services. Review of applications will begin on Feb. 26 and will continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be addressed to Donald Taylor in academic affairs at 278-3486.

•  Risk and insurance manager in support services. Review of applications will begin on Feb. 26 and will continue until the position is filled.

•  Administration and support manager in support services. Review of applications will begin Feb. 5 and will continue until the position is filled.

•  Dean, College of Health and Human Services. Priority review of applications will begin on Feb. 26 and will continue until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be addressed to Donald Taylor in academic affairs at 278-3486.

•  Associate vice president for facilities management. Review of applications will begin on Feb. 26 and will continue until the position is filled.

Applicant contact with and staff affair credits at 278-6078. Completed evaluations are due to faculty and staff affairs by Friday, Feb. 9.

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In addition to annual performance evaluations of campus administrators conducted by the appropriate supervisors, PM 85-01 established a more thorough review for certain administrators once every five years.

This review involves both campus and community evaluations of administrative performance and is coordinated by the Committee for Administrative Performance Review. The committee’s report to the President is discussed with the administrator under review as well as that person’s supervisor.

This evaluation is the basis for setting goals and objectives for enhancing the effectiveness of the administrators who have been reviewed. It serves as an important evaluation in the career of campus administrators.

During this year, evaluations will be conducted for Joseph Shealey, dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, and Edward Del Biaggio, vice president for administration.

If you have not been selected to receive an evaluation questionnaire by Monday, Jan. 29, and you wish to participate in the evaluation, please contact faculty and staff affairs at 278-6078. Completed evaluations are due to faculty and staff affairs by Friday, Feb. 9.

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Turkish education with my observations of their system compared to ours. Within four weeks, some radical changes were made that were consistent with my suggestions,” he says.

The situation in Hungary was less challenging. Sauls says, “My Fulbright to Hungary was in a special program for outstanding students selected from Eastern European countries. I think that every student I worked with came to the United States and got their MBA, all from leading institutions.”

Students weren’t the only ones learning. On each Fulbright, Sauls developed a sense of the country. “Turkey was more exotic. Hungary was more cosmopolitan for me, more Californian,” he says. “In Croatia, we went to the water and the enjoyed the view every morning - when it wasn’t raining.”

Though Sauls says the probability of a fourth Fulbright “approaches zero,” he doesn’t rule out future visits to the sites of his last three.

He has returned to Hungary on several programs and to Turkey as a tourist. “We have already discussed the possibility of my returning to Croatia. I would love to,” he says.

The advantage of making an overseas trip to a country, Sauls says, is that you get more attention from the leaders of the community and from the embassy.

In Croatia, for example, Sauls and other “Fulbrighters” were invited to lunch with Croatian president Stjepan Mesic. It was the day after Slobodan Milosevic stepped down in Yugoslavia and Sauls was able to ask Mesic about the change.

He was not overly optimistic, Sauls says.

— Laurie Hall
All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Monday, Jan. 22
“Developing a Library Diversity Program,” Delella Jones, Year of Unity workshop, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., University Union, Orchard Suite. For details contact: Libray. (916) 278-5079.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
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Wednesday, Jan. 24
“Cultural Proficiency Workshop,” Year of Unity conference, Randall Lindley, emeritus professor from CSU Los Angeles and the University of the Redlands. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., University Union. For details contact: Center for Teaching and Learning. (916) 278-5945.

Thursday, Jan. 25
Women’s Basketball vs. Eastern Washington, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. Tickets $6 general/$4 senior/CSUS students and children 5 and under free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6996.

Saturday, Jan. 27
Women’s Basketball vs. Portland State, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. Tickets $6 general/$4 senior/CSUS students and children 5 and under free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6996.

Thursday, Feb. 1
Women’s Basketball vs. CSU Northridge, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. Tickets $6 general/$4 senior/CSUS students and children 5 and under free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6996.

Friday, Feb. 2
Lenaea Festival, original one-act plays by high school drama students, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., University Theatre, Playwrights’ Theatre and Student Theatre. (916) 278-6368. Continues Feb. 4.

“College: Make It Happen,” college awareness program for middle school students and their families, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-7762.

Sunday, Feb. 4
Men’s Tennis vs. UC Davis, 1 p.m., Broadstone Racquet Club. (916) 278-6898.

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Tuesday, Feb. 6
Baseball vs. UC Davis, 2 p.m., Hornet Field. Tickets $5 general/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6996.

Wednesday, Feb. 7
Martial Arts Exhibition, CSU Martial Arts Club, noon, University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-6997.

Men’s Basketball vs. Montana State, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. Tickets $10 reserved/$6 general/CSUS students free. Tickets at CSUS Central Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Men’s Basketball vs. Montana, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. Tickets $10 reserved/$6 general/CSUS students free. Tickets at CSUS Central Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

Saturday, Feb. 10
Women’s Basketball vs. CSU Fullerton, 2 p.m., Hornet Gym. Tickets $10 reserved/$6 general/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6996.

Sunday, Feb. 11
Student Art Award show, noon - 5 p.m., Robert Ely Gallery, Kuderna Hall. Continues to March 7. (916) 278-6166.

Drum String Quartet. New Millenium Concert Series, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capitolio Hall. Tickets $15 general/$10 students. Tickets at CSUS Central Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

Monday, Feb. 12
Arts Club, noon, University Union. (916) 278-5945.

Tuesday, Feb. 13
1 p.m., Curriculum Subcommittee (tentative)
All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.