



Guiding freshmen into college life

Freshmen are an increasingly large part of the CSUS student body, and two programs are helping meet the challenge that presents.

The “freshmen experience” programs – Freshmen Seminar and Learning Communities – are keeping students in school and leading to improved grade point averages. At the same time, first-time freshmen in the programs report having an easier time adjusting to college life and making friends.

“Freshmen Seminar gives students an understanding of what higher education is and what it means to be an educated person,” says Greg Wheeler, director of general education at CSUS. “And in Learning Communities, students are offered a small group learning experience, with everyone taking the same two or three courses together.”

Both are growing along with the CSUS freshmen classes, which in the last five years have gone from 3,143 to 4,958 students, a 58 percent increase.

Freshmen Seminar is a one-semester course that looks at the “big picture” of higher education. Students also learn strategies for academic success and are introduced to various student services. They earn general education credit for taking the course.

There are now 37 sections of the seminar, with nearly every one filled to capacity. In fact, the course is so popular the sections fill during freshman orientation in the summer.

In the most recent survey, most students who took Freshmen Seminar say they're more motivated in their studies (73 percent), have a better understanding of what it means to be educated (86 percent) and feel more connected to the University (77 percent).

And of students enrolled in the four Freshmen Seminar sections when the program began in 1999, 63 percent are still at CSUS. That's compared to 60 percent for the entire class. They have an average grade point average of 3.05, compared to 2.87 for the entire class.

Faculty enjoy teaching the seminar, Wheeler says. He's always looking for additional faculty to teach more sections, he says.

“Once I get faculty interested, they really enjoy it and they stay. They never want to leave,” Wheeler says.

Learning Communities, meanwhile, began in 1994 with a limited offering and now enrolls more than 300 students in 17 different communities.

As with Freshmen Seminar, classes in the Learning Community program fill during the summer orientation.

Each learning community includes two or three courses, and groups of students take all the courses together. Themes for the learning communities range from “scientific communication” to “getting started in business.” There is even one community made up of almost all students

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Presidential finalists to visit campus

The presidential advisory committee, which is assisting the Board of Trustees and Chancellor with the selection of a new campus president, met in closed session late last week to determine the finalists.

The finalists will be announced sometime this week. Information will be available on the CSU system web page and through the campus web page at www.csus.edu.

The finalists are expected to visit the campus individually between Feb. 27 and March 6. A schedule of meetings will be arranged for the finalists, which will include an open campus forum from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and an open reception for each. Specific dates and places will be announced once each candidate's schedule is confirmed.

It is anticipated that the Board of Trustees will make the final selection and announcement during the March 11-12 meeting at CSU Fullerton.

STRONG ARM — Junior pitcher Nicole Deatherage and the rest of the CSUS softball team are off to the program's best start since 1995, with a record of 9-3 after winning the Campbell/Cartier Tournament in Poway. Deatherage pitched her second career no-hitter during the second game of that tournament.



Spring sports preview

Hornet sports fans have quite a bit to look forward to this spring. Here's a sampling of what's to come:

Baseball

The CSUS baseball team has a fresh look in 2003 with 19 new players, a newly renovated Hornet Field to call home and its fastest start to a season since 1994.

The Hornets will have also have made the move to independent status after competing in the Big West the past five seasons. Their schedule will feature a variety of opponents such as Hawai'i, UC Santa Barbara, Minnesota, Cal, Stanford, Pacific, Arizona, Santa Clara and Washington State. Head coach John Smith, who has the most wins and longest tenure of any coach in program history, is in his 25th season. Senior

GO FOR THE (GREEN AND) GOLD

You can still get your Gold Card, the all-access pass to Hornet athletic events that entitles the user and a guest to general admission seats for any regular season home CSUS athletic event. It's available to current CSUS faculty and staff for just \$20.

To use the Gold Card for men's basketball games, present the card and a current Faculty/Staff OneCard at the box office on game day or at CSUS Ticket Office in the University Union during the week leading up to the game and receive two general admission tickets. Or upgrade to reserved seats for only \$5 per ticket.

At other Hornet athletic events, simply show the Gold Card to the ticket personnel. The Gold Card promotion does not include playoffs, championships, tournaments or off-campus events.

To get a Gold Card or to learn about other athletics ticket promotions, contact David Gull in the Athletics Ticket Office at 278-4590.

pitcher Steve Cuckovich, senior center fielder Tim Reimer and junior first baseman and pitcher

Chris Kinsey serve as the core for the Hornets.

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Hate victim's mother speaks on equality

Judy Shepard, the mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard, will speak out about gay and lesbian equality and how to prevent hate crimes at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 12 in the University Union Ballroom. Her talk, “The Legacy of Matthew Shepard,” is free and open to the public.

The event is part of the Women's History Month at the University. For a complete Women's History Month schedule, see page 3.

Her son, an openly gay 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, died in October 1998 after being tied to a fence, robbed, beaten, burned and left for dead in a hate crime that inspired rallies and vigils across the nation. In response, Judy Shepard and her husband, Dennis, established the Matthew Shepard Foundation to support educational projects and activities that raise awareness of issues involving discrimination and diversity.

The foundation champions causes that Matthew Shepard embraced, including working for gay and lesbian equality and helping to prevent hate crimes. Judy Shepard is the executive director of the foundation and travels nationally explaining what people can do to make their communities and schools safe for everyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexual orientation.

For more information, call 278-6997.

professional activities

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.

recognition

ALICE CHOI, criminal justice, has been elected the 2003 treasurer of the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS). ABAS is an association of Asian American attorneys in the region that provides support for Asian American attorneys and law students, and provides legal assistance to the community through legal clinics.

JUDY ANTONYAPPAN, social work, has been elected to the board of directors of the Environmental Council of Sacramento.

ROBERT HURLEY, criminal justice, has been designated a senior Fulbright Specialist.

in the news

ROBERTO QUINTANA, kinesiology and health science, was interviewed by KVIE Channel

6 for the show "Central Valley Chronicles." The topic of the interview was the effectiveness of a commercial exercise program for fat loss. He was also interviewed by the *Sacramento Bee* for its monthly running column. The article, which appeared Feb. 19, was about how the SHAPE program at CSUS can be used to improve running performance.

JOSEPH PALERMO, history, was on Channel 10 morning show on Feb. 17 talking about how different presidents have dealt with Saddam Hussein.

THOMAS STRASSER, humanities and religious studies, was quoted in *National Geographic News* on Feb. 5 in an article titled "Cyclops myth spurred by 'one-eyed' fossils?"

grants

THOMAS STRASSER, humanities and religious studies, was awarded a \$7,900 grant from the Institute for Aegean Prehistory to continue his research on stone axes found on excavations at Knossos, Crete (Greece) – the legendary Palace of Minos.

scholarship

BRENNAN MURPHY, theatre and dance, was invited by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region VIII to act as adjudicator for the Irene Ryan Acting Competition. This is a national acting compe-

tion for actors from participating colleges and universities.

RODNEY KINSNORTH, sociology, has been invited by the CSU Office of International Programs to participate in the Paris Seminar on "Imagined Spaces, Real Places: France and California." The seminar is jointly sponsored by CSU and the University of Paris, and will be held in Paris June 22-27.

LINDY VALDEZ, JENNIFER PARK, and JULIE KUEHL KITCHEN, kinesiology and health science, along with representatives from Sutter Medical Center and the Sacramento Unified School District, participated in a panel discussion on "Addressing Childhood Overweight: Finding Community Partners and Developing Community Solutions." The presentation was Feb. 15 in Reno at the South-West District - American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conference.

ROBERTO QUINTANA and DARYL PARKER, kinesiology and health science, along with Jason Talanian, Jeremiah Peiffer, Kevin Macklin gave a presentation of their research titled "Increases in VO₂max and maximal fat oxidation with sprint interval training" at the 2002 annual Meeting of the Southwest Chapter of American College of Sports Medicine held in Las Vegas.

CECIL CANTON, criminal justice, co-edited a new book titled *Politics of Survival in*

Academic: Narratives of Inequity, Resilience and Success.

RON COLEMAN, biological sciences, coauthored a paper titled "The maintenance of sex in parasites" in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of London, B Biological Sciences. He worked with Alison Galvani and Neil M. Ferguson.

GALE JUSTIN, philosophy, was a participant in the University of Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy. She presented a reply to a paper on Plato's "Phaedrus."

MARK HENNELLY, English, will have an article titled "Repeating Patterns' and Textual Pleasures: Reading (in) A. S. Byatt's *Possession: A Romance*," in the journal *Contemporary Literature*.

STAN ODEN, government, spoke on Feb. 16 at the weekly forum of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento. The title of the talk was "The Nuclear Bomb of Race Relations in California, the Racial Privacy Act."

DONALD DIXON, criminal justice, presented a paper at the Crime Mapping Research Center Conference in Denver in December titled "Hot Spots of Juvenile Violence: Using GIS to Understand Where and Who." Dixon also recently presented a paper at the Western Society of Criminology in Vancouver on "Neighborhoods Where Violent Young Offenders Live: A Social-Ecological Analysis."

RAFAEL ESCAMILLA, physical therapy, presented a workshop at the American Sports Medicine Institute workshop titled "21st Annual Injuries in Baseball" in Atlanta in January.

CANDACE GOLDSWORTHY, speech pathology and audiology, presented to SLPS on "Linking Oral-Written Language" in Phoenix, Ariz. on Jan 24. Goldsworthy, has the second edition of the text, *Developmental Reading Disabilities: A Language Based Treatment Approach*, available through delmarhealthcare.com.

JUDE ANTONYAPPAN, social work, has been elected to serve as a member of the advisory board to the Sacramento Families and Children's Commission, a government body responsible for making decisions about the families and children of Sacramento County. Antonyappan has also had an article titled "Cultural Impediments to Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS Among Women and Children in India" accepted for publication in the international journal *Development*.

BRAD STOCKERT, physical therapy, has had his paper on "Pulmonary Ventilation Teaching Aid: Part 2" accepted for publication in the Illuminations section of *Advances in Physiology Education*.

WILL VIZZARD, criminal justice, has been appointed to the Regional Community Policing Institute and has been elected vice chairman of that organization.



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Women's tennis

The CSUS women's tennis team looks to defend its Big Sky Conference title.

The Hornets were selected to finish first in the Big Sky coaches poll for the first time since joining the conference in 1997. The Hornets are also ranked No. 75 in the national collegiate team rankings. Leading the squad will be freshman Margarita Karnaukhova, who opened the year with a team best 5-1 record. The Krasnovar, Russia, native is ranked No. 51 in the national preseason singles rankings by ITA, the first Hornet in program history to be ranked.

Gymnastics

The Hornet gymnastics squad will look to defend its Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title and reach the NCAA West Regionals.

Head coach Kim Hughes, the 2002 MPSF Coach of the Year, has great depth on his squad with 11 freshmen joining the program. The squad is led by junior Binta Coleman (all-around), senior Jenny Diamond (vault, beam, floor) and sophomores Meloney Greer (vault, bars, beam), Jessica Hoffman

(all-around) and Nirvana Zaher (all-around). The 2003 MPSF Women's Gymnastics Championships will be hosted by CSUS on March 29 in the Hornets Nest.

Men's tennis

The men's tennis team will seek its third-consecutive Big Sky Conference championship and its fifth title in the last six years.

The Hornets have been picked in a poll of the Big Sky coaches to win the conference championship this year. First-year head coach Sherif Zaher joins the coaching ranks after earning Big Sky Most Valuable Player honors each of the last two years as a player for the Hornets.

Softball

Softball enters the year with plenty of new faces, a new conference and a revamped facility.

The team features 14 newcomers, the most in head coach Kathy Strahan's 11-year tenure with the program. Only seven players return (including two seniors). After spending the past six years in the Big West Conference, Sacramento state enters the newly formed Pacific Coast Softball Conference for the 2003 season. Loyola Marymount and CSUS were chosen as

co-favorites to win the PCSC in the preseason coach's poll.

Rowing

Winners of two of the last three Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association titles, the CSUS women's rowing team hopes to continue that success.

First-year head coach Mike Connors is putting together a new lineup for the varsity eight as the team's top boat lost six student-athletes to graduation. Over the last four years, the Hornets' varsity eight has combined for two silvers and two golds at the WIRA Championships and a 25-6 dual-meet record. The team's top returners include juniors Stephanie Brow and Adelle Reimer. The team's home facility (CSUS Aquatic Center in Rancho Cordova) will again serve as the host to the WIRA Championships, the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships and the Pacific-10 Championships.

Track and field

The men's and women's track and field teams begin their busy outdoor schedule on March 8.

The men's team will be led by senior Jonathan Davis, who is looking to defend his standing as the Big Sky Conference's fastest

man. Last year, Davis captured both the 55-meter title during the indoor season and the 100-meter crown at the conference's outdoor championships.

The women's team has a nice mixture of veteran leadership and young talent. Junior Shanita Bryant hopes to recover from a hamstring injury which sidelined her for most of last season. As a freshman, she was one of the Big Sky's top sprinters and jumpers.

Golf

After solid showings in the fall, the men's and women's golf teams each have a full schedule during the spring season.

The women opened their year with a sixth-place showing at the Aztec Invitational hosted by San Diego State. The women still have events in Goodyear, Ariz., Monterey, and Arroyo Grande, before competing in the Big Sky Conference Championship on April 21-23.

The men's team, which features six golfers from the Sacramento area, will compete in four tournaments during the spring. The squad opens the season in Beaumont at the UC Riverside Tournament.

— Sports Information

Events celebrate Women's History Month

In celebration of womanhood, CSUS is hosting events during the national Women's History Month. Activities range from the entertaining and the fun, such as Decorate Your Speculum Day, to the serious and the poignant, like "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard" by his mother Judy Shepard and the lecture "Women in Afghanistan after the Taliban."

This year organizers are also taking a broader view.

"We're trying to bring aboard a little bit of the global perspective," said Jessica Higgins of the Women's Resource Center. That is reflected in presentations on exploitation in the international flower industry and a panel discussion on transnational feminist activism.

Closer to home is Judy Shepard's March 12 lecture on the death of her son, Matthew Shepard. Her son, a gay student at the University of Wyoming, was brutally beaten to death in 1998 in a hate crime that garnered national attention.

"Her story is especially telling of how women in our culture take something devastating and

fight back," Higgins said. "And the issues of homosexuality and hate crimes are pertinent to everyone." Judy Shepherd is now the executive director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, which raises awareness of issues surrounding diversity and discrimination.

This year's events also feature performance pieces developed by CSUS students. Themed around "Transforming the Feminine," the performances are on March 5 and 27.

Also new this year is Decorate Your Speculum Day on March 11. The event is aimed at demystifying—and having a little fun with—a subject few women, especially young women, are comfortable with: the pelvic exam.

"The biggest fear they have is of the speculum," Higgins said. "It's really not painful, even if it is uncomfortable, and laughing about it really relieves the tension." The examination implement also looks vaguely like a duck—but a very plain duck—hence the need to decorate it. Those who want will be able to adopt a speculum and glue on glitter, beads, feathers and other decorations as well as get information about

women's health issues.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at 278-7388. A detailed listing of events is available at www.csus.edu/wrc.

Schedule of events

Monday, March 3

Gala Celebration and Reception Opening—Jennifer Smith, co-anchor "News 10 at 6:30," will share her experience as a woman in the media. CSUS women's groups will also be recognized, noon, Union Redwood Room.

Tuesday, March 4

"Women and Tobacco: Seven Deadly Myths"—Video narrated by supermodel Christy Turlington addressing how the tobacco industry captures and keeps girls and women as smokers, followed by a discussion, noon, Union Hinde Auditorium.

Wednesday, March 5

Reception to Honor CSUS Student Mothers, 11 a.m., Women's Resource Center/Multi-Cultural Center, Library 1010.

"Transforming the Feminine I" Original performance pieces developed by CSUS students, 7 p.m., Capistrano Hall 151.

Tuesday, March 11

"Decorate Your Speculum"—CSUS Student Health Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Union Redwood Room.

"Transnational Feminist Activism: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Challenges"—A panel with Michelle Matisons, Ghada Masri and Shireen Miles discussing feminists organizing to fight globalization, war and new immigration policies in the context of the war on terrorism and discussing some new challenges for activists today, noon, Union Hinde Auditorium.

"Ulali" Women's a cappella trio creates its own sound blending strong traditional roots and personal contemporary style, 7:30 p.m., Union Ballroom.

Wednesday, March 12

International Women's Day—Performance by Taiko Dan drummers, Union Redwood Room.

"Legacy of Matthew Shepard"—Lecture by Judy Shepard, mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard, 7:30 p.m., Union Ballroom.

Tuesday, March 18

"Love, Women and Flowers"—A film exposing the exploitation of women in the carnation industry,

5:30 p.m., Women's Resource Center/Multi-Cultural Center, Library 1010.

Wednesday, March 19

"Women in Afghanistan after the Taliban"—Lecture by Soheir Stolba of the SHARE Institute, noon, Union Hinde Auditorium.

Thursday, March 20

"Globalization's Impact in Colombia"—Lecture by Stephanie Miles on Colombian women organizing in the flower industry and relating this labor struggle to political issues of ecology, globalization and oppression, noon, Union Hinde Auditorium.

Tuesday, March 25

"Chance"—An independent film, written, directed and starring Amber Benson, who plays Tara Maclay on television's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Benson will attend and may host a question and answer period following the screening, 7 p.m., Union Redwood Room.

Thursday, March 27

"Transforming the Feminine II"—Original performance pieces developed by CSUS students for Women's History Month, 7 p.m., Union Redwood Room.

— Tim Wright

news digest

■ CATASTROPHIC LEAVE

Catastrophic leave has been approved for Anne Stewart, nursing; Bernardino Domingo, facilities management; and Diane Anderson, humanities and religious studies.

CSUS employees may donate to other employees up to 16 hours of vacation or sick leave credits each fiscal year in one-hour increments. CSEA, MPP and Confidential employees may donate up to 40 hours per fiscal year. Unit 4 employees may donate up to 32 hours per fiscal year. According to the CSEA MOU, only donated vacation leave credits may be used family care catastrophic leave. Donation forms are available in the benefits office in Sacramento Hall 259.

Details: 278-6213.

■ CMS TRAINING

Signups are now being taken for the "overview of financials" for CMS, the CSU systemwide initiative to put in place better administrative software systems to serve students, faculty and staff.

The overview session is important for anyone planning to attend more specialized sessions. It will include a detailed explanation of the CMS account structures, which will not be covered in the

specialized sessions.

The overview will be repeated 23 times between Feb. 24 and March 24.

Details and to sign up: www.csus.edu/cms and make a selection from "end user training."

■ WELLNESS PROGRAMS

The University's noontime wellness program for faculty and staff began Feb. 17 and will continue through May 15.

Activities include aqua aerobics, aerobics, tai chi, weightlifting, stretch and tone, basketball, racquetball, walking, yoga and tennis

To participate, e-mail Kim Harrington at harringtonkc@csus.edu with your name, department, e-mail and activities you plan to participate in.

■ ONECARD SAVINGS

Faculty, staff and students who use their campus OneCard at featured campus eateries during March will save 10 percent. At least three campus eateries are featured each week.

Participating eateries and their savings periods are:

- March 3-7: River Front Market, Outpost and Java City/The Coffee Shop

- March 10-14: La Creperie, Mother India, Burger King and Kung Fu Fats
- March 17-21: Togo's, Taco Bell, Gordito Burrito and Da Deli/TCBY
- March 24-28: River Front Market, Outpost and Round Table Pizza
- March 3-28: University Center Restaurant

Deposits for OneCards can be made at the four stations located in the University Library, Lassen Hall, University Union and the OneCard Center.

OneCard holders can also make deposits by writing a check payable to "CSUS OneCard" and sending it to campus zip 6127.

Details: 278-7878 or www.csus.edu/onecard.

■ FORGIVABLE LOANS

The CSU Forgivable Loan Program is accepting applications through March 6.

The program provides financial assistance to graduate students. It offers loans totaling up to \$30,000 to full-time students pursuing doctoral degrees who are interested in teaching at the CSU. For each year of full-time teaching, 20 percent of the loan is forgiven.

Details and applications: Suzanne Gerbasi in River Front Center 206 or 278-6302.

■ TRACK TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the 2003 NCAA Division I track and field championships are now on sale. The event will be held on campus at the Alex G. Spanos Sports Complex June 11 - 14.

Four-day ticket packages are \$50 reserved, \$40 general and \$25 for seniors, students and children. Tickets are available at the CSUS Ticket Office in the University Union or by calling 278-4323.

For additional information visit www.sacsports.com.

■ SAFETY AWARD NOMINEES SOUGHT

Nominations are being accepted for the Governor's Employee Safety Awards. The program recognizes outstanding performance by individual state employees and groups in improving job health and safety, responding to life-threatening situations and preventing or reducing occupational injuries and vehicular accidents.

For information on nomination and award eligibility contact Kirtland Stout at 278-7233 or Michael Christiansen at 278-5252. Completed nomination forms must be received by the environmental health and safety office by March 31.

■ TOP JOURNALISTS TO BE HONORED

California's outstanding political and public affairs journalists will be honored at the ninth annual California Journalism Awards, Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. The awards dinner is hosted by the Center for California Studies at CSUS and the Sacramento Press Club.

Also at the event, Bob Mulholland, California Democratic Party, and Debra J. Saunders, *San Francisco Chronicle* political columnist, will argue their political viewpoints.

Awards will be presented to: Kimberly Kinday, Jennifer B. McKim, Natalya Shulyakovskaya, and Tony Saavedra of *The Orange County Register*; Carla Marinucci and Lance Williams of the *San Francisco Chronicle*; Ina Jaffe, of National Public Radio's Morning Edition; Randy Shandobil, KTVU Fox 2 in San Francisco/Oakland; Robbi Peele, Joe Riordan, Hank Plante, and Rick Villaroman, KPIX TV-CBS in San Francisco; and Jon Ortiz, CSUS student and former intern at the *Los Angeles Times* Sacramento bureau.

The cost to attend the dinner and debate is \$50 single, \$90 double, and \$35 for students. There is no cost for students to attend the debate only, at 8 p.m.

Details: 278-6906.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For a complete events calendar click on www.csus.edu/events.

ongoing

“Post Flesh, Visualizing the Techno-Self,” art exhibit, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesdays - Saturdays, University Library Gallery. (916) 278-4189. Continues to March 14.

Undergraduate and Graduate Art Awards Show, noon - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, Robert Else Gallery, Kadema Hall. (916) 278-6166. Exhibit continues to March 7.

monday, feb. 24

Art exhibit, Sol Ceramica Studio, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., University Union Gallery. (916) 278-6744. Exhibit continues to March 14. Reception Feb. 27, 6 - 8 p.m.

“Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Is Peace Possible?,” lecture by Marcia Freedman, president of Brit Tzedek v’Shalom, noon, University Union Orchard Suite. (916) 278-6997.

tuesday, feb. 25

Baseball vs. San Francisco State, 2 p.m., Hornet Field. \$5 adult/\$4 seniors and non-CSUS students/\$2 children ages 6-12/CSUS students with ID and children under 5 free. Tickets at the event.

Ninth Annual California Journalism Awards Dinner, “The Party of the Future: The Democrats or The Republicans?,” Bob Mulholland, California Democratic Party and Debra J. Saunders, San Francisco Chronicle, 6 p.m., Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, \$50 single/\$90 double/\$35 students. (916) 278-7541

Blood Drive, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-4241. Continues Feb. 26.

wednesday, feb. 26

“Don’t Just Stay in the Pack: Move Ahead,” Taiwo Jaiyeoba, president of Winnerspath International, Black History Month, noon, University Union Delta Suite. (916) 278-5363.

Poetry Reading, Ron Tanaka, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Library Lobby. (916) 278-5989.

“Islam, the Fastest Growing Religion in the World,” professor Suhaib Webb, Islamic University, Santa Clara, noon, University Union Redwood Room. (916) 278-6997.

Redefinitions of Hip/Hop, film preview and discussion, Black History Month, 7 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-6101.

Blood Drive, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-4241.

HARROWING TRIP

Playwright Meryl Friedman’s poignant *Journey of the Sparrows*, a tale of struggle, hope and love within an immigrant family comes to the stage at CSUS. Performances are at 8 p.m., February 27-28, March 1-2, and March 6-9 in the Playwrights’ Theatre. Matinees are 2 p.m. on March 2 and 9.

The play tells the story of 16-year-old Maria, her sister Julia, her brother Oscar and their journey from El Salvador to Chicago in a nailed crate. They must struggle to remain “invisible” in order to avoid arrest and deportation and yet make a new life. *Journey of the Sparrows* won the 1999 Distinguished Play Award from the American Alliance of Theatre and Education. Theatre professor Manuel Pickett directs the production.

Tickets are \$8 for students, alumni and seniors and \$13 for general admission. They are available through the CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.



thursday, feb. 27

Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. \$12 general/\$8 students and children under 12. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com. (916) 766-2277. Continues Feb. 28

Men’s Basketball vs. Montana, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. \$10 reserved/\$6 general/CSUS students and children under 5 free. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

Journey of the Sparrows, by Meryl Friedman, 8 p.m., 2 p.m. on Sundays, Playwrights’ Theatre. \$13 general/\$8 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277. Performances Feb. 27-28, March 1-2, 6-9.

“Heritage,” S/BAD dance concert, directed by Linda Goodrich, Black History Month, 8 p.m., Dancespace in Solano Hall 1010. \$13 general/\$11 student/\$8 child. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277. Performances Feb. 19-22, 27-28, March 1.

Freshmen

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living in residence halls called “adventures in higher education.” Assignments from one class often relate to learning in another class.

“Students come away with the idea that they didn’t just get pigeonholes of knowledge, but that they’ve begun to weave different ideas together,” Wheeler says.

Grade point averages of students who take part range from .05 to .16 higher than the rest of the student body. Retention rates are also a bit higher.

Wheeler says many students report one of the best things about Learning Communities is getting

friday, feb. 28

Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. \$12 general/\$8 students and children under 12. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com. (916) 766-2277.

Men’s Tennis vs. Nevada, 2 p.m., Rio Del Oro Raquet Club. (916) 278-6481.

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“CSUS Musical Theater: Come to the Cabaret,” Ed Brazo, CSUS theatre professor, Renaissance Society forum, 3 - 4 p.m., Mendocino Hall 1003. (916) 278-7834.

“Suga Shack VI,” open mouth poetry, Black History Month, 7 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-6101.

“The Souls of Black Folks: Centennial Reflections,” 8th annual Black History Rally, Black History Month, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., University Union Redwood Room. (916) 278-5363.

saturday, march 1

Men’s Basketball vs. Montana State, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. \$10 reserved/\$6 general/CSUS students and children under 5 free. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at

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Men’s Tennis vs. Northern Arizona, 2 p.m., Rio Del Oro Raquet Club. (916) 278-6481.

Softball vs. San Jose State, double-header, noon, Shea Stadium. \$5 adult/\$4 seniors and non-CSUS students/\$2 children ages 6-12/CSUS students with ID and children under 5 free. Tickets at the event.

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9th annual Multicultural Education Conference, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Steven Lee Yamshon Alumni Center. (916) 278-5942.

sunday, march 2

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faculty senate

■ **Tuesday, Feb. 25**
3 p.m., Executive Committee (tentative)

■ **Wednesday, Feb. 26**
9 a.m., Writing and Reading Subcommittee
3 p.m., GE Course Review Subcommittee

■ **Thursday, Feb. 27**
3 p.m., Faculty Senate, University Union Foothill Suite
4 p.m., Merit Scholars Awards, University Union Foothill Suite

■ **Friday, Feb. 28**
2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, special meeting

■ **Monday March 3**
2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE)
3 p.m., General Education Policies/Graduation Requirements Committee

■ **Tuesday, March 4**
1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee (tentative)

3 p.m., Executive Committee
All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.