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**PICTURE THIS** – Art student Greg Rushing works at the student art sale last week in front of Kadema Hall. The large piece to his right is one of his. The sale continues through this Wednesday, weather permitting.

## Book: Identity at risk in academia

As much as academia is a symbol of open minds and diverse outlooks, some faculty members feel pressured to conform to a university culture, says Cecil Canton. The criminal justice professor, along with education professors Lila Jacobs and Jose Cintron, found the struggle to maintain identity is a common experience among young faculty of color – because they had been there themselves.

The topic led to a book: *The Politics of Survival in Academia: Narratives of Inequity, Resilience and Success*. The book tells the experiences of 10 ethnically diverse scholars and features such chapters as “Redefining the Self: from AFDC to PhD” by Jacobs and “From Slavery to Scholarship: A Narrative of the Political and Social Transformation of an African American Educator” by Canton.

“It’s about survival, the very real struggle for those coming into the academy in a system where there’s pressure to conform to culture,” Canton says. “The common thread is the struggle in maintaining identity.”

“People in higher education seem to change. I didn’t want to be seen as different from my family because of the sobriquet of ‘professor.’ I didn’t want to lose the enduring identity I have of who I am. You need to remember where you came from.”

As they watch the campus continue to grow and become increasingly more diverse, Canton, Cintron and Jacobs feel the message is particularly fitting.

“With so many new folks coming into the system, we wanted to give them a way to achieve success without giving up self,” Canton says. “I hope they will take strength from these stories and hope it will help them in the transformative process to stay authentic to who they are.”

The writers also knew they couldn’t just talk about the experiences of others. “As researchers that often tell other people’s stories, we felt it was important to also tell our own,” Jacobs says. “It was a risk to be vulnerable and to tell the painful parts of our journeys in academia, but the contribution to others made it worthwhile.”

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## Budget, traffic top region’s concerns

Capital Region residents cite local government budget deficits and traffic congestion as the most challenging issues facing the region, according to a survey by researchers from CSUS.

The survey shows 68 percent of residents think local government deficits are a “big problem” while another 21 percent call them “somewhat of a problem.”

Traffic congestion on major roads was called a “big problem” by 58 percent of those surveyed. While still significant, that’s 15 percent lower than the survey found last year, mirroring a statewide trend of lower concern about the issue. It is similar to responses about traffic congestion in surveys conducted in the Bay Area (59 percent call it a big problem) and Los Angeles (61 percent call it a big problem).

The findings are from the “Annual Survey of Public Opinion and Life Quality in the Sacramento

Region.” Previously released results focused on such issues as the war in Iraq and affirmative action.

Among other issues respondents called a “big problem” in the Capital Region: affordable housing (51 percent), quality of education (50 percent), affordable health care (49 percent), air pollution (43 percent), urban sprawl or growth (43 percent), the economy (40 percent), crime (27 percent) and well-paying jobs (27 percent).

The second “Annual Survey of Public Opinion and Life Quality in the Sacramento Region” was carried out by CSUS sociology professor Amy Liu and more than 30 students at the Institute for Social Research. They surveyed 996 randomly selected adults in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado counties from Feb. 15 to March 13. The margin of error is 3 percent.

A copy of the findings is available as a link from the press release at [www.csus.edu/news](http://www.csus.edu/news).

## Track and field elite to compete at CSUS

The best of the best in college track and field will gather for the 2003 NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Championships June 11-14 at the A.G. Spanos Sports Complex at CSUS.

This year’s meet will be the largest NCAA Championship in

history, featuring 1,100 athletes from around the country participating in the four-day competition. It also marks the first time the event has been held on the West Coast in 35 years.

Many of the college athletes competing will also compete next year in the 2004 U.S. Track

and Field Olympic Trials, which will also be held at CSUS. Since the NCAA event began in 1921, the list of champions reads like a who’s who of Olympians and track legends: Jesse Owens, Carl Lewis, Jackie Joyner, Gail Devers and Michael Johnson.

The event begins with preliminary rounds on June 11 and 12 and finals on June 13 and 14. The majority of the finals will be held in the late afternoon and evening. Tickets are on sale in four-day packages: \$50 for reserved and finish line seats, \$40 for general admission and \$25 for general admission for seniors, students and children. Tickets are available at the CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323.

## Campus commencement

Spring commencement will again be held on campus this year. Seven ceremonies are set for Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24.

The ceremonies will be held at Hornet Stadium and at the Outdoor Theatre near the library. Candidates will assemble at the practice field one half-hour prior to each event.

The first ceremony on Friday will be the College of Arts and Letters at 12:30 p.m. at Hornet Stadium. The College of Engineering and Computer Science ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Theatre and

the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies ceremony will be at 7 p.m. at Hornet Stadium.

On Saturday, the College of Health and Human Services ceremony will be at 8 a.m. at Hornet Stadium and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics ceremony will be at 10 a.m. at the Outdoor Theatre. The College of Business Administration ceremony will at noon at Hornet Stadium followed by the College of Education ceremony at 6 p.m. at Hornet Stadium.

Details: 278-4724 or visit [www.csus.edu/commence](http://www.csus.edu/commence).

### ROAD CLOSURES DURING NCAA EVENT

During the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships June 11-14, State University Drive West will be closed to traffic. The road will be blocked off beyond the entrance to the A.G. Spanos Sports Complex on the south end of the campus. It will also be closed south of the staff/faculty entrance to Parking Structure I. The parking structure will remain open to staff/faculty during the championships. However, Lots 8 and 10 will be designated for event patrons only.

## President to arrive in July

Alexander Gonzalez, incoming CSUS President, will officially arrive on campus on July 7. During the preceding month, he will make several trips to the campus for the purposes of planning and orientation.

He has announced that his longtime executive assistant, Carol Ensley, will also be joining CSUS.

The Chancellor’s Office has designated Ed Del Biaggio, vice president for administration, as the coordinator for the presidential transition and related activities. Inquires for the new President should be directed through Del Biaggio’s office at 278-6312.

# 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](mailto:bulletin@csus.edu) or faxed to 278-5290.

## scholarship

**ANN REED**, public affairs, was a presenter at a conference at the University of Southern California's Norman Lear Center at the Annenberg School for Communication. The April conference was on "The Tyranny of 18 to 49" in television and film marketing.

**SIGRID BATHEN**, communication studies, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the State Information Officers Council. She will also serve on a panel, "Effectively Navigating the Media," at the May 20 Leadership Conference of the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research in Sacramento, and she recently conducted media training for the new Fellows at the Modesto-based Great Valley Center.



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## in the news

**CAROLE BARNES**, Institute for Social Research, was quoted in a Dec. 9 *Sacramento Bee* article on the institute's findings on illegal substance abuse and violent crime.

**ROBERT WASTE**, public policy and administration, was quoted in a Dec. 10 *Sacramento Bee* article on campaign donations by developers. He was also quoted in a Dec. 8 *Sacramento Bee* article on campaign donations by "homemakers" with direct ties to local developers.

**TED LASCHER**, public policy and administration, was quoted in a Dec. 9 *Contra Costa Times* article on the state budget process.

**ROBERT FOUNTAIN**, president's office, was quoted in a Dec. 1 *Sacramento Bee* article on development plans for Roseville. He was also quoted in a Dec. 19 *San Francisco Chronicle* article on the economic impact of state housing growth.

**RICHARD BAY**, theatre and dance, was quoted in a Dec. 3 *Tri-Valley Herald* article on a holiday puppet performance.

**LYNN WILCOX**, counselor education, was quoted in Dec. 14 *Sacramento Bee* article on Sufism.

**ROBERT METCALF**, biological sciences, was quoted in a Dec. 19 *East Sacramento News* article on solar cooking.

**TIMOTHY FONG**, ethnic studies, was quoted in a Dec. 22 *San Jose Mercury News* article on social segregation in San Jose.

**GARY HART**, Institute for Educational Reform, was quoted in a Nov. 24 *Modesto Bee* article on Jack O'Connell, state superintendent of public instruction.

**GERALD ROTHMAN**, social work, was quoted in a Nov. 30 *Stockton Record* on Jewish religious observances.

**TIM HODSON**, Center for California Studies, was quoted in a Nov. 25 *Stockton Record* article on the political impact of the state budget deficit. He was quoted in a Dec. 10 *Sacramento Bee* article on campaign donations by developers. He was also quoted in Dec. 8 *San Ramon Valley Times* and *Contra Costa Times* articles on the gubernatorial appointment process when a county supervisor resigns. Hodson was also quoted in Dec. 1 *Hayward Sunday Review* and *Alameda Times Star* articles on Assemblywoman Wilma Chan's election as Assembly majority leader. He was again quoted in Dec. 1 *Oakland Tribune* and *Hayward Sunday Review* articles on the political career of state Sen. Don Perata as well as articles on Bay Area leaders in key legislative

posts. The articles also appeared in the Nov. 30 *San Mateo Times*. He was quoted in a Nov. 4 *Eureka Times-Standard* article on campaign funding. He was quoted in a Nov. 2 *Hokubei Mainiohi* article on the San Francisco supervisorial campaign. Hodson was also quoted in a Nov. 7 *Stockton Record* article on the Assembly election results. He was also quoted in a Jan. 19 *Stockton Record* article on the legislative process.

**MATTHEW NEWMAN**, California Institute for County Government, was quoted in a Jan. 23 *Sacramento Bee* article and heard on KFBK and on KXJZ on Jan. 23 discussing the regional job market.

**DAVID COVIN**, ethnic studies, was on KFBK Jan. 20 discussing the significance of Martin Luther King Jr.

**LARRY GLASMIRE**, academic affairs, was on KFBK Jan. 24 talking about the University's application deadline.

**FELICENNE RAMEY**, College of Business Administration, was on KOVR Channel 13, on Jan. 27 discussing the work of African American artists.

**TINA JORDAN**, learning skills, was on KXTV Channel 10 on Jan. 29 talking about remedial courses.

**ROBERTA CHING**, learning skills, was on KTXL Channel 40 talking about the readiness of incoming freshmen.

**ROBERT SMART**, theatre and dance, was on KOVR Channel 13 on Jan. 29, on KMAX Channel 31 on Jan. 31, and in the *Sacramento Bee* Jan. 31 talking about the Lenaea Festival.

**EMILIANO DIAZ**, outreach, was on KMAX Channel 31 on Jan. 31 talking about college preparation.

**TERRI SEXTON**, economics, was quoted in a Jan. 21 *Sacramento Bee* article about the impact of state budget cuts and federal stimulus packages.

**CARMEN GONZALEZ**, public affairs, was quoted in a Jan. 30 *Sacramento Bee* article about visitor services.

**KEN FUTERNICK**, teacher education, was interviewed on KXTV Channel 10 and KFBK on Feb. 4 about his web-based Teacher Quality Index. He was also quoted in a Feb. 5 *Sacramento Bee* and *Visalia Times Delta* articles and an Associated Press article that appeared in the *Los Angeles Daily News* and the *Fresno Bee* as well as articles in the Feb. 6 *San Ramon Valley Times*, the Feb. 6 *Paradise Post*, the Feb. 7 *Tracy Press*, the Feb. 7 *Tulare Advance Register*, and the Feb. 13 *Ukiah Daily Journal*.

**KEN CHINEN**, management, was quoted in Feb. 7 and Feb. 13 *Sacramento Bee* and Feb. 16 *Marysville Appeal-Democrat* articles on his study on the difference between Japanese and California rice.

**JAMES REID**, history, was on KCRA Channel 3 on Feb. 5 discussing Colin Powell's Iraqi address to the United Nations.

**AYAD AL-QAZZAZ**, sociology, was on KCRA Channel 3 on Feb. 5 discussing Colin Powell's Iraqi address to the United Nations. He was also on KFBK on Feb. 12 talking about anti-Arab backlash to the war and on KXTV Channel 10 on March 6 discussing the impact of the war on the people of Iraq. He was also quoted in a March 19 *Sacramento Bee* article about American war aims in the Middle East.

**JOHN SYER**, government, was on KFBK on Feb. 5 discussing Colin Powell's Iraqi address to the United Nations, on Feb. 14 talking about the costs of rebuilding Iraq, on Feb. 15 talking about the United Nations report on Iraqi weapons, on Feb. 25 talking about relations with South Korea and on Feb. 26 talking about plans for post-war Iraq. He was also on KCRA Channel 3 on Feb. 27 discussing Condoleezza Rice's rumored run for governor. He was on KFBK on March 7 discussing the United Nations Iraqi arms assessment and March 12 discussing the pending invasion of Iraq. He was on KXTV Channel 10 and KFBK on March 17 talking about President's Bush's announcement of war with Iraq. He was on KXTV Channel 10 on March 18 providing analysis of the president's speech. He was also interviewed about the war by KOVR Channel 13 on March 21 and by KMAX Channel 31 on March 24. On March 24 he was also interviewed by KFBK about rumors that Russia was selling Iraq military equipment.

**NANCY KALISH**, psychology, was on KCRA Channel 3 on Feb. 14 and quoted in the Feb. 21 *Sacramento Bee* talking about people who look for lost love.

**JOSEPH PALERMO**, history, was on KXTV Channel 10 on Feb. 14 talking about the United Nations report on Iraqi weapons.

**BARBARA O'CONNOR**, communication studies, was quoted in a Dec. 10 *Sacramento Bee* article on campaign donations by developers. She was quoted in a Dec. 18 *San Francisco Chronicle* article on the verbal gaffes of politicians. She was quoted in a Feb. 1 *Sacramento Bee* article on the costs of the gubernatorial campaign, a Feb. 3 *San Francisco Chronicle* article on changes in Governor Davis' public persona,

and a Feb. 5 *Sacramento Bee* article on about the emotional impact of President Bush's speeches on the Challenger disaster. O'Connor was quoted in a Feb. 14 *San Francisco Chronicle* article on state Treasurer Phil Angelides' possible run for governor. She was also quoted in a Feb. 18 article on government responsiveness to public pressure that appeared in the *Alameda Times Star*, the *Oakland Tribune*, the *Hayward Daily Review*, the *Fremont Argus*, the *Tri-Valley Herald*, and the *San Mateo County Times* and in a Feb. 27 *San Francisco Chronicle* article on rumors that Condoleezza Rice might run for governor.

**FREDERICK WESTPHAL**, music, emeritus, was quoted in a Feb. 8 *Sacramento Bee* article on fall-prevention programs for seniors.

**LORNA PETERS**, music, was quoted in a Feb. 5 *Sacramento Bee* article on the 2003 New Millennium Concert Series.

**CLAUDIA KITKA**, music, was quoted in a Feb. 5 *Sacramento Bee* article on the 2003 New Millennium Concert Series.

**JANIE LOW**, teacher education, was quoted in a Feb. 14 *Sacramento Business Journal* article on the state's teacher shortage.

**ROBERT PRITCHARD**, teacher education, was quoted in a Feb. 14 *Sacramento Business Journal* article on the state's teacher shortage.

**TED LASCHER**, public policy and administration, was quoted in a Jan. 28 article that appeared in the *West County Times* and the *San Ramon Valley Times* on proposed legislation limiting cell phone use while driving in California. He was also quoted in Feb. 6 *Fremont Argus* and Feb. 7 *Hayward Daily Review* stories on the gubernatorial recall campaign.

**RANDY KIRKBRIDE**, University Media Services, was quoted in a Jan. 21 *Auburn Journal* article on the pleasures of nice weather.

**ROBERT FOUNTAIN**, president's office, was quoted in a Jan. 31 *Auburn Journal* article that discussed regional growth patterns and featured in the January issue of *Comstock's* magazine on regional growth.

**CECIL CANTON**, criminal justice, was quoted in a Feb. 27 *Sacramento Bee* article on the CSUS presidential finalists.

**JAMES CHOPYK**, music, was quoted in a Feb. 16 *Dixon Tribune* article and heard on KXJZ on Feb. 20 talking about the World Music series. He was also quoted in a March 27 *Sacramento Bee* article about CSU computer security.

# Survey says ... you (pretty much) like us

The surveys have been tallied and, especially for those of us who work on the *CSUS Bulletin*, the results are encouraging. Those who responded cite the *Bulletin* more than any of 11 choices as one of their top three sources of campus news.

Nearly everyone who responded to our recent survey about the *Bulletin* thinks the newsletter is “very” or “somewhat” informative and most said it should continue to be printed weekly. Those results came from both those who chose to fill out the survey we printed in the *Bulletin* and online, and those in a randomly selected group of campus employees.

In all, 76 people filled out the survey. Among them were almost half of the 100 people randomly selected to receive it. We received surveys from 41 staff, 28 faculty, two administrators, one student and four people who checked “other.”

The responses to the question about their “three favorite” parts of the *Bulletin* were all over the map, which didn’t surprise us given the diverse group of people who make up our readership. Faculty and staff, as we’ve found in prior surveys, simply have different interests and want different things from their employee newsletter. As we have before, we’ll try to do some

adjusting to make everyone a bit happier.

In the “least favorite” section, “campus and work policies” was a popular (unpopular?) choice. But the truth is that – least favorite or not – such things have to be shared someplace and the newsletter is an obvious choice.

The space we provided for general comments generated a number of interesting responses.

Two respondents suggested the *Bulletin* could be sent via e-mail. One person suggested the same thing for campus memos. Another suggested a classified ads section, and yet another urged us to publicize all job fairs on campus.

We received many positive comments. They included: “It’s great!”

“As a staff member I read the *Bulletin* every week.”

“I read it in full!”

“It was difficult to choose my favorite topics or my least favorite topic. I enjoy the *Bulletin* and find the contents of interest.”

Of course – you knew this was coming – not everyone thinks the *Bulletin* is wonderful.

One respondent checked the box for “essentially useless” when asked about the *Bulletin* overall, and two respondents said it should be eliminated.

The most negative responses didn’t come from our randomly selected respondents. When we chose to do a random survey, we assumed we would find people who didn’t read the *Bulletin* and that they would let us know it. But the toughest comments came from the survey printed in the *Bulletin*.

One person said the *Bulletin* was “Lots of wasted print.” “No imagination!” wrote another respondent. Another wrote that it was “silly” to do summaries of faculty who were recently quoted by the media.

Finally, one professor asked us to capitalize days of the week in the calendar. “It’s hard to teach students to do that when campus publications violate it.” For the record, the lower-case days of the week in the calendar is part of the current design rather than an ongoing error.

Public affairs would like to thank everyone who responded. As usual, we’ll use the results of the survey to make improvements to the *Bulletin* next year. We’ll also combine the results with results from another survey about the public affairs office as we consider changes to our efforts.

If you have any questions about the survey or public affairs in general, contact us at (916) 278-6156 or visit [www.csus.edu/pa](http://www.csus.edu/pa).

## news digest

### ■ ARMED SERVICES DAY

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at CSUS will host an Armed Services Day Celebration on campus from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, May 15. The theme will be “Operation Support the Troops!”

Events begin at 8 a.m. at Hornet Stadium, and will include aircraft flyovers by the Air Force and Coast Guard, as well as a military parade with a traditional pass in review of 130 officer candidates in the AFROTC in Sacramento. Military exhibits in the University Quad will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will include a mini F-16 Air Force jet and Army rock-climbing wall.

Details: 278-7315 or [www.csus.edu/afrotc](http://www.csus.edu/afrotc).

### ■ MIDDLE EAST TALK

Professor and author Stephen Zunes will talk about “U.S. Policy in the Middle East” at noon, Tuesday, May 13 in the University Union Orchard Suite.

Zunes is a professor of politics and chair of the peace and justice studies program at the University of San Francisco. He published a book last year titled *Tinderbox: U.S. Policy in the Middle East and the Roots of Terrorism*.

Details: 278-6943.

### ■ STUDY ABROAD RECEPTION

There will be a reception for students selected to study abroad during the upcoming academic year from 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, May 16 in the University Union Foothill Suite.

The campus community as well as study abroad alumni are invited.

RSPV to global education at 278-6686.

### ■ PHOTOS AT COFFEE HOUSE

The Java City Coffee House in the University Union is hosting a photographic exhibit of works by Jana Shober, staff member in biological sciences.

The exhibit is titled “Treasured Images from Memorable Journeys.” It includes dye coupler prints, emulsion lifts and image transfers.

The exhibit may be viewed 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays.

### ■ SERVICE LEARNING WORKSHOP

The University’s community collaboration office will hold its annual three-day spring workshop June 9-11. It is designed for faculty interested in using community-based learning and service in their teaching.

There will be an overview of service learning and of the services offered through the community collaboration office, and sessions on finding community partners, developing a syllabus, service learning strategies, assessment and more.

Details and registration: 278-4610, [www.csus.edu/occ](http://www.csus.edu/occ) or e-mail Charlotte Cook at [ccook@csus.edu](mailto:ccook@csus.edu).

### ■ WEBSITE SURVEY

The CSUS Foundation is looking for feedback on its grants and contracts website. Comments will be used to upgrade the site.

The Foundation’s grants and contracts unit is responsible for administering grants and contracts from off-campus sources. It also awards Project Activity Grants and provides employment opportunities for students.

The six-question survey may be found at: [www.foundation.csus.edu/contracts](http://www.foundation.csus.edu/contracts).

### ■ BIKE COMMUTE WEEK

May 12-16 is California Bike Commute Week, and May 15 is Bike to Work Day. More than 15,000 cyclists throughout the state are expected to participate.

University’s Transportation and Parking and Peak Adventures are providing give-aways at Bicycle Compound One while supplies last. In addition, free coffee, tea or soda will be offered on Bike to Work Day at participating LaBou’s, and an energy bar and beverage will be offered at Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd. Those registered for Bike to Work Day are eligible to win bicycles, cycling accessories and event T-Shirts

You may register for Bike to Work Day at [www.californiabikecommute.com](http://www.californiabikecommute.com) or by calling (800) 679 BIKE.

Details: Trish Evans at [evanst@skymail.csus.edu](mailto:evanst@skymail.csus.edu) or 278-7527.

### ■ CLEAN AIR EVENTS

The transportation and parking office is hosting a clean air event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 13 in the Library Quad.

Various agencies will be on hand promoting alternative transportation to campus. In addition to University Transportation and Parking, they will include Peak Adventures, Sacramento Regional Transit, Hornet Shuttle, the Sacramento Council of Governments and others.

Details: Trish Evans at [evanst@skymail.csus.edu](mailto:evanst@skymail.csus.edu) or 278-7527.

## 25-year profile

When Irene Shea came to CSUS from upstate New York in 1976, she planned to stay only a few years. Instead, the senior women’s administrator in intercollegiate athletics stayed 25, helping transform the



IRENE SHEA

men’s and women’s sports programs in the wake of Title IX, the Cal/NOW court decree, putting in a five-year stint as coach of the softball team — even having an athletics facility named for her.

Of her CSUS career — which will end when she retires this summer — Shea says she’s most proud of the University’s ability to comply with the Cal/NOW court decree’s gender equity requirements, while retaining the football program. “We had just been admitted to the Big Sky Conference and had to get our football scholarships from 12 scholarships to 63. In the same period of time we had to bring women’s programs into compliance with the court decree,” she says.

“My plan worked but it took everyone’s support,” she adds. “I give a lot of credit to the campus administration to get the program where it is. I’ve watched it transform from a women’s sports program to a combined women’s and men’s program.”

These days Shea’s duties include serving as the University’s representative on the NCAA Division I Athletic Certification Committee, assuring that colleges around the country are complying with NCAA rules regarding governance, fiscal integrity, academic integrity, gender equity and

minority issues. The experience paid off when the University went through its own certification process a few years back.

An unexpected task for Shea came in 1987 when she

stepped in as a volunteer coach for the softball team. “I volunteered for one year to give them time to find a replacement coach,” she says. She ended up coaching the team for five years — while continuing to do her administrative duties. “Don’t ever volunteer,” she adds with a smile.

It was during that time that the campus softball stadium came into being. “We knew we needed to improve the playing facilities. So we put student athletes to work, as well as the coaches and parent volunteers,” she says. “We did it all ourselves. We even found a guy to do the brickwork for the backstop for a case of beer. We ended up spending about \$6,000 for a \$90,000 facility.”

The facility got its name when Shea’s team competed in a tournament in New York City after which they attended a Mets game. Upon returning to campus the players dubbed their stadium “the Shea Stadium of the West” and the name stuck.

She would happily give up the honor. The facility was upgraded during the fall but still lacks permanent restrooms, concessions, a press box and lights. Naming rights could fund those improvements, she notes. “My biggest dream right now is for someone to put their name on it for a contribution.”

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For a complete events calendar click on [www.csus.edu/events](http://www.csus.edu/events).

**ongoing**

“Wayne Thiebaud: Works from 1955 - 2003,” exhibit, 11th Annual Festival of the Arts, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday, University Library Gallery. (916) 278-4189. Continues to July 25.

“The Art of Farming: Photographs from Fieldwork in the United States and France,” by Valerie Wheeler, Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Anthropology Museum, Mendocino Hall 1000. (916) 278-6067. Reception noon - 2 p.m., May 2. Continues to May 23.

“Déjà Vu (Or Not),” works by graduating art majors and master’s students, noon - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, Else and Witt Galleries. (916) 278-6166. Continues to May 23. Reception 6 - 9 p.m., May 16.

**monday, may 12**

Reception, Tick-Tock Clock Show, Department of Design, 3 - 5 p.m., Mariposa Hall 4000. (916) 278-3962.

CSUS Guitar Studio Recital, 8 p.m., Capistrano Hall 151. (916) 278-5155.

**tuesday may 13**

Breakfast Club Speakers Series, “Planning for the Future,” Martin Tuttle, executive director, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), 7:30 a.m., Yamshon Alumni Center. (916) 278-6295.

CSUS Student Composer Concert, 4 p.m., Capistrano Hall, room 151.

CSUS Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. \$8 general/\$5 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

**wednesday, may 14**

CSUS Symphonic Wind Ensemble and CSUS Concert Band, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. \$8 general/\$5 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office

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“I never forget that as an African American, especially on this campus. I’m a role model for students,” Canton says. “That’s a level of responsibility you have to take seriously. In corrections, there’s an expression ‘You have to talk the talk and walk the walk.’ I’m talking the talk and walking the walk.”

There were also debts to repay. “Our stories are the stories of many who came through before us. We got the mentoring, the prodding, the guidance from them,” Canton says.

Though the book is written by

**HOCUS POCUS**

The CSUS Alumni Theatre Project will present *The Illusion*, a comedic adventure adapted by Pulitzer Prize winner Tony Kushner from Pierre Corneille’s original play, June 13-29 in the Shasta Hall Playwrights’ Theatre. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on June 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28 and at 2 p.m. on June 22 and 29.

The production tells the story of a conrtrite father, estranged from his son for 15 years, who enlists the aid of a sorcerer to seek news of his son. The adventure begins as the sorcerer conjures up images from the son’s life and forces the father to watch the struggles his son must endure.

Along the way, the audience treated to the suspense of sword fights, betrayal and murder, and the comedy of raving lunatics and jealous lovers. As the strange tale reaches its conclusion, the father confronts the ultimate and unexpected truth about his son and experiences the greatest illusion of all – love.

*The Illusion* is produced by Scott Adams and directed by Ed Trafton, pictured above, both alumni of the theatre and dance department. Tickets are \$12 general, \$10 for CSUS Alumni Association members, SARTA members and groups, and \$5 for students and are available at the CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).



(916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

Number One Seed, reggae, punk and hip hop, noon, Serna Plaza. (916) 278-6997.

Caffeinated Collective, 7 p.m., Library Gallery. (916) 278-5989.

“To Empower Elders,” 2003 Longevity Faire, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-7163.

Friends of the CSUS Library Book Sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

**thursday, may 15**

*Merry Wives of Windsor*, CSUS Opera Theatre, 8 p.m., University Theatre. \$15 general/\$10 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277. Performances May 9, 11, 15, and 17.

Armed Forces Day Celebration, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., opening ceremonies and parade 8 a.m., Fred Anderson Field, exhibits and activities 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Library Quad. (916) 278-7315.

academics for academics, Canton notes the ideas could work in any profession where there is pressure to conform. “The diversity that you bring is important and the institution is enriched by that perspective,” he says. “It’s like women in the criminal justice system – if they don’t bring in their femininity, they’re not accomplishing anything. You can be proud of who you are and be successful.”

The book is already finding an audience. Canton says incoming CSUS President Alexander Gonzalez has ordered the book and so has

**friday, may 16**

Baseball vs. San Francisco, 2:30 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.

Exhibit, design student senior projects, 6 - 8 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-6394.

Recital, Glenn Disney, 6 p.m., University Library Gallery. (916) 278-6515.

**saturday, may 17**

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**sunday, may 18**

Baseball vs. San Francisco, 1 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.

California State University Chancellor Charles Reed.

“We have received letters and calls from people who have read the book letting us know how significant it was to see that they were not alone in their situations,” Jacobs says. “And when we make presentations on the book, it is not uncommon for people in the audience to cry.

“That is not usual in academic conferences, and it is evidence that narratives are a way to touch the soul.”

— Laurie Hall

**wednesday, may 21**

Retiree’s Reception, 3 - 5 p.m., University Union Ballroom.

**friday, may 23**

College of Arts and Letters Spring Commencement, 12:30 p.m., Hornet Stadium. (916) 278-4724.

College of Engineering and Computer Science Spring Commencement, 5:30 p.m., Outdoor Theatre. (916) 278-4724.

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies Spring Commencement, 7 p.m., Hornet Stadium. (916) 278-4724.

**saturday, may 24**

College of Health and Human Services Spring Commencement, 8 a.m., Hornet Stadium. (916) 278-4724.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Spring Commence-

ment, 10 a.m., Outdoor Theatre. (916) 278-4724.

College of Business Administration, Spring Commencement, noon, Hornet Stadium. (916) 278-4724.

College of Education, Spring Commencement, 6 p.m., Hornet Stadium. (916) 278-6724.

**wednesday, june 4**

Academy of Fund Raising Conference, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-6997.

**wednesday, june 11**

NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Alex G. Spanos Sports Complex. Ticket packages: \$50 reserved/\$40 general/\$25 seniors, children or students. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323. Continues through June 14.

**friday, june 13**

*The Illusion*, CSUS Alumni Theatre, directed by Ed Trafton, Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., 2 p.m. on Sundays, Playwrights’ Theatre in Shasta Hall. \$12 general/\$10 Alumni Association members, SARTA members and groups/\$5 students. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com. Tickets available May 1. Performances June 13 - 14, 20 - 22, 27 - 29. (916) 278-3330.

**saturday, june 14**

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**faculty senate**

**PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS FACULTY SENATE**

President Gerth will address the Faculty Senate at its last meeting of the academic year at 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 15. The meeting will be in the University Union Foothill Suite.

All members of the CSUS faculty are invited to join the Senate in expressing appreciation for President Gerth’s 45 years of service to the CSU and 19 years of service to CSUS.

■ **Tuesday, May 13**

**1:30 p.m., Curriculum Subcommittee**  
**3 p.m., Executive Committee**

■ **Wednesday, May 14**

**9 a.m., Writing and Reading Subcommittee**  
**3 p.m., GE Course Review Subcommittee**

■ **Thursday, May 15**

**3 p.m., Faculty Senate, University Union Foothill Suite**

■ **Monday, May 19**

**2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE) (tentative)**

**3:30 p.m., General Education Policies and Graduation Requirements Committee (tentative, note time change)**

**All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.**