CSU PRIORITY

Chancellor Discusses Teacher Education

N ew CSU system initiatives in teacher preparation were outlined by Chancellor Charlie Reed during a Colleagues in Conversation meeting last week on campus. The group, which has met regularly for several years, includes the superintendents of the Capital region’s school districts and community colleges and the chancellor of UC Davis. The group requested the briefing because many new programs are emerging in teacher preparation throughout the area.

CSUS President Donald R. Gerth said that Reed, who received his doctorate in teacher education and was on the faculty at George Washington University, has set a clear set of priorities for the CSU. The first among them, Gerth said, is developing the relationship with the K-12 schools.

"We need all the conversation we can put together between all levels of education," said Reed. "Those institutions that learn to collaborate will be institutions that survive in the 21st century as healthy, contributing institutions. We are all tied together for improving the welfare of the people of California." He went on to say that the way to improve the quality of the state’s universities is to improve the public schools.

Describing the CSU role, he said, “CSU has the major responsibility in the area of providing the teacher workforce for California.”

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An open reception and news conference at Mall Hall will be held at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 1 to recognize the expansion of service at the facility and to thank CSAA for joining the partnership.

Symposium to Highlight Future of Recreation

Sustainable nature tourism, trends in adaptive physical education and the lessons of Disney are all on the agenda when CSUS hosts a statewide recreation symposium on “Recreation Into the New Millennium” Oct. 2-4.

The event will highlight changes in store for various recreation industries as well as career opportunities. Among the 50 speakers will be John Poiri, director of the California Division of Tourism; Jim Covell, interpretive coordinator at the Monterey Bay Aquarium; Karen McNamara, president of the California Parks and Recreation Society; and Anne Battiste of the Atascadero State Hospital Training Center.

The symposium will be at the University Union, the Challenge Course, Aquatic Center and various computer labs. It is sponsored by the CSUS College of Health and Human Services, the CSUS department of recreation and leisure studies, the CSUS Foundation and the California Parks and Recreation Society District II.

Registration is $60 general, $45 students and $30 for just the Saturday workshops.

More information is available at 278-6752 or www.hhs.csus.edu/symposium.
Elaine O'Brien attended UC Davis and CSUS before moving to San Diego. O'Brien says her first few weeks back at the campus have been enjoyable. She is teaching undergraduate courses in art of the Americas and art appreciation, and a graduate course in art theory and criticism. “My students are awake and good-spirited,” she says. “I’m impressed with them.” O’Brien earned a bachelor’s degree in fine arts, a bachelor’s degree in art history and a master’s degree in art history from San Diego State University. She earned her doctorate degree in art history from the Graduate School of the City University of New York, specializing in 19th and 20th century American and European art and art criticism. Her dissertation was on the New York intellectual and art critic Harold Rosenberg, also the topic of her forthcoming book. O’Brien has taught at the State University of New York, the School of Visual Arts in New York, the City University of New York in Staten Island, Cooper Union in New York and Hunter College, City University of New York. Her recent papers include “Begetting Spiritual Children: Artists Communities,” and “Cold War dialectics: Action Painting, Totalitarianism, Democracy.”

Professional Activities

Fellowships Available

More information is available from Monica Freeman in the Office of International Programs, Lassen Hall 2304, 278-6666 or via the U.S. Student Programs, Professional Development Fellowships, NIS East and Central Europe, Institute of International Education, 810 United Nations Plaza, NY, NY 10017-3580, (212) 984-5330, Fax: (212) 984-5325, email: pfdius@ie.org, website: www.ie.org/pgm/pfdius.

Overseas Seminars Program

The U.S. Department of Education announces the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program. The application deadline is Nov. 2. Seminars appropriate to faculty members from colleges and universities are: “West Meets East in Malaysia and Singapore;” “Morocco and Senegal: Faces of Islam in Africa;” “Environmental Literacy and Sustainable Development in Europe;” and “Educational Challenges for the Next Millennium.”

All of the seminars will take place in summer 1999. None require foreign language proficiency. More information is available from Monica Freeman, Lassen Hall 2304, 278-6666.
Carolyn VanCouwenberghe is a nursing professor at CSUS. She also is Major Slime of the microbial army, an alien researcher and a reporter who covers traumatic injuries. Last year, she even spent a day as a cancer cell.

Yes, the most recent Outstanding Teacher from the College of Health and Human Services delivers a great lecture, but she also likes to mix in some surprises.

In fact, it’s safe to say that if there’s a class clown in any of ‘Dr. Van’s’ classroom, it’s Dr. Van herself. She says students remember important lessons better if they are delivered with an emotional kick.

“I do things like that all the time,” she says of her famous classroom acts. “It’s kind of fun, and the students like it. It keeps them paying attention if every once in a while you dramatically change things around.”

Major Slime, her first character and one who has appeared at academic conferences as well as classrooms, teaches that the microbial army faces serious trouble if humans can manage to use antibiotic prescription drugs correctly. The alien introduces research methods by describing how humans are to use antibiotic prescription drugs seriously if humans can manage to fight those cells which can be different even if they have the same genetic makeup. Much like people can dress differently even if they own the same type of clothing. To make the point, she brings in a chest of clothes and has volunteer students dress up in various combinations.

In addition to playing various characters, VanCouwenberghe tells “goofy” stories with medical points. One included Eskimos, polar bears and other cold weather characters in a complicated lesson about polarizing and depolarizing medications.

She comes up with many of her skits while commuting to campus from her home in Weimar. “They seem spontaneous, but they are actually scripted,” she says.

The skits are used sparingly, once or twice a semester in each course, so students don’t learn to expect them. Students remember VanCouwenberghe’s courses. One student recalled a Major Slime lesson three years later as she was about to graduate. Other students speak fondly of her guidance in their chosen fields.

“Through Dr. Van, I found myself. I realized my true potential and have never stopped challenging myself as she challenged me.” writes another student, in a letter cited when VanCouwenberghe was recommended for the Outstanding Teacher Award. “I consider myself just a stitch in the rich tapestry of Carolyn VanCouwenberghe’s work as a teacher.”

“Dr. Van is my mentor, friend and champion,” wrote another student.

VanCouwenberghe has been teaching at CSUS since 1982. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on pharmacology and a course on medical surgical nursing. In addition to her characters and skits, she is known for her insistence that nursing students gain computer skills. She gives not only open-book but open-Internet tests.

“I see myself as trying to get people to go out and learn on their own, to have life-long learning skills,” VanCouwenberghe says. “I in con- stantly trying to talk myself out of a job.”

Her research interests include infectious diseases and pain management. She is currently working on an interactive computer simulation that will let students discover what happens to patients when they are given different levels of pain medication.

She raves about students, both undergraduate and graduate, whom she has helped publish articles in academic journals. Topics have included serum cholesterol and triglyceride levels in patients receiving protease inhibitor drugs, and a patient’s experience with intracolonic facilitated.

VanCouwenberghe earned a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in nursing from UC San Francisco. She completed her doctorate degree at UC Davis, where her dissertation was on “Epidemiology of Nosocomial Infections Caused by Stenotrophomonas (Xanthomonas) maltophilia.”

She and her husband, Fred Cardinal, have three children; daughters ages 12 and 14 and a 10-year-old son.

— Frank Whittle

CSUS Foundation Project/Activity Spring 1998 Grants

The CSUS Foundation Board of Directors awards grants for worthwhile campus projects that benefit faculty, staff and students. Listed below are those proposals that were awarded funding for spring 1998.

Members of the faculty, staff or a recognized student organization which has a project or activity that is innovative, shows demonstrable need and benefits the CSUS community, may apply now for a fall 1998 Project/Activity Grant.

Project/Activity funding guidelines and submittal forms may be obtained from the CSUS Foundation contract services office located in room 312 of the Hornet Bookstore building. More information is available at 278-7645.

All applications must be received by 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2.

The Spring 1998 awards are:

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Geology Colloquium Series

The Fall 1998 Colloquium presented by the CSUS geology department and the U.S. Geological Survey are a series of free lectures at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays in Mendocino Hall 1015. A brief reception will follow the talks in Placer Hall Commons Room. The remaining schedule is:


Oct. 27, Chris Farrar, USGS hydrologist “Hydrogeologic and Geologic Investigations at Mammoth Mountain and Long Valley Caldera.”

Nov. 10, Joan Van Velsor, CalTrans senior engineering geologist, “The Lone Tree Landslide.”

Nov. 17, Pierre Glyn, USGS Distinguished Lecturer, “Geochemical Modeling in an Acid Mine Drainage Environment.”

Dec. 8, senior thesis presentations.

The campus community is invited to attend the presentations. More information is available from the geology department at 278-6337 or USGS at 278-3000

Candidates on Campus For Legislative Forums

A series of legislative forums featuring candidates from the Sacramento area will be held at CSUS in coming weeks.

Each will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the new University Union Auditorium. The campus community and the public are invited.

The first forum is Sept. 30 with Democrat Debra Grover and Republican Anthony Pesceiti, candidates for Assembly District 10. It will be moderated by Maurice Poe, associate dean of the CSUS College of Education.

The second is Oct. 1 with Republican Dave Cox and Democrat Linda Davis, candidates for Assembly District 5. It will be moderated by Ken Futernick of the department of teacher education.

The final forum is Oct. 8 with Democrat Deborah Ortiz and Republican Chris Quackenbush, candidates for Senate District 6. It will be moderated by Paula Gardner of the department of special education.

More information is available by contacting University Affairs at 278-7043.
Ongoing

Multiple Touch, tactile sensation in print, noon - 5 p.m., Robert Eli Gallery. The exhibit continues to Oct. 9.

Works by Lance Elliott, CSUS graduate student, noon - 5 p.m., Raymond Witt Gallery. Exhibit continues to Oct. 2.

Monday, Sept. 28

CSU High School Counselor conference, University Union Ballroom. Call 278-6523 for information.

Concert with the Jativa Trio, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $10 general, $4 students and are available at the door.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Business alumni chapter lecture, "America's Most Admired Companies," presented by James P. Kelly, CEO of United Parcel Service, 10:30 a.m., Library 11. Faculty and students are welcome to attend.

Mystical Arts of Tibet opening ceremony, noon, Anthropology Museum (Mendocino Hall); free and open to the public.

Concert with John Bergamo and The Hash Ovomble, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $6 general, $4 students and are available at the door.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

"The Hucklebucks," Sacramento swing sensation, noon, University Union Redwood Room; free. A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Candidate Forum, Assembly District 10, candidates Debra Gravert (D), 8 p.m., 1215 J St., tickets $15. Call 922-9774 for reservations.

Symphonic Wind Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $6 general, $4 students and are available at the door.

Thursday, Oct. 1

Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Library lower level.

Rasta Generation featuring King Caleb, reggae music, 11:45 a.m., University Union Redwood Room; free. A University Union UNIQUE Programs presentation.

Candidate Forum, Assembly District 5, candidates Dave Cox (R) and Linda Davis (D) will discuss topics related to public education with Ken Patnick moderating, noon-1:30 p.m., University Union Auditorium.

Asian Performing Arts Festival, "The Mystical Arts of Tibet," featuring music and dance for world peace performed by the Drepung Loseling Buddhist lamas, 8 p.m., University Theater. Tickets are $15 general, $10 students. Call 278-6156 for more information.

Friday, Oct. 2

Renaissance Society forum, "The Economics of Social Security — Are Social Security and Medicare in Big Trouble?" Peter D'Ama, retired district manager, Social Security Administration, 3 p.m., MND 1005.

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Saturday, Oct. 3

Football vs. Weber State, 6 p.m., Hornet Stadium.

Asian Performing Arts Festival, Indian classical music featuring Pathary Sarathy (sitar), Subhendra Rao (Tabla) and Tanmoy Bose (Tabla), 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Tickets are $10 general, $5 students.

Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, Angels in America, A Gay Fantasia on National Themes, Part One: Millennium Approaches, 8 p.m., Solano Hall 1010; $15. Call 922-9774 for reservations.

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Tuesday, Oct. 6

Works by Carol Flood, CSUS graduate student, noon - 5 p.m., Raymond Witt Gallery. Exhibit continues to Oct. 16.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, 9/29

3 p.m., Executive Committee, SAC 275

Friday, 10/2

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, SAC 275

Monday, 10/5

3 p.m., General Education Policies/Graduation Requirements Committee, SAC 275

Tuesday, 10/6

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee, SAC 275

3 p.m., Executive Committee, SAC 275

5 p.m., University ARPT Committee, University Union Camellia Room

Wednesday, 10/7

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee, SAC 275

Thursday, 10/8

3 p.m., Faculty Senate, University Union Foothill Suite - tentatively

Chancellor Visits

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include:

• Simplify admission to teacher credential programs by the end of November 1998.
• Increase the number of teachers produced by the CSU system from 12,000 to 15,000 by July 2000.
• Introduce an integrated undergraduate teacher program with multiple pathways into the teaching profession by July 1999.
• Adopt common admission guidelines and transfer procedures between CSU campuses and from the state's community colleges by July 2000.
• Adopt common exit standards for teaching credential candidates by July 2000.

Reed said that to meet these goals and deadlines the CSU must evaluate the way it delivers course offerings. "Different times demand different ways," he suggested.

Reed said the CSU will:

• Provide earlier clinical classroom experiences for those interested in teaching.
• Design an undergraduate teacher education program that can be completed in four to four-and-a-half years.
• Offer courses at the times students want them.
• Integrate technology such as compressed video and the Internet into the teaching curriculum.
• Adapt the British Open University material to California standards in the next 10 months to allow distance education for special education and elementary credentials.
• Employ school district master teachers as part of the university's education faculty.

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