STUDY, TREATMENT

Health Center Grant Will Benefit Students

The CSUS Suzanne A. Snively Health Center has received a grant of $510,000 from The California Endowment, the state's largest health foundation, to study, treat and educate students about chlamydia trachomatis, a disease that has reached epidemic proportions in Sacramento County.

The county has among the highest statewide infection rates for chlamydia, a serious sexually transmitted infection that is most prevalent among 15- to 24-year-olds. Seventy percent of infections in women and 50 percent of infections in men are asymptomatic.

The infection, if left untreated, can lead to serious long-term health consequences in both men and women.

The 30-month project begins this month for the nearly 25,000 students at CSUS, as well as collaboration with the health centers at the three Los Rios Community College District colleges. The majority of these 80,000 college students fall within the primary risk groups and many are uninsured and may not receive regular health care screening.

The program will offer free screening, educational programs and treatment.

It is the tenth largest foundation in the United States and the largest private health funder in California.

The mission of the California Endowment is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for under-served individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.

The Endowment makes grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of the people of California.

Further information is available from Dr. Diane Sipkin or Laurie Bisset Grady at 278-5422 at the Health Center.

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earning English is no picnic. Even people with a strong grasp of the concepts can struggle to be understood. That’s where the accent reduction center at CSUS comes in.

Clients looking to improve their English language skills work with graduate students in the speech pathology and audiology master’s degree program, under faculty supervision. The focus is on rhythm, intonation, vocabulary and pronunciation of English, says Lynda Oldenburg, clinic director of the Maryjane Dees Language, Speech and Hearing Center at CSUS.

Referrals are strictly voluntary. “We only work on accent reduction when the person seeking assistance says, ‘I need to change my speech,’” Oldenburg says.

Seonghee Choi, a CSUS electrical and electronic engineering graduate student from Korea, began sessions in October for help with his pronunciation after a year at the University.

“In Korea I spent a lot of time learning English, but we usually studied grammar and reading,” he says. “We had few opportunities to speak to native speakers.”

During his hour-long twice-weekly sessions, Choi’s graduate student clinician helps him practice how to position his mouth and tongue to annunciate certain sounds. Choi says his pronunciation has already improved but he wants to continue because he wants to speak “American English.”

Before the process begins, the student clinicians conduct thorough evaluations of each client, assessing their pronunciation, articulation and vocabulary abilities, and checking for physical limitations that may make it more difficult for them to be understood.

Among the English language quirks the clinicians help the clients work through are idioms and contrastive stress. Idioms are expressions that vary from the literal meanings of the individual words like “out of the blue,” while contrastive stress is when the speaker emphasizes one word over another in a sentence which can alter the sentence’s meaning and intensity.

They also work on writing, speaking and listening, as well as pragmatics, the appropriate use of verbal and nonverbal language.

Pragmatics includes personal, formal and informal ways to address people and eye contact.

“We focus on the whole person, not a ‘problem.’ Speech problems can affect a person’s whole life,” Oldenburg says. “The goal is to make the activities in the sessions really functional for daily life.”

After contacting the clinical for an appointment, students such as Choi access clinical services by enrolling in a one-unit accent reduction and audiology services for CSUS students, faculty and staff, as well as residents of the Sacramento Region.

The center can be contacted at 278-6601.

— Laurie Hall

Clinic Helps Speakers Master English

‘Three Divas’ Concert Showcases Student Talent

Janelle Laurenti, the CSUS student preparing to compete in the country’s most prestigious opera competition, will be one of three featured students in “The Three Divas,” a free opera concert Wednesday, Feb. 9.

The event will be in the CSUS Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall and begins at 8 p.m.

Laurenti, 22, will sing from the repertory she has prepared for the Metropolitan Opera National Council Competition, to be held in New York in late February. She is the first CSUS student to win the opportunity to sing at the competition.

Also featured at the concert will be Michelle Detweiler, a singer who won the CSUS music department’s annual concerto competition last year, and Miriam Boncato, who will play the part of Susanna in a campus presentation of Mozart’s The Marriage of Figaro this May.

More information is available by contacting the CSUS public affairs office at (916) 278-6156.
University Club in the Works

A University Club for campus employees is being planned for the space now occupied by the hair salon in the University Union.

If all goes as planned, the club will feature a lounge area, snacks, free coffee and other refreshments, and a beer and wine bar. Faculty, staff and administrators who become members by paying a one-time fee and monthly dues, an elected advisory board would oversee the budget, membership and activities of the club.

The club could open as soon as Oct. 2. However, organizers must sign up at least 200 members to ensure the group can pay to rent the facility, remodel it and cover operating costs.

“We think this would be a great place for faculty, staff and administrators to gather and get to know each other,” says Louise Timmer, a CSUS nursing professor who brought the idea on a trip to the Netherlands last February.

Joong Lee’s passion for chemistry is breaking barriers. The new chemistry professor at CSUS is working toward communicating chemistry effectively to students of all ages and backgrounds.

Lee’s research will consist of first identifying the major obstacles to understanding chemical concepts, and developing new strategies to overcome these barriers.

“We can communicate a lot to a language-hindered student through images and animated clips. The make-up of the atom is a good example where multimedia resources can communicate successfully with minimal English requirements,” Lee explains. He says he is also interested in assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of these new strategies and materials.

Two learning barriers that concern Lee are students’ language and cultural backgrounds. Test scores indicate that with limited English skills, students do poorly in science. Lee believes that new teaching materials and strategies can allow them to grasp chemistry while learning English.

Lee thought the originally wanted to work in a research lab but found he really loved teaching. He now teaches chemistry concepts, and is excited at the possibility of impacting K-8 teachers enrolled at the University. Before coming to CSUS, Lee was a lecturer at UC Davis, where he earned his doctorate degree in chemistry.

Lee has been married for eight years and feels he and his wife make a good team. She is a middle school teacher and can relate to the needs of students in that age group. The Lee’s have two children, a daughter in kindergarten and a son who is a year and a half old. Lee says his daughter is already learning chemistry.

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.

Scholarship

Stanley A. Dunson, philosophy, presented a paper on “Soul of Agriculture,” an American effort toward consensus on the values and ethics of family-managed farming, in Wageningen, Holland last February. He also established a website, www.soulofag.org, on the makeup and progress of Soul of Agriculture.

Carole Mayer, speech pathology and audiology, was the invited speaker at “Grand Rounds in Pediatrics” at UC Davis Medical Center in December. The topic was central auditory processing disorders.

Tom Koutouz and Val Smith, communication studies, had their paper selected for presentation at the 50th annual conference of the International Communication Association. The paper is titled “Rhetorical Sensitivity and Willingness to Communicate: A Comparison of Thai and United States American Samples with Implications for Intercultural Communication Effectiveness.” The paper was co-authored with two professors from Bangkok University in Thailand. The conference will take place in Acapulco, Mexico in June.

Lindy Valdez, kinesiology and health science, presented “An Overview of the California Framework and Standards in Physical Education,” and a demonstration lesson to the California Arts Project Leadership Academy. Jan. 28-30 at Mills College in Oakland.

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Joong Lee

Joong Lee is a science professor at CSUS and a native of South Korea. He studied at the University of Iowa and the University of Georgia before earning a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin.

Lee has taught in Thailand and has published more than 50 papers and given many presentations in his field.

More information is available by contacting Timmer at 278-5073.

A retirement reception for nursing professor Deanna Balatac will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 in the Division of Nursing office.

Balatac has taught at CSUS for nearly 26 years. In lieu of gifts, contributions may be made to the Division of Nursing Skills Laboratory.

Catastrophic leave has been approved for Marianne Reynolds, library, CSUS employees can donate up to a maximum of 16 hours of volunteer time per fiscal year to employees who have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program. Contributions can be used for the personal and professional expenses incurred by the employee during the time off.


University Club will make presentations and hand out membership application packets throughout the spring. Money will be refunded if not enough people join to make the club possible.

More information is available by contacting Timmer at 278-5073.

Bulletin Board
H-P Energizes Lab With Innovative New Server

Hewlett-Packard has overhauled the Advanced Workstation Lab at CSUS with the donation of an N-Class Unix computer server and 14 advanced Unix workstations. The grant is valued at $173,000.

With the new equipment, students will get hands-on experience with the latest software for designing integrated circuits and microprocessors, and for studying computer design and organization. These projects require high-end servers and workstations using the Unix operating system.

About 200 students from the CSUS College of Engineering and Computer Science use the lab each year for class projects. The grant was made possible through the efforts of CSUS computer science professor Benham Arad. The $50,000 N-Class server is H-P's latest midrange system. It was developed for both computer design applications and business functions such as e-commerce, and has been highly praised since its introduction last April.

The server can be expanded with additional processors, which the College of Engineering and Computer Science plans to do in coming years. CSUS has a long and mutually beneficial partnership with H-P dating back more than two decades. Last semester, for instance, the company donated 16 advanced workstations worth $200,000. In addition to direct equipment donations and support, H-P periodically provides employees to teach part-time at the University, and H-P hires large numbers of CSUS graduates.

— Frank Whitlatch

Synopsys Provides Design Software

Engineering students at CSUS have gained increased access to the latest generation of circuit design software, thanks to a recent grant from Synopsys. The grant includes licenses for Design Compiler, COSSAP and FPGA Express.

Mountain View-based Synopsys is one of the world’s top makers of computer engineering software. Its Design Compiler and FPGA software is used to design integrated circuits, the electronic devices found in everything from microwaves to IMAX theaters. COSSAP is used in designing digital filters such as those found in digital cellular phones.

This is the fifth year in a row Synopsys has made a software license grant to CSUS, one of the few universities chosen to receive the licenses at no cost.

"The company is impressed with our reputation and our hands-on approach to teaching," says Ron Becker, coordinator of the CSUS computer engineering program. "In addition to providing these grants, it has joined companies like Hewlett-Packard and Intel in employing large numbers of our graduates."

Synopsys is one of a number of software packages CSUS uses to teach integrated circuit design. The courses these tools make possible, in part, led to the creation of the new lab.

— Frank Whitlatch

Co-op Helps At Valley High

Valley High students will be making extra money while getting a jump on their careers next summer, as a partnership of local educational institutions helps create a new work experience program at their school.

The program will prepare teens for careers, place them in career-oriented work experiences and encourage them to pursue college degrees. It begins this month with career and college counseling.

The program will draw on the expertise of the CSUS Cooperative Education program. Though that program, the largest of its kind in the state, about 600 college students each year earn academic credit while working in jobs related to their major.

"There’s a real value in expanding students’ experiences, in letting them get a feel for career possibilities and what it really takes to get into certain careers," says Larry Hill, who directs the co-op program at CSUS. "If this is successful, we would like to expand it throughout the region."

The new high school program is one of seven such programs nationwide - chosen to receive a $75,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s National School to Work program. More than 120 Valley High students are expected to take part, with work experience slated for the summer months.

The program is a partnership, led by CSUS, among Cosumnes River College, the Elk Grove Unified School District, and local academies including MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement), AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), Teachers Academy, Health Tech Academy and Collegiate Academy.

More information is available by contacting the CSUS co-op office at 278-7234.

— Frank Whitlatch

Teaching Symposium Funds

The sixth CSU Regional symposium on University Teaching takes place Saturday, Feb. 26 at CSU San Marcos. The symposium will focus on successful teaching and learning tips.

The CSUS Center for Teaching and Learning and the academic affairs office have a limited amount of funds available for travel expenses to the symposium. Interested faculty members should contact their department chair or program director to be nominated for funding consideration.

Details: Alan Kalish, Center for Teaching and Learning, 278-5945.

Student Funding Deadlines

The final application deadline for the spring 2000 Student Academic Development Program is Friday, Feb. 25. The deadline for the Instructionally Related Activities Student Travel Fund is Friday, April 28.

Student Academic Development funds support activities that extend students’ educational experience beyond the normal instructional environment, such as attending a professional meeting or workshop, participating in an academic competition or artistic performance or developing a special curriculum-related project or presentation.

Instructionally Related Activities funds are awarded to students who are presenting papers at scholarly and professional conferences, selected for competition to perform musical or dramatic pieces, or invited by a recognized gallery to exhibit artistic works. Applications must be made by faculty on behalf of students prior to the presentation.

Guidelines and applications are available online at www.csus.edu/acad/forms.htm or in the academic affairs office in Sacramento Hall 226. Details: 278-5925.

Flood Control Project

Work on improvements to the CSUS side of the American River levee will begin in April. Traffic on campus should not be affected, but the bicycle and pedestrian path along the top of the levee will be closed. The Guy West Bridge will remain open.

The project will be managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Work should be completed by the end of November.

More information is available by contacting Howard Harris, associate vice president for facilities management, at 278-6241.

Women and Finances

A workshop on “Financial and Estate Planning for Women” will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. in the University Union Lobby Suite. Certified financial planner Elifrenia Foorid will address the financial planning side, while attorney Beverly Toby will talk about estate planning during the free one-hour presentation.

The workshop is sponsored by the Office of University Affairs. To RSVP, call Kim Kuenlen at 278-5184.

 Forgivable Loan Program

Applications for the 2000-2001 CSU Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program are now available.

The program offers loans to students pursuing doctoral degrees who are interested in teaching in a CSU campus. It is the largest program in the nation designed to increase diversity within the pool of qualified faculty candidates.

The program provides loans of $10,000 per year up to a total of $30,000, and loan forgiveness of 20 percent for each year of full-time post-doctoral teaching at a CSU campus and 10 percent for each year of part-time teaching.

The application deadline is Wednes- day, March 8.

More information and applications are available by contacting Educational Equity and Student Retention in Lassen Hall 3014 or at 278-6859.

This academic year 13 students sponsored by CSUS were awarded a forgivable loan: Irene Bersola, Nguyen, education; Raymond Black, literature; Sylvester Bowie, social work; Sherrie Carnici, multicultural education; Hugo Chacon, curriculum/multicultural; Margaret DeLeon, education; Erik Faria, exercise science; Shawn Hayes, physiology; Clare Lewis, psychology; Stella Mancillas, U.S. history; Gaul Wallace, sociology; Amy Weatherill, microbiology, and Joy Wolfe, Italian studies/multicultural education.

U.S. News and World Report to rank the College of Engineering and Computer Science 26th among engineering programs focused on undergraduate education.

Synopsys is a leading supplier of electronic design automation solutions. The company provides comprehensive design technologies to creators of advanced integrated circuits, electronic systems and systems on a chip. Synopsys also provides consulting services and support to its customers to streamline the design process and accelerate time-to-market.

— Frank Whitlatch

Job News

A national search for a new provost and vice president for academic affairs is underway. It is being conducted using established University procedures and is being coordinated by the faculty and staff affairs office. President Gerth will also welcome suggestions and nominations of individuals to fill the position.
CONQUERING HATE – Speaker Evelyn Hu-DeHart, University of Colorado at Boulder’s ethnic studies chair, will be the first to speak at a special daylong program “Changing Times: Ending Hate, Opening Minds,” Thursday, Feb. 10 in the University Union Ballroom. Hu-DeHart has written extensively on multiculturalism. She will speak from noon - 2 p.m. during the event’s convocation – a time when instructors are urged to cancel classes, allowing the campus community to come together to listen to and exchange ideas on a specific issue. The name of her talk is “Redefining America.”

Hu-DeHart has testified before the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. She founded the Asian/Pacific American Women’s Leadership Institute. She speaks Spanish, Portuguese, and three dialects of Chinese. She has published works in English, Chinese, and in the Mandarin, Cantonese, and Hakka dialects of Chinese, and has traveled extensively throughout Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Taiwan and China. She has published works in English, Chinese, and Spanish.

Hu-DeHart’s books include, “Missionaries, Miners and Indians: History of Spanish Contact with the Yaqui Indians of Northwestern New Spain, 1533-1830,” and “Yauai Resistance and Survival: Struggle for Land and Autonomy, 1821-1910.”

Hu-DeHart’s speech will be followed by a Greater Sacramento Task Force on Hate Crimes public forum from 3 to 5 p.m. with Dorothy Enomoto, chair of the national task force on hate crimes. Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas, Sacramento Police Chief John Cartwright, student activist Medgar Evers, widow of slain civil rights activist Medgar Evers, will conclude the program at 7:30 p.m.

“Leaders and Legends” series, are $10 general and $5 for CSUS students free with I.D. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

Monday, Feb. 7

“Strategies of Survival for African Americans in Local Educational Institutions,” Black History Month, bilingual multicultural education professor Forrest Davis, noon, University Union Footloose Suite.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Addict Merchants, hip-hop jazz, noon, Redwood Room. Free.

Africa Creative Expressions, dance, Black History Month, Dancespace, Solano Hall. For times call 278-5056. $15/12 alumni, students and seniors/$8 children under 12. Continues to Feb. 12.

“Sex, Lies and Stereotypes: Media Images of Blacks,” Black History Month, noon, Elena Fradonher, writer, filmmaker and cultural critic, University Union Footloose Suite.

Thursday, Feb. 10

Africa Creative Expressions, dance, Black History Month, Dancespace, Solano Hall. For times call 278-5056. $15/12 alumni, students and seniors/8 children under 12. Continues to Feb. 12.

“Changing Times: Ending Hate, Opening Minds,” afternoon program, University Union Ballroom.

 noon - 2 p.m., convocation, “Redefining America,” Evelyn Hu-DeHart, University of Colorado at Boulder’s ethnic studies chair, free; 3 - 5 p.m. Greater Sacramento Task Force on Hate Crimes public forum, free; 7:30 p.m. Myrtle Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights activist Medgar Evers and chair emeritus of the NAACP board of directors, $15/12 students; $60/35 reserved/CSUS students free with I.D. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

Monday, Feb. 14

CSUS Symphony Orchestra, first concert of the year, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall, Capitolio Hall. $15/$12 students; $6/3.50 reserved/CSUS students free with I.D. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

Friday, Feb. 18

Women’s gymnastics vs. Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m., Hornet Gym. $35/$34 seniors/students free with I.D. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS. Registration is $224 for the 3-day event. Call 278-4433.

“Rich Media – Poor Democracy,” Barbara O’Connor, communications studies chair, Renaissance Society public forum, 3 p.m., Mondello Hall, 1005.

Saturday, Feb. 19


Women’s basketball vs. Eastern Washington, 7 p.m., Hornet Gym. $35/$34 seniors/students free with I.D. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

Sunday, Feb. 20

“Celebrating Copland,” Gold Country Chamber Orchestra, New Millennium concert series, featuring professor Claudia Kita, soprano, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, Capitolio Hall. $10/$8 students. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.

“Jump Time - Year 2000,” Jean Houston, motivational speaker, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., University Union Ballroom. Registration is $224 for the 3-day event. Call 278-4433.

Monday, February 21

“Demystifying Library Databases,” 1 - 3 p.m., drop-in workshop, Library Instruction Lab, library 2024. Call 278-6295.

Women’s basketball vs. Portland State, 7 p.m., Hornet Gym. $35/$34 others and seniors/CSUS students free with I.D. Tickets at Central Ticket Office, 278-4323, or at BASS.