LEGAL LESSONS

Professor Teaches Thai
Police About Human Rights

Jim Hernandez is working to bring the concept of human rights in policing to Asia. Most recently, the CSUS criminal justice professor has been working in Thailand, a country that has only had a constitution since 1997. Before then, he said, the concept of human rights was very basic, consisting of hospital care and food.

While in Thailand, Hernandez considered himself “a cactus among the lotus,” he said, explaining that he had to “learn how to develop new behaviors, to pull back and be less direct.” The Thai people “have a level of dignity and kindness that I envy,” he said, adding that the Thai philosophy of life is akin to the Mexican philosophy of “manana, but delivered with less urgency.” However, he found it almost impossible to be as indirect and “laid back” as Thai culture demands.

“We get caught up in what we know and think that’s all there is. We need to be able to get into another world where we are ignorant. It puts what we know into perspective. It is a different reality. We’re so caught up in the Western ways. The philosophy and logic there are just different.”

“We are kind of spoiled. Not just at the University, but as a society. What a Thai professor wouldn’t give for this. This experience has challenged my reality and what I knew — plus, I like the food.

“It was a life changing experience; the best I’ve ever had,” said Hernandez, recalling the tuk-tuk taxis, the best I’ve ever had,” said Hernandez, recalling the tuk-tuk taxis, the lotus,” he said, explaining that he had to “learn how to develop new behaviors, to pull back and be less direct.”

A series of lectures and an end-
of-the-month rally to honor Black History Month will be held on campus in February. The events are presented by the CSUS Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program.

Professor David Covin will present the first lecture on “Intellec-
tual Cooperation Throughout the African Diaspora” at noon, Feb. 3 in the University Union Orchard Suite. Covin is a professor of government at CSUS, as well as the director of both Pan African studies and the Cooper-Woodson Program.

Six other lectures on black history and black issues by CSUS professors will be later in the month.

Then, on Feb. 26, the fourth annual Black History Rally will be held in the University Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme will be “The Legacy of African Americans in Leadership for the Present and Future.” There will be dance, music and theatrical performances, speakers, and student organization displays.

More information is available by contacting the Cooper-Woodson Program at 278-5363. The complete schedule for Black History Month events on campus is:

Wednesday, Feb. 3
“The Intellectual Cooperation Throughout the African Diaspora,” by David Covin of the CSUS government department and Pan African studies, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Thursday, Feb. 4
“Black History: A Candid Discussion,” by Rickey Green of the CSUS ethnic studies and government departments, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Monday, Feb. 8
“African-Americans in Music: A Historical Account Past to Present,” by Jerry Blake, CSUS student activities program advisor, noon, University Union Foothill Suite.

Wednesday, Feb. 10
“Why We Need More Black Law Enforcement Professionals,” by Victor Vinson, CSUS police officer, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
“African Americans in Science and Society,” by Uwazie of the CSUS criminal justice department, 1 p.m., University Union Orchard Suite.

Wednesday, Feb. 24
“African Americans in Music: A Historical Account Past to Present,” by Jerry Blake, CSUS student activities program advisor, noon, University Union Foothill Suite.

Monday, Feb. 15
“Color Blind Racism: One More River to Cross,” by Otis Scott, CSUS ethnic studies department, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
“Growing Up in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1950s,” by Orie Brown of the CSUS criminal justice department, 1 p.m., University Union Foothill Suite.

Monday, Feb. 15
“Teaching and Traveling in West Africa,” by Cecil Canton and Ernest Uwazie of the CSUS criminal justice department, noon, University Union Foothill Suite.

Friday, Feb. 26
Fourth annual Black History rally, “The Legacy of African Americans in Leadership for the Present and Future,” with various speakers, student organizations, African American vendors, dance, music and theatrical performances, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., University Union Ballroom.

Ed Del Biaggio Appointed VP for Administration

Edward Del Biaggio has been appointed by President Donald R. Gerth to serve as vice president for administration and chief financial officer of the University. Del Biaggio served as interim in the position while on leave from his duties as executive director of the CSUS Foundation. In making the appointment the President said, “As interim vice president for administration for the past year and a half Mr. Del Biaggio has continued to provide significant leadership to this campus. We are fortunate that he will be continuing in this demanding role.”

Del Biaggio holds a bachelor’s degree in business and master’s degree with honors in business administration, both from CSUS. Between 1964 and 1974 he served on the University Board of Trustees.
The following presentations were delivered at the American Association for Higher Education on Faculty Roles and Rewards held in San Diego Jan. 21-24: JOLINE KOSTER, academic affairs. RIC BROWN, graduate studies. JOSEPH SHIPLEY, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, and CRISTY JENSEN, public policy and administration, conducted a session on “The Capital University: Engaged in the Region.” CHARLOTTE COOK, Office of Community Collaboration, LOUTIE TISSNER, nursing, and CHARLES VARANO, sociology, co-chaired a session on “Revitalizing Faculty Connections Through Sustained Interdisciplinary Inquiring.” The Region Course Cluster at CSU Sacramento; and LARRY CHASE, communications studies. SUE HERRERA, bilingual multicultural education and SUSAN WYCOFF, counselor education, presented a roundtable discussion on “Increasing Faculty Involvement in Service Learning: The CSUS Model.” ROBERT MOGULL, management information systems, has had his study on “The Incidence of California Poverty by Population Segment” published in The Social Science Journal.

President Gerth has taken the following actions regarding recommendations of the Faculty Senate:

**From the Faculty Senate Meeting of Oct. 1, 1998:**

The recommendations concerning curriculum reviews for the Department of Biological Sciences and the Graduate Program in International Affairs were approved. The Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs is responsible for the implementation (FS 98-52 & 98-53).

The recommendation concerning the annual schedule of classes was approved. President Gerth sees this as an important forward step - one that will help students significantly. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible (FS 98-54).

From the Faculty Senate Meeting of Oct. 22, 1998:

The recommendation concerning a convocation with Chancellor Reed was received, and President Gerth thanked the Senate for this (FS 98-60A).

The recommendation concerning community service learning was approved. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation (FS 98-56).

From the Faculty Senate Meeting of Nov. 29, 1998:

The recommendation concerning a program change proposal for Computer Engineering was approved. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for implementation (FS 98-75).

The chance to act on stage is what attracted Utz to theatre arts, but he found that he enjoyed other areas, including playwriting, directing and teaching. He says he isn’t an “acting addict,” preferring instead to take on small roles with long breaks between productions.

Utz has written three plays, Empty My, LEEZAYNA and Barman Now. He also co-wrote and co-directed two experimental productions, Howard Hesseman Isn’t Laughing and Brown Bag Lunch. He completed these efforts while directing and teaching at the university level.

“I had this vague idea that maybe I would like to teach,” he recalls. “After finally getting my first class, I was convinced. I like it when you look students in the eyes, and you know that they get it, that you have passed something on to them.”

Utz was born in Woodland and raised in Davis, where his parents still live. He and his wife, Rebecca, now live in Sacramento.
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"We thought we'd be doing a good job if they didn't run us out of the country," said Hernandez. Instead, he has been invited back in June. He was delighted that the initial work led to a conference on human rights and international justice.

When he returns he will continue to give presentations, work on developing a master's degree program and attend a conference in Asian organized crime. He has authored a book, "Burma, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia." When he plans to be a third grade teacher. "But I also like working with the kids. It's rewarding knowing that you're helping a student, and not just academically, because some just want to listen," he says. Fukuoka tutors during and after school hours. "They really enjoy coming," says Fukuoka. "For kids at that age to be coming after school says alot." It also says alot when the tutors take over to tutor early in the morning, before classes, in the evenings and even on Saturdays. Every tutor has a different schedule of availability, but the students being tutored are sure to have someone available when they need the help.

"We have seen an increase in grades and motivation in students who may not have had an opportunity in the past to interact with some bright, articulate peers," Ortega says. "The mentoring aspect, I've found, is just as important as the tutoring." The program is "wonderful," says Fukuoka. "It is a beneficial service to students and a good service to those schools." More information is available by calling David Ortega or Roy Fukuoka at 278-7632.

Looking at the Baptist Student Union is seeking a new leader to take over the program. In the past, the union has had three leaders in three years. "We have had a lot of turnover," says Ortega. "The challenge is to find someone who can work in this capacity and continue the program." The union is seeking a candidate with experience in community organizing and leadership development.

Another aspect of crime which he is studying today is "The Precollegiate Academic Development Program," a program in which students attend college. The program is designed to help students who are at risk of dropping out of high school. The program is open to students who have earned a C average or better in their high school grades and who have the potential to attend college.

The tutoring program works cooperatively with the Sacramento City Unified School District to increase the preparation levels of students for college and their chances of success. The program is designed to help students who are at risk of dropping out of high school. The program is open to students who have earned a C average or better in their high school grades and who have the potential to attend college.

Unfortunately, students planning to attend college do not always have the prerequisites in areas such as reading and math. CSUS is trying to correct this problem, particularly methamphetamine, and now gang activities are growing. Currently, 65% of those in prison are there for narcotics related crimes, and that was before the downturn of the economy in the region.

Many of the students with the area is now over the Internet. Using the new technology he is hoping to put together a conference on human rights and policy for the Nations of the Mekong - Burma, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, China and Cambodia.

Hernandez holds his degrees from UCSC in public administration and from the University of California, Berkeley in criminology. He also served as a reserve officer in Pittsburgh, Calif. for 18 years, which was the basis for his first book, The Custer Syndrome. — Ann Reed
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Monday, Jan. 25
Men’s basketball vs. Montana State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Tuesday, Jan. 26
University/Community Partnership Workshop, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., University Union Orchard Suite.

Wednesday, Jan. 27
Gold Rush Lecture, “Where Have All the Young Men Gone? The Social Legacy of the Gold Rush,” by Bill Salter, archivist of the University of New Mexico, 7 p.m., State Archives Auditorium.

Thursday, Jan. 28
Martin Luther King commemoration, “March of Atoneement and Reconciliation,” 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The march begins near the H Street Bridge and will use the American River levee to get to the Guy West Bridge, and on to the University Union where there will be workshops addressing issues of intolerance. Call 278-6101 for more information.

Men’s basketball vs. Montana, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Friday, Jan. 29
Angels in America Part Two: Presstitica, 7:30 p.m., Solano Hall 1010. Performances continue at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. through Feb. 14. Tickets are $15 and are available by calling 292-9774.

Tuesday, Feb. 2
Technology Fair, call 278-6101 for information.

Wednesday, Feb. 3
Black History Month event, “Intellectual Cooperation Throughout the African Diaspora,” by David Coven of CSUS Pan African studies, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Women’s basketball vs. Montana State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 5
Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Library lower level.

Black History Month event, “Black History: A Candid Discussion,” by Rickey Green of the CSUS ethnic studies and government departments, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Women’s basketball vs. Montana State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Saturday, Feb. 6
Women’s basketball vs. Weber State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Sunday, Feb. 7
Dale Scholl Dance/Art will perform feature works in Berkeley’s Julia Morgan Theatre. Tickets are $8-15, call (916) 451-3732.

Monday, Feb. 8
Black History Month event, “African Americans in Music: A Historical Account Past to Present,” by Jerry Blake, CSUS student activities program advisor, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Author’s Showcase featuring Nancy K. Lane, psychology, and author of Lost and Found Loves, 4 p.m., Library South Reading Room. Presented by the Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Black History Month event, “Why We Need New Black Law Enforcement Professionals,” by Victor Vinson, CSUS police officer, noon, University Union Football Suite.


Thursday, Feb. 11
Men’s basketball vs. Portland State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 12
“14th Annual Lenaea Festival,” by Ken Sheavon, English and teacher of the year, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The march begins near the H Street Bridge and will use the American River levee to get to the Guy West Bridge, and on to the University Union where there will be workshops addressing issues of intolerance. Call 278-6101 for more information.

Sunday, Feb. 14
Valentine’s Day Dinner and Dance featuring Artie Shaw and the CSUS Jazz Ensemble to benefit the music department, 6 p.m., University Ballroom. Tickets are $125. Call Toni Roberts at (916) 492-1347 for reservations.

Monday, Feb. 15
Student Awards Show. Artwork of students who have been awarded scholarships and fellowships through the department endowments, noon-5 p.m., Robert Elise and Raymond Witt Galleries. Reception and presentation of awards noon-2 p.m. Exhibits continues to March 17.

Black History Month event, “Color Blind Racism: One More River to Cross,” by Otis Scott, CSUS ethnic studies department, noon, University Union Orchard Suite.

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Ergonomic awareness training for CSUS faculty and staff, 11 a.m-noon and 1-2 p.m. Library 11. Call Valerie Torres at 278-6456 to reserve a seat.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
Job Fair. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., University Ballroom. Call the Career Center at 278-0231 for more information.

Black History Month event, “Growing Up in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1950’s,” by Orrie Brown of the CSUS criminal justice department, 1 p.m., University Union Football Suite.

Thursday, Feb. 18
Friends of the Library used book and poster sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Library lower level.

Women’s basketball vs. Montana, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Saturday, Feb. 20
College Awareness Day, a college preparation program designed for 9-12 graders and their parents, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., University Union. Call 278-7762 for information.

Women’s basketball vs. Idaho State, 7 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.

Monday, Feb. 22
“Prophecy in America,” call 278-6401 for information.

Wednesday, Feb. 24
Black History Month event, “Teaching and Traveling in West Africa,” by Cecilia Estudillo and Ernest Uwacte of the CSUS criminal justice department, noon, University Union Football Suite.

There are more than 10,000 parking spaces on campus, and rules about using them. At the University Transportation and Parking Services website, you can check out the regulations, download a parking map, learn how to appeal a citation, get rideshare and shuttle information, and much more.

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