In International Education
It’s the Economy, Student

More than 600 students from 78 countries are making CSUS their home away from home this year. And while the campus climate, coursework and location all play roles in bringing an international student to campus, the determining factors can be purely objective—the economic well-being of the student’s homeland or strategic educational decisions by the student’s government.

Periods of economic prosperity or turmoil can be tracked by the composition of the University’s international student body. During the early 80s, for example, large numbers of students came from the Middle East, countries that had newfound oil wealth but didn’t have enough established universities for their students.

In those days, 39 percent of the international students came from Middle Eastern countries, more than half from Iran. The boom was short-lived, partly because relations soured between the United States and Iran and because countries like Saudi Arabia eventually established their own institutions of higher learning. By 1985 only 14 percent were coming from the Middle East.

In the mid-80s, Asia Pacific countries and territories like Indonesia, Malaysia and Hong Kong, became prime feeders, says Eric Merchant, coordinator of international student programs at CSUS. Nearly 56 percent of international students were from Asian-Pacific countries. Again, it was a combination of economic expansion, a large-scale education program and a small number of universities.

Since then, Asia-Pacific students have made up the bulk of the international student population at CSUS. “We’ve always been a significant player among students from Asia Pacific countries,” Merchant says. “It is a natural for us and a natural for California. But when the Asian economic crisis hit it was more difficult to recruit.”

That slump in the Asian economy in mid-90s triggered a downturn in international enrollment, especially among students from Malaysia, Indonesia and Hong Kong. As the decade ended, the numbers began to rebound.

“We’re starting to see a higher level now that that economy is better,” Merchant says.

Though enrollment among Malaysian, Indonesian and Hong Kong students is still recovering, the number of students from India, Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China is soaring.

Last fall, 68 percent of the University’s 626 visiting students were from Asia-Pacific countries. Of those, 106 students were from India, 58 were from China and 49 were from Taiwan.

At the same time, African students comprised 4 percent of the visiting international population, Europeans 12 percent, Middle Easterners 9 percent, and North and South Americans 6 percent.

Economics affects international students in other ways as well. “The majority seek professional degrees such as engineering, computer science, business administration, science or math because these subjects may be perceived as offering the most immediate reward in terms of salary,” Merchant says.

More than 90 percent of international students are family-funded. As a result, Merchant says, “Parents play a huge role in international students’ choice of study because they want a return on their investment. They pay huge amounts of money for their children to come here.”

The rest of the University’s international students, particularly Japanese students, are spread out in other majors such as art, government and interior design. “In Japan,” Merchant says, “companies traditionally do their own training so it doesn’t matter as much what the student gets a degree in as long it is from a good school.”

Foreign students also make a significant financial contribution to CSUS.

Concert Series Features
Top Classical Artists

This spring, several of the nation’s most acclaimed classical performers and artists will take the stage for the University’s second annual New Millennium Concert Series.

Lincoln Center’s quartet-in-residence, The Orion String Quartet, will open the series at 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12, in the Music Recital Hall.

Hailed for its exquisite artistry by The New York Times and Los Angeles Times, The Orion String Quartet is anchored by violinists and brothers Todd and Daniel Phillips and also includes Steven Tenenbom on viola and Timothy Eddy on cello.

Grammy nominee Paul Hillier, director of the Early Music Institute at Indiana University, will perform “Love and Metaphysics,” a unique concert of English music of the early 17th century at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 4, in the Music Recital Hall.

Many music critics regard Verbruggen as the world’s foremost master of the recorder and The New York Times described her playing as “a miracle of poetry and precision.” Accompanying Verbruggen will be harpsichordist Arthur Hass.

The final performance in the series will be a concert by the internationally acclaimed Turtle Quartet.

Political scientists and others will gather this summer at CSUS for an unusual international conference on blacks and politics.

“Race and Democracy in the Americas” will focus on the challenges facing the black communities in the United States and Brazil, and offer workshop sessions on political analysis and comparisons. The conference, July 7-13, is a follow-up to a highly successful meeting held last summer in Brazil.

Most of the research papers and projects to be presented were conceived and carried out by international teams.
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United Way Campaign a Success

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This year’s campaign increased total donations to $93,427, an increase of 10.4 percent over last year and the largest sum ever raised at CSUS. Special recognition should be made to facilities management, which contributed more in overall dollars and had a higher percent of employees participating than any other unit on campus.

Other notes: seven University employees contributed more than $1,000 each, and 22 employees contributed between the $500 and $1,000 levels.

All of those involved should be very pleased with the continued progress and proud of the positive impact CSUS continues to make on the Greater Sacramento Area. The contributions by members of the CSUS community continue to demonstrate the level of caring and commitment we have to being an integral part of the area in which we live. Our generosity will also benefit the University, as the community will continue to support the University.

Your contributions to the Sacra-mento Region continue to make this a better community in which to live and for the University.
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Series of Events Set for Black History Month
February is Black History Month and CSUS will host a number of events to commemorate the monthlong celebration.

Highlights of this year’s Black History Month events on campus include “Black in Two Americas: Identity, Struggle in the United States and Cuba,” a lecture by Lisa Brock at noon, Monday, Feb. 12 in the University Union Redwood Room.

Brock, a longtime activist and author, is a professor of African history at the Art Institute of Chicago and is also the leader of the “Hands Off Assata Campaign,” which seeks to defend escaped U.S. prisoner Assata Shakur, who is an escapee from a self-imposed exile in Cuba. This is a free event. For more information call 278-6101.

CSUS history professor Shirley Moore will direct a Year of Unity symposium, “Race, Gender and Power: People of Color Along the American River,” from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14 in the University Union and Library Archives.

The symposium’s panel will include national and local scholars, as well as social, cultural and educational organizations to provide the audience with a chance to explore historical and contemporary issues regarding race, identity, gender and community. This is a free event.

For more information call 278-6669.

The CSUS department of theater and dance will present “African Creative Expressions,” at 8 p.m., Feb. 14 - 17 at the Dance space in Solano Hall.

Admission prices are $12 general and $10 for alumni, students and seniors.
Tickets are available at the CSUS Central Ticket Office at 278-4833.

Rev. Alfred Smith will give a Year of Unity sermon, “What Does a Radical Transformation of Values Mean According to the Ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?” at noon, Friday, Feb. 16. This is a free event.

For more information call 278-6331.

At noon, Monday, Feb. 19, in the University Union Redwood Room, Chief Ighenbasola Atanda will give a lecture and demonstration to provide an understanding of the ancient African religion Iya. “Iya: Traditional Healing From Nigeria.”

Atanda is the founder of Iya: Traditional Healing, Teaching and Tourism Temple of African Faith International and the secretary general of the Association of Therapists of African Medicine. This is a free event.

For more information call 278-6101.

At noon, Thursday, Feb. 22, in the University Union Hinde Auditorium Reggie Graham will give a lecture and performance on the history of gospel music.

Graham is a local jazz musician and the music director for the New Testament Baptist Church in Sacramento.

This is a free event. For more information call 278-6595.

“Bamboozled,” the first in a three-part African film series, will be shown at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26 in the University Union Ballroom. A group discussion will follow the film’s screening. This is a free event. For more information call 278-6101.

Black History Month is an educational event established in 1926 by the black historian Carter Goodwin Woodson. Originally known as Negro History Week, the celebration was expanded to a month as part of the nation’s Bicentennial events in 1976.

February was chosen for Black History Month in part because of the coinciding birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas.

Several of the events are part of the University’s Year of Unity, a campus-wide commitment to promote peace, tolerance, learning and understanding.

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Crime Stats
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Brazil Conference
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David Covin, a CSUS professor of government and ethnic studies who helped organize the conference.

The conference and workshops are supported by the Ford Foundation.

Research to be presented includes a comparison of civil rights laws, an examination of underground economies and a look at black elected representatives in both countries. A number of Covin’s undergraduate students have also been conducting related research, and may present their work at the conference as well.

Talks by prominent black elected officials and political activists will also be a key part of the conference. Among those already confirmed are Grantland Johnson, secretary of California’s Health and Human Services Agency; Maulana Karenga, the CSU Long Beach professor who introduced Kwanzaa in 1966; Bill Lee, publisher of the Sacramento Observer; Ivete Sacramento, president of State University of Bahia and the first and only black president of a Brazilian university; and James Shelby, mayor of Citrus Heights.

Brazil is of particular interest to black political scientists in the United States because it is second only to Nigeria in the number of its citizens descended from Africa. It is the second largest nation in the Western hemisphere, with about 150 million people, and is seen as an increasingly important political and economic power by many U.S. policymakers.

Brazil’s black community also faces many of the same problems as the black community in the United States—such as racism and poverty.

But it is differences between the two countries that generate much of the interest among social and political scientists.

Perhaps the most striking difference is that blacks are generally considered a majority of the Brazilian population, at least outside Brazil. The United Nations has estimated blacks make up as much as 73 percent of the population, compared to 12 percent in the United States.

Brazil’s official census, though, shows the black population at about 44 percent, a sign that Brazil’s leadership and population place a premium on “whiteness,” according to Covin.

“On questions of race, Brazil is enigmatic,” Covin says. “Brazil sees itself as a racial democracy, with opportunity for everyone. Yet the country portrays itself as white, and the bulk of the population of people of African descent is marginalized—socially, politically and economically.”

Even the concept of “race” is much different in Brazil than in the United States. Racial identity in Brazil is determined more often by skin tone, or features such as fair texture and facial configuration, than by heritage. Children of the same two parents can be seen as different races. And most people label themselves as close to white European as possible.

Covin says that Brazilian media features blacks even less than U.S. media, and when it does it is usually as criminals, servants or athletes. He cites television advertisements for Bahia carnivals which showcase groups of white dancers as Blocos Afros, even though there are no Blocos Afros with any white members. When black images do appear, he says, they are usually as criminals, servants or athletes. He cites television advertisements for Bahia carnivals which showcase groups of white dancers as Blocos Afros, even though there are no Blocos Afros with any white members.

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LUNCHTIME JAZZ
The critically acclaimed Henry Robinett Group, a jazz ensemble lead by Henry Robinett, performs a free concert at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the University Union Hinde Auditorium.
In 1985, the Henry Robinett Group received the Best Jazz Band in the local Sammie Awards, 1993 - 95 and was inducted in the Sammie Hall of Fame in 1996. The band has also released three CDs on Nefertiti Records.

The group will perform songs from its latest CD, “An Uncommon Prayer,” which Robinett says is a musical illustration of his life experiences.

“These songs are short stories. There was something that sparked the creation, some event, some thought, picture or creation. This is the same with all art. But with stories, as with music, there is the presentation of events that can represent pictures, thoughts and emotions placed on the canvas of time. These are, with few exceptions perhaps, my stories,” said Robinett.

For more information call the student activities office at 278-5704.

--- Photo by Ken Rabiroff

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Ongoing
Tune of Remembrance: The Japanese American Experience in California History.” CSUS exhibit at Golden State Museum, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday - noon - 5 p.m., Sundays, 1020 Q St. (916) 653-5864. Continues to June 10.

Thursday, Feb. 1
Women’s Basketball vs. CSU Northridge, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym.
Tickets $5 general/$4 seniors/CSUS students and children 5 and under free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6899.

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Friday, Feb. 2
Renassiance Society Rendevous, spring seminars discussion, 1 p.m., University Union Redwood Room. (916) 278-7834.
Lenaea Festival, original one-act plays by high school drama students, 1 - 10 p.m., University Theatre, Playwrights’ Theatre and Student Theatre. (916) 278-6368. Continues Feb. 3 - 4.

Men’s Tennis vs. Nevada, 2 p.m., Rio Del Oro Racquet Club.
Baseball vs. San Francisco, 2 p.m., Hornet Field. Tickets $5 general/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6896.

Saturday, Feb. 3
Men’s Basketball vs. Idaho State, 7:05 p.m., Hornet Gym. Tickets $10 reserved/$6 general/CSUS students free. Tickets at CSUS Central Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

Baseball vs. Saint Mary’s, 2 p.m., Hornet Field. Tickets $5 general/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6896.

Lenaea Festival, original one-act plays by high school drama students, 3:30 - 10 p.m., University Theatre, Playwrights’ Theatre and Student Theatre. (916) 278-6368. Continues Feb. 4.

“College: Making It Happen,” college awareness program for middle school students and their families, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-7382.

Sunday, Feb. 4
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Tuesday, Feb. 6
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Wednesday, Feb. 7
Martial Arts Exhibition, CSUS Martial Arts Club, noon, University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-6997.

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

“Intervals of Silence: Being Jewish in Germany,” film lecture, Deborah Lefkowitz, 5:30 p.m., Kadema Hall 145. (916) 278-8166.

Thursday, Feb. 8
“Gay, Lesbian and Disabled Rights,” lecture, Karen Thompson, 11:45 a.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-6997.

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Friday, Feb. 9
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Saturday, Feb. 10
Alumni Softball Game, noon, Shea Stadium. Tickets $5 general/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6896.

Sunday, Feb. 11
Chamber Music Society concert, 7:30 p.m., Missis Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. Tickets $10 general/$5 seniors/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

Monday, Feb. 12
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--- Laurie Hall

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