Gift first step toward CSUS Placer campus

Developer and education philanthropist Eli Broad and CSUS announced Feb. 13 that they are in negotiations for a gift of more than 250 acres of land for a CSUS Placer campus in the Broad-owned development of Placer Ranch in south Placer County.

The campus would offer new educational opportunities to residents of the fast-growing Capital Region, which has just two major universities. And it would allow CSUS to continue serving the area’s qualified students as its main campus reaches enrollment capacity of about 35,000 over the next five to seven years. The University currently enrolls 28,500 students.

“This region is growing rapidly. The current Sac State site is rapidly reaching capacity. To continue to provide access and service the people of the entire region, we need to develop more educational opportunities such as this will allow,” said CSUS President Donald G. Gerth.

The CSU Board of Trustees will consider a resolution in support of the gift and Placer campus concept at its March meeting.

As envisioned, the CSUS Placer campus would offer undergraduate and graduate programs in a number of fields related to the Capital Region’s growing employment needs. The campus would serve upper division students as well as graduate students.

Initial academic programs would likely include information technology, communications, computer science, computer engineering, and education. Professional development programs offered through the CSUS College of Continuing Education might also be offered.

Discussions between representatives of Placer Ranch and CSUS have been underway for about six months. Final talks could be completed as early as the end of this year, and CSUS hopes to offer classes by fall 2006.

“I am pleased that CSUS is contemplating a new campus at Placer Ranch,” said Eli Broad. “As strong supporters of higher education – especially institutions of such high standing as CSUS – we plan to donate the land to the University. Placer County’s high-tech industry and its rapid population growth call for an important institute of higher learning.”

Placer Ranch is a proposed development of 2,200 acres in the Sunset Industrial District of South Placer County. It is in district 2, which is represented by Placer County Supervisor Robert Weygandt.

“The prospect of a CSUS campus in South Placer is quite exciting and potentially very innovative,” Weygandt said. “Beginning more than a year ago, the Board of Supervisors commissioned two studies to obtain a clearer understanding of what a university could mean for our community. This proposal provides an excellent opportunity to optimize the vision identified in that research. Working together to craft the proper mission, we can provide quality educational opportunities for our citizens, well-trained, well-educated professionals.”

Distinguished Service Awards set for March

CSUS has granted degrees to more than 150,000 people throughout its 56-year history and in March, the Alumni Association is acknowledging several alumni and other friends of the campus for their contributions to the University and the community. The 17th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6 at the Steven Lee Yamshon Alumni Center.

The association is granting Distinguished Service Awards to Virginia Avila, a Grant High School English teacher; Robert Dean, managing director of Grubich & Ellis Real Estate Co.; Edward Del Buaggo, vice president for administration at CSUS; Mike Douganrian, president and general manager of Margower, Sacramento; artist Jim Fitzpatrick; Gail Hulbarger, SMUD assistant general manager; Judy Quattrin, a former lecturer in the CSUS recreation and leisure studies department and Ben Roberts, president of the University of Liberia in Monrovia, Liberia.

This year’s Honorary Alumni Award will be presented to former California state senator Gary Hart and emeritus business professor Nicholas Windhausen.

The association is giving the Distinguished Faculty Award to communication studies professor Marlene von Friedreichs-Fitzwater. She is also the founder of the Health Communication Research Institute.

Tickets to the awards dinner are $75 per person and $600 for a table of eight. Reservations are due by Tuesday, Feb. 25 and can be made by calling (936) 628-6295.

— Terry Filipowicz

Prof jumps into mental health debate

There’s a debate underway in mental health nursing about the causes and proper treatments of mental illness.

And CSUS nursing professor Bonnie Raingruber has found herself at the center of it.

Many of her peers are trying shift the focus of their profession to drug-based treatments, and away from a holistic approach that includes extensive personal interaction. They’re arguing for a “nature” instead of “nurture” approach, with the assumption that mental illness is solely a biological problem.

Raingruber believes they’re wrong. She says mental illness has social, cultural and environmental roots, as well as biological ones.

She recently defended her position at a national nursing conference in a debate with Wanda Mohr, a leading researcher who supports the drug-based approach. Afterwards, Raingruber received a standing ovation, though the professional debate is far from settled. She’s been asked to take part in a second debate on the West Coast.

“My argument is that we need an integrated approach in which one person can provide nurturing and, when needed, prescribe the drugs,” Raingruber says.

“Mental health nursing needs to challenge the idea of treating people in small bits, and care for the whole person.”

She says many patients — perhaps half according to some research — don’t respond to drug treatments.

World music series to begin spring run

Musicians from around the globe are tuning their instruments for appearances in the CSUS world music series.

The spring portion of the series begins with a young flute player accompanied by Indian instruments and finishes with an up-tempo group combining Arabic and American harmonies.

Organizer and music professor Jim Chopryk says the concerts are remarkable and feature a high caliber of performances. “The community is also very supportive and the atmosphere is wonderful,” he says. “We have a very diverse audience.”

At 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, 24-year-old Shashank will play the flute, accompanied by various Indian instruments. Shashank was six years old when, without any lessons, he picked up his father’s flute and began playing. Tickets are $5 for students and seniors and $10 general admission.

Korean musician Jan Hi Kim will perform at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 15. She will capivate the audience with her komungo, a
CSUS is accepting applications for the position of associate vice president for academic affairs, planning and budget. Primary duties and responsibilities are available from faculty and staff affairs. Minimum qualifications are:
• Current tenured appointment at CSUS.
• Current appointment in the CSU and eligible for a tenure-track appointment at CSUS.
• Knowledge of key responsibilities of this position.
• Strong interpersonal skills with demonstrated ability to interact and work effectively with administrators, faculty, staff and students in a diverse University community.
• Knowledge of the University planning procedures.
• Evidence of relevant administrative experience.

Review of applications begins March 3. Submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, copies of transcripts of all college/university work, and the names and telephone numbers of three references specific to the position to: Academic Affairs, Sacramento Hall, Room 226, Mail 6016. Interviews of finalists will be conducted during the middle of March.

For more information, contact faculty and staff affairs at 278-6078.

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14th century instrument similar to a zither. Admission is $5 for seniors and $10 for general audiences.

North Indian musicians visit campus at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 25. Tarun Bhattacharya plays the santur and Ronu Mukherjee, the flute. Bhattacharya’s new project, Lundayeh, will perform at 8 p.m. in the UC Berkeley in January. His article, “New Leadership and Its Discontents” (on faculty unionism) appeared in the fall 2002 issue of Social Policy.


TEJAMSHA BANKHEAD, social work, presented a paper “Managing Costs at Any Expense: Public Mental Health Care for Children and Policies and Funding Arrangements Change,” on Jan. 18 at the 7th Annual Conference for the Society of Social Work Research in Washington, D.C.

Position vacancy

JEFF LUSTIG, government, has an article titled “Treadmill to Oblivion? The Coming Conflict over Academic Workload,” in NEA’s current Thought and Action. His article, “New Leadership and Its Discontents” (on faculty unionism) appeared in the fall 2002 issue of Social Policy.

JAY CRAIN, anthropology, VICKI PEARSON-ROUNDS, research and sponsored projects, and Ricky Ganang of Sabah Forest Industries were recently featured in two articles published in the Daily Express in Sabah, Malaysia about their comprehensive English-Lundayeh dictionary.

in the news

RICKY SHERIDAN, design, had an article about him and his new project Sacramento Creative Arts Networking (SCAN) group, appear in the Sacramento Bee on Feb. 6. SCAN will provide brainstorming, networking and other activities for artists, designers, musicians and others. More information is available at Sacart.com
Ten Commandments case topic of lecture

Edwin S. Gaustad, one of America's leading scholars of religion and separation of church and state, will talk about Alabama's Ten Commandments case at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, in the University Union Auditorium. The talk is free and open to the public.

Gaustad was an expert witness in the case last year in which Alabama's Chief Justice Roy Moore was ordered to remove a 5,300-pound Ten Commandments monument from the state's judicial building. The case is currently under appeal. Gaustad will also talk about the roots of religious freedom in the United States, and a question-and-answer session will follow.

Gaustad is a well-known religious historian and prolific author. He recently published a book titled Church and State in America, and his books The New Historical Atlas of Religion in America and A Religious History of America are widely used in the field. He is an emeritus professor of history at UC Riverside.

The free event is presented by CSUS and the Sacramento chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

More information is available by contacting the CSUS humanities and religious studies office at 278-6444.

CATASTROPHIC LEAVE

Catastrophic leave has been approved for Allison Shaw, a College of Continuing Education, Minna Robbins, nursing, Darlene Montoperi, support services, and Mary Anne Alvarez, nursing.

CSUS employees may donate to other employees up to 16 hours of vacation or sick leave credits each fiscal year in one-hour increments. CSEA, MPP and Confidential employees may donate up to 40 hours per fiscal year. Unit 4 employees may donate up to 32 hours per fiscal year. According to the CSEA MOP, only donated vacation leave credits may be used by family care catastrophic leave (Allison Shaw's situation). Donation forms are available in the benefits office in Sac-Man/IRA.

ANNUAL JOURNALISM AWARD

The ninth annual California Journalism Awards Dinner, presented by the Center for California Studies at CSUS, will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Radisson Hotel on Leisure Lane.

The event will include awards to journalists across the state for outstanding reporting on California public affairs and politics.

It will feature a debate between Bob Mulholland of the California Democratic Party and Saw Franscisco Chronicle columnist Debra J. Saunders on “The Party of the Future: The Democrats or the Republicans?”

Tickets are $50 or $90 for a couple, and $35 for students.

There is no cost to students who wish to attend the debate only, which is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Details and tickets: 278-6906

BOOK SALE

The Friends of the CSUS Library will hold a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20. It will be in the lower level of the University Library.

Details: 436-5879

IRA FUNDS

The Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee is now accepting proposals for 2003-04.

Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) funds come from fees paid by students, and support educational experiences and activities that supplement the educational mission of the university. They are activities and lab experiences that are at least partially sponsored by an academic discipline or department and which are, in the judgment of the president, integrally related to its formal instructional offerings.

New and continuing programs will be considered.

Programs funded with IRA funds during the current year include: athletic bands, student travel insurance fund, summer research experiences for chemistry and physics students, the School of the Arts, the student travel fund, the molecular biology interdisciplinary group, forensics, College of Engineering and Computer Science computer science teams, the ACM/CSUS programming contest, model United Nations, Sac-Mentoring Program, Science Education Quality, International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition, and Intercollegiate Athletics.

The deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 14.

The committee will make recommendations to the president in late April.

Details: Annette Karle at 278-5733 or online at www.csus.edu/adm/duibra

HUMAN RIGHTS TALK

James W. Nickel, a professor at the Arizona State University School of Law and author of Make Sense of Human Rights, will give a talk on “The (General) Idea of Human Rights” at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 21, in the University Union Suite Delta.

Nickel will explain the general features of human rights and attempt to answer such questions as “Who has human rights?” “Who bears duties under human rights?” and “Are human rights really universal?”

The talk is free and open to the public.

Details: Christina Bellon of the department of philosophy at 278-4739.

NANCY FOX

New parking structures, expanded use of daily permits and enhancements to the Hornet Express shuttle are just a few of the alternatives Nancy Fox has been creating and backing since she stepped in as the transportation and parking manager for CSUS in 1991.

“I really enjoy being able to provide very needed and very important services to the campus, especially the alternative transportation program,” says Fox. “It is a wonderful thing to give people alternatives to driving a vehicle.

Fox came to CSUS in 1976 as both a liberal studies student and an employee.

“At the time, I was looking for advancement in a job and the ability to take classes after work,” Fox says.

Last spring, Fox was honored for her years of service at the annual staff awards luncheon. She started in financial aid accounting, and later became the department secretary for parking and transportation when it was under the title of support services.

In 1991, University Parking and Transportation Services (UTAPS) became its own entity and Fox became the department manager.

“The division didn’t previously exist,” Fox says. “Parking reported to public safety and we didn’t have a strong transportation program.”

When Fox began in her management position, parking had a different look. Prior to 1994, there were no off-ground parking spaces, and there were parking meters in designated short-term parking areas.

“Now we have over 10,000 parking spaces, two parking structures and a third one in the planning stages,” Fox says. “It is a continuous challenge as we grow to keep up and provide adequate parking for our students and employees.

“Our biggest challenge is keeping everyone happy,” Fox says. “People want the convenience of parking close in to their destination. We can’t provide that for everyone. It’s just not possible.”

While a student at CSUS, Fox had goals to become a teacher. After 11 years of work and studying, she obtained her bachelor’s degree and along the way changed her plan.

“I had already put in a lot of years and time with the University. I saw more opportunities for advancement here,” Fox says. “Plus I really liked my job and the campus.

“I really enjoy the educational atmosphere and the culture here. There is so much going on—theatre productions, basketball games and football games. We have a beautiful place to work and live.”

In addition to the educational atmosphere, Fox enjoys the comfort of having her family on campus. Her husband, Donald Fox, is a professor in the government department; her brother, David Landis, works for facilities maintenance; and her son, Justin Fox, just accepted a job with the College of Continuing Education.

“CSUS feels like my family, and literally so, with so many of my family members working here,” Fox says. “We are all in the same world, so we can relate easily to each other. They can definitely relate with parking and transportation on campus.”
DANCE EVOLUTION

The history of black dance spans centuries and continents, and Sacramento/Black Art of Dance (S/BAD) celebrates this rich legacy in concert.

The production, titled "Heritage," is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 19-21 and Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 22, Thursday 21 in March 1 at the University's DanceSpace in Solano Hall 1010.

From Africa to America, from traditional drumming to modern hip-hop, the program traces the history of black dance from its origins in Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean and America. With roots extending from ritual dance to samba and beyond, the performance brings together a number of signature pieces from S/BAD's repertoire.

The program includes the work of a number of S/BAD choreographers under the direction of professor Linda Goodrich. The works highlight dance forms and styles inherited over generations and inspired by musical genres such as drumming, gospel, jazz and hip-hop.

The concert is part of the University's Black History Month celebration.

Tickets are $13 for general admission, $11 for CSUS students and $8 for children 12 and younger. Tickets are available at the CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at www.tickets.com.

2003 Pacific Weightlifting Association Championship, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Solano Hall 1020. $30 entry fee/$35 after Feb. 6. (530) 668-1797.

Monday, Feb. 24

Art exhibit, Sol Ceramics Studio, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., University Union Gallery. (916) 278-6744. Exhibit continues to March 14. Reception Feb. 27, 6 - 8 p.m.

"Israel-Palestinian Conflict: Is Peace Possible?" Marica Freedman, president of B'nai Tzedek v'Shalom, noon, University Union Orchard Suite. (916) 278-4697.

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Baseball vs. San Francisco State, 2 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.

Wednesday, Feb. 26


"Islam, the Fastest Growing Religion in the World," lecture by professor Suhaib Webb, Islamic University, Santa Clara, noon, University Union Redwood Room. (916) 278-6997.

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