**LegiSchool Project**

**Taking Hold in Nigeria**

For many countries, getting citizens involved in politics is a challenge. For years, the LegiSchool Project has worked to meet the challenge in California and now a group in Nigeria plans to follow suit.

LegiSchool, a joint effort of CSUS and the State Legislature, provides a political education for the future voters of the state – California high school students. It is administered by the Center for California Studies. Earlier this year, LegiSchool Director Kolleen Ostgaard was contacted by Nim Walson-Jack, executive director of the Centre for Responsive Politics in Nigeria. Walson-Jack and his colleagues want to establish their own version of LegiSchool. They believe it can be a stepping stone to civic awareness and political education in Nigeria.

“We are trying to tell people that if they don’t vote and exercise their rights, they are actually harming society,” Ostgaard says.

In California, LegiSchool has been bringing together high school students and policymakers since 1994 to encourage youth participation and critical thinking on political issues.

“The health of a democracy relies on citizen involvement,” Ostgaard says. Students taking part in the program participate in debates about important issues such as the state’s new High School Exit Exam, the electoral process and safety on campus.

LegiSchool has two major elements: town hall meetings and a video curriculum library. High school students are selected statewide to attend the town hall meetings. They provide an opportunity for students to meet government officials face-to-face, engage in debate with legislators, and, most importantly, learn that opinions matter.

Teachers can request free videos from the video curriculum library for classroom use. The videos, hosted by students, look at the political process and state legislation ranging from school uniforms to “Three Strikes.”

And this month, LegiSchool

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**Future Teachers Earn $20,000 Fellowships**

Thirteen CSUS students are among the first 250 recipients of the Governor’s Teaching Fellowship, a new effort to recruit teachers for low-performing schools.

The merit-based program provides $20,000 to students who agree to earn teaching credentials and teach in a low-performing school for four years. It is part of an overall effort by the state to recruit as many as 300,000 teachers for low-performing schools, my heart just goes out to them,” says Aman Kang, one of the CSUS recipients. “I want to help them see that success is possible for them, too.”

Kang, who lives in Davis, plans to teach social science in high school. She is now a student-teacher at Florin High School.

“This was something I wanted to do anyway,” says Kristy Smith, another CSUS recipient. “You go into teaching to make an impact on students’ lives, and these schools are where you can do that the most.”

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**Year of Unity Conference Tackles Sports Discrimination**

**Empowering Women,** will dispel the conventional notions about how women athletes should behave.

“Female athletes are the unacknowledged leaders of the 21st century women’s movement,” Nelson says. “By offering visible, tangible examples of strength, courage and success, they challenge what women are capable of achieving.”

The conference will include four panel discussion sessions dealing with various sports-related topics including “Sexual Orientation and Sport,” also led by Nelson.

“If you’re a female, and if you take sports seriously, sooner or later you will be called a lesbian,” Nelson says.

During the discussion, Nelson plans to answer questions such as: How many athletes are gay? What can straight people do to even the playing field for gay athletes and coaches? This discussion is at 3 p.m. in the University Union Redwood Room.

Another panel discussion will deal with “Sport, Media and Diversity in America” featuring Del Rodgers, former NFL player and weekend sports anchor for KKTV Channel 10, Armando Botello, capital correspondent for La Opinion magazine; and Nick Trujillo, CSUS communications studies professor.

The panels will address such questions as: How well does the sports media cover stories about diversity? What are the obstacles facing women and minorities who wish to pursue careers in sports media? Panelists will also discuss career options in sports media. This discussion is at 3 p.m. in the University Union Foothill Suite.

“Gender and Sport,” a panel discussion featuring Susan Eizef, CSU San Francisco professor; Sohaila Shakib, USC professor; Pam Gill

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Scholarship

Jose Montoya, emeritus art, has been recognized as an outstanding arts educator by the California Arts Council. The recognition is for Montoya’s significant contributions to arts education in the last two decades. An award ceremony was held on March 26 at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

Recognition

John Knox and the Hippocratic taboo on killing the sick. He published a review of "The Corporatization of U.S. Medical Education and Rise of Faculty Unions" and gave an introductory address at the Seminario on Comparativa Pedagogia in Havana in February.

JAMES McCARTNEY, speech pathology and audiology, made a third trip Hidalgo, Mexico March 14–18. He took a different graduate audiology major on each of the visits he made in September, November and March. They initiated Hidalgo’s first public school hearing screening for elementary and junior high school students, tested infants, evaluated senior citizens and fitted 14 donated hearing aids to patients ranging in age from 23 to 83.

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After reviewing recommendations from the Professional Leave Committee, department committees, and college deans, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Bernice Bass de Martinez, has approved the following sabbatical and difference-in-pay leaves for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Ayad Al Qazzaz - Sociology
Jaime Alvayay - Organizational Behavior and Environment
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In the News

SUSAN COTE, criminal justice, was interviewed by the Herald News (Passaic County N.J.) on March 14 about a “Megan’s Law-type” bill being proposed to the legislature that would require New Jersey communities to notify when a convicted murderer is released from prison.

Scholarship

JON CAMACHO, communication studies, presented two papers, “Indigenous Knowledge in the Digital Age” and “Interactive Television and the Documentary,” at the Australian International Documentary Conference.

ARTUR WILLIAMSON, history, published a review of John Knox and the British Reformations, in the October issue of the Scottish Historical Review. He published a review of British Identities Before Nationalism, Ethnicity and Nationhood in the Atlantic World, 1600-1800 in the summer issue of The International History Review.

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Her research also involved high- and low-fat diets and their effects on body weight. And unfortunately for high protein fans, she falls in the low-fat high-carbohydrate camp. “With a diet of complex carbohydrates, it’s harder to gain weight than if you’re eating high-protein,” Cunningham says. “It’s also healthier.” She also had bad news for foodsliders. “For permanent weight loss, you have to continue to do whatever you’ve been doing,” she says. “It’s a continuing battle. Everyone wants a quick fix. But the fact is, you must change your lifestyle — eat healthy, exercise more. And people don’t want to do it.” Cunningham got both her bachelor’s degree and doctorate at UC Davis. She completed her dietician internship at UC San Francisco Medical Center. She began teaching at CSUS in September.

“Love it here,” she says. “The students are great. It’s challenging and exciting.” She also thinks the dietetic program is an up-and-comer that will benefit by its surroundings in the new Mariposa Hall. She says CSUS has “some of the nicest facilities” she’s seen.

One step in that direction is a conference Cunningham will help put on this fall. “Don’t Weight: Teaming Up for Lighter Living” is designed for both healthcare professionals and the community and will include activities for families and teenagers.

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Proposals judged by the Professional Leave Committee on March 17. The latter presentation dealt with the Hippocratic taboo on killing the sick.

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Professional Activities

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 faceted at 278-5290.
Professor Finds Humor a Key Variable in Success Equation

Prof. Magagnini has covered ethnic affairs and race relations for the Bee Union Hinde Auditorium. Monday, April 2 in the University Union Redwood Room. The event will feature internationally renowned saxophonist Fred Ho and author/editor Kalamu ya Salaam. The event is free. Details: 278-6095.

Electric Mow Down

You can reduce pollution and help the environment by trading in your old gas-powered lawnmower for a great deal on a new electric one on Saturday, March 31 at the Steven Lee Yamasoh Alumni Center (Mow Down Air Pollution 2001, one of the nation’s most successful lawnmower exchange programs, and CSUS are hosting the event. In addition to the trade-ins there will be a demonstration comparing electric and gas-powered lawn mowers. Speaking as last four years ago. Mow Down Air Pollution has replaced more than 4,000 polluting, gas-powered mowers with non-polluting electric models. This event provides the opportunity to purchase a new electric mower at a discounted price. The Black & Decker CCM 1000 electric, rechargeable, cordless mower will be available for $199.95, 45 percent off the retail price. Details: 732-6227.

Program Gets Kids Reading

What could be more rewarding than watching a huge smile cross a parent’s face as their child reads for a room full of adults for the first time? That’s the feeling that captivates students and CSUS tutors who participate in the Sacramento Metropolitan Area Reading Tutoring for Kids (SMART Kids) Program. The SMART Kids Program is a tutoring program offered to CSUS students who want to make a difference in a child’s life. “Many of the kids have never met a college student and need a role model or mentor,” says CSUS SMART Kids Program Director, Noreen Kellough. “This is a wonderful opportunity to do that.”

Since the 1980s, undergraduate and graduate students of all majors have dedicated their time to the reading program. Students who qualify for Federal Work Study are able to earn $10 an hour for their training and tutoring time, and all students receive three units of course credits, community service hours and “hands-on” experience working with children.

The SMART Kids Program has helped many students strengthen their reading skills and perform better on standardized tests. “We’ve very excited over the accomplishments of one of our first graders who tested at the pre-first reading level when we started working with him in October. Recently he tested out of the SMART Kids Program by scoring the third grade level on the same reading test,” Kellough says.

Kellough teams up with teacher education professors Jennifer Rodden and Pamela O’Kane each semester to train tutors. Students attend a two-weekly class for four weeks on campus, learning reading techniques and “hands-on” experience working with children. They are placed at one of seven off-campus reading centers where they tutor two elementary school children twice a week for 90 minutes.

At the end of a semester of hard work, all the participants celebrate reading with “Expression Day.” The children recite their chosen story or poem, show off their progress charts, and introduce their tutors to their teachers, families and friends.

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LAST DANCE – June Watanabe’s “5/15/45 - The Last Dance,” a modern dance performance based on the relocation, displacement and transient nature of the Japanese American internment experience during World War II, will be performed at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 1 in the University Union Ballroom.

Watanabe, born and raised in Los Angeles, was in an internment camp when she was three years old. She has created five modern dance versions of her incarceration experience. “5/15/45 - The Last Dance” features choreography by Watanabe, music composer Alvin Curran, visual design by John Woodall, six dancers, a storyteller and a 17-piece swing band. Audience members are invited to participate in a swing dance after the performance.

Tickets for the dance are $7.50 general and $5 students.

Tickets are available at the CSUS Ticket Office, 278-4323.

Ongoing

“Words and Image: Students Discover the Poetry in Painting,” paintings and poetry exhibit, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Mondays – Thursdays, Shoaf Stadium. Tickets $5 general/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6966.

Fiction Reading, David Matlin, Festival of the Arts, noon - 1:30 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-2787.

CSUS Symphony Orchestra featuring pianist Richard Concus, Festival of the Arts, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. Tickets $6 general/54 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.


Wednesday, March 28

California Faculty Association meeting, 3 - 5 p.m., Mendocino 1003.

Mad Science Career Fair, noon, University Union Lobby Suite. (916) 278-6743.

“Issue of Race and Gender,” lecture and discussion, Sandra McDonald, Women’s History Month. 1:30 p.m., University Union Delta Suite. (916) 278-7388.

Graduate Student Poetry Reading, Festival of the Arts, noon - 2 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-2787.

Art reception for Suzanne Anker, Festival of the Arts, 5 - 7 p.m., Robert East Gallery. (916) 278-2787.

“Art and the New Genetics,” lecture by artist Suzanne Anker, Festival of the Arts, 7 p.m., Matiposa 1000. (916) 278-2787.

“Featuring the Genetic Revolution,” interdisciplinary panel discussion, Festival of the Arts, 8 p.m., Matiposa 1000. (916) 278-2787.

CSUS Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Festival of the Arts, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. Tickets $6 general/54 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

“The Essence of Commodia Dell-arte,” lecture and presentation, Georgina Larson, Festival of the Arts, 1:30 p.m., Shoaf Hall.

Graphics Alumni Show, exhibit, Festival of the Arts, noon - 3 p.m., Design Gallery, Mariopa Hall 4000. (916) 278-2787. Continues March 29.

Thursday, March 29

“Moving Pictures,” CSUS library film series celebrating diversity, 4 p.m., library conference room. (916) 278-5154.

“Studying Quantum Decoherence With an Atom Interferometer,” lecture, David Pritchard, 4 p.m., Mendocino Hall 1015. (916) 278-6518.

Dream of a Common Language, drama on women and art by Heather McDonald, Festival of the Arts, 8 p.m., University Theatre in Shasta Hall. Tickets $10 general/$7 students, alumni and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office, (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com, (916) 766-2277. Continues March 30 - 31, April 1 - 5. 7.

Piano Recital, Lorna Petres, Festival of the Arts, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. Tickets $10 general/$8 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Central Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

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