Center prized by water devotees

While browsing his e-mail last spring Craig Perez, director of development at the CSUS Aquatic Center, discovered a voice from the past – alumnus Kevin Wasbauer. “I am writing to thank you for your early inspiration,” Wasbauer wrote.

Twenty years ago Wasbauer spent two summers at the CSUS Aquatic Center summer camp, which inspired him to pursue sailing. He embraced the sport, spending years sailing the world before returning to the place his journey began, CSUS, to earn a master’s degree in English. Wasbauer and Perez are two of as many as 400 students and faculty who use the Aquatic Center regularly for recreation. Many other students take classes there.

Ernest Olsen, professor of recreation and leisure studies, feels a special tie to the Aquatic Center, as he helped in its initial development. “Some people had a vision,” Olsen said. “And I was invited to help build it. Once you get involved you want to see it through and succeed. It has become a tremendous asset to the community.”

Olsen enjoys canoeing on the lake with his spouse. ‘It gives me a chance to stop paddling around, to go out there and get away from things … I come at it from all sides, historically, academically, personally. I feel passionately about it and it’s in good hands,” he said.

Now serving more than 1,300 people during their summer camps, the center began in 1981 with fewer than 150 patrons. It was that summer that Wasbauer, just ten years old, met Perez.

“My mom was an accounting major and named me up,” said Wasbauer. “I always had an affinity for the water but had never tried sailing. I loved it so much I conned my parents into letting me stay a second week.”

Since that time, Wasbauer has raced throughout the world. “I remember the Fastnet race around England, sailing the Irish Sea in a 70-foot yacht under a full moon.”

Wasbauer brings these memories and his international experience to CSUS as the center’s sailing coordinator. “He couldn’t have come at a better time,” Perez said. “The program needed revitalizing. And here Kevin comes with an eight-year resume from Europe to the Delta.”

Cary Goulard, professor of recreation and leisure, encourages his students to take advantage of the opportunities Wasbauer and the other staff bring to the center.

“Many students don’t know about it,” Goulard said. “I take a day each semester to familiarize my students with this phenomenal center.”

Goulard hopes students realize that they have access to “one of the best aquatic centers in the country,” and that it is their center, student-funded through the Associated Students.

Olsen also encourages his students to discover the opportunities the center offers the CSUS community. “It is truly a unique facility for our students that can help build a strong academic link to campus,” Olsen said. “With the upcoming improvements, it will be one of the best on the West Coast.”

Goulard agrees. “The prices can’t be beat, the courses are excellent and the staff is qualified. It is unparalleled in this area.”

- Patzy Taylor

TAXING JOB – Communication studies major Belinda Tarlach talks to a Franchise Tax Board recruiter during last week’s career fair. The event, in the University Union, featured more than 100 employers.

Sporty cards raise police profile

They aren’t on eBay yet, but there’s a cool set of collectibles available on campus — a line of “sports cards” featuring CSUS police officers. The cards, which were first printed a year ago, are designed to raise the department’s profile on campus.

“Whenever we do customer satisfaction surveys, one thing we always hear is ‘We don’t see enough cops,’” says Police Chief Ken Barnett. “Unfortu- nately, there are only so many of us. This is one way to increase our visibility.”

They’re similar in size and style to a trading card and feature individual officers’ photos on the front. The back lists background information and a safety tip. For example, Barnett’s card reminds people to “Always report crimes and suspicious activities promptly!” The depart- ment’s mission statement is also on each card.

“Everyone has business cards — what better way to be visible than to have a card that has an officer’s picture on it? It’s a way to put a name with a face,” Barnett says.

The push for the cards came when Barnett saw similar cards at a meeting a few years back and decided CSUS should be one of the first two university police departments in the CSU system to offer them. The other is CSU San Bernadino.

Barnett encourages officers to walk around buildings on campus to hand out the cards.

“It’s a way to get officers out of their cars and interacting with people in a situation that is not related to a police call,” he says. They also take the cards when they do presentations to campus groups including the day care center, where the cards were par- ticularly popular with the children and their parents.

In addition to increasing officer visibility, Barnett says the cards help publicize the police department’s services on campus and help get safety messages into the hands of the campus community.

The message seems to be resonating. “I think we definitely have more visibility. I have received a lot of compliments on the cards,” Barnett says. “And there are often times that we get calls because of them.”

There are even some collectors. “We get calls from people asking for one person or anoth- er’s card that they need to com- plete their set,” Barnett says.

To get your own cards, call CSUS public safety at 278-7321.

- Laurie Hall

Reception for support staff

President Gerth and the executive staff will host a reception in honor of CSUS professional support staff from 9 to 11 a.m., Thursday, April 25 in the Steven Lee Yamshon Alumni Center. Staff members are invited to stop by and visit with colleagues.
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in relationships.

WRIGHT, public policy and administration, was quoted in a Dec. 31 Contra Costa Times

to campus.

BARBARA O'CONNOR, communication studies, was quoted in a Dec. 9 Modesto Bee article on Gary Condit's re-election announcement. She

was quoted in a Jan. 3 article on upcoming legislative issues that appeared in the Oakland Tribune, Hayward Daily Review, Alameda Times Star, Pleasanton Tri-Valley Herald, Fremont Argus and the San Mateo County Times. She was on KKJZ on Jan. 7 commenting on the gubernatorial race.

A commentary she wrote on the need for competition in statewide telecommunications appeared in the Jan. 18 Sacramento Business Journal. And

on Jan. 27 she was quoted in a Modesto Bee article about the race for Gary Condit's congressional seat.

TIM HODSON, Center for California Studies, was quoted in Dec. 16 and Jan. 10 issues of the Stockton Record on the state budget. On Jan. 17 he was quoted in a Stockton Record article on public fears about loss of civil liberties in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

TED LASCHER, public policy and administration, was quoted in a Dec. 31 Contra Costa Times article on Gov. Gray Davis's political future.

ROBERT WASTE, public policy and administration, was featured as a book reviewer in the January issue of Sacramento magazine. He reviewed The Next American Metropolis: Ecology, Community and the American Dream by Peter Calhoun.

NANCY KALISH, psychology, was on KOVR Channel 13 on Jan. 2 discussing the value of movie therapy. She was also quoted in Anita Creamer's Jan. 9 column in the Sacramento Bee about what women want from men in relationships.

Dwight Freund, computer science, was featured in a Jan. 2 Sacramento Bee article on puzzles and puzzling.

Emmanuel Gale, social work, was quoted on Capital Public Radio on Jan. 5 about long-term care for senior citizens.

Felicienne Ramey, business, was featured in a Jan. 6 Sacramento Bee article.

Ernest Uwazie, criminal justice, was quoted in a Jan. 7 Sacramento Bee article on the homicide rates for the city and county of Sacramento.

Marie Winkler, art, was featured in a Jan. 10 East Sacramento News article about her collection of pop-up books.

John Syer, government, was on KFPR on Jan. 9 commenting on Gov. Gray Davis's state-of-the-state address.

Robert Fountain, president's office, was on KCRA Channel 3 on Jan. 12 discussing a book on the California Institute of County Government's regional economic forecast.

Robert Halseth, music, was quoted in a Jan. 16 Contra Costa Times article about student musical direction at the California Music Educators Association conference.

Matthew Newman, California Institute of County Government, was quoted about the institute's regional economic forecast in the Jan. 17 issues of the Sacramento Bee and the Sacramento Business Journal, as well as on KCRA Channel 3.

Gregg Campbell, history, had a letter to the editor in the Jan. 23 Sacramento Bee about the University's post-Sept 11 curriculum.

Robyn Nelson, nursing, was quoted in the Jan. 24 issues of the Sacramento Bee and Nyo Register about California's nursing shortage. Nelson and a number of nursing students were quoted in April 9 and 10 Capital Public Radio stories about the nursing shortage.

Patty Schindler, financial aid, was quoted in a Jan. 25 Sacramento Business Journal article on work-study students working in community service positions.

Duane Campbell, bilingual multicultural education, had a letter to the editor in the Jan. 26 Sacramento Bee about the state-wide teacher shortage.

Gary Hart, Institute for Educational Reform, was quoted in a Jan. 27 Sacramento Bee article about a program for college-bound high school students.

RIC Brown, academic affairs, was quoted in a Jan. 31 Sacramento Bee article on the remedial education needs of incoming freshmen.

LINDA NOWELL, teacher education, had a letter to the editor in the Feb. 3 Sacramento Bee about grading student performance.

William Vizzardo, criminal justice, was quoted in an April 2 Christian Science Monitor article about gun ownership in America.

Nick Trujillo, communications studies, was quoted in an April 5 Sacramento Bee column about a book he plans to write about traveling the California coast with his Golden Retriever.

Carlos Davidson, environmental studies, was quoted in an April 3 article in the San Francisco Chronicle on a lawsuit filed against the Environmental Protection Agency charging the agency failed to consider pesticide effects on frogs.

Maria Nunes-Dinis—Maria Nunes-Dinis tries to get her students to think beyond the classroom, beyond the idea that getting their degree is the culmination of their education.

“What do you want to do?” she asks them. “Do you want to develop the potential you have? Or do you not want to know or bother?”

Nunes-Dinis is a new professor of social work and she wants to see her students stretch and find out what they are capable of.

“It’s a lot easier to dream about what you might be doing than to do it,” she said. “Sure, you can dream, but you’ll miss out on a lot of opportunities.”

Life, she said, is filled with challenges: People either learn and deal with that than live in a fantasy world, she said.

The CSUS campus is a familiar one to Nunes-Dinis. She earned her bachelor’s degree in social work in 1979 and her master’s degree in social work here in 1989. She received her doctorate in social work from UC Berkeley, where she focused on substance abuse.

There she worked with the Alcohol Research Group, looking at the causes and controls of alcohol consumption and abuse.

“America is a very funny country about drinking,” Nunes-Dinis said. The United States tends to moralize about alcohol far more than other countries and has the highest percentage of non-drinkers among the alcohol-consuming nations. Likewise, the United States ranks behind many other nations such as Spain, France, Portugal and Italy, in long-term alcohol abuse. Yet it has significan problems with “binge” drinkers — those who consume five or more drinks in one sitting.

“0.05 percent is basically too drunk to drive,” Nunes-Dinis said. There, the national definition of a drunk driver—0.08 percent blood alcohol content—is considerably higher than most other nations.

“Even 0.05 percent is basically too drunk to drive,” Nunes-Dinis said.

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Tobar, who began at CSUS last fall, says she enjoys teaching here. “It has been a transition. This is a bigger institution with a Medical treatment unless the client is pregnant; if they see it as a social problem, they’ll recommend non-medical solutions such as 12-step programs or peer-based treatments.

“It’s absolutely astounding that the professionals recommend what anyone in the street would,” she said.

Kelly Tobar—After working on her degree and teaching at the University of San Francisco, Kelly Tobar returned to the university of her under-graduate years to share in the experiences of CSUS students today. She is a new professor of nursing.

“What drew me to education was a desire to make a difference,” Tobar says. “I enjoy being a practitioner at Sutter Memorial Hospital, but it is different to be able to light the fire for students. It is a thrill to see students write in their work back about the work they are doing.”

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“Team teaching has also been a transition for me,” Tobar says. “I have found that I love it—it works wonderfully. Each professor can teach to their strengths and lecturing in areas they have a passion for.”

Tobar finds the faculty incredibly supportive and the students very bright.

“I ask my students ‘How do we all work together?’ Tobar says. “It’s very satisfying to see students move from a place of judgment about families to a place of learning to work with a family and a child.”

Tobar teaches pediatrics courses in theory, clinical and community. The community course focuses not only on the ill child but also on community clinics and involves the students in service-learning.

“We look to see what keeps children well and how the community plays a part,” Tobar says. “Pediatrics is about wellness, not just illness.”

Sacramento Business Journal
Annual conference highlights African studies, women

The role of women in peace-building efforts in Africa is among the topics at the 11th annual Africa/Diaspora Conference, April 24 and 27 at the University Union. From 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, April 26, representatives from Women's Peace-Building Network branches in The Gambia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone will join American university experts to discuss race and democracy in the Americas and issues facing women in Africa. Topics will include female genital-cutting, racial democracy, women and religious conflicts in Nigeria and U.N. resolutions on women, peace and security in West Africa.

At 10 a.m. on Friday, Molefi Asante of Temple University will give the keynote address on the conference’s theme “African Studies in California Schools, College and Universities: Teaching/Thinking Across Disciplines/Programs.” Other sessions will cover K-12 education in African studies, study abroad programs in Africa and developing African studies programs at the university level. The conference is sponsored by the CSUS Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution along with the Pan-African studies program and the International Studies Project. The cost for the conference is $2.50 and free for CSUS faculty, staff and students. Registration is available at the door.

For additional information, call 278-6282.

Talks features Afro-Brazilian scholars

Sacramento’s Earth Day celebration will once again be held at CSUS. The fourth annual Earth Day celebration takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at the Main Quad. An estimated 10,000 people are expected to attend the event. More than 150 educational booths and displays will be set up to promote environmental education, energy awareness and conservation focusing on clean energy.

“The best way to protect the environment is to change our lifestyle,” says Kathy Kiss, the coordinator of Sacramento’s Earth Day celebration. “It is exciting to see people doing what they love.”

The free, daylight event also features environmental displays, live music concerts by Akimbo and Congo Aye-Yea hands-on children activities, organic farming classes, a wildlife education stage and ongoing demonstrations of yoga, tai chi and meditation and more.

Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated throughout the world on or around April 22. Earth Day founder Gary Lee O’Brien Memorial Scholarship, the Carole I. Silva, a professor at the University of California at San Diego, will speak on “Global Territories of Identity: The Female Cutting Debate and the Emergence of a Raced/Gendered Subject,” in the University Union Delta Suite. Wednesday, April 24, Raquel de Souza of the University of Maryland, College Park will speak on “From Coal to Cream and the Myth of Racial Democracy,” in the University Union Student Board Chambers. The program concludes Thursday, April 26 with a panel discussion on “Race and Democracy in the Americas, from the Perspective of the Next Generation of Afro-Brazilian Scholars,” in the University Union Delta Suite.

For more information call the CSUS Pan African studies department at 278-7570 or the ethnic studies department at 278-6654.

Thousands expected for Earth Day at CSUS

The College of Education will hold its 13th awards banquet “Better Together – A Partnership of Education, Business and Community,” at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 26 in the University Union Ballroom. The event honors scholarship recipients, educators, business leaders and friends of education. Education partnership service awards will go to Rex Fortune, superintendent of Center Unified School District; Kelvin Lee, superintendent of Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District; and David Tootoo, superintendent of the Natomas Unified School District.

Business partnership service awards will go to Point West Rotary Club, the Rancho Cordova Grapevine Independent, Sacramento Area Congregations Together, Washington Mutual-Florin Road and Washington Mutual-Eden Way. Thirteen other individuals and business will also receive special recognition.

In addition, the event marks the first year several new endowed scholarships will be awarded. They are the Jane Hauge Memorial Scholarship, the Carole I. O’Brien Memorial Scholarship, the Escalameza Scholarship and the California Retired Teachers Association State Capital Division’s Delores M. Toto Memorial Graduate Scholarship.

Tickets for banquet are $13 per person or $350 per table of 10. Reservations should be made by April 19. To RSVP or for additional information, call 278-3618.
MANE ATTRACTION

Student Hong Zhang combines Eastern beauty, Western influences and hair at the exhibit “Twin Spirits,” on display in the Witt Gallery through April 26.

“I use my long hair as a reference point to create a space which is filled with mystery, contradictions and subtle clarity,” Zhang says. “The black and white colors reflect the Chinese philosophy of Yin and Yang, contrasting and opposing colors, which are intertwined and inseparable.”

A graduate art student, Zhang has been living in America for five years. Her exhibit “Twin Spirits” represents her ideas of Eastern beauty and American culture that has helped shape both her past and her present.

“As a new American, I look back to my Chinese culture and ask myself ‘Who am I?’ The longer I live in America the more complex my identity becomes,” she says.

The exhibit also explores the link between Zhang and her sister, husband and two cultures.

“It is a complex link. I am half-Chinese and half-American. Moreover, I am married and I have an identical twin sister. My work reflects a combination of all these characteristics,” she says.

The gallery is open from noon - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

monday, april 15

Music and poetry reading, National Library Week celebration, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 1st floor of the library. (916) 278-5954. Continues to April 19.


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Social Work Fair, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Yamshon Alumni Center. (916) 278-6231.

CSUS Jazz Lab Band, CSUS Jazz Combos, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. Tickets $4 general/$4 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277. Continues to April 26.

Exhibit, master of art student Hong Zhang, noon - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, Witt Gallery. (916) 278-6426. Continues to April 26.

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

wednesday, april 17

Concert, 7th Standard, modern rock, noon, Serna Plaza adjacent to the University Union. (916) 278-6979.

“Terror and Terrorism,” annual Namnoum Philosophy Symposium, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., University Union Forest Suite. (916) 278-6424. Continues to April 17.

“Urban Sprawl: Is Regionalism the Answer, the Solution or the Problem?” professor Robert Verosub, Geology Colloquium Series, 4:15 p.m., Mendocino 1015. (916) 278-6337.

Music and poetry reading, National Library Week celebration, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., 1st floor of the library. (916) 278-5954. Continues to April 19.

Lecture and Friends of the Library meeting, professor A.S. Sullivan, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets $15 general/$10 students, alumni and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

Pirates of Penzance, a musical comedy by W.S. Gilbert and A.S. Sullivan, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Tickets $15 general/$10 students, alumni and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

fourth, april 19

“Urban Sprawl: Is Regionalism the Answer, the Solution or the Problem?” professor Robert Waite, Renaissance Society, 7:30 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-7388.

Baseball vs. Santa Clara, 2-30 p.m., Hornet Field. Tickets $5 general/$5 CSUS students free. Tickets available at the event. (916) 278-6896.

sunday, april 20

Earth Day Celebration, educational displays, wildlife stage, crafts, food vendors, children activities, yoga demonstrations, live music and more, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Main Quad. (916) 484-4644.

Softball vs. Long Beach State, noon, Shea Stadium. Tickets $5 general/$4 seniors/$2 children under 12/CSUS students free. Tickets available at event. (916) 278-6896.

FACULTY SENATE

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
3:00 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee
3:30 p.m., Committee on Committees
4:00 p.m., Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
10:00 a.m., Faculty Policies Committee
11:00 a.m., Faculty Senate meeting on Faculty Governance, University Union Foothill Suite

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
2:00 p.m., Academic Policies Committee
3:00 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE), special meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 23
3:00 p.m., Executive Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.