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Study contradicts Freud’s views on homosexuality

An old Freudian idea that’s contributed to beliefs that homosexuals aren’t fit for marriage should be scrapped, according to a new study by CSUS child development professor Mark Biernbaum that will appear in the May/June Journal of Homosexuality.

Contrary to Freud’s theory, gay and lesbian individuals are not psychologically immature, according to Biernbaum’s study. They haven’t simply failed to grow into mental adulthood, which Freud believed caused them to seek partners of the same sex much like children seek playmates of the same sex.

Biernbaum found instead that gay and straight 18- to 25-year-olds with similar backgrounds responded almost identically to a questionnaire designed to test psychological maturity. That finding also rules out the idea that immaturity makes homosexuals more prone to mental illness.

“You can’t make the link between psychological immaturity and homosexuality. It doesn’t exist,” Biernbaum says. “Yes, gay people do seem to be much more at risk for mental illness, but I think it must be due more to societal factors than psychological factors.”

Biernbaum’s current research and a series of other studies have found that homosexual youth are at increased risk for a host of mental health problems – including suicidal thoughts, depression and anxiety.

Biernbaum says his findings should influence how psychiatrists and other mental health professionals treat homosexual clients. More generally, he says, the findings could help alter broad public perceptions.

“A lot of what’s behind this whole debate about gay marriage is Freud’s concept that homosexuals are promiscuous and aren’t capable of a grown-up romantic relationship,” Biernbaum says. “I really think all the recent media coverage showing gay couples as real people sends an important message, both to society and to homosexual youth who may be having trouble finding their ways.

In addition to not differing on psychological maturity, the study found no differences between the two groups regarding their views on adult romantic relationships.

Biernbaum’s study included 36 young people in the Seattle area ages 18 to 25. Homosexual youth were matched with a heterosexual peer on a number of demographic factors as well as on their views about mature, romantic relationships. It compared their responses about how they handle conflict and whether they felt symptoms of mental illness.

The study was part of more extensive research about college student adjustment.

Biernbaum acknowledges that the portion of the research dedicated to homosexuality was limited in scope, and suggests additional research is needed. An important strength of his work is matching young people from similar backgrounds. Most similar research has compared small groups of homosexual youth to large groups of heterosexual youth.

— Frank Whittlatch

Faculty honored for teaching, service

CSUS is honoring its faculty for their work and dedication to the campus and the community.

A reception to recognize the outstanding instructors is at 3 p.m., Thursday, May 6 in the Redwood Room of the University Union. CSUS will give the following people Outstanding Teaching awards:

• College of Arts and Letters: Edith LeFebvre, multicultural studies and ethnic studies
• College of Business Administration: Craig Kelley, management
• College of Education: Rosemary Papalewis, educational leadership and policy studies
• College of Engineering and Computer Science: John Oldenberg, electrical and electronic engineering
• College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies: Rita Cameron Wedding, women’s studies and ethnic studies

Others at the same reception will receive recognition for their service to the University. They are:

• College of Arts and Letters: Linda Palmer, English
• College of Education: William Harris, special education
• College of Engineering and Computer Science: Cai Zhang, computer science
• College of Health and Human Services: Sylvia Navari, social work
• College of Natural Science and Mathematics: Susan Smyrnay, geology
• College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies: Stephen Perez, economics

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Student-teacher set for Olympic quest

Though it may not be as hard as corralling a roaming herd of five-year-olds, Katherine Redcher Bowling is facing a heavy challenge. The CSUS student and kindergarten teacher is competing for the chance to represent the United States as a weightlifter at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

On May 7 and 8 Redcher-Bowling will be in St. Joseph, Mo., taking part in the USA Weightlifting Olympic Team Trials. To do so, Redcher-Bowling had to rank among the top 30 female lifters in the country – she’s currently 26th.

Last year she won a gold medal in her weight class at the U.S. National Championships. She has also competed in the World Team Trials and last year’s Mermet Cup competition versus Australia.

Women’s weightlifting debuted as an Olympic event at the 2000 Games. Olympic weightlifters compete in both snatch, and clean and jerk, with rank determined by combined total. Two competitors from each weight class will be selected for the Olympic team.

Redcher-Bowling, who is pursuing a master’s degree in education while teaching at Sacramento’s Camellia Elementary School, has been featured on the KCRA TV program “California Gold,” which spotlights hometown connections to the Olympic Games. She also appeared on KMAX TV’s “Good Evening Sacramento.”

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Meetings set on multi-use center

A pair of town hall meetings to answer questions about the proposed recreation/wellness/events center will be held this week. Associated Students President Peter Ucovich and CSUS President Alexander Gonzalez will participate.

The meetings will be at:

• 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 19 in the University Union Redwood Room.
• 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22 in the University Union Ballroom.

CSUS students will vote on the project during ASI elections April 27-28. For more information, contact rwec@csus.edu.

It’s all about (De La) Soul

Inside this week:

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in the news

SIGRID BATHEN, communication studies, published an article titled “One to Six,” about new nurse-patient staffing ratios in California hospitals, in the March issue of the California Journal.

CIGI MATTUZZI, College of Engineering and Computer Science, was quoted in the March 9 Wall Street Journal about how employees can work their way up in a company.

DAVID NASKE, special education, rehabilitation and school psychology, was on KCRA Channel 3, KTXL Channel 40, and Capital Public Radio on Jan. 21 and quoted in a Jan. 22 Sacramento Bee article about the University’s plan for collegiate sports.

CYNTHIA COLING, electrical and electronic engineering, was on KOWR Channel 13 on Jan. 22 discussing urban legends.

SCOTT GORDON, computer science, was on KCRA Channel 3 on Jan. 12 and on KMAX Channel 31 on Jan. 13 talking about his asphalt museum.

JOHN SYER, government, was on KCRA Channel 3 on Jan. 19 talking about the presidential primaries.

ROBERT WASTE, public policy and administration, was quoted in a Jan. 5 Sacramento Bee article on affordable housing in Elk Grove.

MATTHEW NEWMAN, California Institute for County Government, was quoted in a Jan. 9 Sacramento Bee article on new home sales in the Sacramento region.

BRUCE BIBLE, criminal justice, was quoted in a Jan. 25 San Jose Mercury News article about problems in the state’s prison system.

JEFF LUSTIG, government, was quoted in a Jan. 19 Sacramento Bee article on the the growing gap between rich and poor in the United States.

JOANNE MARROW, psychology, was quoted in a Jan. 25 Sacramento Bee article about the Time magazine article.

ROBERT FOUNTAIN, President’s Office, was quoted in a Jan. 25 Sacramento Bee Business Journal article on commercial real estate projects in the Sacramento area.

SCOTT MODELL, kinesiology and health science, was quoted in a Jan. 13 Sacramento Bee article on “power soccer,” a sport that allows electric wheelchair athletes to compete.

ROBERT HALSETH, music, was quoted in a Dec. 31 Dixon Tribune article about raising funds for the CSUS Symphonic Wind Ensemble to play Carnegie Hall.

BARBARA O’CONNOR, communication studies, was quoted in a Nov. 11 Associated Press press item on Maria Shriver’s new role as the governor’s wife and a Dec. 5 San Jose Mercury News article on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s campaign to pass a $15 billion budget rescue bond. She was quoted in a Dec. 16 Contra Costa Times article on state Treasurer Phil Angelides’ opposition to the bond measure. O’Connor was also quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle on Dec. 7 on the defeat of Schwarzenegger’s first budget proposal and on Dec. 28 on the governor’s proposed budget for the new year. The Sacramento Bee quoted her in a Dec. 28 article on worker’s compensation reform and the Los Angeles Daily News quoted her in a Dec. 30 article on bipartisanship legislative cooperation.

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Tony Platt, social work, had an op-ed piece about C.M. Goethe’s support for eugenics published in the Feb. 29 Sacramento Bee. He was also quoted in a Feb. 19 Sacramento Bee News and Review article about Goethe’s legacy.

Michael Lewis, educational leadership and policy studies, was quoted in a Feb. 26 Sacramento Bee’s article on his appointment as dean for the College of Education.

Mike Lazar, Capital Public Radio, was quoted in a Feb. 20 Sacramento Business Journal article on Capital Public Radio’s new facilities.

Cecil Canton, criminal justice, was quoted on KCRA Channel 3 on Feb. 2 talking about black history month.

John Syer, government, was quoted on KXTV Channel 30 on Feb. 3 talking about the pending election.

For Redcher Bowling, the chance to compete for the Olympic Team is a dream come true and a chance to be an ambassador for her sport. “By qualifying for the Olympic Trials I have met all my weightlifting goals. This opportunity has allowed me to give weightlifting the public exposure it has been lacking,” says the seven-time member and former president of the University’s Olympic Weightlifting Club. “Everyone around me now knows what weightlifting is and they are excited about it. On the flip side, I hope to bring some recognition to CSUS and the club at the trials.”

She gives credit to her teammates and her husband-coach Paul Bowling for helping her through a training schedule that has grown to four days a week. “Being a half-time student, full-teacher and full-time weight lifter has forced me to really put a lot of planning into every minute of the day,” she says. “I’m getting mental training and support from all my peers.”

Redcher Bowling isn’t the only CSUS student with Olympic dreams. Long jumper Brandon Parker may represent University’s track team when the campus hosts the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials this summer. Parker has already earned a spot in the NCAA championships in June and has a chance to qualify for the Trials in July. The senior from Stockton needs to jump 26 feet, 6 inches to make the field and can only do so by finishing through the rest of the season. His career best – a jump of 25 feet, 9 ¼ inches – broke the University’s long jump record by more than five inches.

– Laurie Hall
Kwanzaa creator headlines Africa conference

Experts from across the country and around the world will meet in the University Union from Thursday, April 28 through Saturday, May 1 to discuss the theme of “African and African American Relations in U.S., the Americas and Africa,” during the 13th annual Africa/Diaspora Conference. Maulana Karenga, the creator of Kwanzaa, will deliver the keynote address at 10 a.m., Friday. He will also be honored during the Peace Awards Saturday night.

Other highlights of Friday’s program will be a discussion on “The African American Influence in U.S. Foreign Policy toward Africa” by Mikhail Vishnevsky of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. Also that day will be a discussion on the “Role of African Americans in the U.S. Economy: 1865-1914” led by Gaddam Jalendar Reddy from India’s Osmania University College for Women.

Saturday’s highlights will include a closing address by San Francisco State’s Wade Nobles on the topic of “One Africa: In Africa and Throughout the World” and will conclude with the 12th annual Peace Awards dinner and dance.

Along with Karenga, the awards will honor neighborhood activist Marilyn McGinnis for her “distinguished leadership and service in building bridges among multicultural groups,” according to the selection committee. In addition Kaiser Permanente women’s health physician Dr. Camillus Udofia will be acknowledged for delivering hundreds of children to the community and being a leader to the immigrant African populace the committee said.

A VIP reception will start at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner and program at 7 p.m. with the dance beginning at 9:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by J-ON Harris and Voices Choir and later by the Brubeck Jazz Sextet.

The conference is hosted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution in collaboration with the CSUS Pan African Studies Program. Registration forms and a full conference schedule can be downloaded at the CAPCR website, www.csus.edu/capcr. Tickets for the Peace Awards may be purchased at the CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or online at www.tickets.com. For more information call (916) 278-6282. — Anthony Sautto

It’s that banquet time of year

The end of the year brings award ceremony season. Among the CSUS departments and organizations planning end-of-the-year banquet to honor the work of University staff, faculty and students are:

• Phi Kappa Phi, the national honor society, initiates students, awards scholarships, and recognizes faculty at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 28 in the University Union Redwood Room and Ballroom. CSUS President Alexander Gonzales, deans and other members of Phi Kappa Phi will participate. The society’s outstanding faculty initiate for 2003, professor Suzanne Lindgren, will deliver the keynote address. For more information, contact Joseph DiGiorgio at 278-6600.

• The College of Education will hold an event at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 30 at the Alumni Center to honor educators and community members who have made an impact on the University. Tickets are $30 per person and $330 for a table of eight. For more information and reservations, contact Debbie Santiago at 278-3618.

• The Latino Alumni Chapter will award scholarships and honor professors Juana Barrena of biological sciences and Sam Rios of ethnic studies at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 1 at the Alumni Center. Tickets are $20 per person or $500 for a table. For tickets, call 278-6299.

• The College of Business Administration hosts outstanding business students and alumni including Alumnus of the Year Kenneth A. Macias at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 4, in the University Union Ballroom. Table sponsorship is available for $425 and individual tickets are $45. For more information, contact Carol Rumley at 278-7291.

• Associated Students will honor ASI employees and two scholarship recipients at 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 14 at the Lion’s Gate Hotel and Conference Center. For more information, contact Leah Spratt at 278-5848.

Event focuses on teaching and technology

A showcase of teaching using technology will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, April 30 in University Library 11 and 65. Twenty faculty members from throughout campus will demonstrate how computer technology has transformed their teaching — and their students’ learning.

Using informal presentations, faculty will share the successes and challenges of redesigning and enhancing college curriculum through technology. At 10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. the family and consumer sciences department will show how converting to a “paperless” office has led to cost savings in the department.

All faculty members are welcome. For more information, contact Rosemary Papadakis at the Center for Teaching and learning, 278-5045.
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Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323

$20 general. Tickets at CSUS

Concert Series, 8 p.m., Music

of the Pacific, New Millennium

University Library Lower Level.

book sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,

278-6518.

Physics Colloquium, 4 p.m.,

278-6158.

Music, The Chamber Ensemble of the Pacific, New Millennium Concert Series, 7 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall, $8 general/$5 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.


Men Against Violence Conference, lectures, workshops, panel discussions and films, 10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium and Women’s Resource Center. (916) 278-7388.


Lecture, CSUS physics students S. Adam Garland, Theresa Mulder and Javier Murillo, Physics Colloquium, 4 p.m., Mendocino Hall 1015. (916) 278-6518.

HISTORIC HIP-HOP

Pioneering New York hip-hop group De La Soul will bring its musical mix of pop samples, comedy and social commentary to CSUS in a rare West Coast concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6 in the University Union Ballroom. The trio of Posnouns (Kevyn Merzec), Trugoy the Dove (David Jude Fiolice) and Pasemaster Mace (Vincent Lamont Mason) reflect the hip-hop world with their debut album 3 Feet High and Rising in 1989. With crossover singles like “Myself and I” and “The Magic Number,” the group’s funky rhythms and humor stood apart from the harsh “gangsta” rap of the era. De La Soul’s hook-filled, danceable beats coupled with intelligent lyrics were a hit. The group took a turn with follow-up recording De La Soul is Dead in 1991, moving to a harsher sound that surprised critics and fans alike. With Butiloose Minlistake, released in 1993, the group returned to a sound similar to 3 Feet High and Rising and continued innovating on 1998’s Stipes Is High, but commercial success was elusive. A four-year hiatus followed. In 2000 the group released the first of a trilogy called Art Official Intelligence in collaboration with the Beastie Boys, Chaka Kahn and others. The final recording of the set is to come sometime this year. Tickets are $15 general, $10 for CSUS students, and are available from the CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4323 or Tickets.com. For more information, call 278-6997.

Self Defense Class, 6 - 9 p.m., University Union Redwood Room. (916) 278-7388.

“Cyber Sleuthing: What You Need to Know,” presentation and film on Internet sleuthing, includes discussion with detective from Sacramento Valley High Tech Crimes Task Force, 1:30 - 3 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-7388.

Music, Nolan and the Last Action Heroes, indie pop, noon, Serra Plaza. (916) 278-6997.

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Sundays. Playwrights’ Theatre, Shasta Hall. $15 general/$8

students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com. Performances April 22-25, 29-30 and May 1-2.


Opera, Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute), by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, directed by CSUS professor Lynn Stradley, 8 p.m., University Theatre, $15 general/$10 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com. Performances April 22-25, 29-30 and May 1-2.

Music, Carvd’are Brass Quintet with CSUS Horn Choir and composers Gwyneth Walker and Mary Lou Newmark, 8 p.m., Capistrano Hall 131. (916) 278-5155.

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