A new report by a CSUS researcher and the Community Services Planning Council features a series of GIS maps which graphically depict local challenges such as pockets of poverty, low-performing schools and imbalances in government services. The goal is to help community leaders meet future needs in the eight counties of the Greater Sacramento Region (El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba). The report, “A Regional View of Social Disparities,” was produced by CSUS public policy professor Rob Wassmer and the Community Services Planning Council, with assistance from a grant from the Great Valley Center. It features 44 maps—supported by tables and other references—that help leaders see the region’s social and economic disparities. “Different jurisdictions in the region face different health and human service needs, and have varying levels of resources to address those needs,” Wassmer says. Ongoing population growth, for instance, means greater demands for new infrastructure. We’ll need $400,000 new housing units, and that could consume nearly half a million acres of land currently in agricultural production. Policies to address these regional challenges are unlikely to be accomplished through local jurisdictions working alone.” Some highlights from the report include: • Population in the eight-county Region is expected to grow from 2.84 million in 2000, to 4.27 million by 2025 (about 50 percent) See DISPARITIES, Page 4 Convocation honors year’s top graduates CSUS will recognize its top graduates at the annual Honors Convocation, 3 p.m., Sunday, May 2 in the University Union Ballroom. Nearly 40 students, selected by their department, will be recognized with the University’s Academic Achievement Award for academic excellence, leadership and contributions to campus. The seven recipients of the Outstanding Senior Award, one from each college, will also be announced at the event. A reception for the honorees and their guests will follow. More than 900 CSUS students are graduating during the 2003-04 academic year. Spring commencement ceremonies will be held on campus May 21-22. This year’s Academic Achievement Award recipients include: College of Arts and Letters Terri L. Galetto, Art, Cum Laude Heather J. Mundell, English, Summa Cum Laude Anne Goff, French, Cum Laude Elizabeth A. Young, Humanities, Summa Cum Laude Jamie E. Kumpf, Theatre of Arts (Theatre), Cum Laude Kara M. Rogers, Theatre of Arts (Dance), Magna Cum Laude Michelle B. Bloomer, Theatre of Arts (Special Major), Magna Cum Laude College of Business Administration Benjamin Solon, Accounting, Summa Cum Laude David G. Huang, Management, Summa Cum Laude Jennifer A. Howl, Management Information Science, Magna Cum Laude Jennifer M. Romey, Organizational Behavior and Environment, Cum Laude See HONORS Page 2 Inside this week: Cap? Check. Gown? Check. Diploma? Not yet. 4 Athens Prep—In Greek garb circa 776 B.C., an actor from the Berkeley-based troupe Murder on the Menu plays the part of Ajax, a judge at the Ancient Olympics, for a group of sixth-graders in a presentation on Olympic History in the Library last week. The event, along with Olympic-themed displays in the Library and the upcoming CSUS Showcase of exhibitions, performances, concerts and lectures from June 19 to July 18, celebrat es the University’s hosting of the U.S. Olympic Team Track and Field Trials in July. Photo by Steve McKay Former astronaut Ride talks science with girls Space is for girls. And so is medicine, and engineering, and chemistry. That’s the message Sacramento Region’s fifth- through eighth-graders will get from astronaut Sally Ride when CSUS hosts the Sally Ride Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16 in and around the University Union. The event will feature an address by Ride, the first American woman to orbit the earth, at 12:45 p.m. along with dozens of workshops by female science professionals. Teachers and parents can attend an adult track of workshops on topics such as hands-on science. There will also be a street fair featuring booths, exhibits, food, music and a drawing for prizes, and the TOYChallenge regional showcase, a toy- and game-design competition for middle-school students. The event is presented by Imaginary Lines, an organization founded by Ride to support girls and young women who are, or might become, interested in science, math and technology. The cost for the festival is $18 in advance and $25 at the door and includes all festival events, lunch and materials. Scholarships are available. To register and for more information visit www.sallyridefestivals.com or call (800) 561-5161. Photo by Steve McKay Keeping campus on a safe path While others may enjoy the tall trees and manicured greenery as they stroll across campus, Mike Christensen is ever on the lookout for potential dangers of any kind. That may sound obsessive but Christensen’s job to be obsessive. As the director of environmental health and safety at CSUS, Christensen and his staff regularly tour campus in search of anything that could be a potential safety threat to students, staff or visitors. The department has two main areas of responsibility, preventing accidents and ensuring compliance with local, state and federal law. Among these duties, employee safety training is the one Christensen believes in most strongly. “I believe having good information about safety is incredibly valuable,” he said. “Not just for yourself at work but also for your family and in your home.” The key to avoiding accidents and injuries is avoiding hazards, according to Christensen. For that reason, the department asks that all potential hazards, such as those identified through “near-miss” accidents, be reported. Near misses, such as a stubble over an exposed spring head that does not result in injury, are part of the intricate science of risk reduction. Risk-reduction analysis is one of the health and safety office’s major responsibilities. The effectiveness of the department is evident in the relatively few serious accidents and injuries on campus. The small number of injuries is especially remarkable considering that the campus community consists of more than 30,000 students and employees. Overall, the total number of accidents was down from 183 in 2003 to 174 in 2003. The amount of worker compensation costs was also down last year from about $671,000 in 2002 to about $636,000 in 2003. Of the 315 employee injuries reported between fall semester 2002 and March 2004, more than 60 were listed as sprains, strains or cuts. Other injuries included bruises, blisters, bites, burns, dislocations and abrasions. The most commonly injured body part reported by campus employees was the back, at 25. Of the 109 injuries involving students during this period, the finger was the most commonly injured body part at about 20. See SAFETY, Page 2 Report highlights wide disparities in Region
BARBARA KEYES, history, published an article titled “Spread- ing Peace, Democracy, and Coca- Cola: Sport and American Cultural Expansion in the 1930s,” in the April issue of Diplomatic History. She recently presented a paper titled “The Origins of Cold War Sport: Diplomacy: The U.S. Government and the Olympic Games, 1932- 1956” at the annual conference of the Organizational of American Historians in Boston. She also recently gave a public lecture on the “Americanization of the Olympic Games” at the Newberry Library in Chicago.

RAFAEL ESCAMILLA, physical therapy, gave a presentation titled “Biomechanics and Pathomechanics of the Throwing Shoulder and Elbow: The Injury Mechanism” at the 2003 annual conference of the Cali- fornia Physical Therapy Association, and had a mini-symposia titled “Biomechanics of Lower Extremity Functional Exercise: Rehabilitation and Neuromuscu- lar Considerations” accepted for presentation at the 51st annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine in India- napolis in June. The abstract will be published in Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise. Escamilla also had a paper titled “Pitching Biomechanics as a Pitcher Approaches Fatigue During a Simulated Baseball Game” accepted for inclusion in the proceedings for the 5th Engi- neering of Sport Conference, at UC Davis in September.

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The CSUS Bulletin welcomes submissions to the Professional Activities Section from faculty, administrators, and staff. Items are run on a space available basis. They should be no longer than 75 words, and may be sub- mitted to bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5290.

Gregory Mark and James Sobredo, ethnic studies, made a presenta- tion about the ethnic studies department’s partnership with Hiram Johnson High School and Wilson C. Wood Middle School at the Western Region Campus Compact Consortium’s seventh annual Continuous Service Conference in San Diego. In addition, Mark had an article on “Oakland Chinatown’s First Youth Gang: The Stony Sing Boys” chosen to be included in Understanding Contemporary Gangs in America.

TIMOTHY FONG, ethnic studies, had an article titled “Epidemics, Racial Anxiety and Community Forma- tion: Chinese Americans in San Francisco” published in the journal Urban History. Fong also served as a chair and discussant on a panel, “Restoring Asian America: History. The Pioneer Scholar- ship of Him Mark Lai” at the Association of Asian Ameri- can Studies annual conference in Boston.

FRANCIS YUEN, social work, was a guest editor a recent special issue of Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation titled “International Perspectives on Disability Services: The Same But Different.”

Only four visitors to campus reported injuries over this period. Most of the staff injuries, 56 percent, occurred to employees working in the facilities manage- ment department. Only two of the 174 accidents or injuries reported in 2003 involved faculty. These numbers take into account all injuries reported on campus, with the exception of athletic injuries sustained during sporting events. Injuries involving employees of private vendors or contractors working on campus are also not included by CSIS.

Christensen, who has also worked as a safety director for other state and private agencies, can tell stories of workplace accidents at other sites. What bothers him most is that the majority of these incidents could have been avoided if proper safety training and pro- cedures had been followed. Christensen reminds those who continue to question mandatory training an unnecessary incon- venience to think of their friends and family in the workplace.

“Do you want your child or someone you love in a work environment where they might be unknowingly exposed to a situation that could forever change or end their lives?” he asks. “That is what safety training is designed to prevent. Know your rights and your responsibilities. Nobody should care more about your personal safety than you.”

In accordance with state and federal laws, all CSUS employ- ees are required to complete emergency action training and injury and illness prevention training. Both programs, along with a range of other information, are available online at the department’s website at www.ehs.csus.edu. Employees may be required to complete additional training, depending on their job duties. The failure to ensure employ- ees complete required training programs can result in govern- ment fines. All fines are paid by the specific campus department responsible for the violation. The laws pertaining to health and safety on campus are exten- sive, especially when it comes to issues involving hazardous mate- rials. “The campus is essentially treated like a small municipality located along a river,” Chris- tensen said. “While these laws make Chris- tensen’s job more challenging, he believes in the need for strict environmental laws.

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**Talk marks five decades of ‘Brown v. Board’**

On May 17, 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the case of “separate but equal” doctrine of school segregation in the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education. At 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, in the University Union Ballroom, esteemed racial justice expert Christopher Edley, Jr., recently named dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law, will discuss the effects of the decision five decades hence in his talk “Brown v. Board: 50 Years Later.”

A Harvard Law School professor since 1981, Edley helped create The Civil Rights Project at Harvard to focus attention on current issues of racial justice. He is currently serving as a six-year-term as a member of the bipartisan U.S. Civil Rights Commission, is a member of the Task Force of the Common School Law, and has served on the National Commission on Federal Election Reform, a blue-ribbon group led by former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

Edley formerly served as special counsel to President Bill Clinton and as director of the White House Review of Executive Action. From those experiences, he wrote his book Not All Black & White: Affirmative Action, Race and American Values, and is now working on a new book on the Clinton administration’s record on racial justice that also analyzes the future prospects of the racial justice movement.

The lecture is sponsored by the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. For more information, call 278-6516.

**Community service on display**

Student and faculty engagement in the community will be honored with a pair of events on Tuesday, May 4 in the University Union Redwood Room.

The first, the Service Learning Expo, will feature displays about community service projects by various students and classes. The second will be the presentation of the University’s first Outstanding Community Service Awards and the first Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service.

The Service Learning Expo, presented by the community collaboration office, begins at noon and continues to 3 p.m.

It will feature poster displays by 14 professors who have used service learning in their teaching. They’ll show how student service activities enhance classroom learning.

There will be information on how faculty can develop service learning projects and how to find community partners, as well as details about upcoming service learning workshops.

The community collaboration office currently works with about 40 faculty each year and with six different Colleges. Some 1,700 students are involved in projects with about 70 community organizations. Projects range from helping nonprofit groups with computer applications to a regional quality of life survey to mentoring and tutoring.

From 3 to 5 p.m., the service learning displays will serve as a backdrop for an event honoring faculty for involvement in the community.

The new Outstanding Community Service Awards may be given every year to one faculty member from each of the seven Colleges, and to one non-instructional faculty member. It recognizes outstanding community service during the prior five years.

The 9th annual Summer Institute for Community Service will be given to one faculty member each year in recognition of long-term, significant and enduring contributions to the community over a decade or more.

Terrance Thomas, the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for Community Service, is the longtime director of the Academic Talent Search program, which offers challenging and fun classes on campus to about 1,800 middle school students each year.

Those to be honored with Outstanding Community Service Awards are:

- Ronald Wendt, communications administration
- Noreen Kelleigh, teacher education
- Scott Modell, kinesiology and health science
- Ronald Coleman, biological sciences
- David Covin, government

For more information, contact the Faculty Senate office at 278-6593 or the community collaboration office at 278-4610.

**Ballet showcases local talent**

The Sacramento Ballet is joining forces with CSUS to present Modern Masters, a collection of dance performances showcasing eclectic, cutting-edge works and more traditional pieces.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6 and at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8, followed by a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 9. All will be in the University Theatre in Shahta Hall.

Several pieces by local choreographers will be featured including one by CSUS instructor and Sacramento Ballet artist Nolan T’Sani. T’Sani’s work, “Elements,” is set to the middle-eastern influenced music of Peter Gabriel.

Other performances include works by current and former Sacramento Ballet artists, Jared Nelson’s “In the Musicals” contains compositions by singer Bjork, nominated for her work in the movie “Dancer in the Dark.” Amy Stewart will present “Lessness,” a performance inspired by an emotional conversation with a woman whose son is overseas for the United States military.

New choreographer Sunchai May presents an energetic work called “Unaired Programs.” And the set will be rounded out by a more traditional performance – the Sacramento Ballet’s interpretation of George Balanchine’s “Allegro Brillante.” First presented in 1956 by the New York City Ballet, “Allegro Brillante” is set to Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s Third Piano Concerto.

Tickets are $28 general admission and $19 for students and children. Tickets can be purchased through the CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4332 or at Tickets.com 766-2277.

**Singing CSUS**

A roundtable panel discussion, “From Crisis to Catastrophe: Saving the CSU,” will be presented by the California Faculty Association at noon on Wednesday, April 28 in Shahta Hall’s Playwright’s Theatre.

The question-and-answer discussion will focus on the state budget and the future of the CSU system. Panelists will include Phil Angelides, state treasurer; Arianna Huffington, writer and columnist; John Travis, CPA president and Ricardo Torres, director of the Educational Opportunity Program at CSU.

Jim Chopyak, president of CSUS, will serve as moderator. The free event will be followed by a reception.

Details: Jane Kerlinger at 278-6196 or (925) 214-2478.

**Conflict resolution**

A two-hour workshop on conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation skills will be offered June 14-18 at CSUS during the 9th annual Summer Institute.

Trainers for the courses will be CSUS criminal justice professor Ernest Uwaisie, attorney and dispute resolution theorist Daniel Yarnold and Thelma Johnson, an expert in cross-cultural communication. Topics to be covered will include conflict theory and practice, consensus building, ethics in mediation and cross-cultural communication techniques.

Registration fee is $500, which includes a course manual, course materials and three lunches. Workshop location and other details will be given upon receipt of registration. Certificates will be given at the completion of the workshop.

Details: 278-6282 or uwaiisie@csus.edu.

**Putting Luck to Work**

CSUS professor Al Levin and student John Krumholz will talk about their new book, Luck Is No Accident, at the end-of-semester banquet of Chi Sigma Sigma, the counseling education student group.

The event will be at 4:45 p.m., Saturday, May 1 in the University Center Restaurant in the University Union. Autographed copies of the book will be available for $15.

Advance tickets are required. Chapter members who have paid spring dues may obtain a free ticket, and tickets for nonmembers are $25. Contact: chisigma-sigma_pres_csus@yahoo.com or jkhallingle@hotmail.com.

**Hungry, Latino-Style**

Original Latin Kings of Comedy alumni Joey Medina will headline the CSUS Latino Festival on Thursday, April 29 in the University Union Ballroom.

Also appearing, all the way from Travis Air Force Base, will be Dennis Gaxiola along with Southern California’s Gilbert Esquivel.

Tickets are $10 general, $7 CSUS students and are available at the CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4332 and at Tickets.com.

For more information, call (916) 278-6997.
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Population growth is expected to occur at the fringe of existing population centers. In 25 years, current densely populated areas will be larger.

Public schools with high standardized test scores (a 700 on the API) are nearly all in placer and El Dorado counties, and the northernmost corner of Sacramento County. There are some pockets of high achieving schools in southern San Joaquin, Sutter and Yuba counties.

Persons between age 65 and 64 have increased nearly 21 percent in the last 10 years, and the group of people 85 or older has grown by nearly 60 percent. The percentage of seniors will grow from 11 to 33 percent in the next 50 years—an “age wave.”

There is rich ethnic diversity in some county pockets, but only San Joaquin and Sacramento counties have a race/ethnicity distribution as diverse as the state as a whole. K-12 students who are English language learners are most likely to live in Yolo, San Joaquin or Sacramento counties.

One in four children in a single-parent household in Sacramento County has a parent with no high school diploma. Sacramento County has the highest percentage of single-parent families (31 percent), while the percentage of married parent families is highest in Placer County (80 percent).

Only El Dorado and Placer Counties show personal income greater than the state as a whole. Sutter, Yuba and Yolo counties have higher poverty rates than California as a whole.

Counties with the greatest demand for human services also have the least per-capita tax revenue. The more affluent and sparsely populated counties tend to generate higher per-capita tax revenue.

The full report can be found in the news release at www.census.gov/news.