Annual Regatta Draws Best of the West

Surprising event becomes an “EVENT!” That’s why fans from nearly 30 universities will flock to the CSUS Aquatic Center this weekend for the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships. Teams representing the best rowers in the west will compete at the University’s Lake Natoma facility from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 12-13.

The championship is one of the largest of its kind. It’s the final regatta of the West Coast collegiate racing season and the winner will move on to the national championships in June.

But as good as the competition is, much of the action takes place on the shore during the weekend. It’s become such a “see-and-be-seen” occasion that a few years back, one university insisted on hosting their tent – even though their school hadn’t sent a team. Another reason for the race’s appeal could be its rey-covered history.

For all of today’s sleek equipment and highly conditioned athletes, rowing has old-school ties. The first American intercollegiate sports competition was a rowing race between Harvard and Yale in 1852. The Boat Race, the legendary Oxford vs. Cambridge rowing regatta, dates back to 1829.

Here in Sacramento, CSUS has been hosting the championships since the early 1980s. Admission to the championships is $6 per day. On-site parking is available for an additional $6.

More information is available by calling the CSUS Aquatic Center at 985-7239.

Hanging with Hackers Puts Tech Crime in Focus

What makes a hacker tick? While other law enforcement professionals theorize about these sneaky techno-pros who can’t resist poking around in other people’s computers, Kall Loper went to the source – the hackers themselves.

“Up until now there’s been a lot of hand-wringing among criminal justice experts about ‘how little we know.’ And they don’t know,” says Loper, a CSUS criminal justice professor.

“Previous research focused on college students, assuming the motivations of students mirrored the motivations of hackers. No one had talked to hackers.”

So Loper did just that, hanging out with hackers through e-mail lists and attending hacker gatherings.

Loper’s interest in computer crime grew out of a college job as a computer system administrator. “I enjoyed it and thought it was a shame I couldn’t do both corrections and technology,” he says. Then he hit on the idea to study hacker behavior, which became the basis for his dissertation.

That computer expertise is one reason Loper thinks he’s gotten farther into the workings of the hacker mind than his contemporaries. “Having the technical background helps,” he says. “There is a technological limit you can get to with hackers. They get a sense of how much a person knows, and once they get a sense that a person is over their head, hackers just stop responding.

“I take a different approach than others in criminal justice. I can ‘talk the talk’ while still being a social scientist. I actually share their appreciation of hacking and the joy of discovery, too.”

Since moving to Sacramento in the fall Loper has met with members of both the law enforcement and hacker communities. “One night I went right from meeting with local high-tech crime specialists to having pizza with hackers,” he says.

When he meets with the hackers he makes no secret of what he’s up to and even hands out his business card. “I feel privileged to be accepted. I belong in the group,” Loper says. “But I’m not shy about telling them who I am and what I do. I give out my business card. I have to – for research ethics.”

It’s something he learned in a previous job at a correctional facility. “I picked it up in my prison work. When they knew where I stood, they had no problem with me,” he says.

Keeping seniors and caregivers healthy and informed is the focus of the first-ever Longevity Fair at CSUS. The free event will be from 1 to 4 p.m., Friday, May 11 in the University Union Ballroom.

Booths will offer balance testing, home safety information, details on legislation affecting seniors, wellness seminars and material on community resources available to seniors and caregivers. Robert MacLaughlin, chief deputy director of the California Department of Aging, will give opening remarks.

The fair is part of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded program, administered by the CSUS gerontology department, to educate Sacramento-area seniors and caregivers.

A survey conducted in the fall helped shape the longevity fair and formed the topics for a series of monthly informational radio spots on Capital Public Radio. Nationwide, nearly 25 percent of households are involved in caring for an older person.

For more information, call 278-6525.
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 faxed to 278-5290.

In the News

Akar Duane, kinesiology and health science, appeared on cable television channels 17 and 73 on March 10-12 talking about “Tobacco Use or Health.” The 30-minute program was hosted by Ayad Al-Qazaz, sociology.

Bob Curry, emeritus economics, had his recent university lecturing tour in Hanoi, Danang and Ho Chi Minh City covered extensively in the Saigon Economic Times, a national Vietnamese publication.


Scholarship

Monica Freeman, Office of Global Education, and Horendus Studios, English, presented “The Effects of Technology on Study Abroad Participants” at the Phi Delta Honor Society for International Scholars’ 15th annual conference in Montreal in April. At the conference, the CSUS chapter was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter for the Western Region and the overall Outstanding International Chapter.

Thomas F. Strasser, humanities and religious studies, and history, presented a paper, “Storage and States in Minnion Society,” to the Central Indiana Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America. In addition, he was awarded a CSUS Research and Creative Activity Monetary Grant to continue his research on stone axes at Knossos, Greece.

Mary Breunig, environmental studies, presented a paper titled “Consensus Rule-Making: A New Paradigm for Regulatory Policy?” at the Western Social Science Association conference April 18-21 in Reno, and was chair of the panel on environmental decision-making.

Bob Curry, emeritus economics, will have the following research published: “Globalization, Distribution and Property in Vietnam” in ASEAN Perspectives; “Teaching About Economic Transition in Southeast Asia” in Education About Asia; and various books reviews in Pacific Affairs, Journal of Third World Studies, ASEAN Economic Bulletin and Singapore Economics Review.

Dr. Dwight Freund, computer science, had some of his original compositions included in the anthology Hard-to-Solve Cryptograms published by Sterling Publishing. He also recently invented a game that was included in Super Party Games also published by Sterling.

Larry Chase, communication studies, Shirena Macias, Office of Community Collaboration, and Megan Story, Associated Students, presented “Service Learning: A Practitioners’ Panel.”

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Mary Petersen and Mina Bays, from the Office of Community Collaboration, came to Sacramento from the Northern California chapter of the California Public Health Association. They were recognized as the Outstanding Chapter of the American Public Health Association in Prescott, Ariz. on April 25-27. Their presentation was “Central Auditory Processing Disorders: A View From The Trenches.”


Celeste Roseberry-McKibbin, speech pathology and audiology, presented “Service Delivery to Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students: Reflection for the New Century” to the Urban Renewal Project in Medford, Conn. in March.

CISCO BUILDING NETWORKING LAB FOR CSUS STUDENTS

With nearly $100,000 in equipment and the promise of ongoing technical and financial support, Cisco Systems has established a new networking lab at CSUS.

The lab is the first large gift to the University from San Jose-based Cisco, an industry leader in networking for the Internet. It is the result of a detailed networking proposal submitted by computer science professors Dick Smith and Isaac Ghansah.

The new lab will allow students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science to get their hands on fast new wireless networks and the most current networking technology. For the first time, students will be working on a network entirely separate from the University’s, allowing them a greater chance to experiment and try new applications.

If students manage to create more problems than they can resolve, Cisco engineers will be able to log on and help from their San Jose offices.

The network in the new lab is the size of one typically used in small-to-medium-sized businesses, and allows access to as many as 150 users at once.

Students are able to access it 24 hours a day or log in from off-site computers.

At the fourth annual Continuums of Service Conference held at UC Berkeley, April 25-27.

Carole Mayer, speech pathology and audiology, was a featured speaker at the Arizona Speech and Hearing Association in Prescott, Ariz. on April 28. Her presentation was “Central Auditory Processing Disorders: A View From The Trenches.”

New Face

Jian-Zhong “Joe” Zhou

joined the CSUS faculty.

“IT’s unusual to find books written by librarians since they commonly write book reviews and bibliographies. However, I’ve seen bibliographies by my CSUS library colleagues that are more than the average length of a book,” says Zhou.

His works include six peer-reviewed journal articles in the past five years about information technology and libraries and over 100-page bibliographies such as Research Bibliography of the Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy Sinica. Zhou was also profiled in The Directory of American Scholars, which is a biographical reference to social sciences and humanities scholars in North America.

Zhou graduated from Beijing Normal University with a bachelor’s degree in physics and received his master’s degree in library science from Dominican University in Illinois. He also received a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Delaware.

Aside from the books, Zhou enjoys spending time with his three sons. He gives them piano lessons and often takes them to the Western Railroad Museum and parks. Zhou’s interests also include playing the accordion and badminton, a sport he played competitively while in Delaware.

Bulletin Board

The division of nursing will hold a retirement reception for Claudia Bays, Susan Petersen and Mina Robbins from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, May 17 in the University Union Lobby Suite. In lieu of gifts, donations can be made to the Nursing Annual Fund.

RSVP by May 11 to 278-6714.
Summer Means Fun for Kids at the University

Many of the programs below are affiliated with CSUS, and some are run by independent groups using campus facilities. A number of programs still have openings for this summer. Some have eligibility restrictions or deadlines to apply.

### Learning Programs
- **Academic Talent Search** 7750 College Town Dr., Suite 101 278-7032
- **Capitol Center MESA** 7750 College Town Dr., Suite 205 278-4575
  - *Summer Enrichment Program* (June 18 - July 20)
  - *Middle School Discover Math Program* (June 25 – July 27)
  - For grades 7-12

### Recreational Programs
- **Aquatic Center at Lake Natoma**
  - 1901 Hazel Ave. 985-7239
  - 985-7312 fax
  - www.csusaquaticcenter.com
- **Creative Kids – Kids on Campus**
  - For grades 2-7
  - 858-1759
- **Nature Rangers**
  - For grades K-3
  - Children’s Center 278-6216
- **National Youth Sports Program**
  - 278-7304 or 278-6237
  - Applications at CSUS, Solano Hall room 3002

### Science Adventures – Space Camp
- For grades K-6
  - (800) 472-4362
  - www.scienceadventures.com

### Girls Soccer Camp
- (July 15 - 20)
  - 278-6348

### Boys Soccer Camp
- (July 30 – Aug. 10)
  - 278-6769

### CSUS Sports Camps
- Sessions on soccer, tennis, softball, basketball, swimming or gymnastics
- Arts and crafts
- Nontraditional games (Ultimate Frisbee and more)

### CSUS Athletics at 278-6348

### WAVE Camp
- For children with disabilities
  - Scott Modell at 278-5041

### Region Institute Issues Reports

The Capital Region Institute, a partnership of local colleges and universities, released two documents last week designed to help Capital Region leaders address growth and quality of life issues. The first was a large-format map illustrating growth in the Sacramento area since 1900, which also identifies land reserved and not available for urbanization. The second was a collection of articles by academic experts, ranging from urban sprawl to telecommunications. They include an article on sprawl by Robert Wassmer and an article on approaches to solving regional problems by Robert Waste, both of the CSUS Department of public policy and administration.

The CRI is a partnership among Valley Vision and the Capital Region’s institutions of higher education - CSUS, UC Davis, the Los Rios Community College District, Sierra College and Yuba College. Its purpose is to allow these organizations to work together to identify applied research resources to address regional growth and quality of life issues. The work is done to help the region’s policymakers deal with the difficult challenges that come with growth.

### The following are summer youth programs at CSUS and contact numbers for registration or additional information.

- **High School Discover Math**
  - For grades 7-8
  - (June 25 - July 27)
  - (800) 472-4362
  - www.scienceadventures.com

- **Middle School Discover Math**
  - For grades K-3
  - (June 18 - July 20)

- **Summer Enrichment Program**
  - For grades 3-6

- **Summer Youth Programs at CSUS Summer 2001**

### Reception for Retiring Employees
- CSUS President Donald R. Gerth and the senior administrative staff will host a reception honoring retiring University employees from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 23 in the University Union Ballroom.

### Top Student-Athletes
- The male and female Student-Athletes of the Year will be announced at a special reception in the Hornet Bookstore at 3 p.m., Thursday, May 10.

### Just the FAQs
- The Academic Advising Center has compiled answers to advising questions that are often asked by students. A limited number of print editions are available, and a version that will be continually updated is on the Web at www.csus.edu/acad/faq.htm. More information is available at 278-6351.
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