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University Honors Year’s Top Student, Athletes

Each spring outstanding students are honored for their work in the classroom, in athletics and in the community.

This year’s Outstanding Senior Award honoree is Courtney Fea. The year’s Male Athlete of the Year is Ricky Ray and the Female Athlete of the Year is Alicia Weber.

Fea was named Outstanding Senior for her academic excellence, leadership and contributions to campus. The award was presented at the Honors Convocation on May 6.

Fea volunteers extensively, including three years as a mentor in the Sutter Community Hospital PhoneFriends program, which creates guidelines to help children resolve problems. She worked as an accredited research assistant for the Jane Goodall Institute and served as a keeper-aid for the Sacramento Zoo, where she collected data on chimpanzees and worked as an advocate for endangered animals. The psychology major received numerous scholastic honors and is a member of Golden Key National Honor Society, Psi Chi and Alpha Chi Omega.

— Photo by Laurie Hall

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Pop-up Book Exhibit

Bursts With Vivid Images

Some art exhibits grab your attention, but Maria Winkler’s latest exhibition literally pops out at you. Her collection of pop-up books, dating back several centuries, is on display at CSUS from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the library’s archives room.

According to Winkler, an art professor at CSUS, pop-up books are creative, three-dimensional works of art that defy age limitations.

“I started collecting pop-up books about two years ago because I found them to be such a wonderful art form. The quality of the illustrations are so intricate,” she said. “I really admire the paper engineers for their inventive and creative styles.”

Aside from being an art form, pop-up books increase a reader’s interest with the use of revolving

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Distance Ed Choices Gaining in Popularity

Driven by the increased popularity of Web-based classes, the number of CSUS students in distance education classes is growing rapidly.

There’s now more than 2,400 students taking distance classes, up from about 1,200 just three years ago. Roughly half are taking Web-based courses and half are taking video-based classes, which use cable television, satellites and related technologies.

And the number seems nearly certain to continue growing, with more professors every year enrolling in campus workshops that teach the basics of online instruction. Students have also proven very willing to take the classes, which was far from a certainty when the University offered its first Web-based class in 1997.

This semester, there are 30 Web-based classes, with 36 scheduled for fall 2001. In addition, hundreds of other traditional classes have accompanying web pages.

“Students’ abilities to use technology to access information are much improved from five years ago,” notes Rose Leigh Vines, the CSUS director of distance and distributed education. “For many, the accessibility and convenience fits their busy lifestyle, and they still feel they’re getting the same quality education.

“In addition, many of our faculty are finding that the medium really complements teaching,” Vines says. “The Web certainly won’t work for every class, and faculty need to make that determination. But many of them are finding it increases their interaction with students through e-mail and online discussion, and that it can help keep students involved.”

Vines says senior faculty members seem particularly interested in developing online courses. She says newer professors may be too wrapped up in developing their classes to also spend the time learning to teach those classes on the Web – though many opt for a supplemental class web page.

For campus planners, growth in distance education couldn’t have come at a better time.

Despite ongoing construction during the last decade and plans for numerous new buildings in the next few years, keeping pace with enrollment pressures has become more difficult.

The large generation of “Echo Boomers” is reaching college age. They’ve already helped push the University’s enrollment up by more than 1,000 each of the last two years and given the campus its two largest freshmen classes. Within the decade the University’s enrollment, now at 25,700, could top 30,000. Because students are willing to take some distance education classes, that will ease the pressure.

To meet faculty needs in developing Web-based classes, University Computing and Communications Services has created a five-person technical support team dedicated to online classes. They also refer faculty to University Media Services for additional help with instructional graphics, audio, video and more.

UCCS offers informal classes every Friday afternoon, as well as workshops and ongoing classes throughout the year. There are three levels of training, ranging from the basics of Web design to full use of WebCT, the software that helps manage everything including class content, communication, online quizzes and grade tracking.

“Our whole effort is to empower faculty to use the technology we have available,” says Linda Downing, manager of user services at UCCS.

“They can pick and choose the pieces they want. Some put together full classes, and some just want something like online testing. Another good thing about the training sessions is bringing a group of faculty together, so they can learn from one another and share ideas.”


— Frank Whitlatch

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TOP HONORS – Psychology major Courtney Fea received the Outstanding Senior Award at last week’s Honors Convocation. She is among about 5,000 students who will graduate from CSUS during the 2000-01 academic year, and one of 839 to graduate with honors. Spring commencement ceremonies are set for May 25-26 at Arco Arena.

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The Office of the Attorney General in San Francisco designated a gang expert by the Office of the Attorney General of Illinois. One of the gang experts, Dr. John Suter, a consultant to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, designated a gang expert by the Illinois Attorney General, will join the Sacramento gang task force.

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Professor Tackles ‘Digital Divide’ for White House

Last spring, CSUS communications professor Donald Taylor had a calling — from the White House. As part of his sabbatical experience, Taylor was invited to assist the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy on various issues surrounding the “digital divide.”

“The ‘digital divide’ is the gap between those who have, and those who do not have, information technology,” Taylor says. “The gap is an issue affecting those illustrations later influenced my artwork as an adult.”

Students selected to study abroad for the 2001-2002 academic year. The reception will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on May 17 in the University Union Foothill Suite. Study abroad alumni are encouraged to attend and share their knowledge with the students. RSVP to the Office of Global Education at 278-6866 or in Lassen 2304.

Jazzed Up for Spring

The Jazz-ee Dance Company’s spring shows at 8 p.m., May 9 and 19 in Solano Hall. The shows, “Experience This,” will feature five pieces choreographed by CSUS dance students Martha Dominguez, Rita Clark, Michelle Horner, Cami Bettencourt and Johnathan Cameron. Filled with innovation and variety, the program will include a variety of dance styles as well as recorded music from artists such as Jurassic 5, the Beatles, Abba, Enya and others.

The Jazz-ee Dance Company is a student organization run under the artistic direction of CSUS dance professor Dale School. Tickets are $12 general, $10 for students and $8 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4323.

AFROTC Parade, Open House

The University’s Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps will hold a military parade and open house at the University Union on Thursday, May 17. The parade will be at Hornet Stadium at 3 p.m. with guest seating at 7:45. The parade will include a command ceremony and pass in review of cadets, and will conclude with a military aircraft flyover.

Additional Authors

The CSUS Bulletin’s recent listing of new works by faculty authors should also have included Paul McGinnis’ and Arthur Williamson’s book George Buchanan: The Political Poetry (2000).

More information about the exhibit call 278-6144.

— Heather Robinson

“Crouching Tiger”

Oscar winner of best original score and best foreign language film, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon will be screened on campus at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 17 at Joe Serna, Jr. Plaza

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon is a martial arts romance in which fight sequences alternate with passionate yet gravity-defying fight scenes combine with a stellar cast, including Asian superstars Michelle Yeoh and Chow Yun-Fat, and newcomers Chang Chen and Zhang Ziyi. The film is directed by Ang Lee. The CSUS martial arts club will give a demonstration prior to the film screening. Details: 278-6997.

Reception for Study Abroad Students

The Office of Global Education will host a reception to honor the CSUS students who do not have, information technology, which slows down their development even more, Taylor points out.

“Africa, in particular, is deficient in technologies such as satellite, television and telecommunications,” says Taylor. In that context, computer technology is even further out of reach.

Information is power. Power goes to those who have the advantage in distribution, processing and storing information,” Taylor says. “This power is not available for everyone because it is not equally distributed over countries and individuals”.

The digital divide also hits home here in the United States. In his two weeks at the White House, Taylor recommended bridging the gap between those who have the resources and those who do not by identifying critical issues continuing to shape the divide.

He found that ethnic groups differ significantly in terms of access to a computer and use of the Web. Fifty percent of whites, in comparison to 30 percent of blacks, have computers in their homes. Access to computers at work is similar.

He also reported that many minorities are not interested in the Internet because it does not affect or relate to them. But that trend seems to be changing, he says, as more international businesses are becoming involved with the Web.

After his assessment, Taylor advised the Clinton administration to make computers more accessible to the public by placing computers in classrooms, libraries and community centers.

The change of presidency will almost certainly mean changes to the plan to reduce the gap. “I am concerned about the commitment and financial support from the Bush administration, which is leaning more towards privatization,” Taylor says.

Taylor is currently assessing his findings and looks forward to other opportunities to further his research.

— Diane Nguyen

Pop-Up Exhibit

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parts to combine the imaginative power of pictures and story with the manual use of movable parts. The history of pop-up books dates back to the 13th century, but Winkler’s favorites have a 21st century theme.

“I especially like the books from the 1930s and 1940s because they illustrate popular culture images like Mickey Mouse, Dick Tracy and other comics and fairy tales,” Winkler said. “I find these images particularly significant in terms of the illustrations because I found those illustrations later influenced my artwork as an adult.”

For more information about the exhibit call 278-6144.

News Digest

Students Score Big with Bridge

CSUS civil engineering students are heading to the annual Steel Bridge National Competition, which will be held at Clemson University on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26. Each spring, civil engineering students in each of the 21 regions in the United States compete in building bridges to conform to specifications that change each year. Students are judged on how much their bridge weighs (the lighter, the better), how much the bridge says under a specific load, and how fast it can be assembled.

The CSUS team of 12 took second place at the regional competition at UC Davis this year and will meet in South Carolina for the national competition. CSUS competed with eight other universities in the Mid-Pacific Region. Other schools in the Mid-Pacific Region include: CSU Chico, CSU San Jose, CSU San Francisco, CSU Fresno, CSU Humboldt, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, Stanford University, and University of Nevada, Reno. The two winning teams in each region advance to the Nationals.

Last year, CSUS placed second in the regional competition and finished 18th nationally. The American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Institute of Steel Construction sponsored the event. More information is available by contacting Ed Dammel at 278-6983.
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Alicia Weber

Ricky Ray

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