Intern program puts CAMP students in capitol

As California’s Capital University, CSUS has long been a place where students can get practical experience in government while they’re earning a degree.

Now a group of freshmen from the University’s College Assistance Migrant Program are getting into the act. Through a new program started last year called CAMP Scholars, the students are working at internships in the Legislature, district Congressional offices and non-profit organizations.

The students work about 15 hours a week and receive a $2,500 scholarship at the end of the term. They’re also expected to do some before I started this, but now I’m much more interested,” says Claudia Ramos of Watsonville. She spent her first year of college last year interning at the State Capitol in the offices of Assemblyman Simon Salinas. “I really realize now how much the bills being considered can affect me.”

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For Monica Velazquez of Arbuckle, and Juan Mendoza of French Camp, the program was a chance to really understand the adage that “all politics is local.” Velazquez worked in the district offices of Congressmen Doug Ose and Mendoza worked in the district offices of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer. Their work included answering constituent calls and letters, going to community events and searching for media coverage. Jessica Ramirez of Yuba City, meanwhile, got some practical advice for a future career as a lawyer. She has interned in the offices of attorney Omar Gonzalez. “I’ve always known I wanted to be a lawyer,” Ramirez says. “Gonzalez has taught me a lot that isn’t taught in law school – communicating with clients, being polite, seeing different perspectives. It has been a really good experience.”

Students also worked for the United Farmworkers Union, Univision, the State Firefighter Association – even in the office of the past CSUS Associated Students President Eric Guerra. “I want these students to understand they can help the overall community – to know they can be leaders,” says Marcos Sanchez, director of CAMP. “Whatever they learn about politics directly is a plus, but not the main purpose, which is just teaching them that they can be leaders.”

CAMP is a federally funded program that helps first-year students from migrant and seasonal farm worker backgrounds succeed in college. It offers about 80 students each year such services as assistance with housing, academic advising, tutoring – and now, an internship program that helps financially.

“I’ve had this in mind for a long time,” Sanchez says. “It has just been a matter of finding the funding.” The financial breakthrough needed to start CAMP Scholars came from the employers of EdFund and the Hispanic Scholarship Program. Sanchez convinced EdFund employees of the value of the program he was proposing.

Town Hall meetings prompt discussions

Institutional identity, fund raising, budget cuts, community involvement and the potential for a University of Village, classrooms, rentals and camps, and shopping and restaurants. These were all on the minds of faculty, administrators, staff and students who attended the first two scheduled Town Hall meetings President Alexander Gonzalez held last week.

The last scheduled Town Hall meeting will be at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10 in the Union Hinde Auditorium.

The President says the meetings, which he first announced during his Aug. 28 address to the campus community, are to help him open the lines of communication and gather information in order to plan for the University’s future. “This is a campus that has a lot of potential,” he said.

More than one audience member expressed confusion about the name for the campus. Gonzalez acknowledged, “The name of the campus has come up many times – Sac State vs. CSUS vs. the Capital University. We need to decide what we are going to call ourselves.”

“I think branding is a big issue here. I’ve heard it over and over as a way to unify all of these different voices into one and make a common presentation to the community. I hope to get us moving in that direction.”

Gonzalez also asked the crowd about their views on community involvement and in development efforts around the perimeter of the campus. Though the University is not directly involved in the development already underway in Elvas Ave.-65th Street area, he has met with councilmembers to begin a dialogue about future plans. Audience members stressed that affordable housing could help draw new faculty and that a good mix of businesses could attract both students and staff. It was also suggested that development in the adjacent area would help the campus make better use of evening hours.

There were concerns about how to pay for new development, particularly new residence halls on campus which studies have shown would be enormously popular with students. It was also pointed out that with the increase in housing, there would be a

Campus remembrance scheduled for Sept. 11

The second anniversary of the Sept. 11th terrorism attacks on the United States will be commemorated on the campus by the pealing of bells and the playing of taps.

Trumpet players from the music department will be stationed around campus and will play taps four times during the morning for each of the four plans that went down that day.

The bells and trumpets will be played at times which represent the actual east coast times when the events occurred. These will be at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m., when the twin towers were hit, 9:38 a.m. for the Pentagon and 10:06 a.m. for the flight in Pennsylvania.

That evening student organizations are planning a candlelight vigil to be held on the Library Quad at 7:30 p.m.

CSUS Aquatic Center gets new look

When the CSUS Aquatic Center at Lake Natoma opened more than 20 years ago it was a series of metal containers used to house the meager inventory of kayaks, canoes, sailboats and rowing boats. Today, the center is in the midst of a $6 million renovation that will transform it into a top-notch facility fitting of its ranking as one of Rowing News magazine’s “Top 10 places to row.”

In a unique partnership with the California Department of Boating and Waterways and the Cali- Concerrn Department of Parks and Recreation, CSUS Associated Students operates the center and provides recreational classes, rentals and camps, and boating safety courses to students, staff and the general public. In addition, the facility serves as the home to the CSUS water ski and rowing teams, as well as a site for many national-level rowing competitions.

The center will also be the location of this year’s faculty and staff gala at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12. It is located at 1901 Hazel Ave. in Rancho Cordova. Brian Dulgar, operations manager of the Aquatic Center, says that center staff work to provide a good experience for the many different people who use the facility each year. “We want to make sure that everyone from a beginning kayaker to an experienced sailor enjoys their experience here. We cater to all levels of experience,” he says.

The first phase of the expansion was completed last spring and included two boat storage areas, classroom, meeting and locker room facilities, and new docking facilities. Concrete pedestrian walkways,
The University is also on its way to work," Dulgar says. "We have an ambitious plan to complete the renovation — $6 million — and create a more convenient environment for students who come to visit us."

Summer Youth Aquatic Camp, which is called the Center on Lake Natoma.

Besides the die-hard rowing enthusiasts who make up the Center’s core memberships, the Center on Lake Natoma also offers a number of camps for kids, including the popular Summer Youth Aquatic Camp, which serves more than 3,500 kids each summer.

The aquatic center offers instruction in sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing and more. It is open to the general public, and has a number of programs for all levels of experience, including a children’s camp that offers instruction in sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, and kayaking.

Corresponding need to increase student life and campus success is one of the key issues that will be discussed at the CSUS town hall meetings. The audience spoke of the need to educate donors about what the Center on Lake Natoma offers and how it helps the campus community.

The audience also agreed with the idea of having a committee structure and level of competitiveness. He plans to announce the committee members by September 8, 2003.

To address the need for more instantaneous communication with the campus, Gonzalez reiterated his plan to put together a committee to do a review of the program’s organizational structure and level of competitiveness. He also plans to announce the committee members this week.

"It’s everyone’s responsibility. All the donors. One begets the other."
CSUS will host events ranging from traditional folkloric dance to slam poetry in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. The campus events, all free and open to the public, join others nationwide in honoring the achievements of the country’s more than 38 million Hispanics, more than 32 percent of whom live in California, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

A photo exhibit by Sacramento Bee photographer Jose Luis Villegas kicks off the month, opening Monday, Sept. 15 in the University Library. It’s followed the next day by the Celebração del Dia-seis de Septiembre (Sept. 16 Celebration), marking Mexico’s fight for independence, at 11 a.m. in Serna Plaza. The event features an address by Diana Fuentes-Michel, executive director of the California Student Aid Commission.

Also on Tuesday, slam poets Aliza Garcia and Naima Perlman, known as “Climbing Poetree,” present a multimedia performance on the effects of the War on Drugs on the Americas at 2 p.m. in the Hinde Auditorium.

Other events include a presentation by cartoonist Lalo Lopez Alcaraz at noon Monday, Sept. 22 in the Hinde Auditorium, and a performance by the RAICES Ballet Folklorico at noon on Friday, Oct. 3 in the Union Redwood Room. The month closes with a screening of the film Frida, starring Salma Hayek as the Mexican surrealist painter Frida Kahlo, at noon Tuesday, Oct. 14 in the Women’s Resource Center.

For more information call 278-6101 or see the schedule below.

Monday, Sept. 15
Photo exhibit, “Home is Everything,” images by Sacramento Bee photographer Jose Luis Villegas, University Library. 278-6101. Continues to Oct. 15.

Tuesday, Sept. 16
16 de Septiembre Celebration, keynote speech by Diana Fuentes-Michel, music by Los Cenzontles, artwork, food and displays, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Serna Plaza. 278-6997.

Uniting the State of the Americas,” multimedia performance by slam poets Climbing Poetree, 2 p.m., Hinde Auditorium. 278-6401.

Friday, Sept. 19
Concert, Rondalla Guadalupe, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Hinde Auditorium. 278-6101.

Monday, Sept. 22
Lalo Lopez Alcaraz, lecture, noon - 2 p.m., Hinde Auditorium. 278-6101.

Monday, Sept. 29
Exhibit, paintings by Ana Candoit, Union Gallery. 278-6997. Continues to Oct. 4. Reception 4 - 6 p.m., Oct. 1, University Center Restaurant.

Friday, Oct. 3
Performance, RAICES Ballet Folklorico, noon - 12:45 p.m., Union Redwood Room. 278-6101.

Film Festival, Memorias del subdesarrollo (Cuba, 1968), 5 - 7 p.m. and El Infierno Verde (Peru, 1970), 7 - 9 p.m., Riverside Hall 1015. Films subtitled in English. 278-6101.

Saturday, Oct. 4
Film Festival, Cronos (Mexico, 1992) 5 - 7 p.m.; Y tu mama también (Mexico, 2002), 7 - 9 p.m., Riverside Hall 1015. Films subtitled in English. 278-6101.

Thursday, Oct. 9
Concert, Ollin, Latin rhythm and folkloric, noon, Serna Plaza. 278-6101.

Tuesday, Oct. 14
Film, Frida, starring Selma Hayek, noon, Women’s Resource Center. 278-7388.

—Steve McKay

DEBATE DATE CHANGE

The debate among leading gubernatorial candidates in the state’s recall election will now be held on campus Sept. 24, a week later than originally scheduled. The 90-minute debate in the University Union Ballroom will begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the debate are by invitation of the debate sponsors — CSUS and the California Broadcasters Association — and the campus. Attendees must be seated at 5:30. Many CSUS students will be among those in attendance.

The debate is expected to be broadcast by the major networks.

Details: www.csus.edu/news.

CUBA TRIP

A one-week cultural tour of Cuba, sponsored through the CSUS College of Continuing Education, is scheduled for Dec. 28 to Jan. 5.

The trip will include tours of Havana and the Cienfuegos area, including Trinidad. Discussions will be led by school teachers, professors, doctors and other Cuban citizens.

CSUS is licensed for legal travel in Cuba by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The $2,995 tour fee includes roundtrip airfare on Mexican Airlines, bus transfers, Cuban travel visas, all breakfasts, double occupancy lodging, many meals, a one-credit course of interdisciplinary credit.

To reserve a seat, a $550 deposit is due by Oct. 15.

Details: Linda McMann at mcmannl@csus.edu or (916) 278-4534, or Paul Bardwil at pbardwil@aol.com or (916) 386-1957.

WELLNESS CLASSES

A variety of wellness classes for seniors are available this fall at the CSUS Life Center. Classes are held at the historic Julia Morgan House at 3731 St. They include:

• “Senior Fitness for Men,” a new, ongoing class for men 55 and older focusing on cardiovascular, strength, balance and flexibility training. $45 per month.

• “Tai Chi,” an ongoing class on the ancient art of balance, strength, flexibility, relaxation and concentration. $25 per month.

• “Balance and Fall Risk Reduction,” a seven-week, individually programmed course designed to improve balance and mobility. $95 per month.

• “Meditation,” a five-week stress-reduction meditation class. $50 per month.

• “Balance and Strengthening,” an ongoing extension of the fall-reduction course emphasizing strength training. $45 per month.

• “Stretch and Strengthening,” an ongoing course focusing on body mechanics, posture, balance and deep-release techniques to improve overall strength and flexibility. $45 per month.

• “Yoga,” an ongoing class featuring deep-release, deep-breathing and gentle yoga techniques. $25 per month.

• “Strength and Circuit Training,” an ongoing, individually programmed strength and endurance course designed for older adults. $45 per month.

• “Fitness for Life - Exercise for Challenged Older Adults,” an ongoing class designed for seniors with medical challenges, such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure and stroke. $45 per month.

Details: Life Center at 227-5518

Evelyn Bradley-Owens, office manager for the chemistry department, Bradley-Owens has held the same position for about 28 years, but her job has continually grown and developed. She started at the University in September 1972 as a temporary clerical assistant and was promoted two years later to the job she holds today.

“Sac State is a great place to work. It’s because of the continual change—it’s been the same department but not the same job,” says Bradley-Owens. Another reason she has stayed with the department all these years is because of its camaraderie. “The students are my motivation and the department has a family atmosphere and is very close-knit,” she says.

Over the past three decades, Bradley-Owens has seen significant changes at the University and the chemistry department. “We’ve gone from being part of one large college, the College of Arts and Sciences which was later divided into three separate colleges, to part of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. Looking back, I don’t see how they kept up before,” she says.

“Because of the need to generate money now, we solicit donations from the community and they come on campus. The community is helping us out, which is a good thing with the budget the way it is.”

After 30 years on the job, retirement is naturally a consideration for Bradley-Owens. “I’m hoping to retire in a couple of years and if I do, I’ll get involved in social work. I have a degree in criminal justice with an emphasis in juvenile delinquency.”
HIP-HOP HAPPENING

Oakland hip-hop group Hieroglyphics will make a rare concert appearance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18 in the Union Ballroom. Hieroglyphics is an underground rap collective with a distinctly "non-gangsta" approach. Their music combines battle rhyming, freestyling and other hip-hop traditions with an offbeat approach. The concert is presented by UNIQUE programs. Tickets are $12 general and $5 for students and available at the CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4323 or at tickets.com.

Ancestors of Sierra, world music concert, throat singers, folk music and dance, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

CSUS Jazz Ensembles with American River Jazz Band, 7 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. $8 general/$5 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

Women's Soccer vs. UC Santa Barbara, 2:30 p.m., Hornet Soccer Field. $5 general/$4 seniors/$2 children 6-12/free for children under 5 and CSUS students. Tickets at the event. (916) 278-2222.

Men's Soccer vs. UC Santa Barbara, 7 p.m., Hornet Stadium. $5 general/$4 seniors/$2 children 6-12/free for children under 5 and CSUS students. Tickets at the event. (916) 278-2222.

Spanish-American Heritage Month, University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-2836.

Reception, artist Ana Candioti, National Hispanic Heritage Exhibit, paintings by Ana Candioti, Serna Plaza. (916) 278-6997.

Friday, Sept. 22

Miniature Tapestries by D.R. Wagner, exhibit, Design Gallery, Mariposa Hall 4000. Reception 5:30 p.m., Sept. 25. (916) 278-3962. Continues to Oct. 11.

Lalo Lopez Alcaraz, lecture, noon - 2 p.m., National Hispanic Heritage Month, University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-6101.

sunday, sept. 17

As Yet Untitled, rock, noon, Serna Plaza. (916) 278-6101.

sunday, sept. 27

Football vs. Idaho State, 6:05 p.m., Hornet Stadium. $15 reserved/$8 general. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Subcommittee
3 p.m., Executive Committee
3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, University Union Capital Room

Wednesday, Sept. 10

9 a.m., Writing and Reading Subcommittee
3 p.m., GE Course Review Subcommittee

Monday, Sept. 15

2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE)
3 p.m., General Education Policies/Graduation Requirements Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 16

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee
3 p.m., Executive Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.