While the HIV/AIDS rate in India has not reached the staggering levels found in sub-Saharan countries, cultural factors are speeding the disease’s spread, says CSUS social work professor Jude Antonyappan. Unofficial estimates place the number of people with HIV/AIDS in India at 8 million. Of those, it is estimated that 10 to 40 percent are women.

“The numbers are huge considering it’s such a traditional society that dictates and expects women not to engage in sexual activity outside the marital domain,” Antonyappan says. Even more startling is one of the major reasons the disease is on the increase—prostitution among women.

Antonyappan spent five months looking at the problem in South India, paying particular attention to the problem in Kodaiakanal, a resort town in Tamil Nadu. The major industries there—tourism, coffee farming and construction—all of which have a disproportionate number of female workers. High unemployment among men due to the rapid replacement of agricultural land with tourism-oriented industries has made women the sole or primary family breadwinners. When the women cannot make ends meet many are augmenting their income by supplying sexual favors or direct sex work.

While the possibility of being infected with HIV/AIDS is recognized among professional sex workers, women in the general population who resort to prostitution as a sideline are extremely vulnerable, Antonyappan says. They have limited access to health care, and the need to maintain their sex work secret, for fear of ostracism, prevents them from coming in contact with the public health organizations that provide even minimal services. It’s difficult to seek services. And when the women do receive treatment, they get medicine for their symptoms but not for the disease,” she says. “When people learn they’re HIV positive it’s too late.”

There is also a high degree of isolation among affected women. “Sexual promiscuity among men is tolerated but it is not tolerated with women. I’ve heard stories of women who were sent to remote rural parts of India to die,” she says. See AIDS Risk, Page 2

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Colleges host Homecoming open house

CSUS will present a sampling of the variety of opportunities available at the campus during a University-wide open house from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, as part of Homecoming Week activities.

Visitors can learn about everything from art to biology to engineering through demonstrations, displays, tours and even short classes. Highlights include a reception with CSUS President Alexander Gonzalez from 11:15 to 1:45 p.m. on the patio at Sequoia Hall and a presentation by Mark Smith, manager of Hewlett-Packard Laboratories, at 2 p.m. in Riverside Hall 1015. A complete listing follows.

All events are free and open to the public, and free parking is available in faculty, staff and student spaces for the day.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 278-6295 or the individual colleges listed on the schedule below.

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### Open House Schedule of Events Saturday, Oct. 25

**College of Arts and Letters, 278-6502**
- Exhibit, “The Spirit of Contemporary Asian Art,” 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Library Gallery
- Exhibit, “mandalas:mirror:reflections,” 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Else Gallery

**College of Education, 278-6639**
- Presentation, “Title II Equity Network Project,” Pia Wong, professor of bilingual multicultural education, 10:30, Eureka Hall

**College of Engineering and Computer Science, 278-6366**
- Presentation, Mark Smith, manager Hewlett-Packard Laboratories, 2 p.m., Riverside Hall 1015
- Reception, 12:45 - 1 p.m., courtyard, Riverside Hall
- Tour of Riverside Hall, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
- Pre-Game gathering, 4:30 - 7 p.m., Alumni Center

**College of Health and Human Services, 278-7255**
- Meet Dean Marilyn Hopkins, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Union Summit Room

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### Budget highlights for 2003-04

The 2003/2004 state budget crisis has created significant challenges for the University.

The budget began with the University taking a permanent reduction of more than $24 million. Despite this, funding for enrollment growth and large fee increases resulted in the University actually receiving slightly more than $5 million more than it did last year. While CSUS did receive more funds, these were insufficient to cover the increases in some of the University’s mandatory costs such as employee compensation and benefits. However, the campus was able to allocate an additional $1.5 million for new faculty positions.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Washington, D.C. office of the Women’s Resource Center has announced a new initiative to enhance the representation of women in comics. The “Women and Comics: Comic Panel and Expo,” scheduled for October 25, aims to highlight the creative contributions of women in the field, promote diversity and inclusivity, and provide a platform for dialogue and discussion.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Women’s Resource Center at (916) 278-6295. All events are free unless otherwise noted. For a complete events calendar click on www.csus.edu/events.