In fall 1997, 74 percent of CSUS undergraduates were enrolled full-time, meaning they carried 12 or more units.
ANDREW LUCHANSKY, music, was a guest artist at the Apple Hill Chamber Music Festival in New Hampshire in June. In July, he joined other faculty performers from Yale University, the Juilliard School of Music, and the Sverdlov Conservatory in Amsterdam, at the California Summer Music Festival in Pebble Beach, California. Students from throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and South America attended the festival. In August, Luchansky presented a series of masterclasses at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music West. He also was a faculty member at the San Diego Chamber Music Festival which took place at the Scripps College campus in Claremont.

EDITI LEFEBVRE, communication studies, developed and provided organizational training in conflict resolution to four division officers for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in September. The four day-long workshops were held in the Bay Area.

BILL OWEN, communication studies, has been appointed to the editorial board of the national, Quarterly Journal of Speech, for a two year term. He also is serving on the editorial board of the Western Journal of Communication.

ARTHUR WILLIAMSON, history, presented a paper, “Patterns of British Identity: ‘Britain’ and Its Rivals in the 16th and 17th Centuries,” to a conference at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. He then lectured at the University of Aix-la-Provence in Aix-la-Provence, France, the University of Riga in Latvia, and the University of Klaipeda in Lithuania. His research at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland is a book on the Scottish and the Modern World,” will be published at Kielce.

CAROLYN VANCOUVERBERG, counseling, continued her work at the Capitol in Sacramento. Her position as an Assembly Policy Assistant to Assemblyman Curtis R. Tucker. Within six months, she moved to the Capitol floor. As October began, Coaxum then began her legislative career as the assistant to Assemblyman John L. Burton. The four day-long workshops were held in the Bay Area.

P E R E Z - D A V I D S O N , communication studies, presented a paper, “The Role of the Speech Pathologist and OT: $1000 a Day”, in San Diego. She also was a mentor to Senate Associates Program. She has a masters degree in education, speech and language pathology and has worked in the field for many years. She is currently working in the California Department of Health Care Services as an OT.

J O A N  D WORKIN, communication studies, presented “Overcoming Heterosexism and Homophobia: Strategies That Work.” She has a masters degree in communication studies, was profiled in the July-August issue of the American Journal of Nursing. She presented a paper, “Assisting Victims of Hate/Bias Crime,” and for the National Institute of Justice on “Congressional Mandate on Violence Against Women.”

CANDACE GOLDSWORTHY, speech pathology and audiology, presented a paper, “The Erotic Impulse, Thermodynamics, and the Modern World,” will be published at the National Institute of Justice on “Congressional Mandate on Violence Against Women.”

JOAN DWORKIN, and CANDICE PEREZ-HUBBARD, presented “The Professional Activities

Scholarship

With more than 18 years of experience working in the California Legislature, Robbie Lewis-Coaxum knows first hand what the participants in the Assembly Fellowship Program will experience. A former chief consultant in the Legislature, Lewis-Coaxum was the liaison between 27 Assembly standing committees, the leadership staff, and the Assembly floor. As October began, Lewis-Coaxum settled into her new Assembly Fellowship Program. She is now working on the same campus where she began her undergraduate studies. A native of Sacramento, Lewis-Coaxum is familiar with governmental study and the Legislature, and says working in the University partnership is one of the best ways to develop knowledge and experience about public policy.

She says she wants to “enhance an already great program” by extending its community outreach. With the 1998-99 group of Fellows just beginning their 11-month program, Lewis-Coaxum would like all CSU and UC campuses, and all private colleges, to be aware of the excellent opportunities the Californian Assembly Fellowship Program provides. With 18 fellow positions available, she would like a diverse and dynamic group of applicants for next year’s program.

Graduating from the University of California, Davis with a bachelor’s degree, she was a mass communications major with a political science emphasis. Lewis-Coaxum then began her legislative career as the assistant to Assemblyman Curtis R. Tucker. Within six months she advanced into another position as the Assembly Policy Committee consultant and she continued her work at the Capitol until joining the Center for California Studies staff.

She brings with her 18 years of networking contacts, first hand knowledge of the legislative process and her enthusiasm for experiential learning. Lewis-Coaxum says experiential learning provides those interested with the best opportunity to learn about the Assembly and learn the principles and practices of state government.

Lewis-Coaxum lives in Elk Grove with her husband and two sons.

When Daniel Friedlander began his professional career as an Assembly Fellow in 1970, it started him on a 28 year path. Friedlander now has come full-circle. With the start of the fall semester, Friedlander is the new director of the Center for California Studies Senate Associates Program.

The opportunity to work with the program has been what he “has been waiting for.” Friedlander grew up always wanting to do political work and he says his start in 1970 led to many more personally rewarding positions. For the last 10 years he has been a mentor to Senate Associates while working as Chief of Staff to Senator Quentin L. Kopp.

"Learning prepares an individual for his own work," says Friedlander. His work with many of the issues relating to public higher education in the Legislature has kept him learning each day. The Legislature provides an environment in which an Associate can have the opportunity to learn directly about public policy and to explore and learn about their interests in government. As director, Friedlander can draw on his experiences and bring that to the Program. Friedlander was involved in many professional interests before coming to CSUS, but focused most of his attention toward his family. He says, "Now that his children are grown and married, and his work in the Senate is over, the Center for California Studies is his primary focus.

Outside of working in the Senate, he also participated in local government formalized training programs, was seated on the City of Woodland planning commission, and he served on the Yolo County grand jury. He says "it is especially important that elected officials develop an understanding of the laws that govern and the conduct of the public’s business.” Friedlander can now combine experiences from all of his past activities into his current career, and comes to the Center not only as the director of the Senate Associates Program, but as the associate director for Government Affairs as well.

He says he is dedicated to bringing young people into the legislative arena by directing the Associates program, and training newly elected public officials as associate director through several affiliated certificate programs the Center administers. The connection between the Center, CSUS, and the State Capitol is one thing that attracted him to his two new directorial positions. The other attraction to his new position is returning to work on a CSU campus. Friedlander previously was the Associate to the Student at Sonoma State University before his work in the California State Senate. Friedlander is an alumnus of the CSU system, receiving his bachelors of arts in journalism from CSU Los Angeles and then continued on to the University of California, Davis Los Angeles for his masters of arts in speech.
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For many years, he avoided baseball altogether. Then, he became interested in how the media treats these teams that love as “loveable losers,” while being highly critical of other losing teams. He co-wrote with Leah Vande Berg, also a CSUS Sociology professor, an article on the successful 1984 Chicago Cubs (an organization famous for losing) that examined how the sports media privileged certain cultural values (such as winning) in their coverage of the Cubs.

“Doing that article reminded me that part of my identity was defined through baseball, and I discovered that it was possible to participate at a very different level,” Trujillo says. Later, as a professor at Southern Methodist University in Texas, Trujillo wrote about the Dallas Cowboys. He also conducted a two-year study of the culture of Arlington Stadium, interviewing many members of the Texas Rangers baseball franchise, from part-time seasonal workers to the owner, managers and highest paid players.

More inspiration for his course at CSUS has come from attending all but two of the annual conferences on baseball and culture held at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Trujillo was among just 15 scholars who made presentations the first year of the conference.

Even though Trujillo is a sports fan, and especially enjoys baseball, he tells his students to be critical of what they see and hear about sports. For instance, he says people should be “leery” of the demands for stadium money and subsidies that many team owners make on cities.

“We should be one of the first to buy season tickets if Sacramento got a baseball team,” Trujillo says. “But I would probably vote ‘no’ on any referendum to build a ballpark here with tax money. Although I love the game, it is not usually a good investment for a city.”

Trujillo says he hopes his students will make similar judgments about the business of sports while still enjoying the games as fans.

— Frank Whitlatch

Students Help New Students

CSUS has universities such a program that have implemented a telecounseling program are mainly private universities, she adds.

Participation in orientation and priority admissions days has risen, as well as enrollment, says Thiel. The program helps students “who come from far away or if it is inconvenient for them to travel to the university when they have a question. According to Thiel and the telecounselors, there is plenty of good feedback about the program, from both students and parents.

“We want to let students know that we want them to come to the University as much as they want to come,” says Clark.

— Yadira Galindo

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W-2 Form Distribution

Payroll Services reminds all faculty, staff, student assistants and special consultants to make certain that a current mailing address is on file for the distribution of W-2 forms. If needed, a change of address form must be filed in Payroll Services by Dec. 1. The State Controller’s Office charges $7.50 to reissue a W-2 form.

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applicants come from all backgrounds. They receive a monthly stipend of $1,707 and health benefits.

The first program, the Jesse M. Unruch Assembly Fellowship, began in 1957. The Senate program was added in 1972, the Executive program in 1986 and the Judicial program in 1996. The CSUS Center for California Studies began administering the first two programs in 1984 and has since added the final two. Fellows work as full staff members in whatever office they are placed. Because the program has such a long history, they have access to countless former Fellows who now fill government offices.

Many Fellows say the experience was life-changing and a time when they made invaluable personal contacts.

One 1997-98 Senate Fellow, Jason Hughes, was inspired to leave the business world after his time in Senator Tim Leslie’s office. Hughes has a political science degree from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo.

“My ambition was to come to Sacramento, enjoy a year of political life and then return to the business world,” Hughes said. “Now, I have found my home in Sacramento.”

Fellows receive a four-week orientation before beginning their work experience. During that time they are briefed by state leaders, executive department directors, legislative staff, journalists, academics, judges and others.

After interviewing with various offices in which they are interested and being assigned to their position, Fellows continue to meet for weekly sessions. These are coordinated by University faculty and staff, and Fellows receive graduate credit from either the government department or the public policy program.

“Without a doubt, this is the best learning experience I could possibly have undertaken fresh out of college,” said Bobby Elam, a 1997-98 Senate Fellow. The Georgetown graduate worked for Senator Adam Schiff in 1997-98.

Another 1997-98 Senate Fellow, Lisa Chin, was able to focus on issues in which she was highly interested. In Senator Dede Alpert’s office she worked on legislation related to women’s and children’s issues.

Colin Grinnell, on the other hand, focused on policy-making and tried to stay out of the political fray. The CSU Sacramento graduate worked on the Senate Committee on Local Government in 1997-98, becoming an expert on revenue neutrality, a 1993 state law that requires counties not suffer a financial loss when new cities are formed.

The new 1998-99 class of Fellows began their work this fall. Applications for next year’s Judicial Fellows program will be accepted until Jan. 22. Applications for the other three Fellows programs will be accepted until Feb. 17.

More information and application materials are available at (916) 278-6906. — Frank Whittalch