Saturday Scholars get sights set on college

Seventy-five high school students are sacrificing weekends and getting a jump on their futures in the Saturday Scholars Academy, a program providing teenagers with academic enhancement classes specially designed to help them prepare for the rigors of higher education.

The program has grown by more than 30 percent in the past four years and there are several students on a waiting list, attesting to the Academy's popularity. Eric Gravenberg, program founder and associate vice president of student affairs, says being a Saturday Scholar doesn’t guarantee admission to CSUS or any other school. But he says 100 percent of the Scholars from the spring 2002 session have gone on to a college or university. And sixty-four percent of them are currently attending CSUS.

The students, all with personal or social obstacles to overcome, attend specially designed math, English and critical thinking classes several weekends each semester. In order to attend the classes, they must fulfill several requirements. Each student has to be enrolled in high school and hold at least a 2.00 GPA. The teenagers and their parents need to complete applications and undergo personal interviews. Most importantly, the students need the drive, ambition and potential to eventually attend a four-year university. The parents must commit the necessary time as well, especially since students come from communities all over Northern California, including Dixon, Stockton and Vacaville.

The students do not receive letter grades for their Academy classes. But the University faculty and staff provide thorough feedback. Gravenberg says their high school teachers have positive reactions to the students’ progress. They comment how much more likely the Saturday Scholars are to show enthusiasm and engage in classroom discussions than other students.

This behavior is often different than what the student displayed before joining the program. Gravenberg says he knows students who completely changed. “They were very shy and withdrawn. They’ve just blossomed.”

It is this kind of individual growth the program is designed to encourage, shaping effective leaders. Gravenberg says in the Saturday Scholars classes, “Every-one wants to be smart, everyone wants to achieve, and every-one wants to be a leader.” For example, a student might research problems and solutions involving overcrowding in public schools. The student-researcher is then encouraged to present his or her findings to a school district superintendent or school board. “The scholars’ work has some practical use,” Gravenberg says.

The parents also play enormous roles in encouraging the Scholars’ development. Gravenberg says the program is very strict about the families’ commitment to the students. The parents participate in their own mandatory seminars. They attend meetings discussing peer pressure, how much time their son or daughter should spend at home and discharged. Peter Aduja, bottom left, and Ron Menor, to his right, became Hawai’i’s first Filipino state legislator and first Filipino state justice, respectively.

On the forefront of campus information

“Where do I park?” “Where’s the bathroom?” “Can I bring my horse onto campus?” The good-natured men and women who serve as CSUS information employees have heard it all, from the mundane to the unusual.

Shirley Vicari, assistant to the director in university telecommunications services, which answers calls to campus operators, says the friendly folks helping the community are very important. “They are on the information frontlines, so to speak.” Vicari says the employees performing these jobs are the first impression many visitors receive of the school. Among the dozen or so people who greet visitors is Carmen Gonzalez in the visitors’ center, which is run by university affairs. She spends 40 hours per week helping the people who walk into Sacramento Hall. University transportation and parking services’ Freddy Orozco in the drive-up information booths assists those who come onto campus via the north and south entrances.

Sukhdeep Sandher of university telecommunications services answers the operator line. And Kowaii Yui of the information desk helps the students and visitors with questions in the University Union.

But although they are all CSUS employees dealing in information, they each handle different visitors.

Campus to host showing of new PBS documentary

More than half a century has passed since Filipino-American immigrants played a critical role in retaking the Philippines in World War II. Yet until now, their story lay dormant.

On Sunday, Nov. 17, members of the U.S. Army’s 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry Regiments will be on hand when CSUS hosts an early showing of the documentary film, An Untold Triumph that highlights their contribution during a critical time in American history.

The free film presentation will be from 4-7 p.m. in the CSUS University Union Ballroom, and members of the regiments will hold a question and answer session following the film.

Award-winning veteran filmmaker Noel M. Izon was assisted by Emmy Award-winning documentarian Stephanie Castillos and Academy Award-winning cinematographer Chris Li in the film’s production. PBS will air the film in 2003.

Campus on track in accountability goals

The University recently completed its latest campus accountability report, which showed the campus is meeting most of its performance goals for the academic year 2002-03, according to Ric Brown, interim vice president for academic affairs.

The goals, part of an accountability process established by the CSU system, include progress to degree, graduation rates, teacher credentials, relations to public schools, remediation, facilities use and university advancement. “The campus community has worked very well together to benefit our students,” Brown says.

Highlights of the report include:

- Estimated graduation rates for California community college transfers increased from 69.3 percent in 1998-99 to 74.4 percent in 2000-01, higher than the 2002-03 goal of 70 percent.
- The number of multiple-subject teaching credentials increased from 320 in 1998-99 to 466 in 2001-02 above the 2002-03 goal of 440.
- The number of CSUS students

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The CSUS Bulletin welcomes submissions to the Professional Activities Section from faculty, administrators, staff and students. 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.

KATHERINE PINCH, recreation and leisure studies, presented a workshop on “Adventure Therapy: Exploring Connections and Boundaries” at the National Therapeutic Recreation Recreation Institute. The institute was a part of the National Recreation and Park Association 2002 Congress and Exposition that was held in Tampa Oct. 15-19.

SUSAN MCGINTY, physical therapy, attended the California Physical Therapy Association’s annual conference in Pasadena, Sept. 27-29. She also participated in meetings with the directors of other CSU physical therapy programs. She also participated in the American Physical Therapy Association, Section on Education, Academic Administrators Special Interest Group meeting in New York with 196 academic administrators of physical therapist and physical therapist assistant programs. While at the meeting, she also participated in Diversity 2000 and Beyond, a celebration of diversity within the physical therapy profession.

PATRICIA HARRIS, physical therapy, co-authored and presented a poster on “The Attitudes of Licensed Physical Therapists in the State of California Toward the Doctorate Level-Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree” at the California Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference in Pasadena, Sept. 27-29.

BRAD STOCKERT, physical therapy, co-authored and presented a poster entitled, “The Effects of Clay Modeling Versus a Traditional Cadaver Lab on Test Performance in Anatomy” at the California Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference in Pasadena, Sept. 27-29.

ERNST OLSON, recreation and leisure studies, recently returned from Hong Kong where he was an invited speaker at the International Conference on Health, Wellness, and Leisure. His presentation, “A Westerner Looks at Traditional Chinese Medicine for Insights into Promoting Well-Being Through Leisure,” will be published as a chapter in a book.

BARBARA O’CONNOR, communication studies, was quoted in a June 3 San Diego Union Tribune article on Gov. Gray Davis’s campaign challenges. On June 28 she was quoted in a Los Angeles Times article that reported over a court ruling on the Pledge of Allegiance. O’Connor was also quoted in a July 5 Oakland Tribune article on the Oakland Tribune, the Pleasanton Tri-Valley Herald, and the Hayward Daily Review on Gov. Gray Davis’s action on new state emission standards. She was also quoted in a July 12 San Francisco Chronicle article about Davis’s popularity. She was quoted in a July 12 Sacramento Bee article about Bill Simon’s campaign for governor. On July 16 she was quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle article about the state’s budget impasse. And she was quoted in a July 31 San Ramon Valley Times story about Simon’s campaign as Green Party candidate for governor.

SHIRLEY MOORE, history, was quoted in a June 13 San Jose Mercury News article on the Juneteenth celebration.

TIM HODSON, public policy and administration, was quoted in a June 23 Stockton Record article on water politics in the Central Valley. He was also quoted in a July 25 Record article dealing with the parcel hearing of a residential development project. He was quoted in a July 21 Record article about possible changes in state revenue generation and in an Aug. 7 Record article on the budget impasse. He was also on KCRA Channel 3 on Aug. 20, talking about the state budget impasse and on Aug. 23 talking about President George W. Bush campaigning for Bill Simon.

TED LASCHER, public policy and administration, was quoted in a July 1 San Ramon Valley Times article on the state budget impasse. On July 6, he was quoted in a Sacramento Bee article on the politics of signature gathering. He was also quoted in an Associated Press article about delays in approving the state budget that appeared in the July 13 Del Norte Tribune, and on July 14, in the Eureka Times Standard, the UC Davis Hopper, the Auburn Journal, the Modesto Bee, the Marin Independent Journal, the Bakersfield Californian and the Long Beach Press Telegram, among others. In addition, he was quoted in an Associated Press article about the state budget impasse that appeared in the July 14 Los Angeles Daily News and the July 15 Berkeley Daily Planet.

SCOTT ADAMS, university affairs, was quoted in a July 3 Sacramento News and Review article on the creation of an alumni theater group and its first production, Book of Days. He was also on KMAX Channel 31 on Aug. 14.

BRUCE PIELSTICK, and JOHN WOOD, executive director, were quoted in a July 4 Sacramento Bee article on the University’s summer football camp.

NANCY KALISH, psychology, was quoted in a July 11 Sacramento Bee article on her work in relationships and lost loves.

ROBERT FOUNTAIN, president, was quoted in a July 12 Sacramento Business Journal article on residential land sales. He was quoted again in a July 19 Business Journal article about commercial office vacancy in the region.

MATTHEW NEWMAN, California Institute for County Government, was featured in a July 26 KKJZ story on the downturn in the Sacramento regional job market.

SUZANNE O’KEEFE, economist, was on KXTV Channel 10 on July 26 talking about the Sacramento regional job market.

PATRICIA SONNTAG, services to students with disabilities, was quoted on KCRA Channel 3, on July 27, talking about changes in SAT scoring.

CINDY DULSAR, aquatic center, was quoted on KMAX Channel 31 on July 30 talking about WAVE Camp for children with disabilities.

MATTHEW NEWMAN, California Institute for County Government, was heard on KKJZ on Aug. 6, and on KFBK on Aug. 9 talking about a study he co-authored on the importance of “broken window” policing in preventing crime. He was also quoted in an Aug. 12 Sacramento Bee article on the study.

JAN ANDERSEN, family and consumer sciences, was quoted in an article in the September issue of My Gut’s increased about his study of the causes of marital break-ups.

KATHY MADDIX, College of Continuing Education, was quoted in an August Comstock’s Business magazine article about professionals who change careers.

JOHN SYER, government, was heard on KFBK on Aug. 9 talking about the state budget impasse.

JANNE MARROW, psychology, was quoted on KFBK on Aug. 9 talking about an online regional traffic survey she helped create.

STEPHEN BROCK, school psychology, was heard on KFBK on Aug. 21 talking about school children and how to handle the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

CRAIG PEREZ, University advancement, was heard on KFBK on Aug. 28 talking about the University’s role in San Francisco’s bid for the Olympic Games.

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The promise of citizenship, the fierce war for the homeland, and a deep devotion to America ignited a passion in the men. They offered their services—even demanded them—alongside U.S. soldiers and help rescue their loved ones back home. The promises that came from the Multi-Cultural Center, the ethnic studies department, The Sacramento / Delta and Stockton chapter of the Filipino American Historical Society, Filipino American Veterans Association and the American Legion Magellan Post.

For more information, visit www.csus.edu/mcult/.

– Lynn Ortega

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An Untold Triumph focuses on the accomplishments of the regiments formed in 1942 as a result of an executive order signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The regiments were made up of more than 7,000 Filipino immigrants who were trained as spies, infiltrators, and army and navy watchers for undercover missions throughout the Philippine islands.

Soldiers recruited for these units—known as the 1st and 2nd Filipino-American Infantry Regiments—were mostly the result of a return to militarism among Filipinos following the September 1935 Rubber Tree Rebellion, which helped the University in San Francisco gain its independence from the United States.

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Equipment puts hydrogeology students in driver’s seat

There’s a secret inside the geology department’s hauling new field truck—it’s loaded with sophisticated surveillance equipment. And the target under scrutiny is the region’s groundwater.

“This is our spy truck,” jokes geology professor Dave Francisco, pointing out the rear cab’s fully stocked computer station. There, information from the state-of-the-art equipment housed in the truck bed can be downloaded and interpreted. The rolling laboratory allows students and professors to monitor water wells at the source.

The truck and its equipment, along with a new set of wells for the campus water well field, were funded by a $400,000 grant from the Keck Foundation. The gift is helping the advanced hydrogeology program become one of the most comprehensive in the state.

“It’s very rare to have this kind of equipment at a college,” Francisco says. “In fact, a lot of private companies can’t afford this type of equipment,” says hydrogeology graduate student Matt Gamble, the geology department’s hulking computer station. “Usually you have to have a master’s degree to even be trained on one of these.”

Gamble (top) shows students in Kevin Cornwell’s class some of the features of the geology department's new field truck. The truck was funded as part of a $400,000 grant from the Keck Foundation. Over the summer, geology professor Dave Evans (bottom) oversaw the installation of a new well in the campus well field, also funded by Keck.

Students and professors can use the new equipment to detect changes in groundwater levels, monitor contaminants in the water table and look at the movement of contaminants in the water table with the use of electromagnetic flow meter equipment. For example, one apparatus, the electromagnetic flow meter, determines how fast water is moving by measuring the current it produces. It can detect flows as low as 10 micrometers per minute, which can show how fast a substance will move through the layers of aquifer.

Other equipment includes a tool for measuring electrical properties, natural radiation and water temperature in a well, and an acoustic televue that detects and images fractures that intersect the wall of the well. Real-time images of what the equipment is seeing are sent to the truck’s computer and together they draw a detailed picture of the properties of the rock.

The geology department put the setup together this summer to decide how to construct a set of 12 new wells along with the base of levee on campus. That project, funded by the California Department of Water Resources, under the direction of geology professor Tim Hornor, will allow studies of how the American River interacts with the aquifer.

Keck funding also added a new extraction well on campus. The expanded well field, which was already the largest on-campus water well field in the country, now gives first-hand experience in the conditions they will encounter as professionals.

– Laurie Hall

Catastrophic Leave

Catastrophic leave has been approved for Miguel Blanco, department of design. CSUS employees may volunteer to help other employees up to 16 hours of vacation or sick leave credits each fiscal year.

CSEA employees may donate up to 40 hours. MPP and Unit 4 employees may donate a maximum of 32 hours. Employees are interested in donating time may pick up donation forms in the personnel office in Sacrament Hall 259.

Details: 278-6213.

Service Discussion

The office of community collaboration will hold a service-learning scholars’ group brown-bag lunch meeting from noon to 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 in the Center for Teaching and Learning Conference area on the fourth floor of the library. Gourmet chocolate and fruit will be served.

Discussion topics will include reports from the second International Service-Learning Research Consortium, an update on new findings, new opportunities, new topics, new resources and new initiatives. Please call Veronice Cook at ccook@csus.edu.

Details: 278-4328.

Estate Advice

John D. Maxey, attorney, CPA and lecturer in the CSUS accountant- the, will be the featured speaker at a free seminar on “Estate Planning” from 5:30—7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Yamashon Alumni Center. Other speakers will include Michael Lee, a CPA with volunteers, and Sheila Hard, director of planned giving at CSUS.

The seminar will cover living trusts, titling assets, gifts, insurance and other avenues for sheltering estates from taxation. A central theme will be the impact of the Economic Growth and Tax Act on estate planning. To reserve a space, call 278-6295 or e-mail alumnus@csus.edu.

Publisher Speaks at Breakfast Club

Winnie Comstock, founder of Comstock’s business magazine, will tell “A Survivor’s Tale” on Tuesday, Dec. 10 as part of the Breakfast Club Speakers Series, hosted by the CSUS Alumni Association. Comstock will speak at 7:30 a.m. at the Steven Lee Yamashon Alumni Center.

The free talks, which include breakfast, feature a range of guests speaking on hot topics in the Sacra- mento region in a low-key, off-the-record format that allows audience interaction.

Comstock’s presentation will focus on her life experiences as they relate to her success in the magazine industry.

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HOT STUFF

This fall the department of theatre and dance will take a look at what it means to be an artist with the play, *Burn This*. The show runs Nov. 21-24 and Dec. 5-8 in the Playwrights’ Theatre in Shasta Hall. Curtain times are at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays with 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays.

Lanford Wilson’s dark comedy, set in a lower Manhattan loft, tells the story of three stagnant artists coping with the death of a beloved roommate and the chaos that follows when his wild brother shows up. Along the way, the tragedy inspires and releases the friends to move on and create the art they are capable of.

*Burn This* is under the direction of CSUS graduate student Margaret Morneau, and is her culminating thesis project. The cast members (pictured left to right) are Jamie Price, Olivia Johansson, Justin Pickersgill and Eric Esquer.

“*Burn This* plays as a masterpiece of work in characters,” Morneau says. “Each character is so interesting, and each has a trait that someone in the audience can relate to. That’s why this play works so well. The best theater is always about human stories.

“The audience is going to laugh and going to cry,” she says. “There are serious moments, tense moments and funny moments. It is life. This play is not suitable for small children.

Tickets are $13 general and $8 students, seniors and alumni. Tickets are available at the CSUS Ticket office at (916) 278-4323 or at tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

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Alumni Association pre-game party, food, refreshment and games, 4 - 6 p.m. Yamashita Alumni Center. (916) 278-9265.

Young Festival Performers’ Recital, Festival of New American Music, 8 p.m., Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5115.

Festival Ensemble and CSUS University Orchestra, concert, Festival of New American Music, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5115.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For a complete events calendar click on www.csus.edu/events.

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“Una Celebración,” art exhibit featuring works by Sterling Running. Sliding Phillips, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, Multicultural Center. (916) 278-6101. Continues to Nov. 16.


monday, nov. 11

CSUS Percussion Group with guest artist Elden Velza, concert, Festival of New American Music, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5115.

“Sediment Yield from Coastal Landlides Based on Historical Digital Terrain Modeling: Big Sur, California,” geology colloquium, Cheryl Hapke, USGS, 4 p.m., Mendocino Hall 1015. (916) 278-6437 or (916) 278-3000.

wednesday, nov. 13

“Students Question Teachers on Teaching Art,” panel discussion, 5:30 p.m., Mariposa Hall 1000. (916) 278-6166. Reception to follow.

Trailer Park Rangers, concert, Festival of New American Music, 8 p.m., University Union Redwood Room. (916) 278-5155.

Student Artists’ Performance Competition, Festival of New American Music, 3 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5155.

Multicultural Book Fair, readings and book-signings, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Library breezeway. (916) 278-6101.

“Making Use of the CSUS Web: A Small Town Retention Model,” annual Livingston Lecture, CSUS chemistry profes- sor Dan Decious, 3 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-6593.

“Global Warming,” debate, featuring Sierra Club and Reas- on Foundation, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m., University Union Hinde Auditorium. (916) 278-6997.

An Evening with Jennifer Moira, Lecturer, 7 p.m., Mariposa Hall 1000. Reception to follow. (916) 278-3962.

friday, nov. 15

“The U2 Experience,” Dale Scholl Dance/Art, directed by Dale Scholl, 8 p.m., Dancespace in Solano Hall. Tickets $16 general/$13 students/$8 child. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

“Pre-Tenure and Teaching Strategies: Use and Abuse of Power-Point,” noon - 1 p.m., Library 4026. RSVP (916) 278-5945 or ctf@csus.edu.

Bay Brass, concert, Festival of New American Music, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5155.

*saturday, nov. 16*

“The U2 Experience,” Dale Scholl Dance/Art, directed by Dale Scholl, 8 p.m., Dancespace in Solano Hall. Tickets $16 general/$13 students/$8 child. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277. Performances: Nov. 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23.

Football vs. Weber State, 6:05 p.m., Hornet Stadium. Tickets $15 reserved/$10 general/$7 students and non-CSUS students. Tickets free with ID. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

CSUS Choirs Concert, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 39th and J streets. Tickets $10 general/$5 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at (916) 766-2277.

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study, and how to effectively communicate as a family. Gravenberg says the parents find a lot of support from the program and other parents. “There is a renewed sense of energy for the Scholar,” he says. And Gravenberg has higher goals in mind. “My goal is to see this program represented on all CSU campuses.”

— Terry Filipowicz