Advancement efforts paying off

Significant new financial contributions to the campus continue to add a measure of excellence to the University. They provide an essential supplement to state general funds which account for less than 60 percent of the overall budget, says Georgina Burton, associate vice president for advancement, who manages the University’s fund raising efforts.

In 2000-2001 total acquisitions, external to the state general fund, reached $68.8 million. That includes more than $10 million in private voluntary support to the campus. The rest comes from sources such as corporate sponsorships, government partnerships, endowed income, grants and contracts.

Last year more than 90 private foundations supported CSUS and area businesses contributed more than $6 million. A planned giving officer was hired and 11 gifts with a face value of $3.3 million were arranged. Distributions of nearly $600,000 from estates are currently being administered by the office.

“One of the most significant accomplishments last year was the build out of our advancement infrastructure in preparation for the acquisition of increased private funds,” says Vice President for University Affairs Robert Jones, pointing to the restructuring of the directors of development positions and the current opening for a director of corporate and foundation relations. Another individual will be charged with handling operations, preparing staff planning and working with donors to assure that the University stays in touch, what is referred to as stewardship.

These additions grew out of a report by an outside consultant evaluating the next steps the University must take to enhance its fund-raising capacity. The top two recommendations were to build an infrastructure appropriate for the size of the University and to move toward a more coordinated fund raising operation. Other recommendations were made and will be implemented over the next two years, Burton says.

Part of that is keeping alumni connected and includes the newly revised Capital University Journal magazine that is sent twice yearly to alumni, donors and friends of the University. It contains information on University accomplishments, including research, community service and a section on alumni.

“We have a lot with our alumni, including enhancing our database which increases our ability to stay in touch with alumni,” says Burton.

“With more than 125,000 accurate alumni addresses on file, I would be surprised if we are not one of the top three or four in the CSU in terms of maintaining our addressable alumni,” says Burton.

This past year 11,000 alumni addresses were added, plus an additional 5,000 names of former students in the teacher education program. These additions grew out of a data base which increases our ability to stay in touch with alumni, says Burton.

A new CSUS study is critical of on-the-scene, eyewitness identification of crime suspects, and also casts doubt on the reliability of other types of police lineups.

The study, by CSUS psychology professor Bruce Behrman and student researchers, is the largest of its kind ever carried out. It appears in the most recent issue of the Journal of Law and Human Behavior.

Data came from Sacramento city crime records. It was gathered with significant assistance and support from the Sacramento City Police Department, which is intent in improving its lineup procedures.

The findings suggest eyewitnesses are strongly biased by seeing a suspect in police custody near the scene of a crime.

“Our findings are consistent with the hypothesis, which was that ‘field show-ups’ may bias the eyewitness,” Behrman says.

“Most people will identify the suspect as the criminal, and some may do so even in cases where the police decide not to make an arrest,” Behrman and the students examined five years of crime data from more than 700 police lineups. They looked at “field show-ups,” in which eyewitnesses identify a suspect near the crime scene, as well as photographic lineups and live lineups.

For each case, they noted the eyewitness response along with a ranking of how much physical evidence police had gathered: substantial, minimal or none. The suspect’s eventual trial or release was not considered.

Famed musicians coming to campus

A rare Sacramento appearance by the world-famous Kronos Quartet – along with three of the nation’s most acclaimed groups and artists – highlights the University’s New Millennium Concert Series.

Leading off the 2002 edition of the annual concert series is the Chamber Ensemble of the Pacific. Founded in 1998, the group specializes in 18th and 19th-century piano quartet literature and romantic masterpieces by such celebrated composers as Brahms and Faure. The ensemble features two CSUS professors, Andrew Luckusky and Jan Swensen. This concert is at 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31 in the Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall.

The next concert in the series features the Kronos Quartet at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19 in the Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. Synonymous with musical innovation, the Kronos Quartet is known across the globe for its unique artistic vision. More than 450 pieces have been written or arranged for the group by the some of the world’s most respected composers. The group has received numerous national and international awards, including several Grammy nominations.

Next up is an all-Beethoven concert performed by pianist Robert Taub. Taub has toured throughout Europe, the United States, the Far East and Latin America. He has been a guest soloist with leading orchestras including the San Francisco Sym-
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recognition

JOSEPH F. SHELLEY, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, has been named to the California State Attorney General’s Policy Discussion Group. The group is made up of researchers and practitioners in the areas of criminology, criminal justice, and law and meets quarterly with the Attorney General and his staff to discuss specific policy issues facing the state.

TIM HODSON, executive director of the Center for California Studies, was quoted in a July 1 story on California’s energy crisis which appeared in State Legislatures. He was quoted in a July 23 Los Angeles Times article on redistricting. He was also quoted in the July 5 Alameda County Tri-Valley Herald in an article on redistricting in the East Bay and in a July 9 Associated Press article on redistricting.

BOB WASTE, public policy and administration, was quoted in a July 1 Long Beach Press Telegram article on the future of the League of California Cities. The article also appeared in Los Angeles Daily News. He also wrote a commentary that appeared in the July issue of Inside East Sacramento on the drive to pass a living wage ordinance in Sacramento.

DAVID COVIN, government, was interviewed by KFBK on July 6 about the international conference on Race and Democracy held at CSUS.

CECILIA GRAY, associate vice president for academic affairs, was quoted in the July 9 Sacramento Bee article on college student computer use.

RICHARD SHEK, humanities and religious studies, was quoted in an article on courtroom interpreters that appeared in the July 9 edition of Sacramento Bee.

ERIC PREMACK, co-chair of the Charter Schools Development Center at CSUS, was quoted in a July 12 San Jose Mercury News article on charter schools.

SAM SWEITZER, CSUS Aquatic Center, was interviewed by KRCU on July 17 for a story about the potential dangers of kayaking.

CARLOS DAVIDSON, environmental studies, was quoted in a July 17 Lodi News-Sentinel article on the relationship between reptile and amphibian populations and ecological health.

BOB VISGER, intercollegiate athletics, was interviewed by KCRA on July 20 about hazards student athletes face in weightlifting.

A.R. GUTOWSKY, economics professor, was interviewed on July 20 by KOVR about the impact of tax refunds on the national economy.

ROB WASSMER, public policy and administration, was extensively quoted about urban sprawl in Daniel Weintraub’s July 22 column in the Sacramento Bee. The syndicated column also appeared in other newspapers. He contributed an analysis piece about urban sprawl that appeared in the Aug. 5 Sacramento Bee and was interviewed on KYMX on Aug. 26.

new faces

CHERYL OSBORNE, nursing, was quoted about retirement and age issues in the June issue of Sacramento Magazine.

STEVE BROCK — When it comes to crisis, Stephen Brock believes in being prepared. And he’s made it his mission to teach his students to be prepared as well.

Brock joined the faculty of the school psychology program this semester after a few years as a part-time lecturer and nearly two decades as the lead psychologist for the Lodi School District. He teaches courses in behavior analysis, human development and crisis intervention skills.

Brock says that since Columbine, and with America at war, a lot of attention is being paid to crisis response and intervention. He just released a book, Preparing for Crises in the Schools: A Manual for Building School Crisis Response Teams. It’s a hands-on book designed for practical use.

“I want to get schools in the best possible position to respond to a crisis.”

He also wrote several chapters in the Handbook of Crisis Counseling and Intervention Practices in Schools. And he edited a 37-chapter Best Practices in School Crisis Prevention and Intervention.

“I view crisis response not just as responding to the aftermath but crisis prevention — doing what you can to prevent the crisis in the first place,” he says.

Brooks has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oregon and a master’s degree from San Jose State University. He earned his doctorate at UC Davis.

Along with his research in school crisis preparation, Brock studies school suicide prevention and behavior analysis. He has also done research on attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder or ADHD. He found that even without a learning disability, kids with ADHD have a really difficult time comprehending text. “When you give a student with ADHD a ‘read-to-learn’ assignment, they don’t do as well as non-ADHD kids who have similar basic reading skills,” he says.

And although much of his work involves identifying potential problems in schools, Brock wants to avoid the connotation that schools are fatally flawed. “With the exception of a few very isolated, highly publicized incidents, schools are a safe place to be,” he says.

KATHRYN BLACKMER REYES — As an undergraduate at UC Davis, Kathryn Blackmer Reyes didn’t think about going to the library for research. It wasn’t until her junior year, while doing research for a history class, that she realized how interesting libraries could be.

Blackmer Reyes recently joined the university as an ethnic studies and multicultural librarian. She previously held the position of reference librarian/Chicano-Latino outreach services coordinator at UC Santa Cruz.

While working towards her master’s degree in sociology at Binghamton University in upstate New York she helped undergraduate negotiate their way around the library. It was then that she decided a career in a library was a natural for her. “I was excited about working in a library because that gives me the chance to work with students on a level other than teaching in a classroom,” she says.

Since joining the faculty at CSUS Blackmer Reyes has worked in selections and reference. She selects reading materials on topics such as ethnic studies, sociology and other social sciences. She also spends a few hours a week working at the reference desk. There she attempts to answer just any question having to do with any topic any visitor may ask.

Blackmer Reyes started helping people learn how to do research before databases became as electronic. She says even though there is a lot of information available electronically, people need to remember that there is still a lot of information that isn’t accessible online.

“Everyone wants to just get online and go to Yahoo or Google for their research but many times it isn’t that simple,” Blackmer Reyes says.

It makes this an interesting time to be involved in this field, she adds.

YRO readies for the second year

Year Round Operations (YRO) officially kicked off last summer with approximately 4,700 students enrolling in the newly state-supported program. Over the past year several work groups have been formulating plans to improve and expand the program for this summer.

The summer schedule is well underway with courses having been approved by deans and Academic Affairs. The final schedule is due to Academic Affairs on Dec. 7. After that date, but prior to Feb. 15, any changes in the summer schedule must be emailed to Lorna Carr in Academic Affairs while room changes need to be submitted to Denelina Pappas in Space Management.

The outcome of the committee work has been the development of a YRO web page at www.csus.edu/webpages/yro/index.htm. That page includes information specific to students, faculty and staff. It contains the most frequently asked questions, schedule-building calendars and due dates, as well as course listings, key dates and deadlines, and fee structure. Also listed on the page are the YRO work groups and minutes of the meetings, along with recommendations and reports.

Another effort underway is to provide departmental briefings for faculty and staff with questions about moving to a state-supported summer session. To schedule a briefing or for further information contact Larry Glassmire, director of special programs and enrollment analysis, at 278-5266 or by email at glassmire@csus.edu.

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Eke finds teaching’s more than rocket science

CSUS mechanical engineering professor Estelle Eke has wanted to teach ever since she was a little girl.

But in the 1980s Eke found herself in the middle of a career as a practicing engineer, working on navigation systems at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Southern California. When her husband questioned why she had never made her way to the classroom, Eke knew it was time for a change.

In 1988, she took a position at Tuskegee University in Alabama. Then, in 1990, she was hired as an associate professor at CSUS.

The most recent outstanding teacher in the College of Engineering and Computer Science couldn’t be happier.

“I like to make a positive impression on others, and you can really do that in the classroom,” Eke says. “Also, you’re constantly learning. You meet different people with different ideas every semester.”

Some of Eke’s classes are focused on “mechatronics” – the integration of other engineering fields, such as electronics, into mechanical engineering. Her graduate classes include engineering analysis and research methodology. Undergraduate classes include introductions to computer science, engineering mechanics such as statics and dynamics, vibration and controls, and computer applications in mechanical engineering.

Her hands-on approach has proven popular with students. In one class, groups spend the semester programming a small, wheeled robot with infrared sensors that negotiates around obstacles. The students set their own obstacle course in advance.

“She is positive, supportive, encouraging and fair,” one former student wrote in a nomination letter for the outstanding teaching award. “During our midterm exam, which was three hours long, I actually had fun. Even her exam was creative.”

Eke also has a reputation as a tough professor. As she says, “Students really appreciate me more after they’re done with my classes.”

That’s fine with her, Eke says. Her goal is to set high standards, and then allow the students to live up to them.

“These are great students we have. If you push them, you find that they really excel, and they have fun doing it,” she says.

Eke has published a number of articles on control and navigation of spacecraft. In 1983, she was the first black person to receive the Amelia Earhart Award, which is given each year to about 30 women worldwide for aerospace-related sciences and engineering. Dollars and Sense magazine included her in its list of America’s top 100 black business and professional women.

Eke completed her doctorate in mechanical engineering from Rice University.
Some people march to a different drummer… and some people dance. The Some people march to a different drummer… and some people dance. The third annual Dance Faculty Recital opens at 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6. Additional performances are at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8 in the University Theatre in Shafta Hall. The program includes ballet, folkloric, modern, jazz and cultural dance forms and features choreography by CSUS dance faculty Scholl, Linda Goodrich, Carrie Perera, Jose Borrego, Melissa Moore and Lisa Ross. Scholl brings excerpts from her popular shows “Moved,” “Altered States” and “Calef”.” Members of her professional company, Dale Scholl Dance Art, will perform her pieces. Goodrich’s piece is a tribute to famed vocalist Nina Simone called “Nina’s Love” and will be performed by members of Sacramento Black Art of Dance, a student organization at CSUS. Borrego presents portions of “Dos Caras del Mestizo,” a piece about the history between European conquistadors and the indigenous tribes of the North American continent. It will be performed by members of cultural dance organizations based on campus and in the community. Rhee will present two pieces, “An Introduction to the World of Fosse,” as well as her conceptualization of Jimi Hendrix’s “The Star-Spangled Banner.” CSUS students and professional dancers will perform both of her pieces, as well as new works by Perera and Moore. Tickets are $8 - $12 and are available at the CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at 766-2277.

Monday, Dec. 3
Men’s Basketball vs. Menlo, 1 p.m., Horizon Gym. Tickets $10 reserved/$6 general/CSUS students free. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at 278-4323 or at Tickets.com at 766-2277.

Major Fair,” campus organizations provide information for students with undeclared majors, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-6352.

History Lecture, Karl Von Den Steinen, 4:30 p.m., Sequoia 102. (916) 278-6202.

CSUS Guitar Recital, 8 p.m., Capistrano 151. (916) 278-5155.

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1980s Trivia Game,” noon, Yellowstone Alumni Center. (916) 278-6295.

ABD workshop, noon, Center for Teaching and Learning. (916) 278-5945.