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THE FRIDAY BULLETIN

MAY 31, 1996

SCHOOLS NAME YEAR'S OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

by Christina Olney, student intern

It's almost time for Commencement.

So come June 15 and 16 each school on campus will honor its outstanding graduates and undergraduates.

And while each school has its own criteria for choosing outstanding students, there are some things that all of the winners have in common. They all have fabulous academic records and have done many things to help their communities.

Colonel Paul Cook is the Outstanding Graduate Student for the School of Business and Public Administration. At 53 and a highly decorated, retired Marine Corps colonel, he decided to continue his education to complete his dream of becoming a public servant. He has maintained a perfect GPA despite a battle with leukemia.

His desire to help others has led him to become a member of the Hi-Desert Medical Center Fund Raising Task Force, and serve on the board of directors for the Morongo Valley Basin United Way. He also is a state board member of the American Red Cross. With the completion of his M.P.A., he wants to work in state or municipal government.

As its Outstanding Undergraduate the school has chosen Janet Wood, who will receive her B.A. in business administration with a concentration in information management. She has maintained a nearly perfect GPA and is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies.

Actively involved on campus, Wood has served as president of the Information Management Association and she has been one of the few business majors to volunteer at the Women's Resource and Adult Re-Entry Center. Currently, she works in the computer lab for the business school. In 1995 she received the School of Business Award for Excellence in Service.

Ratnasri Adharapurapu is the Outstanding Graduate Student for the School of Natural Sciences. She will receive her M.S. in computer science at Commencement.

Adharapurapu was awarded a teaching assistant position when she began the

graduate program. She was honored for her scholastic achievement by Phi Beta Delta in 1995. Adharapurapu is vice president of the CSUSB chapter of the Association of Computing Machinery and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Nerissa Concepcion is the Outstanding Undergraduate of the School of Natural Sciences. She will receive her B.S. in chemistry with a biochemistry option.

Originally from the Philippines, her family moved to the United States to take advantage of the educational opportunities here. She has been on the Dean's List and in the University Honors Program all four years at CSUSB. She also earned a place on the Model U.N. team. She was one of the participants in the student research at Cal State conference at Stanislaus this year.

Concepcion's extracurricular activities include helping found the Filipino Club on campus and serving as president of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students.

She also sings in her church choir.

"I consider all my experiences a fulfillment of my dreams," says Concepcion. One of her next experiences will be as part of the 1996 entering class of Harvard Medical School.

Rudolph Sanchez has been chosen as the Outstanding Graduate Student from the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He will receive his M.S. in industrial and organizational psychology in June.

Sanchez has maintained a perfect GPA and endeared himself to his professors for his genial personality and ability to handle pressure. He has coauthored scholarly papers with faculty members. He also has worked as a graduate assistant and on a consulting team for the San Jacinto East Municipal Water District. He has performed volunteer work on campus and in Riverside.

Sanchez has received a scholarship to the doctoral program at Portland State University.

Janet Long has been chosen as the

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LOVE?



Frankie, played by Philip Kasinski, and Beth, played by Anne Johnston-Brown, talk things over in "A Lie of the Mind," considered by many to be playwright Sam Shepard's best work and now being staged in repertory with "The Heidi Chronicles" at CSUSB's University Theatre.

SEN. BOXER AMONG JUNE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Five Commencement ceremonies—recognizing the graduates of each of the academic schools at CSUSB—will be held June 15-16 in Coussoulis Arena.

The rites begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 15 with the School of Business and Public Administration. Special guests on the ceremonial platform include CSU Trustee Michael Stennis and San Bernardino City Councilman Jerry Devlin. The keynote speaker will be Hal Hoverland, CSUSB professor emeritus and former dean of the school.

At 2 p.m., June 15 the School of Humanities will hold Commencement. Among the processional will be CSU Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Douglas Patino and San Bernardino City Councilwoman Betty Anderson. The featured speaker will be noted magician Harry Blackstone, Jr.

The School of Education will convene its Commencement ceremony at 6:30 p.m., June 15. Honored guests include CSU Vice Chancellor Douglas Patino; San Bernardino Valley College Trustee Lois Carson, who is an alumna of CSUSB; San Bernardino County Supervisor Larry Walker, Riverside County Schools Superintendent Dale Holmes; San Bernardino Schools Superintendent E. Neal Roberts; Ontario/Montclair Schools Assistant Superintendent Dorothy

Leveque; and the Rector of the Universidad Autonoma de Baja, California Luis Javier Garavito Elias. The guest speaker will be National Teacher of the Year Sandra McBrayer.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Sunday, June 16, the School of Natural Sciences will hold its graduation ceremony featuring an address by Robert Stein, CSUSB professor of mathematics and a trustee of the Rim of the World Unified School District.

Festivities will conclude with a 6:30 p.m., June 16 ceremony for the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences that will feature U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer as the Commencement speaker. San Bernardino City Councilman Frederick Curlin is among the invited dignitaries who will be seated with the platform party.

Several of the University's Advisory Board members also will be in attendance for the celebrations. The university's distinguished alumni award winners and recipients of the outstanding undergraduate and graduate student awards will be recognized by their respective academic schools during the proceedings.

The Coachella Valley Center will hold its Commencement festivities at 2 p.m. on June 16 in the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert. Riverside County Supervisor Ron Wilson will speak.

SIMPSON CASE: PRE-TRIAL BELIEFS OUTWEIGH RACIAL ATTITUDES

by Cynthia Pringle, director of public affairs

Ethnicity was not the strongest influence in individual perceptions of the guilt or innocence of O.J. Simpson, says a Cal State, San Bernardino research study.

It finds that case-related beliefs that Simpson abused his former wife and that the criminal justice system was biased against him accounted for more variance in public opinion than media polls originally indicated.

Although African Americans were more likely than non-African Americans to perceive Simpson innocent in the Cal State study, "it is a fact African Americans were more likely to perceive the (criminal justice) system as unjust and to minimize Simpson's battering than were non-African Americans," notes M. Jean Peacock, assistant professor (Psychology), who is one of the project's principal researchers.

The predominant factors determining attitudes toward Simpson's guilt revolved around "specific beliefs about this case

rather than general attitudes, experience or even gender. This was true for both African Americans and Whites," reports Gloria Cowan, professor (Psychology) and co-author of the study. "Peoples' experience and knowledge of abuse were not related to their attitudes toward his (Simpson's) guilt, although 37 percent of the sample had been perpetrators or victims of abuse," she adds.

The survey, conducted in San Bernardino, Riverside and Victorville about two months before the murder trial began, measured the attitudes of 578 community

college and state university students. Contributors to the study included CSUSB graduate students Mimi Bommersbach and Shanda Smith along with psychology professor Geraldine Stahly.

The study has been submitted to The Journal of Social Issues for publication in a special edition that will deal solely with studies on the O. J. Simpson case. Cowan has been asked to serve as the editor for the special issue.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS...

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Outstanding Undergraduate from the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She will get her B.A. in sociology in June.

Long will graduate with departmental honors. She is one of 75 people from the University of California and California State University systems to receive a California pre-doctoral honorable mention, and her honors thesis was one of 20 chosen for the recent Pacific Sociological Association meeting in Seattle. She also is a member of the Alpha Kappa Delta International Society.

Long is a charter member and president of Sisters of the Yam, an organization of women of African descent. She is secretary of the California Association of Black Social Workers and a participant in the Inland Area Association of Black Social Workers.

Kimberly Manning is a graduate student from the School of Humanities who will earn an M.A. in English with honors.

Manning was an intern in an American Indian literature course in 1993. When the instructor became ill she took over as instructor of the class and later represented him at the Modern Literature Association conference in Toronto. She is interested in teaching composition, creative writing and Native American literature.

Eric Porter is the Outstanding Undergraduate Student for the School of Humanities. Porter's teachers say that he

excels in all media. He has been on the National Dean's List all of his four years as a CSUSB student. He will graduate with his B.A. in art June 15.

He will spend this summer in Prague doing a summer study program for New York University. He plans to get a master's degree in fine arts and pursue a career as an artist and a university-level art teacher.

Anne Johnson-Curtis is the Outstanding Graduate Student for the School of Education. She will receive an administrative master's degree from CSUSB in June.

Johnson-Curtis has been an elementary school teacher since the late 1960's. She feels that, as an educator, her job is to help people. She has organized and coordinated literacy faires. She was the coordinator of the Gifted and Talented Education program from 1994-95. She is currently a kindergarten teacher and the teacher-in-charge when the principal is absent at Desert Trails School.

She also is an active member of her community. She belongs to several organizations, including the American Association of University Women and the National Council of Negro Women.

"I wasn't chosen for my GPA alone, but because educators do things for other people," says Johnson-Curtis. "My wide variety of activities is the reason I was chosen."

Now that she is getting her master's degree she would like to become an elementary school principal.

An Outstanding Undergraduate Student for the School of Education was not chosen.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



APPRECIATING SKILL

Recognize those that go above and beyond. Staff Recognition Award nominations take place May 31-June 28. A special gift will be given on a first-come, first-served basis to those who nominate an employee. Call Human Resources for details at Ext. 5138.

BEFORE DIVING IN

Is scuba diving you? Would you mind sitting at the bottom of a pool? Can you or can't you establish buoyancy? And how are you at clearing your snorkel?

Find out Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m.-noon, with a preview of Extended Education's Beginning Scuba Diver course. RSVP for the workshop by June 17 at Ext. 5976. The course itself is 12 hours of classroom preparation, 12 of practical application, and at least five open water dives. It runs July 8-Aug. 4 for 10 meetings, and is taught by a NASI certified instructor. For divers down to 60 feet, a certificate of completion is good anywhere in the world.

"MAY I MAKE YOUR BURGER, PLEASE"

From 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on June 6, between University Hall and the Student Union, for a \$3 presage ticket or \$3.50 the day of, you can refuel on a hot burger, chips and soda served up by the Association of Latino Faculty, Staff and Students. Call Norma at Ext. 3942 for tickets or information.

WORK AND FIREWORKS

All schools, academic and administrative offices will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The university also will be closed on Friday, July 5.

To receive pay for Friday you will need to use eight hours of accrued TO, vacation or personal holiday time. Or you may take leave without pay. Your choice. Employees who don't have sufficient TO balances, vacation or personal holiday time to cover the closure must put in enough hours before July 5 to prevent the loss of pay.

STUDENTS SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDREN

More than 100 Cal State students are helping the Child Support Division of the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office catch up on a backlog of work and the need to meet compliance standards of the federal and state governments, reports Pamela Pankey, chief of the Child Support Division.

The arrangement, made through Kelly Temporary Services with the guidance of Patricia Rodgers-Gordon (Career Center),

is giving the students great work experience plus a competitive wage, Pankey states. The hiring of night-time student help began in February 1995 and has continued in various locations, including Victorville and Rancho Cucamonga.

"This has been a 'Win Win' situation for everyone involved," Pankey writes. "Patricia Rodgers-Gordon's assistance has had a major impact on the success of this project."

ANATOMIST EXPLORES SCIENCE OF RACISM

"The Myths of Race" will separate popular misconceptions from science fact when expert Matt Cartmill tackles the controversial issue here May 31.

From both a scientific and humanist point of view, the Duke University professor talks about race as a "nasty fictional construct." Cartmill has been the editor of the American Journal of Physical Anthropology for many years, and published many influential scholarly articles.

An accomplished anatomist, Cartmill wrote the textbook currently used in an anatomy and physiology course at Cal State.

After Cartmill's appearance, six CSUSB employees will be presented

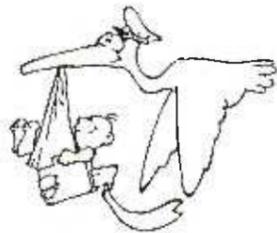
university diversity awards for their efforts in promoting diversity on campus. The awardees are: Ellen Gruenbaum, Craig Henderson, Fred Jandt, Sandra Kamusikiri, Jennifer Reed and Elizabeth Rega.

Cartmill's lecture ends a recent flurry of diversity-related activities at Cal State. This year's past events have included a recent talk by black activist Angela Davis on the prison system and women of color, a lecture on contemporary Indian society, a night of cultural performances and international cuisine.

The free lecture begins at noon in the Creative Arts Building Recital Hall. For more information call CSUSB instructor Elizabeth Rega at Ext. 5312.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Jerry Monahan (Purchasing) and his wife, Beverly, whose daughter, Denise Jean, was born May 6. When she arrived at Kaiser Hospital in Riverside at 4:09 a.m., Denise weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 inches. It is their first child.



Congratulations also to Eugene Wong (Psychology) and his wife, Suzanne, on the birth of their first child, Justin Hanlai. Born May 12 at 1:11 a.m., Justin weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 19 3/4 inches.

C A L E N D A R

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Talk.

"The Myths of Race" by Matt Cartmill, senior anatomist at Duke University. Noon, Recital Hall. Free. Ext. 5305.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Comedy Act.

Howie Mandel performs as part of "The End of the World" celebration. 7:30 p.m., Coussoulis Arena. Advance tickets for CSUSB students with I.D. \$10.; advance tickets for CSUSB employees with I.D. \$12; tickets at door \$15, no discounts. Ext. 7360.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Music.

CSUSB Concert Choir performs Mozart's "Missa Brevis in D" and Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass." Directed by Tamara Harsh. 3 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, senior citizens and students \$3. Ext. 5859.

JUNE 1, 7, 9

Theatre.

"The Heidi Chronicles," by Wendy Wasserstein. Dramatic, Pulitzer Prize-winning profile of a feminist art historian. 8:15 p.m. evening shows; and June 9 show a 2 p.m., Sunday matinee. University Theatre. General admission \$10; senior citizens and CSUSB alumni \$8; students \$4. Ext. 5884.

JUNE 2, 6, 8

Theatre.

"A Lie of the Mind," by Sam Shepard. The often humorous story of parents and their children, husbands and wives. Contains partial nudity. Evening shows 8:15 p.m.; June 2 show is a 2 p.m., Sunday matinee. University Theatre. General admission \$10; senior citizens and CSUSB alumni \$8; students \$4. Ext. 5884.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Music.

CSUSB Symphonic Band. 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5 and \$3 for faculty, staff, students and senior citizens. Ext. 5859.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Music.

CSUSB Chamber Orchestra. 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall. Free. Ext. 5859.

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