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THE FRIDAY BULLETIN



Uncertain whether he would pull through surgery, Christopher Nance began saying goodbye to some of his NBC colleagues—a tricky speech because none of them even knew he had sickle cell anemia.

CHRISTOPHER NANCE: WEATHER MORE PREDICTABLE THAN LIFE

BY SAM ROMERO
PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSISTANT

To watch Christopher Nance do his upbeat weather forecasts on NBC you might think that his only real challenge in life is to convince people that real men can wear carnations.

But TV is TV, and even though it's Nance's job to have his head in the clouds, he's no shrinking violet. With both feet firmly planted on the ground, Christopher Nance is on a mission.

"My commitment is to children and to my God," says Nance, who snuck in late — if a man 6 feet 4 inches tall wearing a carnation can sneak in — for a May 8 appearance at Cal State. The author of several children's books and founder of an organization devoted to helping children with life-threatening illnesses, he spoke at a disabilities awareness workshop organized by human resources.

Ever since the age of three Nance has been battling sickle cell anemia. Now he has broadened his fight against the disease by setting up donation canisters at 7-11 stores around the Southland and holding camps for the children.

Only three years ago Nance almost died from complications brought on by the disease. Gallstones are common among sickle cell sufferers. Concerned that he could suffer a "crisis" during his own gallstone surgery, Nance decided he should be realistic. He began to say some goodbyes.

He came too close to a prediction when, in fact, a crisis developed right on the operating table. "They're going to let me go," Nance had told himself as he prepared to hear the worst from NBC after leaving the hospital.

"Tell us what we can do," is what he heard instead.

In any given company, television news producers pretty much like their meteorologists to stick to talking about water in terms of weather, not about where they can put a bottle of water on the producer's nice uncluttered studio set. Plenty of water is good for someone with sickle cell. So you could have knocked Nance to the floor with an empty bottle of Evian when they told him he could have his water and drink it too — on the set.

What's more, the studio moved Nance's assistants into the same NBC building, and moved the water cooler closer to his office, a particularly neat gesture because Nance drinks about five liters of water a day.

"This disease should have been cured years ago," says Nance. "The reason it hasn't is because people keep quiet about it. Also, it only affects 85,000 in the U.S. and it's a Black disease."

Operations to help sickle cell patients produce softer, rounder cells rather than the sickle-shaped ones they produce cost \$100,000. Nance would have one of these operations himself. But doctors consider it too risky for someone over 16.

Charlie, a boy Nance befriended years ago, has had such an operation. He is now cured and planning to become a researcher. Nance points to his resolve as an example of what is needed by those with a disability and those without. Despite life's hardships, says Nance, "Whatever your dreams are, never surrender them"

'Cream of the Crop' Honored at Graduation

BY CYNTHIA PRINGLE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Five graduate and four undergraduate students will be in the spotlight at Commencement, honored as the university's outstanding students for 1997.

The graduate students include Kristi Manclow of the School of Business and Public Administration, Merrill "Doc"

School District in Lancaster, where she lives, and she plans to go on for a Ph.D. in order to become a college professor.

Lockhart is an interdisciplinary studies master's candidate who works as an enrollment coordinator in the Student Services' Outreach Office. Her research focus has been on organizational communication audits. In addition she is a member of Phi Beta Delta, the university's chapter of the Honor Society for International Scholars. She, too, is a member of Phi Kappa Phi. Beyond Cal State, Lockhart makes herself indispensable at Redlands First United Methodist Church as a counselor for the youth group and as a speaker for the Youth Education Motivation Program. She is a Loma Linda resident and a CSUSB undergraduate alumna as well.

Earning a master's of science in educational counseling and a personnel/pupil services credential, Heim has been serving his school as a graduate assistant. He has participated in the making of videos, which involved interviewing faculty members and transcribing and editing video output. He also has been involved in literature reviews and Internet research. Heim presented his research and training materials at two professional career conferences and served as the technology liaison for the California Career Conference. His interest in career counseling led him to write a career self-assessment curriculum for high school English class use.

A Riverside resident, Heim most recently helped produce

an audio tape encouraging parents to visit high school career centers.

Estrada, who is the daughter of Joanne Serrano in admissions and records, will earn a master's degree in biology and go on with a full scholarship this fall to Yale University. There, she'll pursue her Ph.D. in cell biology and molecular physiology.

Since she was an undergraduate student majoring in biology here, she has been working with Professor Richard Fehn on diabetes studies. Now, as a graduate student, Estrada has earned a first-place award for her research in the CSU statewide student research competition last month. She also has numerous grants, scholarships and fellowships to her credit during her academic career at CSUSB. Other on-campus affiliations have included the Alpha Phi sorority, Pep Squad captain and she has been a new student orientation leader. A resident of Rialto, Estrada is a youth leader at Sunrise Church.

Davis completes her graduate work in criminal justice this June, building on her San Bernardino County Probation Department work, which started out as volunteerism. Following her graduation with honors from the psychology program here in 1993, Davis volunteered to work as an associate county probation officer supervising high-risk adults. Over the next two years she donated more than 900 hours. She was later named the asso-



Heim from the School of Education, Heidi Lockhart of the School of Humanities, Paula Estrada of the School of Natural Sciences and Laura Davis of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Manclow is earning an M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing. During her schooling here she has served as president of the marketing honors society, Mu Kappa Tau. She also is a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and the American Marketing Association. Off campus she volunteers at a shelter for homeless teenagers, a preschool for mentally ill children and the Mental Health Association of California. She is a teacher in the Westside

Carthen Earns Employer Award

Twilliea Carthen, human resources management specialist at Cal State, was honored June 5 by the San Bernardino County Committee for the employment of persons with disabilities.

Awarded an Employer of the Year distinction, Carthen received the honor at a luncheon at the Radisson Hotel in San Bernardino.

Carthen has been responsi-

ble over the years for coordinating Cal State's disabilities awareness programs, which have included special events, such as wheelchair basketball competitions as well as educational presentations for faculty and staff on campus.

Carthen has been with the university nine years and holds a master's degree in public administration.

Vision, Volunteerism Add Up to Alum Award for CPA

Long-time local CPA Jim Kennedy was named Cal State's Distinguished Alumnus for 1997, while four other CSUSB graduates have earned Outstanding Alumni Awards.

Chosen from among the five outstanding alums, who were selected by the university's five academic schools, Kennedy is a 1972 business graduate and went on to gain an M.B.A. in 1977. The four other outstanding alumni were Michael and Michele Tacchia from humanities, Robert Hodges from education, Ruby Beale from social and behavioral sciences, and Teresa Germany from natural sciences.

Kennedy graduated from Pacific High School in 1963 and today owns a CPA firm with his brother, David. Besides being a former president of the Alumni Association and involved in several university development functions, he has been president of the Citrus Belt chapter of the California Society of CPAs and, 10 years ago, served on the Citizens' Committee to rewrite the General Plan for the city of San Bernardino. He also has served as campaign chairman for the Arrowhead United Way fundraising program.

The Tacchias have been performing with area symphonies and around the United States ever since their graduation from Cal State in 1976. Both are members of the Inland Empire Symphony Orchestra, Michael playing the piano and

Michele the cello. She also has played with the Redlands Bowl and Civic Light Opera orchestras. Michael has conducted the San Bernardino and Victor Valley symphonies. The couple's work with children through their positions as music instructors with schools in the Inland Empire is well-known.

Since 1970, a year after graduating from Cal State with a sociology degree, Robert Hodges has made his life the Redlands Unified School District. Now its superintendent, Hodges' teachers turn out students that consistently rank above average nationally in academic achievement. His M.A. in elementary education came in 1972 and his administrative services credential three years later.

Hodges has served on the boards of the YMCA, Meals on Wheels and the Redlands Community Scholarship Foundation. Deeply committed to community, he also has ties to local business and industry through his Rotary involvement. Hodges is a native of Redlands and graduated from Redlands High School.

Ruby Beale, the social and behavioral sciences outstanding student, is now a faculty member at one of the nation's most prestigious psychology departments. Her work at the University of Michigan has included teaching in the graduate school of business administration and in the women's studies

department. She is a published author, and her book, *Developing Competency for Managing Diversity*, uses case studies to blend ideas from the academic world and real life.

Beale is a social and organizational psychologist, graduating from CSUSB in 1980 with her B.A. in psychology and business administration. While on campus she served as president of Psi Chi, the psychology honorary society. She did her master's and Ph.D. work at the University of Michigan. She was a National Science Foundation fellow from 1981-1984, and has received a Presidential Award from the University of Michigan for leadership and service.

A 1990 graduate in nursing, Teresa Germany has supported Cal State's nursing program through her position as administrative director and, later, manager of education at St. Bernardine's Medical Center. She helped place many nursing majors in the center's clinical labs. She is now director of education at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Apple Valley.

Germany's community involvement includes lending her expertise to the Inland Area Council Education Council, the American Heart Association, and the Association of Women's Healthcare, Obstetrics, and Neonatal Nursing. Germany was named Nursing Student of the Year at Cal State the year she graduated.

CREAM OF THE CROP (continued from front)

ciate probation officer of the year.

Today, Davis supervises the domestic violence cases for San Bernardino County's entire caseload of 300 people. Davis also wrote an article on Alcatraz, which was published in the *Encyclopedia of American Prisons* last year and co-authored with professors Frank Williams and Marilyn McShane an article on child pornography published in the *Journal of Federal Probation* in 1995. She has worked as a graduate assistant in the criminal justice department, served as a guest lecturer in classes and advised new students enrolling at Cal State. She lives in Crestline.

The undergraduate honorees are business school student Cindy Ashley-Navaroli, Lucinda Smith from humanities, Masashi Kitazawa from natural sciences, and social sciences' grad Gale Koch.

Ashley-Navaroli specialized in accounting in her business administration degree program and will begin working for Ernst & Young LLP this summer, intent on a career as a CPA. Her campus involvement has included membership in the CSUSB Accounting Association, for which she served as director of the Association of Government Accountants, and the director of the American Women's Society of CPAs. She is a member of the honor societies Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma and the recipient of several scholarships and awards. Her community activities include membership in the San Bernardino East

Rotary Club. She also serves as a weekly classroom volunteer. She lives in Etiwanda.

Smith will graduate with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and a certificate in children's theatre. She expects to continue her studies here for a teaching credential in multiple subjects and eventually work on a master's degree in education. During her academic career she has been active in the Peer Advising in Liberal Studies (PALS) office, for which she has served as student director.

She has chaired the School of Humanities' Honors Reception and assisted in the selection of the Teacher of Excellence Award. She also has volunteered as the student recorder for the California Educational Theater Association convention and provided support for the CSUSB faculty who attended. The mother of a kindergarten, Smith has been able to apply her studies to real-life experiences in the classroom working as a parent volunteer. She is an active P.T.A. member and a former part-time teacher for an adult school. Smith resides in Covina.

Kitazawa is a chemistry major who's been working with Professor Douglas Smith to develop new syntheses methods for subunits of medicinally active compounds. A native of Japan, Kitazawa has served as a student leader for the NCN Institute in Japan, lecturing incoming Japanese students in Texas for a week. His experience as the program's Southern California representative

led him to develop the Japanese Student Association at CSUSB.

Kitazawa's goal of becoming a physician and performing volunteer work in Third World countries stems from his personal experience of being confined in a hospital while he was a high school student in Japan. He was grateful for the treatment he received and, inspired by the work of other physicians throughout history, he decided to learn to speak other languages and experience other cultures. Initially his language skills prevented him from studying biochemistry, but following work in the English-language program here, he was able to enroll as a full-time student. By the end of his first year he had been named an outstanding freshman in chemistry. He makes his residence in San Bernardino.

Koch, who's brought distinction to Cal State as the university's first Phi Kappa Phi scholarship award winner, will earn a bachelor's degree in psychology and continue on for a master's in clinical counseling here. A student primarily at Cal State's Coachella Valley Center, Koch is active in the Psi Chi Society, the Psychology Club and its Peer Advising Program. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and has received a number of scholarships, honors and awards. A single parent of three, Koch has been very active in the schools in the Desert Sands district, the Junior Service League and Meals-on-Wheels, among other activities. She is a resident of Palm Desert.



A Note From Human Resources

1996-97 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Nominations for the 1996-97 Employee Recognition Awards are being taken now through June 27. Awards will be handed out at convocation in September for outstanding employee and for performance excellence. It's a good time to recognize those who have gone "above and beyond."



Bulletin Board

Five Sports Camps Offered for Summer

Tennis, men's and women's basketball, soccer, baseball and volleyball camps will be sponsored over the summer by the athletics department. The following is a list of dates each camp starts. Call the department for a brochure.

The men's basketball camp begins with an individual skills session June 23-27 and holds a shooting session June 30-July 2. The tennis camp is in three sessions, June 23-27, June 30-July 3 and July 7-11. The women's basketball camp for individual skills is July 7-11. Baseball is August 4-8. Soccer is August 11-14. And the volleyball for girls individual skills camp is August 6-9.

Hours Around Campus

The Student Union summer hours for food and drink are Monday-Thursday, closed on Friday beginning June 23. Java Coast is open 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for gourmet coffees, baked goods and other beverages, while Taco Bell is open from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Careful, though, because the hours could change without notice.)

From June 19-Sept. 1 the Pfau Library is open Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Saturday, and open again Sunday from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. It's also closed July 4 and Sept. 1.

A Chance to Sing

Auditions for the Inland Empire-CSUSB Symphonic Choir take place June 10 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Cal State.

Tamara Harsh, who directs the choir, says the six-minute audition involves singing a short song of your choice, vocalizing to determine range and a diagnostic pitch memory exercise.

Call the music department for an appointment at Ext. 5859.

Oh, Cat!

Happy Birthday, Chewie.



Calendar

JUNE 6

Music. CSUSB Symphonic Band. Rob Dunham, conductor. 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, students and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

JUNE 7

Music. Inland Empire-CSUSB Symphonic Choir. "A Night at the Opera." Tamara Harsh, director. 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, students and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

JUNE 8

Music. CSUSB Chamber Orchestra. Rob Dunham, conductor. 3 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, students and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

JUNE 9

Music. CSUSB Jazz Ensemble. Andy Cleaves, director. 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, students and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

JUNE 14, 15

1997 Commencement. June 14: Coachella Valley Center, 9 a.m., McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert. (Remaining ceremonies in Cousoulis Arena.) School of Natural Sciences, 1 p.m. School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 5:30 p.m. June 15: School of Business and Public Administration, 9 a.m. School of Humanities, 1 p.m. School of Education, 5:30 p.m. Ext. 5004.

THROUGH OCT. 3

Art Show. 27th Annual Student Art Show features works by CSUSB junior and senior students. Robert V. Fullerton Museum. Museum hours Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., noon-4 p.m. Ext. 7373.

THANK YOU ...

... From Doris Selva-Pagan who has received leave time donations and says, "I would like thank the campus community for the support and generosity in my time of need."

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