NIH GRANT FUNDS RESEARCH OF AUTO-ANTIBODIES

A $92,000 grant from the National Institute of Health has been awarded to Cal State professor, Dr. Klaus Brasch, who is researching the behavior of autoantibodies, which are found in patients with such autoimmune disease as systemic lupus erythematosus.

"Normally, antibodies are produced against infectious agents like viruses and bacteria," says Brasch, chair (Biology). "But in autoimmune diseases, the immune system is attacking the patient's own cells. So finding out how these autoantibodies behave in the experimental context of animal model systems may help tell us more of what they do in humans."

Brasch's research will use chicken erythromes and is seeking a reaction with the Autoimmune Disease Research Center at the Scripps Research Foundation in La Jolla. Graduate and undergraduate students will assist in the research.

SAN BERNARDINO WOMAN EARNS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

The American Accounting Association has awarded a $2,500 scholarship to Winifred D. Scott, a Cal State student who is pursuing a M.B.A.

One of 40 recipients around the country of the Arthur H. Carter scholarship, Scott is Cal State's first such honoree. Her success also stands out because the selection process is so competitive, says Dr. Eldon Lewis, chair (Accounting and Finance). Lewis once served on the association's awards committee.

"She's really done well and they recognized her ability," he adds, noting that students at state universities seldom receive the honor.

A licensed certified public accountant since 1990, Scott is a full-time student at Cal State and a second-year recipient of the university's Graduate Equity Fellowship award, which assists underrepresented ethnic minorities and women in their pursuit of graduate degrees. Besides the $1,700 award from the California State University, Scott also received a $1,000 Scholarship for African-American students, a $2,000 National Black M.B.A. scholarship and a predoctoral scholarship from the CSU in the amount of $3,000.

WINIFRED SCOTT

The single mother of twins, age 2, Scott intends to seek a Ph.D. after she completes her study at Cal State. The Compton native earned her undergraduate degree in accounting from CSU Dominguez Hills in 1981.

"CAMPUS CLOSED. GONE SHOPPING"

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the campus, not an employee was stirring, because they were all frozen stiff.

That's if some decide to work during the Christmas holidays.

Which is not recommended, because the campus will be closed from noon on Dec. 24 through Jan. 3, 1993. And, as an energy conservation measure, all heating and air conditioning services will be unavailable during that time. Brrrr.

The noon, Dec. 24 closing time suggests, of course, that employees may be permitted to bolt from work early that day—a decision to be made by Gov. Pete Wilson, who, we trust, is keenly aware of the long tradition of borrowing upon good boy employees and good girl employees the gift of extra time off, and who must have read as a child, "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."

LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW SUPPORT GROUP

A key core of volunteer leadership is being assembled to assist with the fund-raising efforts of the Pflau Library reports head librarian William Aguilar.

Initial members of the Pflau Addition and Air Conditioning Services will be unavailable during that time. Brrrr.

The two-year project is a collaborative effort with the Autoimmune Disease Center at the Scripps Research Foundation in La Jolla. Graduate and undergraduate students will assist in the research.

The actions and others who join us in the ensuing months, will help the university build the kind of library that will be necessary to serve the campus and the surrounding communities into the 21st century."
A NOTE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

1992/93 CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM

A limited amount of funds have been made available for this fiscal year to accommodate the classification review program. Classification review requests may be submitted during the month of January, 1993 to the Human Resources Department. All requests require the review and signature of the appropriate division vice president prior to submission to the HRD.

Documents and information may be obtained from the HRD. The January, 1993 period is the only remaining fiscal year 1992/93 submission time frame available for all classification review requests whether the review is handled by an employee or by a supervisor, manager, director or dean.

23-POUND, BOUND SET ENRICHES AZTEC CULTURE

Knowledge of the ancient Aztec civilization has been deepened by a comprehensive, four-volume set of texts published after 12 years of research by Dr. Fran Berdan (Anthropology) and a colleague at UCLA.

The 23-pound set of oversize volumes features a pictorial manuscript drawn by Aztec scribes about 20 years after the Spanish conquest in 1521.

"The Spaniards wanted to know what they had in their empire," Berdan explains, and so they had the Indians' illustrations labeled in Spanish. The 900-page document contains a unique birth-to-death account of Aztec life, which a New York Times book review calls "endlessly fascinating."

This work, besides being a complete reproduction of the original Codex Mendez, also contains reprints of the Spanish passages with simultaneous English translation, descriptions of the Aztec provinces and rulers, and offers an analysis that compares previous studies of Aztec civilization.

One of a handful of scholars who is expert in the 16th-century Aztec language, Nahual, Berdan contributed significantly to the work with her ability to translate into English the identities for textiles and other artifacts that featured prominently in the daily life of the Aztecs, whose empire flourished from 1430 to 1521.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Oct. 22, Dr. Leo Connolly, chair (Physics) spoke to the Breakfast Rotary Club of San Bernardino on the physics and pre-engineering programs at CSUSB.

Bruce Decker (Art) recently took photographs for the Mt. Rubidoux Historic District. The architectural study-survey will accommodate the classification review program. Classification review requests may be submitted during the month of January, 1993 to the Human Resources Department. All requests require the review and signature of the appropriate division vice president prior to submission to the HRD.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

THE MAJOR EVENTS CONNECTION

Planning and coordination of large-scale public events on the campus has been given a boost by the creation of a Major Events Committee. Comprised of students, staff and faculty, the committee is expected to contribute ideas for programming on campus as well as lend support to events already scheduled.

Chaired by Cynthia Pringle (Public Affairs), the committee's membership includes David Timms (Associated Students Productions), Sorena Reagins (Student Union), Randy Tarliff (Student Life), Art Butler (Foundation), Bob Yowell (Theatre Arts) and C.E. Topic Rubin, Jr. (Information and Decision Sciences). An additional member will be appointed from the Student Union programming board.

Formed after several months of discussion among various offices, the committee expects to be useful immediately to campus personnel who are contemplating staging a major event.

"A major event is defined as an occasion that is open to the public, has an anticipated audience of several hundred persons and involves a minimum university-funded honorarium of $5,000," explains Pringle. "An exception to this definition includes politicians and lawmakers who frequently make public appearances without the benefit of a speaker's fee."

Although the committee is charged with developing campus programming ideas, Pringle acknowledges that the group's ability to mount a major event hinges on identifying sources of funding for such activity.

"Bringing together the people already involved in various levels of campus programming is a step in the right direction," she comments. "This new level of coordination will help us put our best foot forward when we host a major event. We recognize the value of this kind of activity in terms of building goodwill with the community and in making a contribution to the learning and working environment of the campus."

SCIENCE EDUCATION ADVOCATE RECOGNIZED

Dr. Fran Berdan

Congressman George Brown, Jr. (center) received a commendation for his "longstanding commitment to science education and for his service on the CSUSB Institute for Science Education Advisory Board" during a visit in late October. Appearing with Brown are (left to right) Dr. Herbert (Biology, Secondary and Vocational Education) and Ronnie (Geology, Secondary and Vocational Education) Brokhusen, Brown's wife, Marla, and President Anthony Evans.

IN MEMORIAM

The campus community extends sincere sympathies to Marsha Shanteler (Faculty Senate), whose husband, Kris A. Shanteler, died on Oct. 24. Memorial services were held at Montecito Memorial Park and Mortuary in Loma Linda. Contributions may be made to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Orphans and Widows Fund.

Sympathies also go to Mary Williams (School of Social and Behavioral Sciences) on the death of her husband, Howard Williams, on Nov. 8. A funeral service was held Nov. 13 at St. Anne's Church in San Bernardino.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

Music: "The Sounds of Christmas" sung by the CSUSB Chamber Singers. (Special Japanese tour benefit concert).
8:15 p.m., Recital Hall.
General admission, $10; students, faculty, staff, $5.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

Music: The CSUSB Concert Choir and the CSUSB University Chorale perform Joseph Haydn's "The Creation."
8:15 p.m., Recital Hall.
General admission, $5; students, faculty, staff, $3.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

Men's Basketball.
Pacific Christian College, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

Women's Basketball.
U.C. Davis, 7:30 p.m.

(All athletic contests are home games unless otherwise indicated.)

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