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NIH GRANT FUNDS RESEARCH OF AUTOANTIBODIES

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 diseases as systemic lupus erythematosus and scleroderma.

"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 autoimmune diseases as systemic lupus erythematosus. Brasch says the research is a first step in trying to learn more about how autoantibodies behave, because, he adds, "We know very little about them at present."

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.

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 After 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

"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. Brrr.

The noon, Dec. 24 closing time suggests, of course, that employees may be permitted to hold 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

"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" reports head librarian William Aguilar. "The efforts of these volunteers, 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."

"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.
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 in 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 initiated 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. Frank Berdan (Anthropology) and a colleague at UCLA.

The 23-pound set of oversized 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 his 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 (Physiology) 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 be used by the city of Riverside's Planning Department and Cultural Heritage Board to develop design guidelines for residential development as well as alterations to existing structures in the Mt. Rubidoux Historic District.

Pamela Langford (University Relations) was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Center of the Inland Empire.

Dr. Kathy Reilly (Advanced Studies in Education) and Sue Brotherson (Advanced Studies in Education) presented a workshop at the California Association Meeting on Nov. 11. Their topic addressed career indecisiveness among community college students.

On Nov. 12, Dr. David Stine (Advanced Studies in Education) spoke to the Riverside Chapter of the California Association of School Business Officials. "The Privatization of Public Schools" was his topic.


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

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

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, $10; students, faculty, staff, $5.

C A L E N D A R

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

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.

(Special Japanese tour benefit concert.

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