Internationally-known critical thinking expert Diane Halpern, an Altadena resident who is professor and chair of the psychology department at Cal State, is one of four faculty selected initially from among roughly 10,000 fulltime CSU professors to be honored with the Wang Family Excellence Award established this year by CSU Trustee Stanley T. Wang.

Halpern will receive $20,000 in recognition of her exemplary contributions and achievements in the area of social and behavioral sciences and public service. Her text, Thought and Knowledge: An Introduction to Critical Thinking, now in its third edition, has been described by one colleague as "the critical thinking Bible." In the past two years she has received back-to-back national teaching awards from her peers in the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Foundation. She was the first woman in the 10-year history of the APA award to be so honored among 100,000 faculty nationwide.

Her preeminence as an educator in psychology is unmatched, said Neil Lutsky, president of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology and professor of psychology at Carleton College. "As a leader and scholar she has thoughtfully promoted and enriched discussions of central issues in higher education, including assessment, critical thinking and faculty roles.... as a vocal and influential advocate she has shown how psychological knowledge and research methodology can improve educational practice," he said, adding that her research has helped psychologists better understand how humans think and helped teachers better understand how teaching can strengthen human reason. "No contemporary psychological scientist has had as widespread, illuminating and beneficial an influence on education and educators as she."

The accomplishments of Halpern, who has been on the CSUSB faculty since 1981, have been "robust, broadly balanced and graciously given," stated CSUSB President Albert Karnig. "Even in the short time I've been at Cal State, I've grown amazed by the level, consistency and range of her contributions to her discipline, department and college as well as the university."

Halpern is president-elect of the Western Psychological Association. She will step down as chair of the psychology department at Cal State next year and pursue research interests that will take her to Turkey. Her co-edited text, States of Mind: American and Post-Soviet Perspectives on Contemporary Issues in Psychology, was written with support from a Fulbright Fellowship in Russia and Rockefeller Visiting Scholar Award to Bellagio, Italy. It contains the first English-language materials by former Soviets on many psychology-related topics, including political psychology and prejudice.

Other CSU Wang Award-winners are CSU Bakersfield English professor Michael Flachman, CSULA engineering school dean Raymond Landis, Cal Poly Pomona international business and marketing chair Vernon Stauble and San Francisco State science professor Geoff Marcy. Over the next
10 years the $1 million contributed to The CSU by Trustee Wang will provide for $20,000 awards to be given annually to four faculty and one administrator.

Walks In Forest Lead to Lab
by Sam Romero
public affairs assistant

A scholarship of up to $25,000 is sending Cal State student Kwame Donkor to the East Coast for a summer internship with major pharmaceutical company Merck Research Laboratories this June. The 24-year-old biochemistry major, who is one of 15 in the country to receive the award, will do two, 10-12 week internships -- one this summer and one next -- at the Merck lab in Rahway, New Jersey or West Point, Pennsylvania. He'll be mentored by a Merck scientist and also receive $5,000 stipends for each internship. A grant of up to $10,000 will be given to the department of Donkor's major, which is CSUSB's chemistry department. The awards are presented by the College Fund/UNCF and the Merck Company Foundation.

Donkor has lived in America for three years, coming from Ghana, West Africa, where even the most affluent doctors make only $100 a month. In Ghana, his grandfather, an herbalist, would bring Donkor with him when he searched the forest for medicines, talking to the boy, who would collect bark and leaves on their walks.

"I kind of got interested in how molecules interacted with the human body," says the Rancho Cucamonga resident. He's been pursuing organic synthesis research, which has anti-cancer implications. "The idea is to keep trying, to keep making molecules upon molecules, compounds upon compounds. We're trying to come up with the best ways to make these chemicals."

"Whom Shall I Marry?" "Whom Shall I Murder?"

Questions, Questions Everywhere in Closing Productions
by Shanna Bueche
student writer intern

"The Philadelphia Story" and "Night Must Fall" will whisk you away into another time and place when the two plays open May 21 and 22, respectively, in Cal State's University Theatre. They're both classic theater from the 1930s," says Tom Provenzano, "Night Must Fall" director and a university professor. The two "complement each other in contrast" with one being bright comedy while the other, with comedic tones, is greyish and full of suspense, Provenzano explains.

Philip Barry's "The Philadelphia Story" is like "a glass of champagne," says Margaret Perry, director and also a CSUSB theater professor. "It makes you feel giddy." This classic screwball comedy tells the tale of Tracy Lord's high society wedding. Tracy's affections roam between a reporter, her ex-husband, and her current love interest. Who will be the lucky groom?
Because of the time of its original production, Perry points out this escapist comedy is set at a distance so that it doesn't reflect real life, taking audiences into a comical fantasy where "wealthy people who should behave well make fools of themselves." Perry and cast re-create this ensemble piece as true to its original production as possible. It is "very funny!"

To round out their experience at CSUSB the cast in "The Philadelphia Story" also serve as the stage crew and understudies for "Night Must Fall" and vice-versa.

The repertory acting ensemble represents many parts of the Inland Empire. The students putting the bubbles into the glass of champagne, "The Philadelphia Story," are Chino's Iverson Jacob McGlasson; Mira Loma's Bridget Eakle and Albery Lockhart; Riverside's Jamee McBriety; San Bernardino's Shannon Kelley Dawson, Geoffrey Emerson, and Jay Henson; and Yucaipa's Heidi Parks and Mark Thompsen.

Of "Night Must Fall," Provenzano exudes "this is an extraordinary group of actors" playing "slightly over the top in terms of melodrama and each is finding his or her way into their roles with great relish." The artists are Highland's Nicole McAlpine and Rebecca Wiebel; Moreno Valley's Brian Hendra; Rialto's Misty Rivera; Riverside's TinaMarie Ivey; San Bernardino's Lee Brandt, Andrew Felt, William Felt, Alyson Leigh Florey and Terry Ollila; and Yucaipa's Heidi Parks and Amanda Robertson.

"Night Must Fall," written by Emlyn Williams, weaves a story of murder and suspense. When a young woman is fascinated by a dashing and clever young man, although she is certain he is a murderer, two questions arise: Will there be another murder, and, if so, who will die?

Provenzano modifies this 1930s classic by a decade and treats this play as a "mental-image of a radio drama, with the heightened language of that form." In this mental-image, the audience will hear pop songs from the 1940s, including "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree," sung live by the actors.

"The Philadelphia Story" runs May 21, 27, 29, June 4 and 12 at 8:15 p.m., and May 23 and June 6 at 2 p.m. "Night Must Fall" runs May 22, 28, June 3, 5 and 11 at 8:15 p.m., and May 30 and June 13 at 2 p.m. Ticket sales begin May 11. Prices are $10 for general admission, $8 for CSUSB alumni and senior citizens, and $4 for students.

It's a 'Triple Crown' for Model Diplomacy Team

Capturing its ninth straight "outstanding delegation" award at Model League of Arab States’ competitions, the CSUSB model diplomacy team has won again at a Berkeley tourney, completing a kind of "triple crown" sweep since winning another Arab League tourney in late March as well as a Model U.N. competition a week later. The university was one of two teams given the "outstanding delegation" at the April 23-25 event.

Representing Egypt in a contest where 140 students spoke for 18 of the 22 Arab states, CSUSB competed against schools like Stanford, the University of California at Berkeley and the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, which was comprised mostly of intelligence officers. Cal State topped the officers as well, says the CSUSB team's advisor and political science professor, Ralph Salmi, chiefly because "we knew parliamentary procedure" better and had a better handle on diplomatic courtesy -- no small matter, he adds. "They're just fundamentally good people."
Corona resident Johnny Lambert was named "outstanding chair," while Kevin Grisham and Robert Bell, both from San Bernardino, Abbake Amaira of Upland and Basem Issa of Ontario were named "outstanding delegates."

With the competition growing more fierce and CSUSB's long string of high marks, "It's getting scary," says Salmi, who has been guiding the university's model diplomacy team for five years. Many of the members return next year to defend their titles.

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Two Awards Banquets on June 11

The African/African American Graduating Students Ceremony and the College of Business and Public Administration Awards Recognition Banquet both will be held June 11. Besides recognizing graduating students, the ceremony includes a cultural celebration and a light buffet dinner. Tickets are $10 per person and the event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Events Center. Purchase tickets at the ASI Box Office and if you're interested in sponsoring a student call Aminia Clark at Ext. 7260.

The CBPA event begins at 6 p.m. in the Upper Commons. The banquet costs $25 per person. Call Tanya Scott at Ext. 3703 by Friday, June 4.

Personnel

Community Service

On May 4 Robert Blackey (History) spoke to classes in Advanced Placement European History and in Advanced Placement United States History at Norte Vista High School in Riverside about preparing for the AP exams and about test taking skills.

Calendar

(All sports listings are home contests.)

Friday, May 7

Talk.


Music.

CSUSB Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble, Rob Dunham, conductor. 7:30 p.m., Creative Arts Building Recital Hall. General admission $5, students and senior citizens $3. Ext. 5859.
Saturday, May 8

Talk.
Mary Pipher, professor in Clinical Psychological Training Program at University of Nebraska Lincoln and author of the book, Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls, talks about how culture and the media affect mental health and the family. 1 p.m., Coyote Den (large gymnasium). Free. Ext. 7203.

Thursday, May 13

Talk.
Chicago Bulls’ star Bob Love featured speaker for CSUSB Disability Awareness Day. 9-11:30 a.m., Student Union Events Center. Free. Ext. 5138.

Saturday, May 15

Coyote Corral ’99.
Coyote Corral ’99 features live entertainment, barbecue, exhibits, and the 12th Annual End of the World Party with swing, ska band, Save Ferris. 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., CSUSB mall area. Barbecue $4 for students and children-under-12, $6 for adults. Save Ferris concert is free with tickets for prime viewing area to be picked up at ASI Box Office. Ext. 5008.

Tuesday, May 18

Performance.
The life of 19th century figure, Biddy Mason, a slave who tested the power of the California Constitution as portrayed by CSUSB English professor, Sandra Kamusikiri. 7 p.m., Panorama Room in Commons. Free. 387-4604.

Friday, May 21

Talk.

Theatre: Opening Night.
"The Philadelphia Story," by Philip Barry. Gossip magazine sends reporter and photographer to cover the high society wedding of Tracy Lord, but Tracy seems more interested in the reporter, or maybe her ex-husband. Will she marry? If so, who'll be the lucky groom? University Theatre. May 21, 27, 29 and June 4 and 12 at 8:15 p.m. May 23 and June 6 at 2 p.m. General admission $10; senior citizens and CSUSB alumni $8; students $4. Ext. 5884.

Saturday, May 22

Theatre: Opening Night.
"Night Must Fall," by Emlyn Williams. A dashing and clever young man, a lonely old woman, and her
vulnerable niece who is fascinated by this man, although she is certain he is a murderer. Will there be another murder? University Theatre. May 22, 28, and June 3, 5, 11 at 8:15 p.m. May 30 and June 13 at 2 p.m. General admission $10; senior citizens and CSUSB alumni $8; students $4. Ext. 5884.

Music.
Inland Empire - CSUSB Symphonic Choir, Tamara Harsh Craver, conductor. 7:30 p.m., Creative Arts Building Recital Hall. General admission $5, students and senior citizens $3. Ext. 5859.

Wednesday, May 26
Music.
Faculty Artist Recital. Loren Filbeck, baritone, and Larry McFatter, piano. 7:30 p.m., Creative Arts Building Recital Hall. General admission $6, students and senior citizens $4. Ext. 5859.