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Thank you, Bob Varni!



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Board of Trustees honors Bob Varni for 20 years of service

City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees President Rodel Rodis (above photo, left) presents an engraved plaque to Robert P. Varni for his 20 years of dedicated service to CCSF as a student leader, foundation director and trustee. The presentation was made at a special recognition ceremony held May 30 at 33 Gough St. Also pictured (left to right) are Trustee Dr. Natalie Berg (behind Mr. Varni), Trustee Dr. Anita Grier, Bob's wife Sharon Varni, and Trustee Lawrence Wong. Not pictured are Board Vice President Johnnie L. Carter, Jr., and Trustee Milton Marks III. In photo at left Bob Varni is pictured with Anka Ohman who was his business teacher (Business 1A & 1B) when Bob was a student at City College and the person he credits with providing him with his introduction to the business world.

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Ophelia Clark recognized for Academic Senate Presidency

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor (right) presented a plaque to Professor Ophelia Clark thanking her for her two years of service as President of the CCSF Academic Senate and her co-chairmanship of the Enhanced Self Study. The plaque was presented May 30 on the occasion of Clark's final Board of Trustees meeting. Clark has been a regular fixture at the Board sessions, making reports on the activities and policies of the Academic Senate. Pictured in the background are Board President Rodel Rodis (right) and Vice President Johnnie L. Carter, Jr.



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Helen Dilworth, David Tigner honored

Dr. Helen Dilworth (at podium) CCSF Music Department Instructor, and David Tigner (left) vocalist and teacher in the San Francisco community, received special recognition from the City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees May 30. Dilworth and Tigner were honored for their longtime commitment to performing and teaching.

WING YEE LI'S COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

City College is a good place to begin our education

Editor's note: Wing Yee Li was the student speaker at the CCSF Graduation Ceremony held May 24 at Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco. The following is a transcript of her remarks.

Good evening. Welcome, everyone. I hope all of you are enjoying the graduation ceremony tonight. When I was growing up, my parents always told me "You have to study hard." I believed what they said. Education is very important and it leads to success. City College of San Francisco is a good place to begin our education. CCSF provided me with a solid foundation of knowledge and experience for higher education. It gave me a bridge to further studying at San Francisco State University and reinforced my goal of getting a Bachelor's degree.

CCSF offers many different kinds of academic classes, which not only give us knowledge, but also help us decide our career path. I had never taken an Accounting class before, but after taking Accounting 50, I became very interested in it. I had very good teachers in all of my Accounting classes, especially Mrs. Gragg



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and Miss Butler. They gave me a strong base of knowledge, which is essential for my career as a public accountant in the future.

CCSF also offers hundreds of P.E. classes. Sports can not only relax us, but also help us to develop different kinds of skills. My third semester at city, I took a hip-hop dance class. When I was in Hong Kong, I did not dance at all. However, I participated in a dancing recital where I performed a hip-hop dance. Even though it took me almost a month to practice, I felt very confident when I heard the audience applaud.

CCSF offers students opportunities to serve our community. When I was taking Political Science 1, I participated in "Project Shine." I volunteered to be a translator at the St Mary's Center in Chinatown every week. I helped elderly people study for the citizenship test. It took a lot of patience because they had limited English Skills, but I know they appreciated our help. I think it is our responsibility to contribute to society and I will do my best to continue to serve it. I hope you will too.

After I graduated from high school in Hong Kong, I did not go to school for a year and a half because I needed to work to support my family. As an immigrant and a returning student, CCSF is a good start for our education. The class sizes are generally smaller than the ones at universities. We get more attention from our instructors. In addition, CCSF provides us with tutoring in the Learning Assistance Center from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. I always asked the English tutors to help me with my English papers, and they gave me many useful comments and suggestions.

CCSF is known as a good institution for learning English. I know I need good English skills to work in the Business field. Since English is my second language, I spent a lot of time on my English



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classes in order to get good grades. I had many good English teachers, such as Miss Hockman and Ms. Rose. Thanks to their help, language is not a barrier to learning for me anymore.

City College has given us a substantial foundation for our education. I know I won't forget what I have learned here. I hope you won't either. Because whether you took an English class or a hip-hop dance class, spent many hours in the Learning Assistance Center or volunteered in our community, CCSF helped all of us achieve our goal of graduating here tonight. And I know none of this would be possible without the instructors at CCSF. Thank you to all of our instructors. And thanks to our families and friends for their support.

Congratulations and good luck to you all!

John Gerstung gives violin to Music Dept.

The Music Department recently received a gift of a violin from retired faculty member **John F. Gerstung**.

Gerstung, who was born in 1911, was one of the original faculty of City College of San Francisco and retired in 1977. While at CCSF he was Chair of the Social Sciences Department, President of the Faculty Association and elected to the first Executive Council of the Academic Senate.

Gerstung's violin is being appraised and brought into playing condition. The college's violin teacher considers that this instrument may become the best available to CCSF music students and hopes to feature it in a concert next fall.

The Music Department is very grateful to Mr. Gerstung for his generous donation," says **Madeline Mueller**, Department Chair.

Journalism students win 21 awards

Student journalists from City College of San Francisco captured 22 of 71 awards at the first-ever Bay Area Collegiate Newspaper Awards, reports **Juan Gonzales**, Department Chair. It was sponsored by the *San Francisco Examiner*.

Editorial cartoons: **CCSF**, first.

Front page design, **Jonathan Villar**, third

Features: **Jonathan Villar**, third.

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Sports features: **Mauricio Matusiak**, **Adrian D. Varnedoe**, second; **Terry Bernal**, third.

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Workshop at Mission Campus to focus on 'Communication in ESL classroom'

A workshop on intercultural communication with the theme *Communication Clash in the ESL Classroom — Handling Student Participation*, will be held **Friday, June 14** from 9 A.M. to 12 NOON in Room 305 on the Mission Campus, 106 Bartlett St.

The presenters will be **Linda Callis-Buckely** of Sacramento State and **Piper McNulty** of DeAnza College. Faculty and staff who are interested in attending should pre-register with **Rick Kappra** by emailing him at kappra@earthlink.net

In an American ESL classroom, students are truly caught between cultures, required to interact in US culture at large, and also required to interact with other students from a variety of cultures. How can teachers create a viable learning community and help students to be respectful of, and accommodate, others' communication styles?

In this interactive workshop, teachers will learn about values that underlie

classroom styles and that create challenges for students in adapting to this culture. This workshop is sponsored by Project VOICE (Voice, Opportunity, Independence, Civic Engagement).

Cafeteria hours announced for summer session 2002

The Cafeteria on the Ocean Avenue Campus will be open for breakfast and lunch from **June 10 through July 24**. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 A.M. to 10 A.M. Lunch will be available from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

This is the last issue of *City Currents* for 2001-2002. *City Currents* will resume publication for Fall Flex in August. Have a great summer!

OBITUARY

Lee S. Dolson, Jr.

Longtime City College of San Francisco faculty member **Lee S. Dolson, Jr.**, passed away May 26, 2002 after a long illness. He was 77. Mr. Dolson taught social science at CCSF from 1960 to 1996. He was also an assistant professor at both UC Berkeley and San Francisco State University, as well as a teacher in the San Francisco schools.

A native of San Francisco, Mr. Dolson attended local schools. He was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., and received master's degrees from San Francisco State and UC Berkeley. He earned a Ph.D. in history.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia, two daughters, a son and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 300 Lake St., San Francisco, CA 94111.

Evelyn Mandac to teach voice and opera June 19

Evelyn Mandac, among the most famous opera singers from the Philippines, will present a master class in voice and opera Wednesday, June 19, from 3 to 6 P.M. in Room 133 of the Creative Arts Building on the Ocean Avenue Campus. This event is free and the public is welcome. For more information, telephone Judy Hubbell at (415) 452-5238.