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Volunteer to assist at League of Innovation Conference

City College of San Francisco and Foothill-DeAnza are co-hosting the League for Innovations 2004 Innovations Conference **February 29 through March 3** at the San Francisco Hilton. The other community colleges of the Bay 10 community colleges are also cohosting to ensure the conference is a success. CCSF's **Mamie How** is the Steering Committee Chair.

The seven major conference streams are:

- Learning and Teaching;
- Leadership and Organization;
- Workforce Preparation and Development;
- Student Services and Activities;
- Basic Skills and Developmental Education;
- Resource Development and Foundation Management; and
- Research, Assessment and Accountability.

CCSF will be making eight presentations:

- Decision Support System (Dr. **Robert Gabriner**, Dean, Research, Planning and Grants);
- Title 3 (**Lawrence Klein**, Dean, Behavioral and Social Sciences);
- Career Ladder Partnership with MUNI (**Suzanne Korey**, Coordinator, Office of Vocational Education);
- Bio-Link (Dr. **Elaine Johnson**, Director);
- The Diego Rivera Mural Project (**Julia Bergman**, Librarian);
- The Design Collaborative (Dr. **Bruce Smith**, Dean, School of Liberal Arts);

• Organizational Model for Online and Tech-Enhanced Learning (Education Technology Office staff); and

• Exploring and Learning from the Educational Transformation of Extraordinary Urban Community College Students (**Shaun Rowley**, Counselor/Instructor).

There will be five keynote presentations:

- **Kay McClenney**, Director, Community College Survey of Student Engagement, CC Leadership Program, University of Texas;
- **Kurt Landgraf**, President, Educational Testing Service;
- **Kati Haycock**, Director, The Education Trust;
- **Greg Sarris**, Fletcher Jones Chair of Literature and Writing, Loyola Marymount University; Chairman, Coast Miwok Tribe; Consultant, Sundance Film Festival;
- **Gwen Dungy**, Executive Director, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators; and

• **Emily De Rocco**, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor.

City College faculty, classified and administrators can obtain free admission to the conference by volunteering to help with on-site registration as well as speaker support for forums, roundtable discussions, poster sessions and learning center courses. As staff development funds for conferences have been severely cut, this would be an opportunity to attend a national conference on innovations in the community colleges. For eight hours of volunteer time, one conference registration fee will be waived. To volunteer for technical or speaker support please send an email to league@fog.ccsf.edu. To volunteer for the hospitality support team, please send an email to Hospitality Chair **Martha Lucey** at mlucey@ccsf.edu.

For more information about the conference, visit the League for Innovations website at www.league.org/i2004/index.html.

DCC officers re-elected

At its November 2003 meeting, the Department Chairperson Council (DCC) re-elected its officers by acclamation. They are:

President: **Darlene Alioto** (Chair, Social Sciences Department).

Vice President: **Madeline Mueller**, Chair, Music Department).

Secretary: **Sharon Seymour** (Chair, ESL Department).

Remembering Steve Levinson, See Pages 2–3

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OBITUARY

Steve Levinson passes away

Remembrance ceremony December 11 at 3:30 P.M. in PCR

Longtime City College of San Francisco faculty member **Steve Levinson** passed away November 23, 2003, 18 years after being diagnosed with Waldenstrom's Macro-globulinemia, a rare cancer of the blood plasma.

A native of Los Angeles, Steve graduated from UC Berkeley in 1960, becoming a lifelong fan of the Bears and the Bay Area. He taught English for 38 years at City College of San Francisco, where he also served as president of the Academic Senate and President of AFT 2121. He retired in May 2003.

Steve is survived by his wife, **Dale**; sons, **Arik** and **Joel**; daughter-in-law **Susan Ullman**; and grandchildren **Kira Ullman** and **Derek Levinson**; brother **Art**, sister-in-law **Judy**, brother and sister-in-law **David** and **Marcy Albert**; and his nephews and nieces, **Brian, Darin, David, Dan, Mike** and **Kirsten**.

Dr. **Philip R. Day, Jr.**, Chancellor of City College of San Francisco, informed the College community via email: "I am very sorry to advise you that the City College family lost one of its most esteemed professionals, Professor Steve Levinson, who passed away over the weekend. Aside from a distinguished career as a member of the teaching faculty at City College, Steve provided leadership and strong advocacy for the faculty on a number of fronts, i.e. collective bargaining, shared governance, and technology planning.

"I only knew Steve for the last five-and-a-half-years and it was in his capacity as a member of the Technology Roundtable. Steve played an influential role directly with the Planning and Budgeting Council, my office and with me personally in making the strong case for re-establishing the Office of Educational Technology, including the commitment necessary for the faculty to have access to resources and space (new labs in the library and the new space for the Office of Educational Technology) to enhance

their training and development opportunities.

"Steve will be missed by all and our sympathies and thoughts are extended to his family and loved ones as they deal with their (and our loss)," said Dr. Day.

Rita W. Jones, Dean, Library & Learning Resources, said, "I am still trying to come to grips with the passing of Steve Levinson. During the 1970s, Steve worked as the Coordinator of the Center of Independent Learning (COIL) which later was transformed into what is now known as the Learning Assistance Center. He worked many years with the library faculty and staff ordering new and exciting materials for COIL and working with individual students. The CCSF Library faculty and staff salute Steven for all his many years as a friend, Union Leader, and College visionary. We will miss him."

Chris Hanzo of AFT 2121 told *City Currents*, "Steve helped build the faculty union at City College of San Francisco (CCSF) in the late 1970's and the early 1980's. He served as president of Local 2121 from 1982 to 1985, during which time he led the fight for full-time jobs, pay equity for part-time faculty, and for student access to public education. He was elected to serve as northern vice-president of the Community College

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Council/CFT under then President **Bob Gabriner**. He will be remembered for his convictions and principles concerning democracy within the union and to civil rights. Even after moving on to other leadership roles at CCSF, Steve was always giving of his time and advice to the union. He will be missed.”

Alan Fisher, President of AFT 2121, noted, “Steve Levinson held such humane values and always worked in the best interests of the faculty, the students and the college. He



STEVE LEVINSON

helped me a lot as president of AFT 2121. Sometimes, he was critical, but he did it in a gentle way. We have lost a good person.”

Janet Willett, Coordinator, Office of Technology-Mediated Instruction, said, “Steve Levinson was a leader in planning and development of educational technology at CCSF. He led the drafting of the proposal which established the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable in fall 1996, serving as the first faculty Co-Chair until March 2000 and secretary in fall 2003. He served as Interim Coordinator for development of the first CCSF online courses in 2000. He was Project Manager of the 1995–2000 Title 3 grant, Strengthening Student Success and College Accountability with Education Technology, Supplemental Instruction, and Decision Support Systems. He was on the Academic Computing Task Force and Technology Strategy Development Team that developed the 1997 Master Plan, *Creating Opportunities: Using Information Technology in Education.*”

All are welcome to attend a special Remembrance Ceremony on Thursday, December 11 at 3:30 P.M. in the Pierre Coste Room on the Ocean Avenue Campus. Hosted by City College of San Francisco, The English Department, the Academic Senate and American Federation of Teachers 2121, it will be an opportunity for you to share your memories of Steve Levinson with your colleagues.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Waldenstrom’s Foundation, or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Holiday plant sale Dec. 11

The Environmental and Horticulture and Floristry Department will hold its annual Holiday Sale on Thursday, December 11 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. in the Horticulture Center on Judson at Phelan. Buy holiday wreaths, centerpieces, arrangements, and poinsettias, and selected indoor and outdoor plants.

Celebrating Thanksgiving at Southeast

By **Michael N. Manneh**
Southeast Campus

Southeast Campus held its annual Thanksgiving celebration on Wednesday, November 19. The Associated Student Council provided a truly generous turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including ham, yams, cranberry sauce, and all of the other traditional goodies. The theme of this year’s celebration was “Strengthening the Spirit,” a focus on Native Americans. The invited guest speaker was **Antonio Gonzales**, a UN liaison for the International Indian Treaty Council. Gonzales has an extensive background in world and political affairs, having met some of the world’s top leaders. He fought in Vietnam and has continued to educate people on the rights of Native Americans throughout his more than 25-year career.

Gonzales was well received. He gave an historic account of the plight of Native Americans. He left the crowd with a greater appreciation for native Americans, as well as for their own individuality than they had when they first sat down.

The event was coordinated by **Lori Brown** of the Josephine Cole Library at the Southeast Campus and was sponsored in part by the City College of San Francisco, Southeast Campus, the Southeast Campus Associated Student Council and the Josephine Cole Library.

TLTR Showcases Teachers using Technology in the Classroom

Technology Skills in a Child Development Class

By Sharon Donovan

Child Development Instructor

I began to seriously consider computer literacy and technological know-how as an important workplace competency for our students in the Early Care and Education workforce when I first joined the SCANS workgroup in 2001.

There is considerable debate in the Early Care and Education literature about the benefits and dangers of introducing very young children to technology in their learning settings. And yet, the workforce is increasingly acknowledging the value and inevitability of technology for adults.

During the initial year, the activities were limited to a soft recommendation that student/instructor communication could occur by email, and a compulsory Internet assignment. This assignment was initially presented as an opportunity to increase familiarity with web resources about children and their families and generally occurs in self-selected groups of two or three with varying technical expertise. Students visit recommended sites, or search by topic and report on the experience, their challenges and findings. Over time the assignment has been modified to include more formal rubrics.

James Lim from the Rosenberg Library has been extremely helpful by making a presentation on web research to my Horace Mann Middle School evening class.

In subsequent years, the invitation to correspond by email became a strong preference, and the number of assignments submitted electronically continues to rise.

This year we are using an electronic reader in place of a text or photocopied reader. Students receive a list of web sites, PDF files and journal article titles from InfoTrak, which they print out from the Internet. They also are given a letter addressed to their employer, in most cases child care center directors, request-



Photo by Patricia Delich

SHARON DONOVAN

ing that they be given access to an agency computer and printer if necessary. This idea has been very well received. Students agree that it allows for an affordable, current, flexible selection of sources without violation of copyright law.

Editor's Note: This series showcases the various ways CCSF teachers use technology in the classroom. To access resources mentioned here and to read past articles, go to the TLTR website <www.ccsf.edu/tltr>. If you would like to write an article, contact Patricia Delich 415-452-5271 or pdelich@ccsf.edu.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Bilingual orientations planned

By Eva Cheng, Counselor

Please let your students know that the New Student Counseling Office has announced a number of Bilingual Chinese Orientation Workshops and Initial Counseling sessions for Fall 2003 and Spring 2004. We welcome students who have been placed into ESL 110, 120 or 130. They will receive pertinent information about matriculation, college policies, student services, academic and vocational programs. The main goal of the workshops is to prepare immigrant students to succeed in college.

The dates and times are:

Friday, December 12, 12:15 P.M., Conlan Hall 101.

Friday, December 19, 9 A.M., Rosenberg Library 304.

Friday, January 9, 12:15 P.M., Conlan Hall 101.

Friday, January 16, 9 A.M., Conlan Hall 101.

For more information, please contact **Pearl Chen**, Counselor, at (415) 239-3612.

City College of San Francisco

ADMINISTRATIVE OPPORTUNITY

Vice Chancellor of Student Development

Job Announcement # D-03040

Application Deadline: 4 P.M., Friday, January 23, 2004

For a copy of the Job Announcement and the Application Forms contact the Human Resources Department, 33 Gough St. Telephone (415) 241-2246 • Web address: www.ccsf.edu/hr

Music Dept. offers free concerts

Monday, December 8, 11 A.M., Arts 133 — Voice recital by beginning students of **Judy Hubbell**.

Monday, December 8, 3 P.M., Arts 133 — Piano recital by beginning students of **Judy Hubbell**.

Tuesday, December 9, 11 A.M., Arts 133 — Voice recital by intermediate students of **Judy Hubbell**.

Tuesday, December 9, 4 P.M. Lower Level, Student Union — CCSF String Ensemble, under the direction of **Thomas Kilgallen**, performs pieces by Telemann, Tchaikovsky and Bach.

Wednesday, December 10, 2 P.M., Arts 133 — Voice recital by intermediate students of **Judy Hubbell**.

Wednesday, December 10, 6 P.M., Arts 133 — Voice recital and potluck with intermediate students of **Judy Hubbell**.

Thursday, December 11, 8:30 A.M., Arts 133 — Voice recital by beginning students of **Mary Argenti**.

Thursday, December 11, 11 A.M., Arts 133 — Voice recital by intermediate students of **Judy Hubbell**.

Thursday, December 11, 1 P.M., Arts 133 — Voice recital by beginning students of **Mary Argenti**.

Friday, December 12, 7 P.M., Visual Arts 115 — CCSF Choir and Solo Voice Concert. **Joshua Law** directs.

Monday, December 15, 1 P.M., Arts 133 — CCSF Woodwind Ensemble, under the direction of **Charlie McCarthy**.

Tuesday, December 16, 8 P.M., Diego Rivera Theater — The Tuesday Night Stage Band and the Jazz/Rock Improvisational Workshop, under the direction of **David Hardiman**, present The Fall Jazz Concert, with special guest guitarist **Stanley Jordan**.

Wednesday, December 17, 2 P.M., Arts 133 — Electronic music tape recital by students of **Brian Fergus**.

Wednesday, December 17, 8 P.M., Arts 133 — Composition Class Concert (Mus 5A and 5B) with students of **Jerry Mueller**.

Vietnam customs topic of talk

Resources available to small and medium-sized businesses that are desirous of exporting their products to Vietnam will be explored at the next session of the *Trading with Vietnam* speaker series on **Wednesday, December 10** from 4 to 6 P.M. in Room 821 at the City College of San Francisco Downtown Campus, 800 Mission St. (at Fourth Street). It is sponsored by City College of San Francisco, the Center for International Trade and Development and the California-Asia Business Council (Cal-Asia).

Speakers will include **Stephan Crawford**, a commercial specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce, and **Nguyen The Cuong**, trade liaison for the Vietnamese Consulate in San Francisco. Crawford will talk about methods used to prepare goods for export from the U.S., as well as research, promotion, finance and the overall development of a successful trade plan. Cuong will discuss the types of products needed and wanted in Vietnam and issues related to clearing customs in that market.

The public is welcome to attend this free session. Funding for this program is provided by a grant awarded by the Business and International Education Program of the U.S. Department of Education.

Strategic leadership topic of Academy

The City College of San Francisco Office of Contract Education will offer a Leadership Academy in January 2004. It will be held from 8 A.M. to 12 NOON over four days: **Thursday and Friday, January 8 and 9, and Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16**, all at the Crowne Plaza Union Square Hotel, San Francisco.

The curriculum will provide attendees with a step-by-step self-assessment, case

studies and practical knowledge to sharpen strategic leadership skills, and to foster and strengthen teamwork using collaborative problem-solving and decision-making processes.

The cost is \$250 until December 12; after that date, the cost will be \$400.

For details, telephone **Judy Teng**, Dean of Contract Education, City College of San Francisco, (415) 267-6569.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

CCSF website receives accolades

At the annual International Career Development Conference held November 7th and 8th in Oakland, CCSF Counselor **Greg Johnson** and Vocational Education Coordinator **Andrea Speraw** presented the career-development resource www.sfbaycareermap.org to hundreds of professionals from around the globe. This Website, which sprung from the CCSF Occupational Interest Survey three years ago, is a career decision-making tool that helps students, career-changers and persons re-entering the workplace begin the career-planning journey. SFBCM works by first taking a short online survey about likes and dislikes, which results in two Holland "Personality Types" based upon the user's interests.

She/he is then furnished with a list of career and technical education training programs matched to his/her unique "Types" and offered by the 26 Bay Area community colleges. After selecting an instructional program of interest, a list of the community colleges offering the training appears on his/her computer screen. The college title is linked to the college Website allowing users to explore his/her educational selection.

You can locate the Occupational Interest Survey at www.ccsf.edu/voced/ois and SFBCM at www.sfbaycareermap.org. For questions or inquiries, feel free to contact Andrea at asperaw@ccsf.edu or Greg at gjohnson@ccsf.edu.

Children's asthma program draws national attention to CCSF

By Sharon Turner

Community Health Works

City College of San Francisco has received a wave of national visibility for its work in chronic disease care.

Community Health Works, the partnership of the City College Health Science Department and the Department of Health Education at San Francisco State University, has focused on children's asthma. The YES WE CAN Children's Asthma Program has helped develop three demonstration children's asthma clinics in San Francisco — at San Francisco General Hospital, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, and Excelsior Clinic near the Ocean Avenue campus of City College. At these clinics, prevention-oriented care has caused hospitalization to drop sharply from 21% to 4%. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention just selected the YES WE CAN program to be one of seven "evidence-based interventions" to be featured for national dissemination.

City College has partnered with San Francisco State, Kaiser Permanente Northern California and the National Initiative on Child Health Quality to produce a 1200-page Toolkit on how to set up such a prevention-oriented children's asthma program. The Toolkit contains one volume for community health workers, one for nurse care managers and a third for program managers. The Toolkit was released at the American Public Health Association in San Francisco in November 2003. Four speakers from the YES WE CAN collaborative presented.

Linda Squires Grohe, CCSF Dean of Health and Physical Education, says, "This model can be applied to all chronic conditions as because it's a new way of thinking about an old problem."

In June 2003, Vicki Legion, faculty member of the Health Science Department, coordinated a panel of six presenters at



Silvia Raymundo and Arthur Hill completed the Community Health Worker Certificate at City College of San Francisco, and are now doing nationally-recognized work in children's asthma at San Francisco General Hospital, working on a health team with clinicians and nurses.

Asthma 2003, the biannual conference sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Speaking on the panel was Patricia Perkins, director of the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center hosted by City College of San Francisco; Dr. James Stout, vice president of the National Initiative on Child Health Quality; and Dr. Warren Taylor, the medical director of Chronic Conditions Management for Kaiser Permanente.

Community College Journal writes of BioLink

The story of BioLink was published in *The Community College Journal* October/November 2003 issue. It was in the story titled "ATE Grants Impact Community Colleges," written by Madeline Patton. It focused on the Advanced Technology Education grants offered by the National Science Foundation.

Francisco Wong-Diaz earns awards from Cancer Society

Dr. Francisco Wong-Diaz has been honored with the "Patient Courage Award" by the American Cancer Society (ACS), Greater Bay Area/Redwood Empire Region. He previously received their "Best New Volunteer Award" in 2000 for his leadership in the fight against prostate cancer. Professor Wong-Diaz serves on the ACS advisory board.

FACCC honors Ann Clark and Cliff Liehe

Ann Clark and Cliff Liehe were honored at the statewide Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) conference held November 14 in San Francisco.

Clark was the recipient of the John Vasconcellos Award. In presenting this award to Clark, a longtime faculty member of CCSF, the FACCC noted, "(Clark is a) longtime advocate for financial accountability and public information and disclosure for the state, local districts and colleges. In support of FACCC's professional development offerings, Clark has been a valuable participant in FACCC's *Show Me the Money* workshops, helping faculty members understand the stage legislative process and the importance of educating legislators about community college issues."

Cliff Liehe, a part-time instructor in the Business Department at CCSF's Downtown Campus, was named the Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year. The FACCC said, "Cliff Liehe is a strong advocate for retirement, unemployment and rehire rights for part-time faculty. In his effort to educate faculty about these issues, he has written several handouts and articles, published on campus and statewide."

CCSF is Reading

Ten Little Indians

Sherman Alexie. New York: Grove Press, 2003.

Sherman Alexie — in novels, short stories, poems — has written about Native Americans who, though carrying the burdens of reservation life imposed by the United States, are exceedingly good, insightful people: “God, I’m supposed to be some electric aboriginal warrior,” says William as he leaves on a business trip, “but I’m really a wimpy liberal pacifist. Dear Lord, how much longer should I mourn the death of Jerry Garcia?” This is from “Flight Patterns” in Alexie’s latest short story collection, *Ten Little Indians*. There are nine stories in the volume — Alexie is a funny man. Expect to have tears of profound sadness running down your cheeks while you are laughing aloud. Each story is better than the last, and each is unforgettable. The characters will move in with you and perhaps never leave, such as Corliss Joseph: “At the beginning of every semester, Corliss had called the history and English teachers at the local prep school she couldn’t afford, and asked what books they would be reading in class, and she had found those books and lived with them like siblings.... She’d been a resourceful thief, a narcissistic Robin Hood who stole a rich education from white people and kept it.” The story of Frank Snake Church contains one of Alexie’s recurring themes: basketball as a metaphor for failure. Frank, feeling he is having a heart attack, rushes home from his job as forest ranger, thinking his father has died. He finds his father drinking coffee and eating Grape-Nuts:

“You’re alive,” said Frank, completely surprised by the fact.

“Yes, I am,” Harrison said as he studied his bloody, panicked son. “But you look half dead.”

“I had a vision,” Frank said.

Harrison sipped his coffee.

“I saw you in my head,” Frank said.

“You’re supposed to be dead. I saw you dead.”

“You have blurry vision,” said Harrison.

Sherman Alexie, now in his thirties, has been publishing his writing since he was a teenager. He is one of America’s great writers.

Ellen Wall

English Department

The Alchemist

Paulo Coelho. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1998.

The Alchemist contains rather short and simplistic prose. Even as I describe the prose as simplistic, I see it far from being a one-dimensional or naive piece. Entailed in this mythical novel are sophisticated ideas about the universe, life and how to live it. The story unfolds the life of a young shepherd-boy who complies with whatever comes his way. He soon finds himself complacent as he realizes that his everyday interactions are predictable and mundane. During his time of complacency, he is haunted by a barrage of dreams, which he perceives as messages encouraging him to take on a new direction in life. He decides to follow his dreams, which unravel for him a journey of discoveries. The ending takes quite a twisted turn. I promise you will make your own discoveries throughout your journey with this tale. The author’s voice flows with an elementary choice of diction, which allows you to become easily captivated by the storyline. Once you pick it up, you will only put it down on a place of honor on your bookshelf.

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Student Aide, English Department

These books are available from Bird & Beckett Books in Glen Park, 2788 Diamond Street at Chenery, (415) 586-3733. Tell Eric you read it in *City Currents* to get a 15% discount on new books; 25% discount on used books.

Preparations begin for BIO 2004 convention

Bio-Link is preparing for BIO 2004 with excitement as the Annual Convention for the industry’s largest gathering of biotechnology leaders in the world will be held in San Francisco, arguably the Birthplace of Biotechnology. Since the Bio-Link National Center and the Northern California Biotechnology Center are located at CCSF, a unique opportunity presents itself to play a role in organizing and participating in this global event during the first week in June. Dr. **Elaine Johnson** was nominated and accepted the honor of chairing the BIO 2004 Outreach and Education Committee. **Lisa Huffman**, Bio-Link Project Manager, and Dr. **Edie Leonhardt**, Co-Director of NCBC, also serve on this committee. Planning for the conference has already begun and continues with monthly meetings in the Bay Area.

EVENT

‘Folktales and Mythological Wonders’ at Diego Rivera

The City College of San Francisco Theatre Arts Department will present a *Celebration of Multicultural Folktales and Mythological Wonders* **December 13–14 and 20–21** at the Diego Rivera Theatre. All performances will begin at 2 P.M.

Directed by **A. Fajilan** of the Theatre Arts faculty, the presentation includes children’s arts and crafts, folktales from many continents and nations, including Africa, Russia, Afghanistan, Inuit, Israel, China, Europe, Korea, First Nation and the Americas.

General admission is \$7. Seniors and children will pay \$5 each or two admissions for \$7.

