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Update

NEH grant will enhance SAC Humanities Studies

San Antonio College has received a \$24,985 Focus Grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) to help faculty from a variety of disciplines integrate web-based mapping technology into the humanities curriculum. In addition to two initial modules field-tested by the project team, SAC humanities faculty are invited to apply for \$500 incentive grants to develop curricula that utilize this technology.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant. It represents a significant blending of technology and the humanities, thereby enriching both," said President Robert E. Zeigler.

The project team will use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to create and field-test two modules, Exploring Globalization Visually and Exploring the Mayan World, in Spring 2004 humanities courses.

"The first course will help students explore globalization with the use of historical and



Photo by Leonard Zeigler

Gathered at a computer using computer mapping software are the project team for a new NEH grant, from left: Dean P. Lambert, Assistant Professor of Geography and Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems, Anthony S. Lyle, Adjunct Lecturer in Sociology, and Carol Keller, Assistant Professor of History and Project Director.

contemporary maps, guided activities and questions," said Carol Keller, Assistant Professor of History and Project Director. She added, "The Maya module will build a foundation for cultural comparisons by helping students use data and maps to

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SAC Walthall Grant will benefit music students

San Antonio College and Texas Bach Choir officials announced a \$10,000 grant to the Texas Bach Choir from the Marjorie T. Walthall Perpetual Charitable Trust Board that will provide a variety of benefits for music students in the coming year.

Dr. Jessica Howard, San Antonio College Music and Humanities Chairperson, and Dr. Daniel Long, Director of the Texas Bach Choir, made the announcement on Sept. 18 at a reception at the college.

"We are very pleased to be a part of this grant, which will result in performances, master classes, fellowships, and a variety of experiences with the Texas Bach Choir for both music and non-music majors at the college," said Howard.

Three students were presented fellowships to perform with the Texas Bach Choir in March 2004: Roland Barrera, Melanie Powell, Claire Weber. Another student to be announced will receive a fellowship.



Photo by Leonard Zeigler

At a reception to announce a grant to the Texas Bach Choir from the Marjorie T. Walthall Perpetual Charitable Trust Board, which will benefit SAC music students, are from left: Dr. Daniel Long, Director of the Texas Bach Choir; Dr. Jessica Howard, Chairperson of the Music & Humanities Department; and Dr. Robert E. Zeigler, President.

The announcement included the following schedule of events for the year – Fall Semester: Special lectures on early music for non-music majors in Music Appreciation classes; Master classes and demonstrations on period instruments; Texas Bach Choir rehearsals on Nov. 21-22 open to all students; and a Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m. performance of the Texas Bach

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Calendar of Events

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Saturday, Sept. 20

3rd Annual International Student Trip to the National Center for Western Art in Kerrville. The trip is free and includes bus fare, museum entrance fee, educational/cultural activities and picnic lunch. Group leaves SAC campus at 8 a.m. and returns by 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the International Student Services Office at 733-2306.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

SAC Employee Fitness Orientation 2:30 p.m. in Candler, Room 111. An orientation also will be repeated on Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. You may attend in street clothes or dressed to participate.

Thursday, Sept. 25

International Students Association (ISA) of SAC will hold a fundraiser at Taco Cabana (San Pedro and Rector, across from North Star Mall) starting at 5 p.m. 20% of the sales will go to the ISA. For more information, contact Dilshan Edussuriya at 601-2353, 685-6601 or send email to isapr@usa.com.

Saturday, Sept. 27

SAC "Into the Streets" invites volunteers to help in a clean-up day at Hemisphere Park for the Parks & Recreation Dept. and United Way Day of Caring Project. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Volunteers meet at the SAC Planetarium at 8 a.m. Lunch & drinks provided. To sign up, see Judy Clark in LSC 256. Volunteers receive a t-shirt, Rampage hockey tickets, and an invitation to a Volunteer Appreciation Party at Dave & Busters on Oct. 9.

*The President and Vice President
invite you to attend a
Welcome Coffee for
Dr. L. Joy Gates Black
Dean of Student Affairs
Wed., Sept. 24 ♦ 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Loftin Student Center
Employee Lounge*

Please add to your college directory:
Dr. Joy Gates Black is located in FAC 306.
She may be reached by phone at 785-6204
or via email at lblack@accd.edu.

NEH humanities grant

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visualize many components of the Mayan world.”

The other project team members are Dean P. Lambert, Assistant Professor of Geography and Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems, and Anthony S. Lyle, Adjunct Lecturer in Sociology.

SAC humanities faculty may apply for incentive grants to incorporate geographical components into their courses using GIS mapping technology, with an Oct. 20 proposal deadline. They may access an application at www.accd.edu/sac/history/webmap/Wmindex.htm.

A session on “Bringing Internet Mapping to the Humanities” will be presented at the Employment Development Conference on October 13. In addition, on Nov. 20 during International Education Week, the project’s distinguished visiting scholars Richard E. W. Adams, UTSA Ashbel Smith Professor of Anthropology, and Donald N. Clark, Trinity University History Professor and Director of International Programs, will hold a workshop on themes and interpretive possibilities for using geographic data in the humanities.

The project will make use of Arc Internet Map Server software developed by Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI), who will provide advice and assistance. SAC is a site-licensed, designated ESRI educational institution. (Disclaimer: Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities.)

For more information, call Carol Keller at 733-2566.

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 • International Education Week at SAC
 • Nov. 17-21
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Walthall music grant

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Choir at McAllister Auditorium free to all students.

Spring Semester: Combined Texas Bach Choir and SAC Chamber Choir performances March 6 and 7; SAC vocalists to perform as soloists with Texas Bach Choir; the Chamber Choir to perform music from Alexander’s Feast with period instruments; and combined choirs to perform Deutsche Magnificat, 1671, for double chorus by Heinrich Schutz.

The SAC Music and Humanities Department celebrated its 50th Anniversary a year ago. Its first chairperson was the late Dr. Marjorie T. Walthall. The charitable trust was established by her aunt of the same name, Marjorie T. Walthall. This grant was given in memory of her niece, Dr. Walthall, by the charitable trust.

For more information, call 733-2731.

Service-Learning Fair Success



Photo by Leonard Ziegler

At right, Service-Learning Coordinator Audrey Grams talks to Girl Scout representative Becky Zertuche at the Fall Service-Learning Fair held at SAC on Sept. 9. More than 45 non-profit agencies were in attendance to recruit volunteers and seek partnerships with faculty in service-learning activities for students.

Alamo Community Colleges’ Fall 2003 enrollment sets new record

The Alamo Community College District’s fall 2003 enrollment of 48,726 is a record 9.7% increase over the district’s fall 2002 enrollment of 44,425 and the highest enrollment ever for the fall semester. This is also the sixth straight year that the district’s fall enrollment has increased. The district’s enrollment growth is 5.4% ahead of the projected increase in fall enrollment for the ACCD colleges forecast by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in the state’s Closing the Gaps by 2015 higher education plan. The ACCD is now the second largest community college district in the state, behind only the Dallas Community College District.

College	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Increase	% Change
San Antonio College	21,366	22,631	1,265	5.9%
Palo Alto College	6,810	7,894	1,084	15.9%
Northwest Vista College	7,064	8,128	1,064	15.1%
St. Philip’s College	9,185	10,073	888	9.7%
Total	44,425	48,726	4,301	9.7%



Susan Budge, associate professor of art, has been invited to participate in the international exhibition, “21st Century Ceramics in the United States and Canada,” Oct. 10 through Dec. 7 at the Canzani Center Gallery at Columbus College of Art & Design in Columbus, Ohio. Curated by ceramist Bill Hunt, former editor of *Ceramics Monthly* magazine, the exhibit will feature 500 distinctive works from 250 top professional North American ceramists. For more information, visit www.ccad.edu.

Congratulations to Alice Gomez, associate professor of music, who was selected as a recipient of the 2003-04 ASCAP Award. The awards by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers are granted by an independent panel and based “upon the unique prestige value of each writer’s catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the Society.” Gomez has received the award consecutively for several years.

Congratulations to Dr. Jan Kilby, Adjunct English Instructor, who was awarded a \$1,000 journalism scholarship from the Bess Whitehead Scott Scholarship Committee of the Writers’ League of Texas. Kilby is a writing consultant and a freelance writer for the *San Antonio Express-News*, other area newspapers, and the Catholic News Service in Washington, D.C.