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Darwanto Chosen to Receive Thesis Award

Bambang Darwanto has been selected to receive the St. Cloud State University Distinguished Thesis Award for 2003. His submission, Pronunciation Problems: Bahasa Indonesia Speakers of English, was nominated by his thesis advisor and associate professor of linguistics, Dr. Ettien N. Koffi. The thesis has been submitted in a regional competition of the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Thesis Award.

According to the nomination memo, Darwanto's thesis "...[I]s pioneer research in the area of interlingual phonology. Mr. Darwanto is one of the very first Indonesians to have investigated the impact of Bahasa Indonesian phonology on the acquisition of English pronunciation."

Currently, Darwanto is in Indonesia, where he was invited to design and teach courses in order to make his thesis findings available to his colleagues back home.

"You are educated when you have the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or self-confidence."

-Robert Frost (1874-1963)

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New Graduate Program: Applied Statistics

St. Cloud State University will offer a new graduate program Fall 2004 in Applied Statistics. The master's of science degree is designed for students who are interested in research and data analysis and would like to eventually work in a large variety of organizations, including medical or pharmaceutical research institutes, government census bureau or labor statistics.

Although no particular undergraduate degree is required for admission to the program, Dr. David Robinson, chairperson for the Department of Statistics, predicts that math and statistics majors will predominantly make up the enrollment. However, he commented, "economics and psychology majors who possess strong quantitative skills could also benefit from this degree."

The new program was approved this past summer by MnSCU. Dr. Robinson anticipates at least one to two new students will begin the Applied Statistics program in January, with heavy recruiting for the program to begin next fall. The 33-credit program can be completed in one and one-half to two years with full-time enrollment. Although full or part time students are welcome to enroll, most classes will be offered during the daytime unless it is determined that night classes are needed to accommodate students' schedules.

Woon-Yuen Koh, a potential student of the new program, commented, "With my graduate degree in applied statistics, I hope I can gain experience in teaching and researching before I go for a Ph.D." She is considering the SCSU program because she has "confidence that SCSU will offer a quality and affordable education in the new graduate program."

For more information about the Master of Science in Applied Statistics program, contact Dr. David Robinson at dhrobinson@stcloudstate.edu or 320.308.2149.

2003-2004 Graduate Scholarship recipients honored

The School of Graduate Studies honored its 2003-2004 scholarship recipients with its first ever Scholarship Reception. The event was held in the front lobby of the Administrative Services building on September 18th.

Attendees of the reception included SCSU President Roy Saigo, Michael Spitzer, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Dr. Dennis Nunes, dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Trisha Tegen, Graduate Dean's Distinction scholarship recipient, Debra Ann Welle, Shirley Schrader Scholarship recipient, deans, advisors and faculty within the recipients' departments.



Dennis Nunes, Roland Specht-Jarvis, and Trisha Tegen.



Dennis Nunes, Gerald Lavoie, and Debra Anne Welle.

Dr. Nunes opened the ceremony with opening remarks to welcome and congratulate the scholarship recipients. He commented, "Today we are here to honor four scholarship recipients within the School of Graduate Studies. While each of them is working toward a different degree, I believe they all exemplify the same kind of values in scholarship – integrity, accomplishment, and motivation—that St. Cloud State University seeks in its finest students."

President Saigo commended the students on their accomplishments thus far in their academic pursuits. After President Saigo's comments, Dr. Nunes provided a brief biography of each scholarship recipient, after which he was joined at the front by the recipient and her dean and advisor. Dr. Nunes awarded each recipient a scholarship certificate while her dean or advisor said a few words of congratulations.

This year's scholarship recipients are: Brian Bergstrom a 2003-2004 recipient of the Graduate Dean's Distinction Scholarship. Mr. Bergstrom is pursuing a master's degree in sports management at St. Cloud State University, with future aspirations towards coaching football and teaching at the college-level, as well as eventually serving as a college athletic director. Mr. Bergstrom graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2002 with a degree in health fitness. Prior to enrollment at St. Cloud State University, he was a substitute teacher, strength and conditioning coach and football coach for the Shakopee school district. He and his wife, Kate, live in Buffalo, Minnesota.

Trisha Tegen who accepted a 2003-2004 Graduate Dean's Distinction Scholarship. Ms. Tegen plans to earn a Master of Arts in English. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from St. Cloud State University in May 2003.

Debra Ann Welle is a 2003-2004 recipient of the Shirley Schrader Scholarship. Ms. Welle is currently pursuing a master's degree in communication disorders. Her future plans include working as a teacher to special needs children while advocating for their communicative needs. She is a graduate of St. Cloud State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Disorders.



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SCSUCareers.com Enables Students To Use Technology While Job Hunting

With the unemployment rate hovering around the 6% mark, finding a job after graduation might seem like an impossible task. Job hunters are required to get creative if they want to find that perfect employment opportunity—gone are the old days of paper applications and resumes.

SCSU's Career Services Office offers graduate students an opportunity to engage in their job search using the internet. Their website, www.scsucareers.com, enables students to upload their resumes online, search for employment and internships, find help building a resume, sign up for on-campus interviews and connect directly with employers who are known to hire SCSU grads.

Using the site is easy. First time users log in with their social security number and provide details about their education and potential job markets and interests. Afterwards, the student is given the opportunity to upload a resume, writing samples and cover letters. Next, the uploaded resume can be stored in one or more of over 40 resume "books" which are groups of applicant resumes pertaining to a certain field of employment, such as engineering or communications/media.

Utilizing this website allows a job-seeker to search for a position in three ways: First, since the profile information and resume are posted online, employers have the opportunity to



search for candidates within the site and the resume books and contact qualified applicants. Second, students have the ability to search for positions or internships using criteria such as Industry, Employer Name, Location and by keywords. Third, a student can view the on-campus interview schedule.

If a relevant employer is scheduled to interview on-campus, the graduate student can either sign up for an interview or submit his/her resume for consideration for an interview.

According to Adelaide Habstritt-Turkowski, director of career services, this service has resulted in several students receiving job offers merely by posting their resume online for potential employers to view. She commented, "The website allows students to have access to employers and control the job search process."

To complete your employment profile and upload your resume, visit: www.scsucareers.com.

For additional help or answers to questions, stop by the Career Services Office located in Administrative Services, room 101, or call 320.308.2151 or e-mail careersv@stcloudstate.edu.

NEW PROGRAM: Master of Science Degree in Educational Leadership—Focus on Higher Education

St. Cloud State University will introduce a new cohort spring 2004 within the Master of Science in Educational Leadership program. The focus of this cohort is on higher education, which will produce graduates who will pursue careers with community and technical colleges and universities. Potential students would include those interested in careers as program directors, administrators, financial managers, deans, vice-presidents and presidents of higher ed institutions.

The program instructs students in the three areas of higher education—academic affairs, student affairs and administrative affairs. The faculty is comprised of SCSU faculty from the educational leadership department as well as adjunct faculty who are currently in leadership positions in higher education.

Perhaps the most unique feature of the new cohort is the course schedule. Dr. Christine Imbra, associate professor of educational leadership, describes a cohort as, "a group of learners who support and encourage each other as they move through the program together." The spring semester cohort will attend classes only on the weekends—Friday evenings and all day Saturday, completing each three-credit course in three weekends. All classes will be offered on the SCSU campus.

Interested candidates should contact Dr. Christine Imbra at 320.308.1689 or cmimbra@stcloudstate.edu.

2003 Winter Semester Commencement

The School of Graduate Studies wishes to congratulate all of our graduate students who will be receiving their degrees from SCSU for Fall Semester 2003.

The Graduate Commencement and Hooding Ceremony will be Friday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ritschie Auditorium. This year's speaker is Dr. Donna Gorrell, a faculty member within the English department. Graduating students, family and faculty are invited to a dessert reception before the ceremony from 6 – 7 p.m. For more information, please contact the School of Graduate Studies at 320.308.2113 or grads@stcloudstate.edu.

"Sometimes a scream is better than a thesis."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



Herberger College of Business Launches Maple Grove MBA Program

Twenty students began their MBA studies at St. Cloud State University this past August, but they won't be sitting with their



classmates in the Anderson Entrepreneurial Center in St. Cloud. Instead, they will be attending classes in Maple Grove, as the first cohort of the St. Cloud State University Maple Grove MBA program.

According to Dr. Michael Pesch, graduate director of the MBA program, "[The University] felt there was a niche down in the Twin Cities for a second accredited MBA program." The only other Minnesota

university that has earned the prestigious AACSB accreditation is the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

The Herberger Maple Grove MBA program is hosted by Data Recognition Corporation (DRC). DRC's owner, Russ Hagen, is a 1964 graduate of SCSU.

The Maple Grove location is about 20 minutes away from downtown Minneapolis and according to Dr. Pesch, is in a "readily identifiable location." He went on to add, "This program is ideal for those working full-time who work or live in the Twin Cities. In addition to the convenience, these students will enjoy the quality of an accredited program."

Under the cohort model, a class of 20-25 students will begin their MBA program together, taking one eight-week course at a time, and completing the MBA degree requirements in 26 months. The Maple Grove classes will still be instructed by SCSU faculty.

For more information about the Maple Grove MBA cohort, contact Dr. Michael Pesch at 320.308.3212, send an e-mail to mba@stcloudstate.edu or visit www.stcloudstate.edu/mba.

DATES to remember

Friday, December 19	Graduate Students: Commencement and Hooding Ceremony (7:30 p.m. in Ritsche Auditorium)
Wednesday, December 31	Grades available online
Sunday, January 11	Residence halls open, 1:00 p.m.
Monday, January 12	Classes begin
Friday, January 16	Last day to drop courses without a "W" and with 100% reduction of charges
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Day Holiday No Classes, Offices Closed
Tuesday, January 20	Last day to add classes without departmental permission
Monday, January 26	Last day to exchange classes (AS 118)
Friday, January 30	Tuition and fees are due

"Seeing much, suffering much, and studying much, are the three pillars of learning."

-Benjamin Disraeli
(British Statesman and England's first and only Jewish Prime Minister)

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The School of Graduate Studies Office will be closed on Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd for the installation of new carpeting. We apologize about the closure but are excited to have our 29 year old carpeting replaced. The office will be open on Wednesday, December 24th and Friday, December 26th. In case of an emergency, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs in 209 Administrative Services Building, or by calling 308-3143. Thank you.

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

-William Arthur Ward (American scholar, author, editor, pastor and teacher)

