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Board's Eye View Questions: Alicia Barr



Alicia Barr
(Class of 1996),
Alumni Association
President

Alicia Barr is a 1996 mechanical engineering grad. While working for Hewlett Packard, Alicia attended Stanford and received her master's degree in engineering. Alicia has been president of the CSU, Chico Alumni Association since July 1, 2005. Alicia and her husband, Andy, have recently embarked on new careers as owners of the newly opened FiftyFifty Brewing Company in Truckee, California.

Q. Where are you from originally, and what led you to Chico State?

A. I grew up in Chico, and never really realized how much I loved my hometown until I left. I spent my freshman year at Cal Poly SLO, but missed so many things about Chico: the laid-back attitude, the park, the gorgeous creeks and campus, and how friendly and inviting everyone is. After coming back to Chico for that first summer, I quickly decided Chico was the place for me, and transferred immediately.

Q. What are some of your favorite memories from your days at Chico State?

A. Late nights in the Carrol Curtis lounge in the engineering department, and all my days out on the track. Those are the places where I met all of my friends that I still keep in touch with today. One of my absolute favorite memories is spending Spring Break locked up in the engineering lab with 10 of my best friends designing a faring for the Human Powered Vehicle project. It was a last-minute decision, and was one of the greatest experiences of my college career. The other favorite memory would have to be dying my hair red along with the rest of the relay team for conference championships, and then going to a job interview two days later with crimson hair. I actually got that job.

Q. What was your career path following college?

A. After graduating from Chico, I went straight to Hewlett Packard as a mechanical design engineer in one of their computer labs. After a couple of years there, management agreed to fund my master's program at Stanford, which I did most of while working full time at HP. I did get to spend one full time quarter on the Stanford campus, which was a fantastic experience. After receiving my master's, I stayed at HP for another 4½ years, in various positions, including design engineer, product engineer, and eventually management. HP was a very rewarding experience, and I learned a great deal. However, at that point, my husband, Andy, and I decided we were ready to try something completely different. So, we quit our jobs in 2005, moved up to Truckee, and are now a month away from opening up a brewpub.

Q. How is it that you and Andy decided to give up your careers and open a microbrewery? And how did you decide on settling in Truckee?

A. We both knew for a long time (before we had even met) that we wanted to own our own business someday. We also knew that the longer we put it off, the less likely it was to ever happen. We had been vacationing in Truckee for years, and a couple years ago

decided that was where we wanted to call home, and what better place to start a business. We love the outdoors, as well as a small town with a feeling of community, and Truckee is perfect for that. The idea of a brewpub came from a combination of things. First, we both love food and beer, and had even been homebrewing for a couple of years. Second, we couldn't believe there wasn't a single brewpub in all of North Tahoe. So, that led to the obvious conclusion of "why not us?" The rest, as they say, will hopefully soon be history.

Q. When did the FiftyFifty Brewing Company open, and what kind of celebration did you have?

A. We soft opened in the middle of May, with four of our seven beers ready to go. For our Grand Opening, we have targeted the first or second weekend of June with lots of beer and food specials, some great bands, and a raffle with great prizes.

Q. How did you become a member of the Alumni Association BOD, and why?

A. My name was suggested by Dean Kenneth Derucher of the College of Engineering when the Board was looking to get more representation from across the colleges. As soon as I was approached, I was delighted and applied right away. Throughout my tenure at HP, I was a member of the Chico State recruiting team, and I was always looking for ways to get back to campus and to give back to the University I love so much. I also saw it as a great way to meet alumni from other generations as well as my own.

Q. You are in your last year of being president of the Alumni Association. What accomplishments are you most proud of, and what would you like to accomplish before you are done?

A. What I am most proud of is the Alumni Banners that are hanging along the walkway by Holt Hall, now dubbed "Alumni Row." It was really important for me to have the Alumni Association have a stronger physical presence on campus and to be more integrated into current students' everyday life. This was the perfect start to that. We also have plans to revitalize Alumni Glen to further enhance that part of campus, and truly make it a place that alumni can call their own. I would really like to see us "break ground" on that project before I am done. The other thing I would really like to see is a more integrated Homecoming event, with alumni as a major part. n

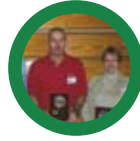




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CSU Trustee Dr. Glen Toney: Service, Service, Service

Dr. Glen O. Toney is technically retired, but he currently serves on four boards of directors and is probably busier now than when he served as group vice president of corporate affairs at Applied Materials. Toney serves on the board of directors for Authernative, Inc., the Andrew Corporation, the Northern California Natural History Museum, and as of July 2006, Toney also serves as a trustee on the California State University Board of Trustees.

A 1966 Chico State College philosophy graduate, Dr. Toney went on to San Jose State to earn a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in instructional technology and curriculum development, and then a doctorate in organizational behavior with a minor in higher education from the University of Southern California. He has also received honorary doctorates from Santa Clara University and Chico State.

"I have a good background and substantial interest in education," explains Toney when asked about his interest in serving on the CSU Board of Trustees. "I am very thankful to the framers of the three-tier university system in California, and I see the CSU as the diamond in that system. The CSU makes a four-year college education possible for students who might not otherwise have the opportunity."

A Senate confirmation hearing was held on May 23, 2007, to make Dr. Toney's position on the CSU Board of Trustees official—a process that began more than a year before. Approached by Chico State President Paul Zingg and CSU Alumni Trustee Bob Linscheid, Toney determined that he was indeed interested in pursuing a position on the board. Toney filled out an extensive

application in February 2006. He then went through a lengthy interview process with government staffers, and was appointed to the board by the governor in July 2006. He and will serve for eight years. Toney has already attended several Trustee meetings.

"Having both Bob Linscheid and me on the Board of Trustees gives more voice to Northern California," says Toney. "Southern California and the Bay Area are huge population centers for the state, but it is equally important for the board to consider issues of the North State."

Toney lists five items that he considers to be pressing issues for the CSU system:

1. The need to bring more financial resources to the CSU to close the compensation gap and to keep the CSU's effort to recruit talent competitive.

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Glen Toney with his daughters Kellance, age 8, and Phoenix, age 7

Gathering in Boston

Last year the Geographical Information Center was commissioned by Vice President Rick Ellison to map out the residences of all Chico State Alumni. We were very surprised to see how widely dispersed Chico State alumni are throughout the United States (see the map at www.gic.csuchico.edu/pdf/US_Alum06.pdf). So when alumna Christene Lee Gerardi (Recreation Administration, class of 1990) contacted the alumni office to see if there were any events scheduled for the East Coast, we were happy to take advantage of the opportunity to reach out to some alumni who have ventured awfully far from their Chico roots.

Combining an alumni event with a scheduled parent programming conference in Boston, the alumni office worked with Gerardi to schedule a get-together for alumni in the New

England area on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

"When I got my postcard in the mail—and it said a Chico State event in Boston," says Melissa Loerch, "I told my husband, 'We're going!'"

There were 18 alumni who attended the event at the Boston Back Bay Hilton Hotel. Alumni braved single digit temperatures (but fortunately, no snow) and heavy traffic to meet other former Chicoans.

"Chico alumni are basically the same no matter where you go," says Gerardi. "If you meet someone from Chico, it does not matter when you graduated, or that you have never met, just because you are from Chico you are automatically friends with much in common and lots to talk about."

There has been a lot of discussion on campus about the importance of the "Chico Experience." The effect of this "experience"



Alumni at the Boston Back Bay Hilton March 8, 2007

seems to get more obvious the farther you get from campus. In Boston, this group of alumni—who did not even know one another existed before this event—bonded like a group of long lost friends.

"I see it over and over again," says Susan Anderson, director of Alumni and Parent Relations, "Chico State alumni interact so well, and when you get a group together they have so much in

common, they stay talking long after the event is over."

The Boston group had so much fun together that they asked for the list of e-mail addresses of all attendees so they can get together again on their own. The alumni office is looking to host similar alumni gatherings in the Chicago area in August and in the Las Vegas area in December. **n**

April 2, 2007

Manufacturing Technology Program students once again won the Grand Prize in the prestigious WESTEC (Western Tool Exposition and Conference) Manufacturing Challenge on March 26 for an automated biodiesel processing system. The challenge was held at the Los Angeles Convention Center. In addition to the Grand Prize, the William B. Johnson Leadership in Manufacturing Award, given to one student from one of the entering universities, was awarded to Chico student Mike Bennet.

April 2, 2007

The Up 'til Dawn event at Chico State has moved from "star of the week" to just "star" for its fundraising efforts on behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. With a final tally of \$186,000 raised by students through the Nov. 7, 2006 event, the Chico project became the highest money-raising project ever, with the highest number of participants writing the highest number of letters. At the fifth annual student-sponsored Up 'til Dawn event in November, more than 850 participants produced over 18,000 letters to friends and family requesting donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

April 2, 2007

Students in the mechanical and mechatronic engineering program received a total of four awards at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Student Professional Development Conference in Reno. The annual conference is attended by ASME student sections from California, Nevada, and Hawaii that compete

in five events: Old Guard Oral Competition, Old Guard Technical Poster Competition, Technical Web Page Competition, Student Design Competition, and Ingersoll-Rand Competition.

April 10, 2007

The Bernard Osher Foundation recently awarded The Center for Regional and Continuing Education a \$100,000 grant to fund the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Chico State. This grant marks the third year of successful funding. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers adults aged 60 and older, or retired, an opportunity to take peer-led classes, and participate in the University community. In addition to the program grant, The Bernard Osher Foundation approved a recent proposal for scholarship support for re-entry students. The foundation will grant \$50,000 for scholarships for future Chico State students whose studies at a four-year campus were interrupted at least five years ago by circumstances beyond their control and who now want to resume their university studies.

April 10, 2007

Chico's Model United Nations (MUN) team won several outstanding awards at the National MUN Conference in New York City at the end of March. For the past eight years, Chico's MUN teams have dominated the American West Regional MUN Conference and have won outstanding awards at every national MUN conference. The Model UN conference in New York is the largest and most competitive in the world.

April 16, 2007

Chico has been awarded the grand prize in the National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology Chill Out contest. The competition recognizes colleges and universities around the country which are implementing innovative programs to reduce global warming pollution, the biggest environmental threat facing the nation. Chico State was selected as the grand prize winner from over 100 competition entries received from colleges nationwide.

April 17, 2007

Faculty awardees of internal research grants were announced by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Faculty entered a campus wide competition for either professional development awards or CSU research grants. The professional development awards were evaluated by the Faculty Research and Support Committee, and the CSU research proposals were evaluated by the Research and Sponsored Programs Research Committee.

April 17, 2007

The Center for Nutrition and Activity Promotion at Chico State has been selected for honorable mention by Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH). CCPH is a nonprofit organization that promotes health through partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions throughout North America.

April 18, 2007

Danielle Casal, a graduating senior, received the Glenn Kendall Public Service Award. Each year, this \$600

award, sponsored by President Emeritus Glenn Kendall, recognizes one outstanding graduating senior who has shown exemplary scholarship and public service to the University and the community. Casal is graduating with two options within health science: gerontology and health education. In addition, Casal has been chosen the Outstanding Graduate in Health Education for Commencement 2007.

April 18, 2007

Professor Jeff Price, Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences, is one of the lead authors on the Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change report, which was released beginning on February 2, 2007. The report is used by policy makers in member nations of the Intergovernmental Panel and by other decision makers and scientists around the world. n

Source: University Public Affairs and Publications



Students participating in the record breaking letter writing campaign for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at Up 'til Dawn

PERSPECTIVES

by Susan Anderson

Museum Soon to Have Walls



Susan Anderson,
director of
Alumni and
Parent Relations

The Northern California Natural History Museum (NCHM), a joint public-private partnership between Chico State and a group of visionary community leaders, is soon to become a reality. The museum, which has been providing educational programs "without walls" for several years, will soon become a museum with walls.

After years of hard work by dedicated individuals, funds from the state, CSU, Chico, and private sources to build a museum on the Chico State campus were identified, and the partnership team has recently announced that design and construction proposals have been selected for the museum's building project.

John F. Otto, Inc. has been chosen as the project's contractor for construction, and Murray & Downs AIA Architects, Inc. has been selected as the museum's architect. The museum's final design is still in the planning stages and should be completed within the next few months. In addition, project plans will go before the California State University Board of Trustees for formal approval.

Construction of the building is expected to be complete by late 2008. Museum executive director Greg Liggett says, "In planning the museum, we wanted the museum building to be our first exhibit, and the team accomplished that very well with their exciting design. The building will represent the scope and mission of the museum through its architecture and as an example of sustainable design."

CSU, Chico is an environmentally and sustainability-conscious campus, and the museum will meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards at the Silver level. LEED focuses on implementing state-of-the-art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality based upon The Green Building Rating System® a voluntary, consensus-based national standard. Two other campus construction projects, the 120,000 square foot Student Services Building and the 130,000 square foot Wildcat Activity Center will also be LEED certified. When completed, these buildings will be among the first LEED certified buildings in the CSU.

Jeffrey Lubenko, lead design architect on the museum project, said, "We are designing the building to become an interpretive exhibit in itself, enhancing the experience of the visitor through an architectural expression that tells a story of Northern California's development throughout deep time." The

Valley Gallery is a two-story, naturally day-lit open space, it represents a geographic cross section through Northern California.

"Beginning from the north, a themed outdoor exhibit depicting a northern forest anchors the site," said Lubenko. A river-themed flooring pattern extends throughout the gallery, north to south, representing the Sacramento River and the central valley. This unique feature leads visitors on an interpretive journey to the southern outdoor exhibit of the river delta."

The museum's exhibits will be designed so that they are maximally usable by Northern California's schoolteachers. This means giving consideration to the state's school curriculum standards as well as providing the tools within the exhibits and other curricular support materials so that teachers and their students can get the most out of the museum's offerings. The museum's focus on the physical and natural science of the North State's history, modern environments, and future, while incorporating state and national teaching standards, will create an invaluable community resource and a high-quality experience for museum visitors. n

For more information on the Northern California Natural History Museum, visit www.ncnhm.org. To learn more about LEED certified buildings go to www.usgbc.org.

Contributors: Kathleen McPartland, Public Affairs and Publications, and Greg Liggett.



CHAPTER CHATTER

Chico Chapter

The fourth annual Chico Chapter Spring Tri-Tip Barbecue held on Thursday, May 3 was another huge success! Approximately 250 people attended, and even though the event was moved inside due to rain, the evening turned out to be spectacular. Thank you to President Zingg and Sue Anderson for addressing the crowd, Kinders for the food, JB's Beverage Service for the beverages, and Rocky Winslow's Jazz Combo for the music. Pam Dakof and Wayne Harder were given awards to thank them for their four years of service as Chico Chapter Board Members, and Don Carlsen was honored for being the Chico Chapter President for the past four years. Matt Jackson becomes the Chico Chapter President on July 1, 2007.

A HUGE thank you to the following sponsors who made this event possible: Rick and Susan Anderson, Azad's Martial Arts Family Center, Alicia and Andy Barr, Don Carlsen, Bill Carson—A.G. Edwards, Brusie Funeral Home, Jud and Judy Carter, Century 21 Jeffries Lydon, Chico Emporium, Chico Racquet Club & Resort, Crabtree Law Office, CSU, Chico Office of the President, CSU, Chico Office of the Vice President of University Advancement, Cyberstreet Ventures, Jane Dolan, Golden Valley Bank, Griswold Farms, Hamre Equipment Company, Inc., Ed Hendricks, Ken Lange, DDS, Jim Ledgerwood, Roberta Mendonca, Government Relations Group, Liberty Mutual, the Linscheid Company, Inc., Wes Lujan and David Pegos, Matson and Isom, Matt Davis Insurance Agency, Matt Jackson, MJ Management Solutions, Mid Valley

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Sacramento Chapter

The Sacramento Chapter held their Annual Spring Mixer at Brew It Up! in Downtown Sacramento. Alumni from the Sacramento area got together to share some good hors d'oeuvres and great conversation. There were so many door prizes that almost everyone left with a gift. The Sacramento Chapter will continue with their monthly Thursday evening mixers. Locations alternate between Downtown Sacramento and the Roseville area. More information is available on the Chapter Web site at www.csuchico.edu/alumni/alumni/chapters_clubs/sacramento.php.



Stephanie Vinci: A happy prize winner at the Sacramento Chapter Mixer, April 20, 2007



Wayne Harter, Don Carlsen, and Pam Dakof, founding Chico Chapter members. Harter and Dakof are going off the board after four years of service. Carlsen will continue to serve as immediate past president.

Annual Alumni Day at AT&T Park

The Sacramento Chapter sponsored Alumni Day at AT&T Park for the September 9 SF Giants vs. LA Dodgers is sold out! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. If you would like to get on the list for next year's game (we will try to get a Dodger game once again), please e-mail alumni@csuchico.edu to get your name on the list

Bay Area Chapter

It's Official!

The Bay Area is officially functioning as a chapter of the CSU, Chico Alumni Association now. Let us know if you would like to get involved.

More information is available at www.csuchico.edu/alumni/alumni/chapters_clubs/bay_area.php.

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- Increase the matriculation rate and make it possible for students to graduate in four years. This will slow the absorption of resources and make it possible for more students to get a university education.
- Improve the readiness of students so when they get to the university there is less need for remedial course work that does not count toward fulfillment of the student's degree.
- Continue to concentrate on getting underrepresented populations qualified, enrolled, and graduated.
- Assume a leadership role in preparing graduates in the fields of math and science. We need more graduates in these fields to compete on a global basis in the technical fields. Technology continues to drive the market place, resulting in economic strength for those countries with the necessary human resources to create technical change and advances.

Chico State has many strengths according to Toney, including an outstanding faculty that values teaching and has a low rate of turnover, a good relationship with the community, and a highly competitive curriculum. One of the best things Chico has going for it, though, is its students.

"When recruiting for Applied Materials," explains Toney, "I called a friend of mine at HP for help in finding a good candidate for a software engineering position. He told me that he finds that kind of talent at Chico State. I said, 'Chico State! I went to school at Chico State!'"

Students at Chico State graduate with the knowledge and skills to excel in their field, but they also have the ability to interact effectively. Chico Students excel at the national level in competitions against some of the most prestigious institutions in the country. But it is a commitment to service that really sets Chico apart from other universities.

One area Toney would like to see continued focus at Chico State is in the recruitment of underrepresented students, faculty, and staff.

"It is important that there be faculty and staff on hand who reflect and share the social and cultural backgrounds of our underrepresented students," says Toney. "It is important to encourage minority students to enroll, but it is also important for them to see faculty, staff, and administrators who reflect their same culture so they feel comfortable asking for help when needed."

Toney believes that as more people move to valley communities, there will be more need for Chico State to grow and expand to accommodate the influx. Helping develop long-range strategic plans that give the CSU the opportunity to refine the system is one of his goals for his tenure on the board. Will added population to Chico's service area require the development of a satellite campus? If so where will it be? How will Chico continue to serve all who want a university education?

"The affect of the CSU system is large," says Toney. "With 400,000 enrolled in the system, we are going to reach the masses. We must strive to serve even more." n

Daniel Hiestand Memorial Concert 2007

Saturday, September 29, 2007—Performing Arts Center, Chico State



Former Chico State Band Director, Daniel Hiestand

Do you remember Dan Hiestand? Do you know someone who was taught by him? Did you ever play an instrument at Chico State? Well, now is your chance to get your instrument out again, play with your old classmates, and see what is going on in the band program today.

Or you can come watch the alumni band perform.

On Saturday, September 28, 2007 the Chico State Bands and MENC chapter are

presenting the annual Dan Hiestand Memorial Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Harlen Adams Theatre in the Performing Arts Center.

For those alumni wishing to perform in the concert—rest assured—the music has been tailored especially for you! Dr. Royce Tevis, one of Mr. Hiestand's many former students and the current director of bands at Chico State, will be leading the concert. The first half of the concert will feature a performance by Chico State's talented symphonic wind ensemble. Then the alumni band will join the Chico State musicians for a few additional scores.

Registration for alumni musicians begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday September 28, followed by a rehearsal that night until 9:00 p.m. There will be another rehearsal Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with a con-

tinental breakfast at 8 a.m. hosted for all musicians by the Department of Music with help from our wonderful friend, Marilyn Hiestand. Saturday afternoon you can take time to roam Chico or catch up with old friends.

The concert is free, but all donations from the audience go to the Dan Hiestand Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to an outstanding music education student. Please join us in honoring this great man, and promoting the current music program at Chico State.

If you would like to perform in the concert, please call 530-898-5582 or e-mail Dr. Tevis at rtevis@csuchico.edu. Our hope is to mail sheet music to you early this summer.

Thank you, and we'll see you in September! n