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long as they come to Chicago State I’ll be happy.”

Paige says this program makes people more aware of CSU’s music department and its work, particularly in terms of getting youth involved in something constructive, such as performing African-American music. Moreover, Paige has found that some students’ parents are registering for courses at CSU.

In the midst of his musical outreach efforts, Paige is working on perfecting his art in hopes one day of becoming a conductor for a major opera company.

With his master’s degree from Roosevelt University’s Chicago Musical College, Paige for the past three years has been working on earning an orchestral conducting certificate from the University of Sienna in Italy.

“I tend to be drawn to dramatic music even in programs I’ve conducted for the symphony,” says Paige. “It’s very difficult to find a post. You just have to wait your turn.”

Ben Chieh Liu

Dr. Ben Chieh Liu takes his teaching and his students seriously.

The management and information systems professor knows very well how to make his statistics classes exciting and interesting for his students by applying the subject matter to the real world.

“Teaching comes first for me,” says Liu, who has received several CSU Faculty Excellence awards for teaching. “Education and communication seem to be the most viable and effective way in improving the overall quality of life.”

A native of Chung King, China, Liu has spent many years working in the fields of econometrics and statistics. Prior to coming to CSU in 1982, Liu worked on the faculty of Oklahoma City University and served as deputy director of Business Research. Liu also served as economic adviser to the Jordanian Government’s National Planning Council and managed the Energy and Economics Project for Argonne National Laboratories.

Nationally known for his economic expertise, Liu was an economic and agricultural advisor to former Illinois Gov. James Thompson and served as a technology adviser to U.S. congressional committees.

Liu has published a number of articles and books, including Measuring Socioeconomic Effects When Using Income as Life Quality Indicators, a book he coauthored with Dr. M.L. Lee of the University of Missouri.

“I have done a great deal of research in energy economics and environmental management,” said Liu, who is currently the president of the Chinese Economics Association of North America. “I use quality of life indicators for decision support analysis and develop indicators for a broader sense such as environmental and economic concerns.”

Liu, who earned his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, has been nominated for a lecturing position in the 1991-92 Fulbright program with India by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. He is still in the first of several stages in the selection process.