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Earth Day Celebration Scheduled for April 18

The third annual Earth Day Fair will be held on Tuesday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of the Bell Tower. The event will include door prizes, pizza, entertainment, and information on environmental issues.

For more information or to participate, visit <http://www.csuci.edu/greencampus> or e-mail at earthdayfair@csuci.edu

Astrophysics Talk Presented April 20

A talk on “The Physics in Astrophysics—Something for Everyone” will be held Thursday, April 20, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Aliso Hall Auditorium. Dr. Richard E. Rothschild, a UC, San Diego research physicist, will explain the phenomena of astrophysics and explain how stellar evolution became a factor in producing elements of the periodic table through nuclear physics.

For more information, contact Gregory G. Wood, assistant professor of physics, at ext. 3293.

Annual Career and Internship Fair Set for April 20

The University’s annual Career and Internship Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of the Bell Tower. Students are encouraged to gather information and discuss job and internship opportunities with employers representing a variety of career fields. The event is sponsored by the University, along with Rockwell Scientific Inc., *Ventura County Star*, and Cumulus Broadcasting. In case of inclement weather, the location of the event may change to Malibu Halls 22 and 24.

For more information, contact Debbie Gravelle, coordinator of Career Development Services, at ext. 2745

Documentary on Tragedy in Africa to Be Presented April 25

The Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Center will be screening a documentary film, *Darfur Diaries*, at the University Hub Tuesday, April 25, from 6–8:30 p.m. The film portrays the lives of people who are coping with conflict and death in the Darfur region of Africa, through the eyes of three filmmakers who documented life in refugee camps. One of the filmmakers will be present to answer questions. The film is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Center at ext. 8407.

Awards for Scholarly, Creative Activities to Be Presented April 27

The University will honor members of the campus community for their contributions to scholarly and creative activities that have enhanced the intellectual life of the University at a reception for faculty and staff Thursday, April 27, from 5—7 p.m. in the Library Collaboratory (Bell Tower 1302). President Rush will participate in the event.

For more information, contact Debra Hoffmann, reference and instruction librarian, at ext. 2701.

‘Invaders of the Human Body’ Is Subject of April 28 Symposium

A science symposium will feature presentations on “Invaders of the Human Body” Friday, April 28, from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Aliso Hall Auditorium. Providing opening remarks for the event, which will address a number of topical issues such as HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, will be President Rush and Nicole Bournias-Vardiabasis, director of the Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Master’s Program. Featured speakers are Laurie Zoloth, Ph.D., Center for Genetic Medicine, Northwestern University; James Anthony, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine; Lauren Pecorino, Ph.D., University of Greenwich, U.K.; Edith Porter, M.D., California State University, Los Angeles; Dianne Langford, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego; James Ito, M.D., City of Hope Medical Center; and Tom Scott, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit <http://biology.csuci.edu/poe2>. To RSVP (by April 25), contact Jessica Dalton at ext. 2779.

Discover CI Event Seeks Volunteers

The University is asking for volunteers to assist with the Discover CI event Saturday, April 29, on campus. Approximately 1,000 prospective students and their families are expected to attend the event which provides an opportunity for students admitted for fall 2006 to visit the campus and explore academic programs and resources. Volunteers are asked to assist with check-in, to direct families to various locations around campus, and to serve as an information resource.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Ginger Reyes, interim director of Admissions and Recruitment, at ext. 8521.

University Still Seeking Judges for Student Research Competition

The University is seeking judges for the 20th annual California State University Student Research Competition (SRC), to be held on campus Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6. The prestigious competition features outstanding research conducted by undergraduate and graduate students in the full range of academic programs offered by the CSU. In the competition, students make oral presentations before juries of professional experts from major corporations, foundations, public agencies, and college and universities in the state. Judges are needed in the following areas: behavior and social sciences; physical and mathematic sciences; and biological and agricultural sciences. Cash prizes are awarded for the best presentations in each category.

To submit candidates for SRC judges, contact Renny Christopher, professor of English and chair of the SRC Steering Committee, at ext. 8994.

University Library Announces Extended Hours for Finals Week

The University Library announced extended hours for this semester's finals week: Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m. – 12 a.m.; Monday, May 8, through Thursday, May 11, 8 a.m. – 12 a.m.; Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and from 10 a.m., Sunday, May 14, through 12 a.m. Thursday, May 18, the library will be open 24 hours a day. On Friday, May 19, it will be open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Volunteers Still Needed for May 20 Commencement

Members of the campus community are asked to volunteer for the 2006 commencement ceremony to be held Saturday, May 20, in the South Quad of the campus. Volunteers who are 18 years or older are needed to assist staff in making preparations for the event. Assignments will include assisting with parking flow, distribution of programs to guests, assisting with refreshments, serving as campus guides for guests of the ceremony, and helping with the ceremonial procession. The event begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until approximately noon. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 7 a.m. A volunteer orientation will be held Friday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Shannon Soczek, coordinator of special projects in Student Life, at ext. 8539.

Consultant Reports on Initial Strategies for Athletics Program

Cedric Dempsey, a consultant for the development of University athletics programs, updated members of the campus this week on the progress of the CSUCI Athletic Advisory Committee. Dempsey said that an athletics program would be based on a student-scholar and university wellness model, and that an ideal program would offer a continuum of activity, from informal recreational activities to structured sports. In competitive sports, he said that the committee at this point was considering Division II status. Funding for competition at this level would come from student fees, the general fund of the University, and from outside funding sources such as athletic event gate receipts. At this point, the committee is considering a number of men's and women's sports, including golf, cross country, soccer, and softball.

University Receives Third Osher Foundation Grant

The University has been awarded the third and final Osher Foundation Grant of \$100,000, and is now eligible to receive an endowment grant of \$1,000,000 that would fund the Lifelong Learning program for years to come. Fees, donations, and other sources of funding will also contribute to its support.

For more information, contact Martin F. Kaplan, director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, at ext. 8583.

All Aboard

Welcome new employees to the campus: Theresa Lynn Cilley, project coordinator, Construction, OPC; Michael J. Burkhart, carpenter, Engineering, OPC; William S. Stachowiak, police dispatcher, Police Department; Jesus J. Paredes, manager, information technology user services, Information Technology Services; Sok Cho Kyong, police officer, Police Department; Matthew James Hughes, network analyst, Technology Infrastructure, Information Technology Services; Imelda Fernandez, academic records, Enrollment Services; Joaquin Franco, academic records specialist, Records and Registration; and Ana Ochoa and Marcos Villa, cashiers, Accounting.

Kudos

- Nian-Sheng Huang, associate professor and chair of the history program, has been published in a newsletter by the American Philosophical Society for the month of March. Huang is recognized for his book, *From the 'Fur Cap' to Poor Richard: The Chinese Connection*. The book focuses on the appeal for Benjamin Franklin in present-day China.
 - University Glen was recently recognized in a research report titled "Solving America's Shortage of Homes Working Families Can Afford: Fifteen Success Stories." The report was created by Homes for Working Families, a nonprofit, charitable organization that seeks to increase the availability of homes for working families. This honor was featured in the *Daily News* newspaper this past week.
 - Executive Director of Communications & Marketing Peggy Hinz has been elected vice chair of the Advisory Council of Communications and Public Affairs for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). A primary goal of the organization, headquartered in Washington DC, is to extend access to higher education to all citizens. AASCU represents more than 400 public colleges, universities, and systems of higher learning throughout the United States
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Construction Report

- Five Year Capital Improvement Program: OPC has submitted the Five Year Capital Improvement Program for the campus to the Chancellor's Office. Proposed projects include campus infrastructure upgrade project, North Hall, Nursing Lab, and additional funds for the Broome Library. The Chancellor's Office will evaluate the University's needs against requests from other campuses and select projects based on the level of funding available for capital projects.
 - Equipment Installation: An NMR Laboratory will be installed in the Aliso Hall Conference Room. OPC is working with Professor Philip Hampton to ensure that all health and safety requirements are met and to complete the project within the prescribed time frame.
 - Energy Management Project in Bell Tower: OPC will be installing occupancy sensors for the lights and controls for the HVAC system, which is expected to save approximately 10 – 15 percent in energy usage after the project is completed. The work is scheduled to be completed over summer 2006. OPC plans to further reduce energy usage on campus by completing similar energy-saving projects in other buildings as funding becomes available.
 - Santa Cruz Village: Demolition has begun on student housing. The overall process will take 8 – 9 weeks. The contractor is starting demolition at the south end of the project, and the noisy work (complete demolition of several wings) should be complete in approximately three weeks.
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Reminders: Upcoming Events

- Business & Technology Partnership 2006 Leadership Dinner, Tuesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m., honoring local leaders in business, technology, and education, as well as awarding five student scholarships. Reservations: Diane Wei, administrative assistant, Development office, ext. 8420.
 - Last Luncheon Concert, Tuesday, April 18, 12:15 p.m., Bell Tower 1302, with piano performance by Jesse Elliot, assistant professor of mathematics.
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Around Campus

Young Readers

The University Library and the Ventura County Reading Association recently hosted approximately 200 participants from the campus and community at the first annual Children's Reading Celebration and Young Author's Fair. Volunteers and staff read to children and provided a number of activities, including presentations by two well-known children's authors, Barbara J. Hicks and R. L. LaFevers, an interactive art project by artist Peter Tigler, story-telling and create-your-own-book stations, a book fair, as well as a display of hundreds of books created by students throughout the Ventura County.



Study Tour of China

A group of University MBA and undergraduate students recently returned from an eleven-day study tour of China, taught by William Cordeiro (third from left in foreground, with cap), professor of management, chair, business and economics, and Paul Rivera (second from right in red shirt), assistant professor of economics. The group visited three universities and attended lectures on topics such as foreign direct investment, China's foreign trade environment, and China's banking system, as well as toured a securities trading firm, an agricultural commune, a silk factory, and a Volkswagen automobile plant. The participants also found time to climb the Great Wall, explore the Imperial Palace and Tiananmen Square, and cruise the ancient Grand Canal. The MBA students are the first cohort of the program and will be graduating in May.



Note: In general, event announcements in *wavelength* are presented in chronological order. It is advisable to submit items at least four weeks in advance of the event.

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