Reminder: Forward Media Inquiries to Communications & Marketing Office

Media Inquiries: You may have noticed there have been a large number of news releases issued from Communications & Marketing during the past two weeks. It is an exciting time of year on campus with so many events and activities, not to mention the 2006 Commencement ceremony. This is a reminder that with all media inquiries regarding any campus issues or activities, we kindly request all incoming calls be referred to my office. I will then determine the most appropriate source or University spokesperson/people based on the topic. I appreciate your efforts to help us ensure we are always responding to the media in a timely and accurate manner. Thank you so much for your support.

Peggy Hinz, executive director, Communications and Marketing, ext. 8947.

CSUCI Develops Business Continuity Plan

In response to a directive from the Chancellor’s office, the President has appointed a campus wide committee, under the leadership of Joanne Coville, vice president for Finance and Administration, to develop a plan to ensure the maintenance of critical University operations when confronted with adverse events such as natural disasters, technology failures, human errors, or terrorism. Among the risks that will be addressed is the potential of any future pandemics including the Avian (Bird) Influenza. As mentioned in today’s reminder section there is a special symposium today from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Aliso Hall Auditorium on this specific topic as well as others.

For further information contact Caroline Doll, director of special projects for Finance and Administration, at ext. 3232.

Important Reminder: The University is planning a campus-wide Summer Shut Down of power to conduct critically needed repairs and upgrades.

A complete shutdown of electric services to the University will occur this summer over three successive weeks. Thursday, July 20th @ 6 p.m. - Sunday, July 23 @ 6 p.m. Friday, July 28 @ 6 p.m. - Sunday July 30 @ 6 p.m. Friday, August 4 @ 11 p.m. - Sunday, August 6 @ 6 p.m.

The shutdown will affect the entire campus except for the Information Technology Center and the Public Safety Building. All other buildings will be off limits during this time and the general community will be notified not to visit the campus, to avoid any potential safety issues.

More detailed information will be provided over the coming weeks. In the meantime for further information contact Gary Corlett, OPC Project Manager at ext. 8930.
Annual Honors Convocation Scheduled for May 5

The University will recognize outstanding students at the annual Honors Convocation scheduled for Friday, May 5, from 7-9 p.m. in Salon A in the South Quad. Students will receive awards for academic excellence in undergraduate courses: cum laude (3.5-3.74 cumulative G.P.A.); magna cum laude (3.75-3.89 cumulative G.P.A.), and summa cum laude (3.9-4.0 cumulative G.P.A.).

For more information, to RSVP, or to participate in the processional, contact Cindy Eaves, event coordinator for Academic Affairs, at ext. 8548.

Spring Fling Luncheon for Faculty, Staff to Be Held May 11

The University will present its annual “End of Year – Spring Fling” Thursday, May 11, in Salon A from 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. All faculty and staff are invited to this free luncheon that acknowledges their work and accomplishments during the past academic year.

For more information, contact Art Flores, associate vice president, Human Relations, at ext. 8423.

Volunteers Still Needed for Commencement Ceremony

Additional members of the campus community are still needed as volunteers for the 2006 commencement ceremony, to be held Saturday, May 20, in the South Quad of the campus. Volunteers will assist with preparations for the event as well as enjoy this special moment in the lives of CSUCI students and their families. Volunteers are needed to assist staff with parking flow, distribution of programs to guests, 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 (805) 437-8539 or shannon.soczek@csuci.edu.

Kudos

Steven Norris, lecturer in biology, is the co-author of the recently published Freshwater Fishes of Mexico. He co-authored the book with two of the most distinguished ichthyologists in the country, the late Robert Rush Miller and the late W. L. Minckley. Norris has also published numerous papers on Mexican and African fishes and on fish osteology.

Reminders: Upcoming Events

- Poe Symposium: “Invaders of the Human Body,” Friday, April 28, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m., Aliso Hall Auditorium, featuring well known experts speaking on HIV/AIDS, the avian (bird) influenza, and other infectious diseases. Information: Jessica Dalton, faculty support coordinator, at ext. 2779 or e-mail jessica.dalton@csuci.edu, or visit http://biology.csuci.edu/poe2.

- Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Wednesday, 6 - 9 p.m., May 3, Science Plaza, with Aztec dancers, a musical performance, and guest speakers Jose Moreno, University lecturer in history, speaking on the commercialization of Cinco de Mayo, and Francisco Romero, a member of the Committee on Raza Rights, an Oxnard community organization, speaking on various Ventura County. Food and refreshments will be served. The event, sponsored by Student Government and hosted by MEChA (Movimiento Esudiantil Chicano de Aztlan), is free and open to the public. Information: student David Boubion, president of the CSUCI chapter of MEChA, at (805) 233-4227 or david.boubion911@dolphin.csuci.edu.
• 20th Annual Student Research Competition, Friday, May 5, Saturday, May 6, on campus, with students from throughout the CSU system presenting research on a full range of academic topics. Cash prizes are awarded in each category. Information: Renny Christopher, professor of English, chair of the SRC Steering Committee, at ext. 8994.

• Discover CI, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., an event for fall 2006 admitted and prospective students to visit the campus and learn more about the University. Information: Ginger Reyes, interim director of Admissions and Recruitment, at ext. 8521.

Around Campus

Maximus Awards
The student-created Maximus Awards event was recently held, honoring faculty, staff, students, and members of the community. Receiving Maximus awards were Elisabeth Freeman, student-of-the-year; Bob Mayberry, faculty member of the year; Bryan Sturgeon, text manager, Follett Higher Education Group, community member of the year; George Morten, administrator of the year; and Lisa Breckenridge, staff member of the year. Pictured here are winners of the Path of Excellence Awards, presented to those who have contributed to the building of the University.

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B&TP Scholarship Winners

President Rush poses with CSUCI students who participated in the recent Business & Technology Partnership Leadership Dinner, as well as five students who received scholarships. The event also presented awards to T. Michael Murray, Community Leader of the Year; James J. Harber, Ph.D., Technologist of the Year; and Philip D. Hampton, Ph.D., Faculty Member of the Year and CSUCI professor.