CSUCI Art Students Win at CSU Media Arts Festival

Art major John Weckworth won a first place “Rosebud Award” in the experimental film category at the 2003 CSU Media Arts Festival for his digital film “A Stitch In Time.” Second place in the same category went to art major John Stewart for his digital film “Hotel California.” Both artists were among the twenty-two finalists who screened their work at the festival, which was held at CSUCI for the second year in a row on November 14-16. Their works were chosen from a field of two hundred entries from the CSU campuses.

For more information, contact Jack Reilly, professor of art, x8863.

Biology Major Earns Excellence Award

Biology student Taylor Murphy was awarded a $1,000 Apple of Excellence Award by the Camarillo Health Care District. The award ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. on January 31, 2004, at the Las Posas Country Club. Taylor is the fourth biology student who has won a $1,000 scholarship or award supported by organizations in our community.

For more information, contact Ching-Hua Wang, professor of immunology and microbiology, x8870.

CSUCI Computer Science Team Competes in Programming Contest

CSUCI students Brandon Dooley, Dung Vo, and Chris Grzegorczyk teamed up to compete in the Southern California Regional Competition for the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest on November 15. Coached by Computer Science Lecturer A. J. Bieszczad, the team placed 38th out of sixty teams in the competition, which challenges the entrants with six computer-programming problems. The contest is sponsored by IBM.

For more information, contact A. J. Bieszczad, computer science lecturer, x2773.
Professor Stratton Publishes Book on HIV and AIDS

Steve Stratton, associate professor at the University Library, had his book, *The Encyclopedia of HIV and AIDS, 2nd edition*, from Facts on File, published in October. The book is a comprehensive guide to the biological, medical, financial, legal, political, and social issues associated with HIV and AIDS. It provides more than 3,000 entries explaining opportunistic infections, symptoms, pathology, prevention and treatments, and current statistics. Professor Stratton has volunteered for a variety of AIDS service organizations over the past fifteen years and currently serves as a member of the CPCRA, a large, NIH-funded, research and clinical trials organization with units around the world.

*For more information, contact Steve Stratton, associate professor at the University Library, x8913.*

Professor Costache Delivers Paper at an International Conference on Technology and Art

Irina Costache, associate professor of art, recently delivered a paper at the 19th annual CHArt (Computers and the History of Art) conference at the Birkbeck College, University of London, England. Her paper “Visual Culture/Virtual Art” explicated how new technologies have not only affected the identity of (contemporary) art, but also reconfigured the visual and theoretical operational framework of art history. Professor Costache discussed how she has integrated new technologies into her analysis and teaching of art history, from both a practical and theoretical point of view.

Professor Costache was also recently elected vice president of the Art Historians of Southern California Association. Founded in 1959, the association consists of over 200 art historians and museum professionals.

*For more information, contact Irina Costache, associate professor of art, x8993.*

Ira Schoenwald Gives Presentation to CSU Department Chairs

Ira Schoenwald, associate vice president for faculty affairs and academic resources, delivered the opening presentation at the 7th Annual CSU South New Department Chairs Workshop at Cal State Long Beach on October 24. His speech, entitled “From Faculty to Department Chair,” highlighted new information on department chairs nationally about the role transformations from faculty member to a new department chair.

*For more information, contact Ira Schoenwald, associate vice president for faculty affairs and academic resources, x8482.*

Experts Needed for Media and Events

To complement their list of faculty experts, Communications and Marketing is seeking staff members and administrators who are specialists in specific areas and could represent the University in the media or at public speaking engagements, such as the Rotary Club or Kiwanis. Qualified experts should be knowledgeable enough in a subject to be quoted by the media and able to deliver a presentation on their area of specialization to a large audience.

If you are a member of the faculty and did not submit information to Dennis Muraoka on this topic a few months ago, please feel free to forward information to Communications and Marketing at this time.

*For more information, contact Kent Baxter, communications specialist, x8940*
Volunteers Needed to Read Textbooks for Students with Disabilities

Disability Accommodation Services is actively recruiting volunteers to read textbooks for students with print-related disabilities. Readers are needed for the spring 2004 semester. Tape recorders and tapes will be provided to volunteers who will record themselves reading textbooks and return, in supplied envelopes, the tapes to the Disability Accommodation Services office to be distributed to students. Volunteers can work in their own homes, according to their own schedules. Reading assignments are approximately 30-50 pages per week for the fifteen-week semester. Assignments require a time commitment of 3-5 hours per week, but readers can opt to complete assignments quicker if they would like.

For more information, contact Terri Goldstein, disability accommodations coordinator, x8528.

New Library Databases and Full Text Journals

The University Library has recently subscribed to several new full-text products. Marcel Dekker Journals are now available. Dekker publishes seventy-eight titles primarily in the scientific, technical, and medical (STM) fields.

The Library has also purchased access to the JSTOR Music collection. The Music Collection contains the complete back runs of thirty-one titles dedicated to scholarly research and theory in the field of music.

The Library has also secured access for three years to the titles of Wiley InterScience. This will provide unlimited online access to the full text of the entire collection of electronic journal editions available on Wiley InterScience (over 360 titles) and access to retrospective issues, many going back to 1997.

For more information, contact Amy Wallace, head of library public services, x8911.

A Little Music With Your Lunch?

The Channel Island String Quartet will be performing in the Library Courtyard on Tuesday, November 25, at noon. Bring your lunch.

For more information, contact Amy Wallace, head of library public services, x8911.

Dolphin Statue Dedication

The Associated Students CSUN-CI cordially invite all CSUN-CI and CSUCI faculty, staff, students, and community members to attend the Dolphin Statue Dedication to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 11:00 a.m., at the University HUB. The Infinity Dolphin Statue, funded by CSUN-CI student union fees, is a gift to the CSU Channel Islands student body. The event is an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the legacy of CSUN-CI. Reception to follow.

For more information, contact Kirsten Moss, special consultant, x8517.
Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event at Bookstore
The University Bookstore will be having a Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event on Thursday, December 4, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. A 20 percent discount will be given on all regular and sale-priced merchandise. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Chris Renbarger, bookstore manager, x8833.

TIAA-CREF Workshop
Denise Carter, a representative from TIAA-CREF, will be leading a workshop on tax sheltered annuities from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4, in the Administration Building Conference Room.

For more information, contact Colleen Bennett, human resources administrator, x8846.

Faculty and Staff Holiday Luncheon
There will be a holiday luncheon for faculty and staff on Thursday, December 4, from noon to 2:00 p.m., in Conference Hall 1. The theme will be “A Winter Wonderland,” and a lunch buffet and door prizes will be included in the festivities. Free and open to faculty and staff.

For more information, contact Colleen Bennett, human resources administrator, x8846.

Campus Construction Report
Following is an update of construction activities on campus:

- The Student Housing Project continues on schedule. Framing of the second-story decks and walls is moving along. Windows, electrical installations, and the steel frame for the stairs will be installed starting next week. The project remains on schedule, scope, and budget.

- The Administration Building renovation continues. Construction of the Administration Building parking lot will begin shortly. Completion of the parking lot will be coordinated with occupancy of the building. This parking lot will add forty-five spaces to the campus inventory.

- Renovation of the second floor of the West Wing of the Bell Tower (formerly Unit 19) into new faculty offices is 80 percent complete. Carpet is scheduled to be installed on December 19. Completion date for this project is still January 5, 2004.

- The second phase of the University Glen Housing Project continues. The pool and cabana facility are now under construction. Completion is scheduled for New Year.

- The Town Center bid is in. Four contractors showed up with bids. The apparent low bid was from Fessberg Construction for $12,960,600.
• A new parking lot at the corner of University Drive and Santa Paula Avenue is now being asphalted. Lighting upgrades and drainage work is being completed this week. This parking lot will add an additional eighty spaces on the southeast corner of campus.

• Movie crews have finished constructing the sets for “Underclassmen,” to be filmed on campus. The set crews are working at several locations on campus: in the south end of the South Quad, in the large dining hall in the North Quad, and also in a remote area of East Campus. Filming will start shortly and continue probably for the next few weeks.

For more information, contact Juan Beltranena, director of facilities, x8496.

### Around Campus

President Rush speaks at an informational hearing for the California State Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy, held on campus on November 12. In attendance were Assemblymembers Mark Ridley-Thomas and Hannah-Beth Jackson.

Business and Management Lecturer and Director of the CSUCI Small Business Institute Rudolph I. Estrada welcomes a crowd of over seventy business and community leaders at the Small Business Institute Luncheon on November 17. The luncheon celebrated the launching of the Small Business Institute and a major grant from Southern California Edison, who hosted the event.