University Community Invited to First Picnic

Students, faculty, staff, and their family members are invited to the First Annual Picnic, Saturday, May 8, from 1 – 5 p.m. on the North Quad. Live music, free food, vendors, and bounce houses will be featured. The event is sponsored by the Student Programming Board, Student Government, Office of Student Development, and the Associated Students of CSUN-CI.

For more information, contact the Student Programming Board at ext. 2756 or asi.spb@csuci.edu.

Student Maximus Awards Pays Tribute to University Community

CSUCI students held their first Maximus Awards on April 29 to recognize the outstanding administrator, community member, faculty, staff, and student of the year. The winners were: Carmen Ramirez, coordinator, Ventura County Self Help Legal Access Center, community member; Mike Schuler, police officer, staff; George Morten, director of C.H.A.P.s, administrator; Phil Hampton, professor of chemistry, faculty; and Sarah Toner, student.

In addition, students awarded special bricks as Path of Excellence Awards to individuals who have contributed to the founding of the University. The winners in the following categories were:

- Community Members: Peter MacDougall, Santa Barbara City College president and chair of the Community Advisory Board CSUN – Ventura Campus; Laura McAvoy, chair, President’s Advisory Board, CSUCI; R.J. (Jim) Considine, CSU trustee and Site Authority Member; Martin V. and Martha Smith, major donors; Carolyn Leavens, University supporter and Carillon Donor; The Honorable Robert and Norma Lagomarsino, major donors; The Honorable Jack O’Connell, state senator (author of SB 1923); John Spoor Broome, major donor; James W. Walker, Moorpark College president and chair, Community Advisory Board CSUN-CI; and Pierre P. Claeyssens, major donor.

- Administrators: Joyce Kennedy, executive director, CSUN Ventura Extension Campus; Steve Lefevre, director of CSUN-CI; Art Flores, associate vice president, Human Resources Programs; George Dutra, associate vice president, Operations, Planning, and Construction (OPC); J. Handel Evans, planning president; Ira Shoenwald, associate vice president, Academic Affairs; Barbara Thorpe, associate vice president, Academic Affairs; Richard R. Rush, founding president; Theodore Lucas, founding chief of staff; Wm. Gregory Sawyer, founding vice president, Student Affairs; Joanne Coville, founding vice president, Finance and Administration; and George Morten, director, Student Services, CSUN-CI.

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University’s 2nd Commencement Event to Draw Record Attendance

The University’s commencement ceremonies, to begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 29, on the South Quad of the campus, is expected to attract a record attendance. More than 6,400 people will be present at the second annual event. By comparison, approximately 4,000 people attended last year’s ceremony. Because of the high volume of people and traffic on campus, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to arrive as early as possible. Those who are participating in the ceremony should be prompt in arriving at their designated areas.

For more information, contact Peggy Hinz, director of communications and marketing, at ext. 8947 or peggy.hinz@csuci.edu.

Still Time to Sign Up for Workshop on Workplace Violence

A training session, “Workplace Violence: Assessing the Potential and Preventing the Act,” will be presented Thursday, May 13, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Training Room of the new Administration Building. Frank Mazzola, Pacific Care EAP, will provide valuable safety tips and education.

For more information or to register, contact Colleen Bennett, human resources administrator, at ext. 8846 or colleen.bennett@csuci.edu.

University Chorus Schedules May 21, 22 Concert Dates

The newly formed University Chorus announces its spring, 2004, “Love, Spirit & Music” premiere concert dates. The 40-voice chorus is comprised of talented musicians from CSUCI as well as members of the Ventura County community. Under the direction of Kuan Fen Liu, artistic director, the chorus will perform a Renaissance madrigal, an American spiritual, and other choral works by J. Brahms, R. Vaughan Williams, and John Rutter. Concert dates are Friday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church of Ventura, 1338 E. Santa Clara St.; and Saturday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., at Padre Serra Catholic Church of Camarillo, 5205 Upland Road. Both concerts are free, with a suggested donation of $15.

For more information, contact Kuan Fen Liu at (805) 643-8430.
Simulations Help Faculty to Teach Concepts

The University library offers a number of useful tools for faculty to illustrate a variety of concepts in the classroom. The library staff has collected simulations or learning objects for different programs. To see how they can enhance and reinforce student learning, simply click on any of these links:

Anthropology: http://www.cbc.yale.edu/courseware/archaeo.html
Art: http://www.hexatron.com/zpt/
Biology: http://darwin.eeb.uconn.edu/simulations/drift.html
Business: http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/bb/pdref.html
Chemistry: http://intro.chem.okstate.edu/1314F00/Laboratory/GLP.htm
Computer science: http://cs.joensuu.fi/jeliot/jeliot.html
Economics: http://www.bized.ac.uk/virtual/vla/the_cped/cpedIn.pfn
Education: http://www.psych.utah.edu/stat/introstats/anovaflash.html
English: http://www.shakespeare.com/Poetry/ieindex.html
Psychology: http://www.psych.utah.edu/stat/java_code/matt/HideSample/index.html
Spanish: http://www.uiowa.edu/%7Eacadtech/phonetics/#

For more information, contact Peter Sezzi, reference librarian, ext. 2701 or peter.sezzi@csuci.edu, or Paul Adalian, University librarian, at ext. 8577 or paul.adalian@csuci.edu.

Faculty News

● Julia Balen, assistant professor of English, and Renny Christopher, associate professor of English and chair of the Academic Senate, attended a cross-campus collaboration on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender studies, called “CSU-QS” for California State University Queer Studies, at Humboldt State University, April 30-May 2. The seminar, sponsored by the CSU Institute on Teaching and Learning, brought together faculty from 13 CSU campuses to talk about pedagogical and program development issues. The group decided to formalize itself to sponsor future conferences, create a list-serve and Web page, and extend an outreach to other campuses and faculty, with the goal of making CSU the leading institution in the country for Queer Studies.

● Correction
In the last edition of wavelength, an error occurred in a “Kudos” item. Here is the corrected version: Joan K. Peters, assistant professor of English, has been invited to an upcoming seminar at the Aspen Institute, an international think tank that features business and political leaders who discuss major issues facing society today. Some recent participants include Brent Snowcroft, former national security advisor to President George H.W. Bush; Paul Wolfowitz, deputy secretary of defense for President George W. Bush; and Henry Louis Gates, educator and cultural critic.
CSUCI Honors Convocation – May 6, 2004

Counter-clockwise from left:
CSUCI President Richard R. Rush welcomes students and their families while University faculty look on.

Dean of the Faculty Stephen Lefevre announces honors students, assisted by Event Coordinator Cindy Eaves, while President Rush congratulates a student.

George Morten, director of C.H.A.P.s, and Trae Cotton, director of Student Development, present Lori Macdonald with a student leadership award.