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Please note: This year's Commencement ceremony will take place Saturday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. in the South Quad.

*For more information, contact Peggy Hinz, director of communications and marketing, x8947.*

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## Town Center Groundbreaking Ceremony on Monday

The campus community is invited to join the Site Authority, community members, and the residents of University Glen for a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Town Center, a mixed-use space located just behind the future John Spoor Broome Library that will provide vital commercial services such as restaurants and a convenience store for the campus. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, February 9. Open to the public.

*For more information, contact Mitchel Sloan, events coordinator, x8916.*

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## CSUCI Student Awarded Scholarship

Junior biology major Hiromi Arai was awarded a student scholarship covering the cost of registration for the Continuums of Service conference in March. Attended by fifty universities in the western United States, the conference provides workshops, training, and lectures on service learning. Hiromi is a Service Learning Ambassador in the CSUCI Service Learning Program.

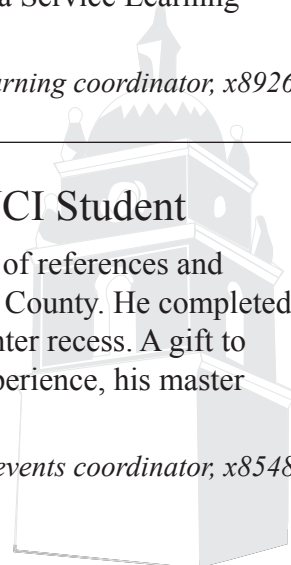
*For more information, contact Matt Oppenheim, service learning coordinator, x8926.*

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## Index of Chinese-Americans in Ventura County Compiled by CSUCI Student

Bill Garner, a history major at CSUCI, has recently compiled a master index of a variety of references and materials (printed as well as oral history, etc.) concerning Chinese-Americans in Ventura County. He completed this project as an intern at the Ventura County Museum of History and Art during the winter recess. A gift to Chinese-Americans in Ventura and to all those who are interested in their history and experience, his master index is now a permanent part of that institution's collection.

*For more information, contact Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, x8548.*



## Faculty Member Serves as Senior Editor for Interdisciplinary Press

Kevin Volkan, professor of psychology and chair of the psychology program, is Senior Editor for Pitchstone Publishing, an interdisciplinary press. Pitchstone's recent publication, *PsychoBible: Behavior, Religion, and the Holy Book*, by Armando Favazza, has just been selected by Barnes & Noble for a feature on the new release table of its busiest stores.

*For more information, contact Kevin Volkan, professor of psychology, x8867.*

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## Arctic and Antarctic Environments Are Focus of Recent Work by Faculty Member

Mark Zacharias, assistant professor in the environmental science and resource management program, is currently working on projects in Arctic and Antarctic environments. Professor Zacharias has been appointed by the International Whaling Commission Scientific Committee as an external scientific reviewer (one of three scientists chosen among ten candidates put forward to the commission by the research community) to review the southern ocean whale sanctuary (comprising one fourth of the world's oceans) and assist the commission with incorporating marine protected area concepts into its sanctuaries and sanctuary proposals. He will be travelling to Italy this summer to present his results. Professor Zacharias is also a founding member of the Biodiversity Working Group of the Arctic Coastal Dynamics project. He recently travelled to St. Petersburg, Russia to participate in the inaugural meeting to examine methods to assess marine biodiversity in Arctic environments. Closer to home, Professor Zacharias recently served as a Marine Advisor to the Center for Environmental Cooperation, the environmental arm of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

*For more information, contact Mark Zacharias, assistant professor of environmental science and resource management, x8984.*

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## New Employees

We would like to welcome the following new employees to the campus community: Yasmin Attar, administrative analyst in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs; Julia Balén, assistant professor of English; Nada Jamil, administrative support assistant in C.H.A.P.s.; and Rebecca MacClelland, administrative support assistant in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

*For more information, contact Diana Enos, personnel assistant, x8426.*

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## University Preparation School To Accept Applications

The University Preparation School at Cal State Channel Islands will soon be accepting applications for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Sponsored by the Pleasant Valley School District, the University Preparation School is a public charter school that works in coordination with the University and serves as a laboratory for CSUCI faculty, students, and elementary school teachers who are researching and learning new educational techniques. The school provides master teachers using best strategies, multi-age groupings and looping, full-day kindergarten, dual language option (English/Spanish), and specialist teachers in the arts. The application period begins on Monday, February 9, and continues through Friday, March 5. Call (805) 482-4608 to schedule an appointment.

*For more information, contact Barbara Thorpe, associate vice president of research and sponsored programs, x8495.*

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## Proposition 55 Education Bond Measure On March Ballot

CSUCI Government Relations would like to inform the campus community about Proposition 55, which will be placed on the March ballot. Prop. 55 is the second half of the education bond measure enacted through AB16, following Proposition 47 (2002). This general obligation bond would authorize the sale of bonds amounting to \$12.3 billion to be allocated to K-12 through higher education. Under this bond, the University Preparation School, which is temporarily housed at the former El Rancho School in Camarillo, could apply for the \$25 million needed to build their facility on our campus. Our three local community colleges could receive over \$11 million for needed renovations and projects at libraries and other facilities. Ventura County K-12 schools could receive \$311 million for new construction and repairs of existing facilities, many of which are in need of major improvements and rebuilding. Though this bond will not directly benefit CSUCI, it will greatly enhance the learning environments of students in our communities.

*For more information, contact Tania Garcia, community relations assistant, x8952.*

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## Personal Wellness Seminar Offered for Campus Community

Ed Lebioda, director of budget, operations, and ancillary affairs, will be leading a personal wellness seminar on Thursday, February 19. Participants will learn the key components to a quality fitness program and will receive a free two-week pass to the Hagerty Gym and Fitness Center. The seminar will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the Administration Building. Free and open to students, faculty, and staff.

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

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## Who Will Rule the Court?

Members of the campus community will lace up their sneakers for two athletic showdowns this month. The Students vs. Staff Volleyball Game will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Hagerty Gym on Thursday, February 12, and the Students vs. Faculty Basketball Game will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Hagerty Gym on Friday, February 20.

*For more information or to participate, contact Nathan Avery, special consultant, x8902.*

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## Campus Construction Report

- The Broome Library project is moving forward. Drawings are out to bid. The drawings are being printed by ABC Imaging in Los Angeles and can be accessed online at <http://www.blueprintonline.com>. A mandatory job-walk was held on Tuesday, January 20 with several major contractors in attendance. A second mandatory job-walk for prospective contractors will be held on Wednesday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m. Job-walks will start punctually at the Banquet Room in the Administration Building. The four major contractors who met the pre-qualification requirements for bidding the project are Gordon & Williams General Contractors, S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Swinerton Builders, and Douglas E. Barnhart.
- Work continues on the Administration Building. The initial punch list showed that some details still need to be repaired or corrected. Work on the parking lot is moving along at a good pace; the lot has been graded, and the entrance to the courtyard widened.

- The Student Housing project continues at a very good pace. Roofs over the third floor are being finished. Exterior windows are now installed, and the buildings are closed to the weather and ready for interior fit-up work. Construction trucks continue to be ubiquitous on the Potrero Road access to campus, so please drive carefully. The project remains on schedule, scope, and budget.
- Repairs to the main stairway of the Science Building are complete. This clears the way for expending the leftover contingency funds. These funds will enable the campus to finish some of the remaining priorities put forth by the science faculty to improve their labs and the building, including some exterior benches and handrails for the front of the building.
- The Town Center bid has been awarded to Fassberg Construction. Excavators will mobilize on site on Monday, February 16.

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

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