Submissions to wavelength

Thanks to all of you who provide submissions for wavelength. Because of your input, this bi-weekly internal newsletter has quickly become an integral vehicle for communications throughout our growing campus community. As you may be aware, Kent Baxter, who served as editor of this electronic publication, accepted a faculty position with UCSB. Our new communications specialist is Richard Suenaga. He comes to us with extensive experience in publications, having worked in the communications area of both Loyola Marymount and Pepperdine Universities. Please join me in welcoming Richard and feel free to send him your submissions and ideas for wavelength. In addition to e-mail, Richard can also be reached at ext. 8940.

Information: Peggy Hinz, director, Communications & Marketing, ext. 8947

Two CSUCI Credential Programs Approved

CSUCI’s Single Subject and Education Specialist Mild/Moderate teacher credential programs were recently approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The Single Subject Program prepares middle and high school teachers for instruction in English, mathematics, and science. The Education Specialist credential prepares special education teachers for students from kindergarten to age 22 who have mild or moderate disabilities. The University was also approved to work with the local school districts with Single Subject and Education Specialist interns who are not credentialed in their teaching area but work full-time while taking coursework for their credential.

Information: Jeanne Grier, assistant professor of education and coordinator of the Single Subject Program, ext. 8987, or Maria Denney, assistant professor of special education and coordinator of the Education Specialist Program, ext. 2766

’04-’05 Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications for the 2004-2005 academic year are now available. All continuing students with a GPA of 3.0 or better are invited to apply. Application forms in PDF format have been sent to students via Dolphin email. Faculty and staff who are in regular contact with students are asked to apprise them of scholarship availability and the application process.

Information: Nick Pencoff, director, Financial Aid, ext. 8518
Faculty Participates in Creation of Education Consortium

CSUCI and UC Santa Barbara education faculty recently teamed up to create the Professional Education and Development Consortium. The group is committed to the development, application, and evaluation of web-based multimedia resources and problem-based pedagogy for pre-service and in-service professional education. The goal is the establishment of a national and international model of professional education and development. CSUCI participants included Drs. Maria Denney, Jill Leafstedt, Joan Karp, and Robert Bleicher.

Information: Maria Denney, assistant professor of special education, ext. 2766

Exhibit and Symposium on Chinese Art Featured Saturday

An interdisciplinary symposium on Chinese art and culture will be held Saturday, March 6, at the Studio Channel Islands Art Center. The event, held in connection with “Celebration/Chinese New Year 2004, the Year of the Monkey,” features Chinese art currently on display at the Art Center, as well as panel discussions featuring scholars from CSUCI, Cal State Long Beach, and local artists and art professionals. The event was organized by Dr. Irina D. Costache, CSUCI associate professor of art history. Other CSUCI participants in the symposium include Dr. Kevin Volkan, professor of psychology; Dr. Ching-Hua Wang, professor of biology; Dr. Nian-Sheng Huang, associate professor of history; Dr. Rainer Buschmann, assistant professor of history; and Panda Kroll, J.D., M.F.A., lecturer. Symposium hours: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission: $5; free to Studio Channel Islands Art Center members, students, faculty, and staff.

Information: Studio Channel Islands Art Center, ext. 1368

Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Center Opens Monday

The campus community is invited to attend the grand opening of the Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Center, Monday, March 8, at 3 p.m. The ceremony will be held in the courtyard outside of the Student Lounge near the east wing of the Bell Tower. Speaking at the event will be President Richard R. Rush, Dr. Renny Christopher, chair of the Academic Senate, Dr. William Gregory Sawyer, vice president, Student Affairs, and Becca Glazier, CSUCI student body president.

Information: Trae T. Cotton, director, Student Development, ext. 8998

Sign Up for Computer Class

An education and familiarization seminar on campus computer systems will be conducted by the IT Department, Thursday, March 25, from 1-3 p.m. in the Bell Tower, Room 1250. Seating is limited.

RSVP: Colleen Bennett, HR administrator, ext. 8846

Author to Speak on Political Issues, Thursday, March 11

Dr. Michael Parenti, internationally known author, lecturer, and political analyst, will speak on campus Thursday, March 11, from 6:30 – 7 p.m. at Conference Hall One. Parenti’s talk is titled “Ruler of the Planet: U.S. Global Policy.” Book sales and signing will follow. Event is free and open to the public.

Information: Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, ext. 8548
Campus Mini-Corps Recruiter Awarded CABE Scholarship

Claudia Fernandez, who graduated from the University in December with a degree in liberal studies, has been awarded a $2,000 scholarship from the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE) to pursue her multiple subject teacher credential program here. Claudia is a CSUCI recruiter for the California Mini-Corps, the state program that provides support and assistance to students from migrant worker families.

Information: Julie Antilla-Garza, coordinator, California Mini-Corps, ext. 8823

Campus Construction Report

Construction activities on campus will increase significantly in the next few months. The University community is asked to pay attention to barricades and caution signs. Do not cross yellow caution tapes that block off certain areas. Please find an alternate route. In addition, stay away from operating equipment and machinery.

Here is the status of current projects:

● Effective immediately, the west side entrance (Ventura Street entrance) to the Bell Tower-South Quad is closed due to construction for approximately two weeks. Please use alternate routes.

  Information: Lu Ann Allen, office manager, Operations, Planning & Construction, ext. 8462

● On March 17, three major contractors are expected to bid on the Broome Library project: S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Swinerton Builders, and Douglas E. Barnhart.

● Work continues on the new Administration Building. The contractor is expected to complete the project in approximately one week. Once completed, CSUCI crews will make final preparations. Recent rains slowed down the work on the parking lot, but it is now graded. The entrance to the courtyard has been widened and cement curbs have been poured.

● Moves into the newly refurbished Administration Building will start on March 26 and continue through the last week of the month. In anticipation of the move, employees are asked to begin taking all valuable items home and bring them back when they are settled at their new stations. All equipment and furniture will be moved for them.

  Information: Peggy Hinz, director, Communications & Marketing, ext. 8947, or David Carlson, associate architect, OPC, ext. 8472

● The student housing project continues at a very good pace. Roofs over the third floor are being finished. The west facade is now finished and dry. The north facade will follow. The CSUCI community is asked to drive carefully since construction trucks regularly use Potrero Road and Oxnard Street. The project remains in scope and on schedule and budget.

● The Science Building is now complete. Contingency funds will enable the campus to finish the remaining priorities suggested by the science faculty to improve labs and the building itself. These include exterior benches and handrails for the front of the building.
• The Town Center bid has been awarded to Fessberg Construction. The parking lots are now fenced-in and no longer available for use. Increased truck traffic in this area requires faculty, students, and staff to drive more carefully in the coming weeks.

• Grading on the temporary Santa Paula parking lot has been delayed by recent rains. The Seabees crew will start laying down the base as soon as the ground dries.

Information: Juan Beltranena, director of facilities, ext. 8496.

**Around Campus**

On Thursday, February 26, a panel of 15 judges gathered on campus to review and award the winning designs for the *Sunset/CSUCI* Courtyard Design Competition. Landscape designs lined the Administration Banquet Room while the panel (consisting of *Sunset*, community/professional, faculty, staff, and student members) deliberated and discussed 23 designs from 16 landscape architecture and designer entrants.

Awards for winning entries will be presented March 23 at the upcoming President’s Circle reception and presentation. Kathleen Brenzel, *Sunset* senior garden editor, will speak on the topic “Garden Design for Tomorrow.”

**JUDGES**

*Sunset*
Kathleen Brenzel, Sharon Cohoon

*Community/Professional*
Thomas Lockett, Suzanne Manaugh, Owen Dell, Pat Richards, Susan Petty, Roxie Ray Bordelon, Michael Bobrow

*Faculty*
Nancy Mozingo

*Staff*
George Dutra, Juan Beltranena, Raudel Banuelos, David Carlson

*Student*
Zoya Kai

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