Rent Regalia for Convocation, Commencement

Faculty and staff involved in the May 6 Honors Convocation and/or the May 29 commencement ceremony are asked to make arrangements to rent regalia. Ordering by April 2 will ensure delivery without shipping charges and allow individuals to use the regalia for both events. For those participating in commencement only, orders placed by April 14 will avoid shipping charges. The final date to order is May 21. Forms may be obtained at the bookstore or requested by e-mail at csuci@bkstr.com. For those who rented regalia last year, the bookstore has cap sizes on record.

Information: Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, Academic Affairs, ext. 8548 or cindy.eaves@csuci.edu, or Chris Renbarger, bookstore manager, at ext. 8833.

Diversity in Graduate Education Forum Set for April 3 on Campus

The University will host the 2004 Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education, Saturday, April 3. The all-day event features more than 100 college recruiters from across the nation who will provide valuable graduate program information to underrepresented undergraduate and master’s degree students. More than 1,000 attendees, including selected CSUCI students, will attend workshops focusing on preparation for the GRE, selection of an appropriate graduate program, application for graduate programs, and financial aid, as well as topics such as the role of the master’s degree, the culture of graduate schools, and employment prospects.

Information: Dennis Muraoka, professor of economics, ext. 8861 or dennis.muraoka@csuci.edu, or Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, Academic Affairs, ext. 8548 or cindy.eaves@csuci.edu.

April 8 Event Addresses County Growth Issues

“The Road Ahead: A Community Forum on Growth in Ventura County,” featuring keynote speaker Henry Cisneros, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will be held Thursday, April 8, from 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., in Conference Hall 1 on campus. Panel discussions will focus on current Ventura County land-use plans and policies, affordable housing, gridlocked freeways, and the impact of these issues on local business and the economy. Also speaking will be community leaders, business owners, elected officials, activists, and planning experts. The event is co-sponsored by the University, the Ventura County Star, and the Ventura County Civic Alliance. Cost is $30 per person.

Information: Mitchel Sloan, events coordinator, ext. 8916 or mitchel.sloan@csuci.edu.
April 29 Fair Focuses on Internships, Jobs

The second annual CSUCI Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday, April 29, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on campus. Students from CSUCI, community colleges, and high schools, as well as members of the community, are invited to meet with more than 70 employers who will discuss internships and current and anticipated job opportunities. Participants will be able to gather occupational information and learn about part-time, summer, and full-time employment in a variety of career fields and academic majors. Additionally, the University is offering two resume-writing workshops on Tuesday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 20, from 2 – 3:30 p.m. on campus.

Information: Katherine Metzger, career development counselor, ext. 8510, or katherine.metzger@csuci.edu.

Honors Convocation Scheduled for May 6

The 2nd Annual Honors Convocation recognizing outstanding graduates will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 6, in Conference Hall 1. The event honors undergraduate students who graduated in Fall 2003 or will graduate in Spring 2004. Honorees have distinguished themselves in one or more areas—including scholastic achievement, program honors, multiple subject teaching credential, or student leadership. CSU Northridge off-campus center students will also be recognized for scholastic achievement. Presenting awards will be Richard R. Rush, president; William Gregory Sawyer, vice president for Student Affairs; Stephen Lefevre, dean of faculty; Renny Christopher, Academic Senate chair, and Joan Karp, chair for the Multiple Subject Teaching Credential program.

Information: Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, Academic Affairs, ext. 8548 or cindy.eaves@csuci.edu.

Brush Up on Computer Skills

A series of free computer training classes is now being offered to faculty and staff, beginning with “Computer Basics,” Thursday, March 25, from 1 – 3 p.m. in Bell Tower 1250. The workshop, taught by IT consultant Nasser Mansour, focuses on basics of the CSUCI system and how to use it effectively. Other sessions in this series will be announced in wavelength. Another class, separate from the IT series, will be offered in Microsoft Excel training, Thursday, April 1, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the library. Nathan Revard, head of circulation and electronic reserves in the library, will cover basic skills of this software program.

Information: Colleen Bennett, HR administrator, ext. 8846 or colleen.bennet@csuci.edu.

Investment and Financial Seminars Offered April 8, 22

The campus community is invited to attend a TIAA-CREFF retirement program session on Thursday, April 8, and a financial management discussion on Thursday, April 22. Both events will be held from 1 – 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 of the new Administration Building.

Information or registration: Colleen Bennett, HR administrator, ext. 8846 or colleen.bennett@csuci.edu.
Historical Journals Donated to History Program

The CSUCI history program recently received a collection of approximately 200 – 300 historical journals from the 1980s and 1990s from Camarillo resident Diane Zeamba. The large collection will be on display in the reading room of the Historians League, a group comprised of CSUCI history majors.

Information: Nian Sheng-Huang, chair and associate professor history, ext. 8879 or nian.sheng-huang@csuci.edu.

Wolfe appointed Chair of Computer Science Program

Bill Wolfe, associate professor of computer science, was recently named chair of the Computer Science program, effective in the spring semester. Dr. Wolfe, who received his Ph.D. in mathematics from City University of New York, joined the faculty in 2002.

Information: Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, Academic Affairs, ext. 8548 or cindy.eaves@csuci.

Learn about the Lives of Family, Friends through Oral Histories

Evelyn Taylor, University archivist, is currently documenting the histories of the campus and the county through the eyes of people who have lived here. Currently, she is conducting oral histories with Japanese Americans whose roots in the area go back several decades, and intends to record the experiences of early Hispanic migrant field workers in the region. Evelyn is also teaching CSUCI students who are enrolled in a joint history-archives course. Anyone interested in conducting oral histories with family members or others should contact her at her office located in the library.

Information: Evelyn Taylor, University archivist, ext. 8830 or evelyn.taylor@csuci.edu.

Campus Construction Report

● Another reminder: The west side (Ventura Street) entrance to the Bell Tower-South Quad is closed due to construction for approximately two weeks. Please use the D Wing as an alternate route. A yellow caution tape protects a new project to widen the entrance to the South Quad from Ventura Drive.


● The selection of the bid for the Broome Library project has been rescheduled for April 6, at 3 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the Administration Building. Companies submitting bids are S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Swinerton Builders, and Douglas E. Barnhart.

● Work is almost complete on the newly renovated Administration Building. The contractor’s workers will be out by next week. The CSUCI crew is making final touches in anticipation of next week’s moves. The entrance to the courtyard has been widened, cement curbs have been poured, and the base is being rolled for the parking lot.
The move into the renovated Administration Building begins March 26 and will continue through early April. Again, employees are asked to take 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 of Communications & Marketing, ext. 8947, or David Carlson, associate architect, OPC, ext. 8472.*

Construction of the student housing project is moving along. Several phases of work are complete or in progress, including roof tiling; application of exterior stucco; installation of sheetrock, floors, fire sprinklers, and plumbing; wall texturing; and painting. Irrigation and hardscape will start on Building C next week. The CSUCI community is asked to drive carefully since construction trucks regularly use Potrero Road and Oxnard Street. The project is on schedule and within budget.

The Town Center construction is in full swing. Increased truck traffic in this area requires faculty, students, and staff to ensure they are driving carefully in the coming weeks.

Phase 2 of University Glen is expected to be completed on April 2. Phase 3 will start immediately thereafter.

Grading on the temporary Santa Paula parking lot has been graded and the base is being rolled down. The Seabees battalion will finish their work at the end of this week. CSUCI thanks them for a job well done.

*Information: Juan Beltranena, director of facilities, ext. 8496 or juan.beltranena@csuci.edu.*

As part of the International Week Celebration on campus March 8 - 12, One World Taiko, a contemporary Japanese drumming ensemble, invited students to participate in learning Taiko drumming techniques.

Other festivities during the week included the opening of the Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Center, an International Feast and Fashion Show and a lecture by Dr. Michael Parenti, internationally known author, lecturer, and political analyst.