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Shorter *Length* Between Wavelengths

Beginning with this edition, *wavelength* will be published every two weeks, rather than its previous schedule of the first and third Fridays of each month. The University newsletter will continue to be issued on Fridays, with a deadline for submissions on the previous Wednesdays. As the number of University activities grows, the new publishing schedule will allow more frequent coverage of events and news items of interest.

University Welcomes 2004 Olympians, Paralympian at Campus Event

The University will host some of the brightest stars of the recent 2004 Olympics and Paralympics, Monday, November 8, at the “Welcome Home, Team USA” celebration on campus. The campus community is invited to meet Jessica Mendoza, Amanda Freed, Leah O’Brien-Amico, and Jenny Topping, women’s softball team; Rulon Gardner, Greco-Roman wrestler; and Marlon Shirley, paralympic sprinter. The campus community is invited to join a group of local elementary and high school students from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Conference Hall 1, where the athletes will talk about their Olympic experiences in Athens and field questions from the audience. President Richard R. Rush will also welcome special guests, including Steve Roush, USOC Sport Performance, John Spoor Broome, and John S. Broome, Jr.

For more information, contact Mitchel Sloan, associate director of special events, at ext. 8916 or mitchel.sloan@csuci.edu.

Students to Showcase Media Arts at Nov. 5-7 Festival on Campus

This weekend, the University will host the 14th annual CSU Media Arts Festival. The event features screenings of CSU student works in film, video, and new media, as well as a number of seminars designed to help CSUCI and other CSU students to make the transition to working professionals in the media arts fields. The **free** screenings, which will be shown Friday, November 5, at 6 p.m. in Conference Hall 1, will include works in eight categories: narrative, animation, music video, experimental, documentary, TV short-forms, TV long-forms, and interactive media. Awards will be presented to the top entries on Saturday, November 6, at 7 p.m.

This year, six CSUCI students are finalists for festival awards, more than any other CSU. They are: Mohammad Afshar, for “The Real Terrorists,” Apisak Phetprasit, for “Human Rights,” and Jennifer Bennett, for “Coastal Cleanup Day,” all in the TV short-form category; Jennifer Bertrand, for “Jennifer Bertrand-Portfolio,”

interactive media category; and John Weckworth, for “Chip Off the Ol’ Block,” and Michael Miller, for “The Atomic Age,” in the experimental category. The seminars, open to CSU students only at \$20 per person, will be taught by CSU faculty and industry professionals.

For more information, contact Jack Reilly, professor of art and chair of the Art Program, at ext. 8863 or jack.reilly@csuci.edu.

Author Michelle Tea to Speak at CSUCI

Michelle Tea, a young lesbian author of three memoirs, a novel, and a book of poetry, as well as an editor of a collection of essays about the female experience of growing up working class, will be the featured speaker at a 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 10, event at the Science Building Auditorium. The author will read from her books, discuss her writing method and how she became a writer, and offer advice to aspiring writers. She will also talk about what she has learned about being working class in America. The event, **free and open to the public**, is sponsored by the Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Center, the English Program, and the Instructionally Related Activities Board.

For more information, contact Joan Peters, assistant professor of English, ext. 8970 or joan.peters@csuci.edu.

Faculty Grant Recipients to Be Honored at November 12 Luncheon

The recipients of the Martin V. Smith Faculty Innovation and Excellence Grants for 2004 will be honored at a private reception Friday, November 12, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Petit Salon on campus. The grants are part of an endowment created by the late Martin V. “Bud” Smith, who was one of Ventura County’s leading real estate investors, developers, and humanitarians. The grants are designed to expand faculty development by supporting projects that will help them to broaden their areas of expertise and experiences. Grant recipients are: Jesse Elliott, assistant professor of mathematics, Mathematics Research; Jill Leafstedt and Maria Denney, both assistant professors of special education, Early Reading Project II; Joan Peters, assistant professor of English, and Nian Huang, associate professor of history and chair of the history program, Developing a Team-Taught Interdisciplinary Course; Matthew Furmanski, assistant professor of art, equipment for Art Program and University use; Rainer Buschmann, assistant professor of history, History and Oceanographic Research; Scott Frisch, associate professor of political science, Promoting Civic and Political Engagement and Service Learning; Paul Rivera, assistant professor of economics, Remittances as Dutch Disease in El Salvador: Scholarship and Teaching Case; Mary Adler, assistant professor of English, book project: Building a Discussion-Centered Classroom; Ashish Vaidya, professor of economics and director of the MBA program, and Irina Costache, associate professor of art history, International Student Partnerships: A Web-Based Approach; William Wolfe, professor of computer science, Student Bartering System; Simone Aloisio, assistant professor of chemistry, Increasing Student Success in General Chemistry; Geoff Dougherty, professor of physics, book project, Digital Image Processing with Medical Applications.

Talkin’ Dolphins Speech and Debate Tournament Set for November 13

The semi-annual CSUCI Speech & Debate Tournament will be held Saturday, November 13, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the Bell Tower. Students on the Talkin’ Dolphins Speech and Debate Team will participate in a competition with other CSUCI and CSUN-CI students in the following categories: impromptu, informative, persuasive, ceremonial, dramatic duo, dramatic interpretation, and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate. First, second,

and third place awards will be presented in each category, with the exception of the dramatic duo and Lincoln-Douglas competitions, in which participants will compete for first and second place awards only. To attend, RSVP by Monday, November 8.

For general information, room assignments, and rules or to RSVP, contact Lisa Breckenridge, coordinator of Special Projects, at ext. 8517 or lisa.breckenridge@csuci.edu, or Michelle Lievense, student tournament director, at (805) 217-6429 or michellelievense@yahoo.com.

CSUCI Students to Read to Children at Library Event

Members of the campus community are invited to the first annual CSUCI Library Children's Story-Time Celebration for University Glen Children, Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. – noon, at the University library. Students from the children's literature class, English 335, will read classic and award-winning books to parents and children. Students will be present at seven reading stations throughout the library, offering entertaining readings from the best of children's literature. In addition, children will also be able to participate in making their own books and, weather permitting, be able to use colored chalk to create sidewalk art depicting characters from various stories they listened to.

For more information, contact Amy Wallace, head of Library Public Services, at ext. 8911 or amy.wallace@csuci.edu.

Speaker to Discuss Guantanamo Detainees at November 17 Campus Event

Speaking on a topical, controversial issue will be an attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) on Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m. in Conference Hall 1. Shayana Kadidal, CCR staff attorney, will present a talk titled, "Devil's Island: Guantanamo Detainees and the Search for Justice." Kadidal will focus on the June 28, 2004 CCR *Rasul v. Bush* case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that detainees have the right to challenge their detentions in American courts. The speaker will discuss the implications of this ruling and other related issues. A question and answer session will follow. The event is **free and open to the public**.

For more information, contact Frank Barajas, assistant professor of history, at ext. 8862 or frank.barajas@csuci.edu.

Multicultural and Women's & Gender Center Announce Faculty Speaker Series

Students, faculty, and staff will be able to enjoy a number of faculty speakers this semester, beginning with a talk by Mario Caro on "Sovereign Views: Contemporary Art by Native Women" on Wednesday, November 17, at 4 p.m. in the Science Auditorium, and a talk by P. Scott Corbett on "The Life and Times of 20th-Century Chinese Intellectuals" on Wednesday, December 1, at 4 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. The faculty speaker series, sponsored by the Multicultural and Women's & Gender Center, is designed to present topics that relate to the mission and vision of the center.

For more information, contact Lisette Rodriguez, EOP and outreach coordinator, at ext. 8923 or lisette.rodriguez@csuci.edu.

Scholarship Reception to Be Held November 18

The University Foundation Board will honor 31 CSUCI 2004-05 scholarship winners at a reception to be held Thursday, November 18, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Conference Hall 1. President Richard R. Rush will be present, along with Foundation officials and faculty and staff. The Foundation scholarship winners are:

Thomas Barker, Jessica Bennett, Scott Boczek, Cristina Brooks, Kristen Calvin, Kelly Castillo, Dev Chahil, Jennifer Christman, Kelly Cross, Suzanne Diaz, Caitlin Elmquist, Kristen Farnham, Richelle Fullilove, Arrate Garcia, Kelsey Griese, Sam Hunter - Studio Channel Islands Art Center Scholarship, Rachael Jordan, Maya Karta, Emily Mazzucchi, Robin Perry, Hiram Reyes, Carly Rosso, Debra-Lee Sawyer, Hannah Silverman, Amy Spandrio, Alvessa Sullivan, Adriana Szetela, Megan Tigert, Cassandra Weir, Angela Wirsching, and Anelieze Zurcher

For scholarship information, contact Nick Pencoff, director of Financial Aid, at ext. 8518 or nick.pencoff@csuci.edu. For reception information, contact Mitchel Sloan, associate director of special events, at ext. 8916 or mitchel.sloan@csuci.edu.

Film Director to Screen Film, Discuss Native Americans in Film

Chris Eyre, a Native American of Cheyenne and Arapaho descent and the acclaimed director of the award-winning film, "Smoke Signals," will bring fresh perspectives on the portrayal of Native Americans in mainstream Hollywood films on Thursday, November 18, in the Science Auditorium. The event begins with a screening of "Smoke Signals" at 3 p.m., followed by discussion at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Lisette Rodriguez, EOP and outreach coordinator, at ext. 8923 or lisette.rodriguez@csuci.edu.

A Little Music with Your Lunch?

The Channel Island String Quartet will be performing in the library courtyard on Monday, November 15, at noon. Members of the campus community are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy music.

For more information, contact Amy Wallace, head of Library Public Services, at ext. 8911 or amy.wallace@csuci.edu.

Note Cards Featuring CSUCI Now Available at The Cove

New note cards featuring eight different photos of the University are now available in The Cove bookstore. The cards are sold individually or in box sets. All net proceeds will help fund student scholarships. Several photographers from the campus community contributed their photos to the project, including Judy Lucas, wife of Ted Lucas, Joanna Dacanay, Jim Cochran, Jane Shubert, Will Bethea, and Larry Lytle.

For more information, contact Peggy Hinz, director of Communications and Marketing, Office of the President, at ext 8947 or peggy.hinz@csuci.edu.

Spanish Speakers Sought for Interviews with Campus Community

Faculty members Terry Ballman, professor of Spanish, and Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, assistant professor of Spanish, are asking members of the campus community who speak Spanish to assist in 3-15-minute interviews with Spanish language students. The project is designed to engage students in the use of Spanish they have learned in the classroom, to acquaint them with members of the campus community, and to give them confidence to use Spanish outside the classroom. A form was sent by campus global mail to participate in the project.

For more information, contact Terry Ballman, professor of Spanish, at ext. 8996 or terry.ballman@csuci.edu, or Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez at ext. 8501 or antonio.jimenez@csuci.edu.

University Chorus to Sing Carols in Bell Tower Courtyard

The CSUCI Chorus, led by Kuan Fen-Liu, will be holiday caroling in the Bell Tower courtyard on Thursday, December 9, from 12:30 – 1 p.m. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to come and enjoy a variety of holiday songs.

Continental Airlines Video Featuring CSUCI now on University Web Page

A two-minute video featuring the University, created for Continental Airlines and shown on all of their domestic flights, is now on the CSUCI Web site. The August video, called “Journeys,” features a different state each month. The California edition, in which CSUCI was the featured educational institution, aired in first-class, business, and coach on 48,000 flights with exposure to 2.8 million passengers. The video was also highlighted in a *CSU Leader* report recently.

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Kudos

- CSUCI alumna Erika Butler recently addressed an audience of 400 people at the annual convention of the California Association on Postsecondary Education and Disability in Monterey, Calif. Butler discussed her experiences in K-12 schools and in the community college system as a person with a disability, as well as her positive experiences as the first student with a disability to enter CSUCI through the admissions appeals process. As a CSUCI student, she founded the student newspaper, wrote and published a novel, and graduated with honors. Following her presentation, Butler signed autographs of her first novel, “Island of Terror.” “She is a superb ambassador of the opportunities available to students with initiative at CSUCI,” says Terri Goldstein, CSUCI coordinator for Disability Accommodation Services.
 - Frank Barajas, assistant professor of history, was one of the honorees at the recent League of United Latin American Citizens celebration. Barajas was named outstanding professor of the year at the organization’s 75th annual event, which honors educators who have shaped the lives of children.
 - Wm. Gregory Sawyer, vice president for Student Affairs, was recently honored by the Ventura County Chapter of the NAACP as Distinguished Citizen of the Year. More than 300 guests attended the Annual Freedom Fund Banquet held in Oxnard with a theme of “Education: A Journey Into Tomorrow.” Besides being recognized by the NAACP, Sawyer also received a certificate of award from the California State Assembly. In addition, Keisha Amey, president of the new CSUCI chapter of NAACP was introduced along with the other chapter officers, including Renae Nurse, vice president; Kimberling Elitzer, Treasurer; and Dallas Carter, Secretary.
 - The University was recognized by Work Training Programs, Inc. (WTP), a Southern California human service agency, for hiring individuals with disabilities and economic disadvantages. At its recent celebration, WTP presented awards to Raudel Banuelos, assistant director of grounds/garage, Operations, Planning and Construction, and eight trainees who are working under his supervision. In addition, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation acknowledging the University’s efforts in providing job opportunities for people with disabilities.
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Construction Report

Broome Library: The second and final job walk for the library was last week. The three teams competing for the project attended with their design teams. There were a few questions, and teams remained behind to conference within their teams. Technical and cost proposals are still due on December 7.

Dining Commons: The Dining Commons project was impacted by recent rains. The old roof sprang new leaks that are now being repaired. Sodexo's suppliers are also behind schedule on the delivery of kitchen fixtures, but expect arrival of these items soon. The serving counters are being installed this week and will be ready next week.

Science Plaza: The heavy rains impacted the Science Plaza earth work, but the weather has improved for continued work. Over-excavation and re-compaction will start and will impact the campus for a few days with heavy truck traffic. The fountain contractor has laid out the fountain and will also start this week. The base is being laid today and tomorrow, and we expect the truck traffic to abate after that.

Town Center: After drying out a bit, the Town Center construction continues. Second floor framing is complete in Buildings B and C; second floor of Building D is in framing; and the third floor of Building A is underway. The project will continue to impact the University Glen neighbors. As always, please be careful to keep children away from the construction area for their own safety.

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