Library Hours to Be Extended for Finals

The University library will be open continuously from 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 12, until midnight on Thursday, December 16, for final exams. Students who live off campus are welcome to bring their sleeping bags and spend the night in the library. Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be served throughout the night. The library will also sponsor a “3 a.m. Slipper and Bathrobe Contest” each night, with USB flash drives awarded to winners. The theme during these extended hours is “Get Smart by Studying in the Library.” Posters from the old “Get Smart” TV series will be displayed, along with reruns showing continuously on the library plasma screen. Library hours will also be extended on the following dates: Saturday, December 4, noon – 5 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, December 6-9, 8 a.m. – 12 midnight; and Saturday, December 11, noon – 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Amy Wallace, head of library public services, at ext. 8911 or amy.wallace@csuci.edu.

Student Scores Impressive Victories at Annual Speech Tournament

Rachel Jordan took top honors in the recent third semi-annual Talkin’ Dolphins campus speech tournament with eighteen first-place speeches. Erica Allen and Andrew Hill came in second and third, respectively. Jordan received additional distinction by becoming the first participant in tournament history to receive perfect scores in each of the categories: impromptu, dramatic interpretation, ceremonial, informative, persuasive, and dramatic duo, earning her the Outstanding Speaker Award. Past recipients include Brendan Malloy and Tami Gershater, both of whom are currently resident assistants in Student Housing and former students of Wm. Gregory Sawyer, vice president of Student Affairs and an instructor of a public speaking class. The event, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, Student Programming Board, Student Government, and Instructionally Related Activities, is held each semester to provide CSUCI students with an opportunity to strengthen their oral communication skills by participating in a competitive tournament setting. All students enrolled at CSUCI and CSUN-CI are eligible to participate in the Talkin’ Dolphins Speech and Debate Tournaments.

For more information or to volunteer for next semester’s event on April 23, contact Lisa Breckenridge, coordinator of special projects, Student Affairs, at ext. 8517 or lisa.breckenridge@csuci or Michelle Lievense, student tournament director, at michelle.lievense@yahoo.com.
Hawaiian Holiday Party Scheduled for Friday, December 10

The University’s Holiday Party for staff will be held Friday, December 10, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Conference Hall 1. The event has a Hawaiian theme and food, gifts, and entertainment will be offered. Attendees are encouraged to dress in four Hawaiian style categories: tacky tourist, beach bum, island costumes, and aloha wear.

For more information, contact Anna Pavin, HR administrator, at ext. 8425 or anna.pavin@csuci.edu.

Microsoft Excel 2003 Class Rescheduled to January 14, 2005

Due to a conflict with the Friday, December 10, Holiday Party, the Microsoft Excel 2003 class has been rescheduled for Friday, January 14, 2005. The class, offered by Information Technology Services, in collaboration with New Horizons Computer Learning Center, will be held from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at ITS Center. Class size is limited to 24 participants. By having the training on campus, the fee has been reduced from $240 per person to $100 per person. The course will be a blend of intermediate and advanced lessons in Microsoft Office training.

To participate in this class or to request a particular software training class, contact Judy Frazier, ITS user services coordinator, at ext. 8402 or judy.frazier@csuci.edu.

All Aboard

Human Resources has provided the following list of new employees who have recently joined CSUCI. In the future, HR will provide a list of new hires on a monthly basis to share with the campus community. Here are our new employees as of August of this year: Joseph Dobzynski, Jr., analyst/programmer, Information Management; Neal Fisch, programmer analyst expert, Information Management; Dan Casebolt, operating system analyst, Information Technology Maintenance; Kyndra Till, night desk clerk, Housing and Resident Education; Kristi Dye, Communications & Marketing assistant; Sherie Frame, administrative assistant, dean of Enrollment Services; Diana Smith, information specialist, Advancement Office; Dianne Wei, Development assistant, Advancement Office; Senwee Bradley, accounting technician II, Accounting and Budget Office; Justin Goleno, resident assistant, Housing and Residence Education; Jihan Ejan, SSP I recruitment counselor, Admissions and Records; Therese Eyermann, executive assistant to the President, Office of the President; and Stephanie Herron, director of University Development, Advancement Office.

Construction Report

• John Spoor Broome Library: The date for submission of construction proposals has been moved to January 11, 2005.

• University Dining Commons: Work is nearing completion. It is anticipated that the kitchen and dining commons will be completed this month and be fully operational in January when the students return to campus.

• Science Plaza: The fountain base has been poured and is continuing to cure. In the next two weeks, the equipment house will be constructed and the stone face on the fountain’s base and the “Tuchiat” stone base for the dolphins will be installed. The pouring of the concrete for the plaza itself will be held off
until the stone facing is installed on the fountain. Expect to see concrete trucks on campus the third week in December. Framing and pouring of the concrete plaza will take about three to four days. A dedication ceremony for the fountain, which was donated by the John S. Broome family, will be held Monday, January 24, 2005 at 10 a.m. Details will follow.

• Miscellaneous projects: Two internal remodels are ongoing, one at the IT Center and the other in the Bell Tower for Disability Accommodation Services.

   For more information, contact Juan Beltranena, director of Facilities, Operations, Planning, and Construction, at ext. 8496 or juan.beltranena@csuci.edu.

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Around Campus

Pictured with their awards are Outstanding Speaker Rachael Jordan (left) and fellow participant Stephanie Lazard at the third semi-annual campus Talkin’ Dolphins Speech Tournament.