Campus to Celebrate Constitution Day

To launch an annual national observance of Constitution Day (September 17), CSUCI students, faculty, and staff will present a program of activities that celebrate the ideas of liberty, equality, and justice as embodied in the United States Constitution. On Monday, September 19, from 4-4:50 p.m., as part of a University 100 class, Dr. Phil McGough, associate vice president for Faculty Affairs, will present a video on “The Supreme Court of the United States.” The presentation, open to the campus community, will be held at the Science Building Auditorium. In addition, a student essay contest with cash prizes will address pro and con views on the question: “Should the United States adopt an anti-flag burning amendment to the Constitution?,” with a requirement to read the Supreme Court case, Texas v. Johnson (see attached link for reference) http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/flagburning.htm. The 600-800 word essays must be submitted to the Office of Student Leadership and Community, Bell Tower 1858 by noon, Friday, September 16, with the winners to be announced on Monday, September 19. Applications are available in the Office of Student Leadership and Community. The winning pro and con essays will be submitted to the Ventura County Star. The Student Government Senate will award $300 to the first place winner, $150 for second place winner, and $75 for the third place winner.

Scott Frisch, associate professor of political science, will conduct classroom discussions on the Constitution and involve students in the planning of ongoing Constitution Day celebrations, including activities and events for the 2006-7 academic year.

To provide background and resources on Constitution Day, the University’s homepage will provide links to Web sites that reflect on a variety of aspects of the Constitution, its history, meaning, and its fundamental importance as the cornerstone of American society and law.

For more information on Constitution Day, contact the Office of Student Leadership and community at 805-437-8998 or oslc@csuci.edu.

Recommendations for Ten-Year Academic Plan Published

The 2005 Task Force on Academic/Curricular Planning has published its recommendations for a ten-year academic plan for the University. The reports may be viewed from the homepage, under “Campus Bulletins,” by clicking on “Academic Plan Recommendations Published.” Serving on the Task Force are Steve Lefevre (co-chair), associate vice president for Academic Programs and Planning; Scott Frisch (co-chair), associate professor of political science; William Cordeiro, professor of management and chair, Business and Economics; Joan Karp, professor of special education and chair, Education; Nancy Mozingo, assistant professor of biology; Joan Peters, assistant professor of English; Steve Stratton, head of collections and technical services, Library; Amy Wallace, associate librarian; Gary Berg, dean of Extended Education; Therese Eyermann, special assistant to the President; J.E. Gonzalez, director of institutional research; and Jane Sweetland, dean of enrollment services.
Astronomy Expert to Speak at September 15 Event
James Beletic, director of Sensor Systems at Rockwell Scientific Company, will give a talk titled “Modern Astronomy: From Basic Principles to Cutting-Edge Science” on Thursday, September 15, at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Hall 1. The talk, which is part of the World Year of Physics global celebration, will provide an overview of the technology of the modern astronomy. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact Geoff Dougherty, professor of physics, at ext. 8990.

Osher Music Performance, Talk Open to Campus Community
Members of the campus community are invited to attend two free events sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). On Monday, September 12, from 12:30 – 2 p.m., in Conference Hall 1, the Channel Islands String Quartet, “Quartets with Names,” will perform Dvorak’s “String Quartet No. 12 in F Major” (“American Quartet”) and Haydn’s “String Quartet Opus 33, No. 2” (“The Joke”). On Monday, September 19, from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m., in Bell Tower 1302, OLLI presents a talk by Martin Kaplan, OLLI director, on “Us versus Them,” which focuses on everyday causes of group hate and its cures.

For more information, contact Marty Kaplan, OLLI director at ext. 8583.

Deadline for Fall Festival of Short Plays Is September 15
Dramatic readings of the 2005 Fall Festival of Short Plays are scheduled for Thursday, November 3, and Friday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Collaboratory, Room 1320 of the Bell Tower. Deadline for scripts is Thursday, September 15. The theme for the short plays is “landscape and environment,” and the readings will be held in conjunction with the Celebration of Reading event that features guest author Terry Tempest Williams, a noted writer and environmental activist.

For more information, contact Bob Mayberry, associate professor of English, at ext. 2786.

Islands Café Resumes Regular Hours
Islands Café has reopened for full service. Hours are: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, contact Michael Spann, Sodexho general manager, at ext. 8917.

CSUCI to Host Destination College Event
Cal State Channel Islands will host the 9th annual “Destination College” event on October 1, 2005. The event will provide inner-city high school students from the Los Angeles area with opportunities to interact with program alumni, mentors, as well as CSUCI students and staff. Sponsored by the Fulfillment Fund and the United Friends of the Children, Destination College is held each year to help equip high school students with the essential tools to begin their journey to college. Through interactive workshops, Fulfillment Fund college students, alumni, parents, and mentors will share their stories about the college experience, from the application process to living on a college campus and everything in between. Over 80 representatives from universities and colleges from across the nation are expected to attend the College Fair portion of the event. If you would like to volunteer, opportunities are available.

For more information, contact Lisa Breckenridge, coordinator of special projects and student communication, at ext. 8517.
**Kudos**

Cindy Eaves, administrative analyst/events coordinator for Academic Programs and Planning, has been selected to participate in Ventura County Leadership Academy’s Class XI, which begins September 14. The purpose of the academy is to develop a diverse group of leaders whose actions enhance the quality of life throughout Ventura County. The program includes focus sessions on public safety, education, economic development and military base issues, health care, nonprofits and volunteerism, agriculture and land use, regional issues, and governance, as well as a group project.

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**Around Campus**

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**Family Fun**

More than 1,200 people are estimated to have attended this year’s Welcome BBQ for students, families and the campus community. Games included a watermelon eating contest, hula hooping, water balloon toss, and a dunk tank to name a few. Photos by JR Goleno

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**Alumni Dodger Game**

Photos, left to right: Jen Eaton, senior, mathematics and Kimberly Matsuda, ’05, computer science; Guillermo “Bert” Partida, ’05, liberal studies, Bridget Partida, Angelica Donlon, Michael Donlon. Almost 50 alumni and friends watched the Dodgers beat the Houston Astros 1-0 at the 2nd Annual CSUCI Alumni & Friends Dodger Day this past Sunday. Part of the proceeds from the ticket sales goes to help create other programs for CSUCI alumni. It was great family fun and an opportunity to show off CSUCI Dolphin Pride!