Reminder: Groundbreaking for New Student Housing Set for February 28

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Santa Cruz Village student housing complex, Tuesday, February 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the courtyard located in the southwest corner of the campus, across from Anacapa Village. In addition to the groundbreaking by University administrators, local dignitaries, and construction representatives, the event will feature a blessing by Julie Tumamait-Stenslie, a member of the local Chumash tribe, a reception, and the display of the time capsule for the John Spoor Broome Library now under construction. The new 112,000 square foot student housing complex, a mix of new and refurbished construction, will include study rooms, a game room, a multi-purpose room, lounges, a computer lab, a fitness room, a music room, and outdoor patio space.

‘Evening of Monologs’ to Be Performed Friday and Saturday

“Breakfast at Bob’s, an Evening of Monologs and Nonsense,” by the Pass the Hat Players, will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Collaboratory (Bell Tower 1302). Cost is $5 at the door, $3 for students. The event is sponsored by Alpha Nu Eta.

University Celebrates African American Heritage Month with L.A. Events

In honor of African American Heritage Month, the University is sponsoring a “Get on the Bus” trip to Los Angeles to view exhibits at the African American History Museum and to attend a Hip-Hop Poetry night at the University of Southern California. The trip will be held Friday, February 24, from 1 – 11 p.m.

For more information, contact Lisette Rodriguez, coordinator of University Outreach and EOP, at ext. 8923.

Disability Accommodation Services Seeks Comments

Members of the campus community are invited to submit comments and suggestions regarding the University’s Disability Accommodation Services (DAS). Scott Lissner, ADA coordinator, Ohio State University, recently conducted a site review of the CSUCI program. Comments may be e-mailed to him at scott.lissner@csuci.edu. The deadline is Friday, February 24.
Free Movie Night Features ‘Princess Bride’ on February 23

The University Library will host another “Book, Movie & Pizza” night Thursday, February 23, featuring “The Princess Bride,” starring Robin Wright Penn and Carey Elwes. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to the free event held at the Residence Hall Commons from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

To RSVP, contact Debra Hoffman, reference and instruction librarian, at ext. 2701

Faculty to Perform Chopin at February 28 Lunchtime Concert

Piano players Tiina Itkonen, assistant professor, special education, and Christina Pages, lecturer in English, will join Jesse Elliot, assistant professor of mathematics, for a special edition of the Lunchtime Concerts in the Library Collaboratory, Tuesday, February 28. The trio will perform Chopin in honor of the composer’s birthday. The Lunchtime Concerts are held Tuesdays, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Members of the campus community may bring their lunch to the free event.

For more information, contact Debra Hoffman, reference and instruction librarian, at ext. 2701.

University to Recognize Achievements of Campus Women

The University will participate in Women’s History Month by sponsoring a women’s recognition lunch to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of women on campus. The event, to be held Tuesday, March 14, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at The Hub, will honor a faculty member, an administrator, a student, and a community member. Submit nominations, which should include a brief essay on a candidate’s contributions, to Lisette Rodriguez, coordinator of University Outreach and EOP, at ext. 8923.

Staff Assistance Needed for Entry Level Math and English Placement Test

Student Life is seeking staff members to serve as associate supervisors and/or proctors for the Entry Level Math and English Placement Test on the following Saturdays: March 18, April 15, May 6, and June 7. Supervisors and proctors will be compensated.

For more information, contact Shannon Soczek, coordinator of special projects, at ext. 8539.

Commencement Hotline Now Offered

Students and members of the community with questions concerning this year’s Commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 20, may call (805) 437-3100 or e-mail commencement@csuci.edu.

Attend Grad Fest to Get Information about Commencement

Degree candidates planning to participate in this year’s Commencement ceremony are encouraged to attend the first annual CSUCI Grad Fest Wednesday, March 8, and Thursday, March 9, at The Hub. Sessions will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and from 4 – 7 p.m. on each day. The event will focus on available services and provide information on all facets of graduation, including graduation eligibility, application procedures, and fees; ordering of caps and gowns, announcements, diploma frames, school rings, and availability of senior portraits; joining the CSUCI Alumni & Friends Association; speaking with Career Services personnel concerning job opportunities; and parking and transportation for Commencement and available local hotels and restaurants for visiting relatives.

For more information, contact Shannon Soczek, coordinator of special projects, at ext. 8539.
Free T-Shirts Available at The Hub

Faculty and staff may obtain a free 2005-06 orientation T-shirt on a first-come, first-serve basis at The Hub during its new expanded hours of operation, 10 a.m. – 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., Fridays. The Hub now features “New Release Movie Tuesdays, video game tournaments, themed dances, performances by local musicians and comedians, and a 62” TV screen. Anyone interested in hosting an event at The Hub should contact Lisa Racine, coordinator, Student Leadership and Community, at ext. 8961.

Kudos
Anneka Busse, Student Government president, has been awarded an internship at Georgetown University in the fall of 2006. She will be taking classes as well as interning at the Capitol.

Scott Frisch, CSUCI associate professor of political science, and Sean Q. Kelley, associate professor of political science, Niagara University, have written Committee Assignment Politics in the U.S. House of Representatives, which focuses on the complex process through which congressional members are assigned to powerful committees of the House.

Steve Lefevre, associate vice president of Academic Programs and Planning, recently participated in the Ventura County Academic Decathlon, sponsored by the Office of County Schools. The University purchased trophies for the award presentation.

Around Campus

Distinguished Lecture Series
Nian-Sheng Huang (right), associate professor and chair of the CSUCI history program, poses with Michael Kammen, the Newton C. Farr Professor of American History and Culture at Cornell University and Carla Mulford, associate professor of English at Pennsylvania State University, who recently spoke at the CSUCI Distinguished Lecture Series on the life of Benjamin Franklin. On March 30, they will be followed by Gordon Wood, professor of history at Brown University, and J. A. Leo Lemay, the H. F. DuPont Winterthur Professor of English at the University of Delaware. Concluding the series will be David McCullough, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, who will speak at the University’s Commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 20. Visit the University’s Web site for details, http://www.csuci.edu.