Last Chance to Submit Narratives for Nautical Yearbook

The extended deadline for submission of narratives for the University’s new yearbook, *The Nautical*, is Monday, March 20. Narratives should be first-person recollections no more than 250 words in length about experiences at the University. Photos will be accepted.

*For more information, contact Mary Adler, assistant professor of English, at ext. 8486 or mary.adler@csuci.edu.*

New English Honor Society Chapter to Provide Community Service

An induction ceremony for the CSUCI Alpha Nu Eta Chapter of the International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, will be held Thursday, March 16, on campus. The chapter is a nonprofit, service oriented society whose honor student members will offer their services to the community, particularly in the area of literacy. Serving the chapter are: Josh Overton, president; Courtney Pugh, vice president; Carly Moffatt, secretary; Meredith Bailey, treasurer; Josh Seale, historian; and Debra Sawyer, publicity.

Groundbreaking for Widening of Lewis Road Scheduled for March 24

A construction groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 1 of the widening of Lewis Road from Pleasant Valley Road to the University will be held Friday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. The Ventura County Transportation Commission and other dignitaries will join University officials at the southwest corner of Lewis Road and Pleasant Valley Road for the event.

Reminder: Benjamin Franklin Lecture Series Continues March 30

Professors Gordon Wood and J. A. Leo Lemay will continue the “CSUCI Ben Franklin Distinguished Lecture Series,” Thursday, March 30, in Conference Hall 1. Wood, professor of history at Brown University, will lecture on “The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin” at 2 p.m. and Lemay, professor of English at the University of Delaware, will lecture on “Franklin’s Intellectual and Personal Characteristics” at 6:30 p.m. Concluding the series will be two-time Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough, who will be the featured speaker at the May 20 commencement ceremony.

*For more information, visit the CSUCI Web site, www.csuci.edu.*
Third Annual Student Art Exhibit to Run April 1-29

The University will present its third annual student art exhibit, “Concept to Completion,” from April 1 to 29 in the Studio Channel Islands Art Center Gallery. The exhibit will feature artwork created by CSUCI art majors during the 2005-06 academic year, including painting, drawing, sculpture, graphic design, and many other styles. An artists’ reception will be held Saturday, April 1, from 4-6 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Regular exhibition hours are noon to 3 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays, or by appointment.

For more information, contact Jack Reilly, professor of art and chair of the art program, at ext. 8863 or visit art@csuci.edu

International Affairs Week Presents Full Week of Activities

The University’s Center for International Affairs presents its week-long second annual International Week and Fashion Show. Highlights include: a library international display, Monday, April 3; a faculty and student study abroad informational session, Tuesday, April 4; an international film, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 5; international speakers, 2 – 3:45 p.m., Science Auditorium, Thursday, April 6; an international potluck, Friday, April 7; and the fashion show, noon – 5 p.m., Saturday, April 8. The center is asking members of the campus and community to lend international fashions, costumes, haute couture, as well to volunteer as models for the fashion show which will also feature an international picnic, “The World in Your Backyard.” All events are free and open to the public. A donation booth for the American Red Cross will be provided.

For more information, to lend clothing, or to volunteer as a model, contact Stephanie Erickson, student assistant, Center for International Affairs, at ext. 3107 e-mail her at stephanie.erickson@csuci.edu. Deadline for volunteering is 5 p.m., Monday, March 27.

Novelist Joan Silber to Speak on Fiction Writing April 3

Joan Silber, winner of a National Book Award and a Hemingway Prize for fiction, will speak on fiction writing Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Silber is the author of three novels, including Lucky Us and Ideas of Heaven. She will focus on the use of fiction, the process of writing, how to develop a writing career, and how to publish books. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Joan Peters, assistant professor of English, at ext. 8448.

Economist to Speak on Immigration Issues April 6

Noted economist George J. Borjas will speak on immigration policy and the American economy Thursday, April 6. The speaker, the Robert W. Scrivner Professor of Economics and Social Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, has researched and written extensively on labor market issues. He is the author of Heaven’s Door, which discusses America’s immigration policy as it relates to the country’s economy. Borjas will address the campus community from 10 – 11:15 a.m. in the Science Auditorium, answer questions from students at a session from 2 – 3 p.m. in Conference Hall 1, then make a presentation to the community-at-large from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m., again in Conference Hall 1. A reception prior to the lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m. All events are free.

For more information, contact Callie Pettit, coordinator, dean of faculty, at ext. 8967.
Speaker Focuses on Indian Ocean in World History

Ned Alpers, UCLA professor and chair of history, will present a lecture titled, “The Indian Ocean in World History,” Thursday, April 6, at the Science Auditorium. The lecture will focus on the Indian Ocean as an historical intersection of the African, Asian, and European nations. The lecture is part of the “Global Histories and Their Futures” series, cosponsored by the Instructionally Related Activities Board and the Historians’ League. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Rainer Buschmann, associate professor of history, at ext. 8995.

Children’s Reading Celebration and Young Author’s Fair Scheduled for April 8

The first annual Children’s Reading Celebration and Young Author’s Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Halls 1 and 2. Well-known children’s authors Barbara Jean Hicks, author of Jitterbug Jam, and R. L. LaFevers, author of Werewolf Rising, will speak and autograph copies of their books. The event will also feature a number of entertaining activities, including storytelling sessions, children participating in hands-on art projects and the creation of their own books, and a reader’s theater presentation. The highlight will be the display of dozens of books created by young authors throughout Ventura County. In addition, attendees may purchase books at a book fair. The event is free and open to all children and their families. The Children’s Reading Celebration and Young Author’s Fair is sponsored by the University Library, the English Program, and the Ventura County Reading Association.

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

Faculty, Staff Invited to B&TP Leadership Dinner at Special Rate

Members of the faculty and staff may attend the Business & Technology Partnership (B&TP) Leadership Dinner Tuesday, April 18, at the half-price cost of $75 per person. The second annual event, to be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, will present this year’s leadership award winners: T. Michael Murray, president, St. John’s Regional Medical Center, business and community leader of the year; James J. Harber, Ph.D., director, Central Coast Biotech Center at Ventura College, technologist of the year; and Philip Hampton, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and director of faculty development, faculty leader of the year. Five $2,500 scholarships will also be awarded to CSUCI transfer and junior status students. The event is sponsored by the CSUCI Foundation and the Santa Barbara Bank & Trust. Proceeds from the dinner fund future student scholarships.

For more information, visit www.csuci.edu/about/btp.

University’s Maximus Awards Set for April 21

The campus community is invited to attend the Maximus Awards Friday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in Salon A. The annual event, sponsored by Student Government, recognizes students, faculty, staff, administration, and community members who have significantly contributed to the University. Faculty, staff, administration, and community members may also nominate students for awards. Nominations will be accepted from, Monday, March 13, through Friday, April 7, and may be submitted via the Maximus Nomination Boxes located in various campus locations.

For more information, contact the Student Government office at ext. 2734.
Application for Student Leadership Positions Now Available

Members of the campus community are asked to encourage students to apply for the following Associate Students, Inc. (ASI) positions for the 2006-07 academic year: ASI board, Student Government president and vice president, and Student Planning Board president and vice president. Elections will be held Tuesday, April 18, and Wednesday, April 19. ASI candidate applications are available in the office of Student Leadership and Community.

Students May Apply for Consideration in Who’s Who Among Students

Members of the campus community are asked to contact students who may be eligible for inclusion in Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Candidates must be currently enrolled at CSUCI, have junior or senior status (at least 60 units earned), and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0. They must also display examples of scholarship, leadership, and service. A candidate must complete a brief application and submit one letter of recommendation from a faculty member, administrator, or the president of a student organization or department chair by 5 p.m., Friday, March 31. Applications are available at the office of Student Leadership and Community in the Bell Tower.

Kudos

Tiina Itkonen, assistant professor, special education, recently received the Award for Outstanding Dissertation in the Politics of Education for 2004-2006. She will be recognized at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in April. Itkonen’s dissertation, “Stories of Hope and Decline: Interest Groups and the Making of National Special Education Policy,” will be facilitated by a panel of established professors in the field.

Construction Report

- Santa Cruz Student Housing: The building design is in progress and is expected to finish by June, 2006. Meanwhile, the contractor has begun demolition of the buildings according to the demolition plans. The project is expected to be completed by August, 2007, and will add approximately 450 beds for the students.

- John Spoor Broome Library: Building demolition is completed. The plans are in final-check phase. Foundation construction is scheduled to begin soon.

- Annual Fire Alarm Testing: Annual testing of the fire alarms in campus buildings is scheduled over the spring break. Testing will begin on Monday, March 21. The campus community will not need to evacuate buildings for this test.

- Natural Gas Shutdown Scheduled: Natural gas service will be interrupted on the morning of Tuesday, March 21. The work is required for relocating a gas line in preparation for the Switchgear Upgrade Project scheduled over the summer.

For more information, contact Dave Chakraborty, director of facilities planning, at ext. 8496.
Honoring Women

Four women from the campus and community were honored at a recent event celebration Women’s History Month held on campus. Receiving awards were, from left, Renny Christopher, professor of English, faculty award; Joyce Taylor, representing Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long, community award; Amanda Vogelbaum, student award; and Terri Goldstein, coordinator of disability accommodations, staff award.

African History

Chris Ehret, UCLA professor of history, was a recent campus lecturer, speaking on “16,000 Years of African History: What It Means to World History and How It Relates Today,” as part of a four-part lecture series sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Ventura County. Ehret spoke of the impact of Africa on history in terms of its size, diversity of cultures and languages, and strategic importance to other nations. Two more lectures in “The Many Faces of Africa – The Series” will be presented at California Lutheran University and Pepperdine University later this month.
Seeking a Nuclear-free World

Speaking on the effects of hydrogen bomb testing in the Marshall Islands recently was the Honorable Tony de Brum, former foreign minister of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. With him, from left, are Janet Bloomfield, convenor of the international Abolition Now campaign, citizen partner of Mayors for Peace; Pamela Meidel, director of the Atomic Mirror organization and event moderator; and Shigeko Sasamori, survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. The session was part of a two-day event held on campus called “Waking Up in the Nuclear Age: Becoming a Global Citizen,” which featured speakers urging the abolition of nuclear weapons.