

# OPC NEWSLETTER

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OPC!**



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- The OPC Band playing at the OPC Holiday Party

## DAVE CHAKRABORTY'S CORNER

Happy New Year! Wish you and your family all the best in 2012.

An exciting year is ahead of us. We are expecting an additional 400 full-time students in the Fall. We will open North Hall this year. The new road, new parking lot, new recreation fields and 150 acres of the North Field will be ready. We have begun the design of West Hall, a new Science Building. We are beginning design of a 550 bed housing complex named

Santa Rosa Village. We are refreshing the buildings with a fresh coat of paint and manicuring the landscape throughout the campus. We are working on projects that continue to reduce electricity and water usage. No worries, all of the daily challenges to keep our campus running, without adequate resources, remain with us!

Yes, our challenges remain. Our state's budget situation continues to worsen. Sacramento wants to balance its

budget by cutting investments in education. Is that what Californians want? I guess we will find out in November.

In the meantime, we have to think smart and get the most out of what we have. **We must be the Leader.**

Ask yourself "am I doing the right thing – will this benefit the campus?"

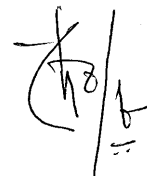
Consider each dollar you spend as your own. Ask the question – if this was my

money, my time, would I do the same thing? (It is your money – as a taxpayer, you are funding CSU).

Consider the environment – will your action help make the environment better?

Lastly, let us remember that the reason we all have jobs is because the students, faculty and staff choose to come to CI. They are our customers, and we must keep our customers happy.

Have fun!



## NIGHT LIGHTING ON CAMPUS

If you have been on campus past 5 o'clock pm recently, you may have noticed a change in the light poles around campus. Instead of the harsh yellow color that the lights used to give off, they now give off a more pleasant bluish color which also lights the ground around them much more evenly. Not only is this more pleasing to the eyes, it is much more energy efficient. The old lamps used over 2.5 watts for each lamp, while the new ones use only a fraction of that at 0.2 watts.

In addition, the new light poles have a cap on top preventing light from escaping into the sky, making them able to light more ground area for less energy. The infrastructure project doubled the amount of street lights for a much safer walking experience at night for students. The electrical team has also been experimenting with small ground LED lighting in the Manzanita/Solano hall courtyard. These are hockey

puck-like lights that are 6 inches in diameter and stand about half an inch high, making it possible for cars to drive over without the lights getting damaged. David Carlson is working with the electrical team in designing these developments.

None of this would be possible without the outstanding work of the electrical shop which includes Jesse Delinger, Theresa Kocis, Guy Spevak, Martin Jones, Dan Adams and Jose Zaragosa. Great job!

When David Carlson isn't working on lighting of the campus or other projects, he is at home being a doting father of 10 year old Shane and 3 month old Rorie. His wife Mary is a part time instructor that teaches business law as well as an occasional environmental law class. David is yet another wonderful contributor to the OPC team.



Night lighting on Ventura Street.



David Carlson working in his office.



## HONORING CINDY IN THE MAILROOM

Upon meeting Cindy Ulisse, our Mail Services Supervisor, you automatically feel a sense of delight. With her contagious smile and calm demeanor you can't help but feel cheerful. Cindy has worked at CSUCI for over 12 years serving as an accountant in the Academic Affairs Department for the first 5 years at CI, and has been the Mail Services Supervisor for the last 7 years. She oversees all the mail that goes in and out of campus. From sorting to distributing she keeps a close eye on making sure everyone receives their mail.

Cindy has seen her fair share of illegible writing on letters and packages, but there was one particular instance where the university received a package that seemed very suspicious. The package had all the signs of a possible bomb:

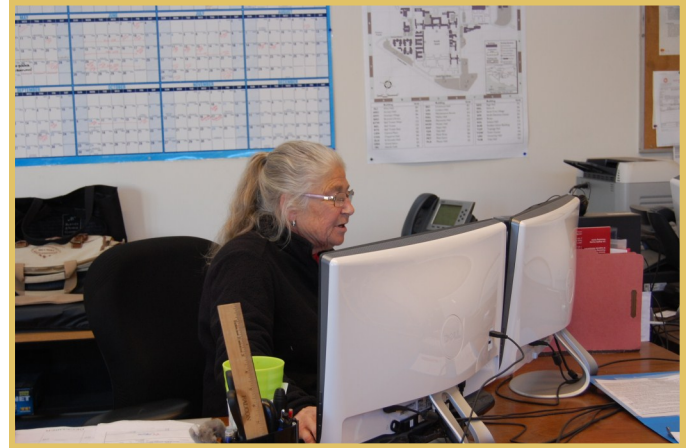


Cindy working in the mailroom.

strange misspelled words and handwriting, no return address, and the whole package was heavily taped.

The Ventura County Bomb Squad was called out to investigate. Cindy and the rest of the mail room employees were told they needed to leave the building and reside in a safe place while the bomb squad investigated the suspicious package. It turns out the package contained library books that were over due by four years!

When I asked Cindy what she likes best about her job, she simply said, "The people. I like the people I work with. We're a good group, we work hard together and we have a good time together."



Cindy working at her desk.

**"With her contagious smile... you can't help but feel cheerful"**



Cindy giving her warm, contagious smile.

## **THE WORK CENTER TEAM**

The Work Center is the heart of OPC. It is where work orders come in and go out to the various shops of OPC. The operations of the Work Center keep the workflow smooth and the campus functional.

The Work Center itself would not function efficiently were it not for the dedicated people who manage it. Tim Berndtson, Sharon Seravic, Lizzy Silva, Bianca Acosta, and Briea Emory all work as a team to make sure work orders are processed and distributed to the correct people in a timely manner.

Tim has been working on campus for nearly 20 years with job titles ranging from groundworker for the Hospital, to Lead Groundworker, to Maintenance Store Specialist, and finally to his current position, Manager of Logistical Ser-

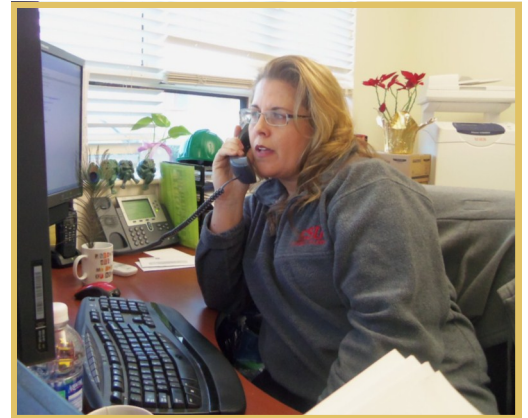
vices. He oversees functions of not only the Work Center, but also the maintenance stores, and shipping & receiving.

What makes the Work Center the most enjoyable for Tim is it is a "good place, and has good people to work with." In his off time, Tim enjoys doing woodwork at home in between spending time with his family.

Sharon, Lizzy, Bianca, and Briea also share the workload in the Work Center to ensure that work order requests and all of the associated paperwork.

In a recent Customer Satisfaction Survey, many people agreed that

OPC is doing a great job at delivering operational services throughout the campus. This would not be possible without the great team effort within the Work Center.



Sharon Seravic at her desk.



Briea Emory, Lizzy Silva, and Bianca Acosta at the Work Center



Tim Berndtson at his desk.



## SAVING ENERGY WITH RICH

Richard Paulson is the Supervising Building Service Engineer at OPC. We asked what is involved in regards to work at OPC and saving energy for campus.

Rich explained what his job entails and the projects he has been involved with. Rich's job includes overseeing and mentoring the work his engineering crew does, conducting reviews of various projects, and managing the operations of the Central Plant. Rich also mentioned that it is very important to have fun at his job.

Rich is very involved with the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) Energy Saving Program. Through this program, Rich tries to be more efficient by researching for savings in the future that are not part of the "business as usual" formula. The core of the program allows buildings within the university to operate whenever they are needed, using a sophisticated software that allows Rich to schedule when to run or adjust the buildings.

The program helps Rich evaluate the

running conditions and all its operational values to assess where we can save energy and provide the most economical way to cool the campus.

Rich has done small projects of his own at home that reflect his sustainability mindset at work. Rich has installed CFL and LED lighting with dimmable fixtures to meet the standards of Title 24 energy code for his home.

Rich has also designed and built a 1,000 square foot garden for his wife so they could have fresh vegetables and fruits. In the design of the garden, Rich installed watering controls to regulate the water usage.

Rich loves animals and has two dogs, one of which is a Beagle that loves to smile. He's a tinkerer and has a welding/fabrication shop in his garage and will be creating a tandem recumbent trike with an electric assist for long trips. He has a passion for camping, riding off-road machines, and he shares a love of gardening with his wife.



Rich Paulson in his office.



The Central Plant

## STRETCH IT GOOD!

Sitting anchored to a chair, with your eyes glued to a computer screen can take a nasty toll on your body. According to Derick Nguyen, safety coordinator at OPC, one way to combat the physical and emotional stresses associated with inactivity is to stretch.

"When we are sitting for an extended period of time our body starts to shut down," Nguyen explained. Sitting in front of a computer requires the body to be stationary, causing mus-

cle pain and strain; however, stretching isn't merely a preventative measure. There are several benefits to stretching including muscle tension reduction, increased range of motion in joints, enhanced muscular coordination, mental stress reduction, better posture, increased circulation, and increased energy.

For stretching ideas that are perfect for the workplace check out the series of office stretch instructional

slideshows at the Mayo Clinic website (<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/stretching/WL00030>).



# OPC FUN CHALLENGE: THE MANY NAMES AT OPC

Let's see how many names of OPC you can find!

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# HR News

## CURRENT OPC PROJECTS

Campus Wide Lighting Upgrade  
Campus Wide Fire Alarm Graphics  
Campus Wide Landscape & Irrigation  
Refresh Projects  
West Hall Construction  
North Campus Parking Lot  
North Campus Playfields  
North Campus Photovoltaic Carports  
Electrical Power Backup system  
Entrance Road, including Monument Sign  
and Kiosk  
North Campus Riparian Habitat  
Restoration  
Bell Tower HVAC Upgrades  
El Dorado Hall Renovations  
Campus Steam Elimination Project  
AV Upgrades in Aliso & Napa Hall  
Campus Roof Assessments and Repairs  
Boating Instruction & Safety Center (BISC)

## NEW FACES OF OPC

- Robbie Hovious
- Aaron Jimenez
- Ryan Klaser
- Briea Emory
- Roxanna Eke
- Natalie Block
- Brian Karpf
- Jeremiah Navarro

## VENTURA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CERT PROGRAM

The Ventura County Fire Department's CERT Training Program was developed because of the need for a well-trained civilian emergency work force. The CERT Training Program provides for community self-sufficiency through the development of multifunctional response teams who act as an adjunct to their emergency services during major disasters. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, and provide immediate assistance to victims. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. Through this unique program, people from community organizations, business and industry, and city employee groups will become CERT members. They work as team members and perform as individual leaders by directing untrained volunteers in the initial phase of an emergency.

To become a CERT graduate, you must complete the 17½ hour course (Level 1). Level 1 training is taught by professional experienced firefighters and paramedics. The course is followed by continuing education programs, including biannual refreshers. If you are interested please contact Wes Cooper at 805-437-2662 or [Wesley.Cooper@csuci.edu](mailto:Wesley.Cooper@csuci.edu)

## REAL AWARD WINNER: CHRIS RICE

Chris Rice is dubbed the "King of the Warehouse," where OPC stores supplies for our various maintenance shops. Chris has always been willing to stay late and cut his breaks short to help his coworkers find materials they needed for their projects. Although working on a constrained budget complicates his job. Chris has always been able to provide everyone the things they need to accomplish their projects. For this reason, Chris was chosen for the November REAL Award. Chris is also involved with purchasing, invoicing, and taking inventory of our stock items on campus. He enjoys listening to a rock band known as the Muffs.



Chris Rice at the Warehouse

# OPC News

## OPC FUN CHALLENGE

This picture of this little girl is now all grown up and working for OPC. Can you guess who this is? Be the first to email Briana Linares your answer and you could win a prize for the correct guess! [briana.linares122@csuci.edu](mailto:briana.linares122@csuci.edu)

Answers to last edition's pictures: Merlin Snider, Sharon Seravic. The last edition's winner is Theresa Kocis. She correctly guessed Sharon's picture and won a CSUCI coffee mug.



Merlin Snider



Sharon Seravic

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that CI has reduced electricity consumption by more than 27% over the last two years? 97% of the campus is also currently irrigated with reclaimed water, which has helped conserve 28% of water over the past two years. These are only a few of many sustainability achievements OPC has accomplished. We are now setting even higher goals for the campus to achieve because of the amazing effort put in by everyone at OPC. Future goals include reducing electricity consumption by an additional 15% by 2015, meeting the LEED equivalence Gold Standard for West Hall, and increasing our recycling rate to 60% by the end of 2012. OPC is sure to achieve these goals with such a hardworking crew.

The OPC Newsletter is brought to you by the student assistants of OPC. We are honored to have the pleasure of bringing you the personalities and qualities of OPC through connecting you with your fellow OPC colleagues. Thank you for your efforts in making OPC and CSU Channel Islands a great place to work for!

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