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Commencement Rehearsal Scheduled for Friday, May 19

University staff, marshals, and others participating in the 2006 commencement ceremony are reminded that rehearsal for the event will be held Friday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the South Quad. Approximately 500 graduates are expected to march the following day, Saturday, May 20. More than 5,000 guests are also anticipated. Commencement participants are asked to arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. to avoid congestion. Members of the campus community may still volunteer for the event. A volunteer orientation session will be held Friday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on volunteering, contact Shannon Soczek, coordinator of special projects in Student Life, at ext. 8539.

For general questions regarding Commencement, contact the Commencement Hotline at 437-3100.

The Nautical Yearbook Available for Pre Purchase in Cove Bookstore

Students, faculty, and staff may now pre-purchase *The Nautical*, the inaugural yearbook of the University, at The Cove Bookstore. The yearbooks are available at \$70 each and will be distributed at the Welcome Back Barbecue on August 27 in the South Quad. *The Nautical* is a 248-page, full color student publication that will incorporate much of the campus' history through faculty and staff reflections, a student capstone project, the University's *Current* news magazine, and campus archives. The book will also feature student profiles, alumni, curricular and co-curricular programs, and campus and community events. Advertising opportunities are still available.

For more information about The Nautical, call ext. 3121.

The University Library announces Finals Week, Summer Hours

The campus community is reminded of changes in University Library hours for finals week and throughout the summer. Here is the schedule:

FINALS WEEK:

Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.;

Sunday, May 14, open at 10 a.m. for 110 consecutive hours, until

Thursday, May 18, closing at 11:59 p.m.;

Friday, May 19, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.;

Saturday, May 20, closed;

Sunday, May 21, closed.

SUMMER 2006 (May 20 – August 27):

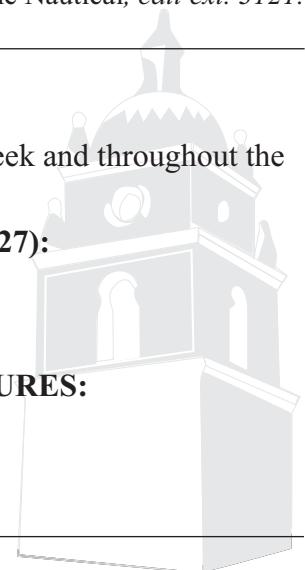
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.;

Saturday – Sunday, closed.

SUMMER 2006 HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day;

Tuesday, July 4, Independence Day



CalPERS Offers May 18 Seminar on Retirement

A CalPERS training seminar on retirement will be held Thursday, May 18, from 1 – 3:30 p.m. in the University Hall Training Room. Participants are asked to bring a calculator and their annual member statement.

To sign up, e-mail Diana Enos, HR benefits coordinator, at diana.enos@csuci.edu.

Kudos

- Ashish Vaidya, professor of economics and dean of faculty, served as editor of a new book titled *Globalization: Encyclopedia of Trade, Labor, and Politics, Volumes I & II*. The book was published this year.
- Paul Adalian, dean of the University Library, gave the keynote address for Success Stories in E-Learning: A Faculty Symposium, held recently at Cal Poly Pomona. The title of his presentation was “Digital Collections and Electronic Courseware: L E-Learning Success Stories of Library-Faculty Partnership.”

All Aboard

Welcome new employees for the month of April: Lori Cordova, financial analyst, Budget and Reporting, Accounting; Steven Sandwall, mason, Engineering, Operations, Planning and Construction; Maribeth Bradberry, staff account, Accounting; and Richard Ambrose, assistant project manager, Facilities and Planning, Operations, Planning and Construction.

Construction Report

- **Bell Tower Energy Management Project:** The campus has received funding from the CSU Chancellor’s Office to optimize energy usage in the Bell Tower through the installation of a new energy management control system. Control sensors will ensure that lights are turned off in unoccupied rooms and lighting in open spaces and in corridors will be controlled according to the level of the ambient daylight. The few existing inefficient lighting fixtures will be upgraded to the latest technology. In addition, energy will be optimized by controlling the speed of building fans. Usage estimates indicate that the campus will save \$30,000 – \$50,000 annually in energy costs after the project is completed. The project is currently in design and work is expected to begin after commencement, and will be completed by mid-August. The University will work with the Chancellor’s Office to obtain funding for similar projects in other existing buildings.
- **Santa Cruz Apartments:** Demolition activities are in full-swing. Given the tight schedule and the expectation of the project to be completed for student occupancy by August 2007, OPC had to begin demolition activities during the semester. But because this week’s sand-blasting activities were creating significant noise, OPC directed the contractor to suspend sand-blasting activities until after commencement. OPC is working with the contractor to minimize the negative impact on the schedule and project costs caused by this delay.
- **Dining Commons Expansion:** OPC is currently working on retaining an architect to provide architectural and engineering services to accommodate dining needs for the immediate future as well as for long-term campus growth. Phase 1 is expected to be completed for the 2007-08 academic year. It will include the creation of a new dining room in the Dining Commons area with seating for more than 150 persons and a cafeteria-style serving line. A new main entry courtyard at the South Quad is also planned. Phase 2 will include expansion of the kitchen facilities and the dining areas.

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- **Dining Commons Restrooms and Ramp Upgrades:** Majestyk Construction will begin the ADA restroom project immediately following commencement, accessing the project from the south side of the facility. Work should not impact dining services but expect some initial demolition work to create noise. Concurrently, Apex Construction will begin work an ADA ramp, which will require a temporary closure of the main entry into the café. Temporary signage will be provided to direct the public into the building. OPC is working to have the contractor expedite the access work into Islands Café from University Drive, so that the main entry will not be closed for an extended period of time.

For more information, contact Dave Chakraborty, director of facilities, Operations, Planning and Construction, at ext. 8496.

Around Campus



Top Troubleshooter

The 2006 annual CSUCI Programming Competition was won by Tom MacGregor, a senior computer science major, who solved the most programming problems in the least time during a recent half-day session judged by an automated impartial judge. Finalists were awarded Apple iPods, video, and a Nano, provided by an Instruction-Related Activities grant. From left are Skyler Kuchar, Matthew Misenhimer, Andrew Wright, A. J. Biesczad, assistant professor of computer science, Matthew Wilson, MacGregor, Michael O'Riley, and Anna Biesczad, lecturer in computer science.

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20th Annual Competition

The University recently hosted the prestigious CSU Student Research Competition, featuring academic projects of students from all of the CSU campuses. The event was attended by approximately 300 people, of which approximately 180 were students, faculty, jurors, and moderators. Nick Hann (top, right), a CSUCI mathematics and physical sciences student, receives a first place certificate and Kosta Grammatis (bottom, left), a CSUCI engineering and computer science student, receives a runner-up certificate. English professor Renny Christopher and Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs Ted Lucas presided over the awards ceremony.



Note: In general, event announcements in *wavelength* are presented in chronological order.

It is advisable to submit items at least four weeks in advance of the event.

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