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New Science Building Opens

The new Science Building was officially opened on Friday, September 5. Over 200 students, faculty, staff, public/community leaders, and friends of the University gathered together at the entrance to the stunning new \$12 million facility for a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event was covered by the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Los Angeles Daily News*, the *Ventura County Star*, the *Pacific Coast Business Times*, KVTB radio, KCLU radio, and KEYT television.

For more information, contact Mitchel Sloan, events coordinator, x8916.

New Name for Bookstore

The University bookstore, located in the Bell Tower building, will now officially be known as “The Cove.” The newly named retail space features a wide variety of clothing, gifts, and convenience store items, all emblazoned with official Cal State Channel Islands symbols and colors.

For more information, contact Chris Renbarger, book store manager, x8833.

Biotechnology Seminar

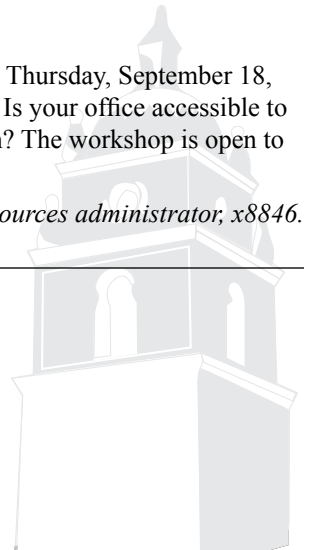
A seminar entitled “Biotechnology 101: Plants, Oils, and Renewable Fuels” will take place at the Gold Coast Innovation Center on Tuesday, September 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Featured speakers include Dr. Jim Harber, Director, Central Coast Biotechnology Center; Kent Bullard, National Park Service, Channel Islands; Kay Martin, Director, Ventura County Environmental and Energy Resources; Dr. Richard Schneeberger, Senior Scientist, Ceres. Faculty and staff are welcome to attend at no cost.

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Disability Access Workshop

Dr. Terri Goldstein, disability accommodation coordinator, will be leading a disability access workshop on Thursday, September 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., in the Banquet Room of the Administration Building. Topics covered will include: Is your office accessible to people with disabilities? Would you know what to do if someone who is deaf or has cerebral palsy came in? The workshop is open to faculty and staff.

For more information, contact Colleen Bennett, human resources administrator, x8846.



News from Academic Affairs

Following are some recent achievements by the Cal State Channel Islands faculty:

- Assistant Professor of History Frank Barajas co-wrote “The Changing Face of An American City: 100 Year Centennial Celebration of Oxnard,” a documentary directed and produced by George Sandoval of WestEnd Productions, which premiered June 28 at the Oxnard Civic Auditorium. The film will be distributed to schools, libraries, and museums throughout the county. As part of the city’s year-long series devoted to its 100 year anniversary, Professor Barajas also participated in a talk and a book signing of a special issue of the *Ventura County Historical Society Quarterly* devoted to the centennial celebration in which he wrote the introduction.
- The Massachusetts Historical Society awarded Nian-Sheng Huang, associate professor of history, a Benjamin Franklin Stevens Fellowship, which enabled him to conduct his research on “The Poor in Early Massachusetts, 1630-1830” at the society this past summer. Founded in 1793 in Boston, the Massachusetts Historical Society is the oldest historical society in the U.S. and one of the primary archival sites to study early American history.
- Steve Norris, biology lecturer, published *A Revision of the African Electric Catfishes*. Research for the book was funded by an NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship, which he took at the Royal Museum of Central Africa. Dr. Norris has also coauthored an article “*Gila brevicauda*, a new species of fish from the Sierra Madre Occidental of Mexico,” which is published in *Ichthyol. Explor. Freshwaters* (vol. 14:19-30, 2003).
- The Chinese people recently erected a monument for P. Scott Corbett, part-time faculty member in history, for his grandfather, a missionary to China in the late 1800s. The monument commemorates his many contributions to a Chinese seaport city in the Northeast.
- Assistant Professor of History Frank Barajas’ paper, “Resistance, Radicalism, and Repression on the Oxnard Plain: The Social Context of the Betabelero Strike of 1933” has been accepted for publication in the February 2004 issue of the *Western Historical Quarterly* (*WHQ*). As a division of the Western History Association, *WHQ* is a refereed journal considered to be a major publication for topics relating to the history of the Western United States. Dr. Barajas presented a version of this essay at the WHA’s annual conference in 2001.
- Associate Professor of Spanish Terry Ballman co-authored a textbook entitled *¿Sabías que...? Beginning Spanish* (4th ed. Boston: McGraw-Hill). As part of this textbook series, Professor Ballman has also coauthored a student workbook/lab manual, an audioscript, and an instructor’s manual. One of the new adopters of this book for Fall 2003 is Stanford University.
- The City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks has appointed Professor of Economics Ashish Vaidya to the Business Roundtable, effective August 1, 2003. The Business Roundtable reviews business-related issues for the City Council and makes recommendations on matters affecting business in the city.

For more information, contact Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, x8548.

Campus Construction Report

Following is an update of construction activities on campus:

- Hazardous materials abatement and demolition work will continue for a few weeks on the Science Annex renovation project.
- The Student Housing Project is moving along at a good pace. Foundations are being prepared and will be poured shortly. After the foundations and ground floor slabs are poured, framing and vertical construction will follow. The project will be staged in the area south of the project to minimize the impacts on campus activities. **Please keep in mind that the Potrero Road entrance to campus will continue to be affected by construction.**
- The Administration Building renovation continues at a good pace. This project is scheduled to be completed in October, and the building will be ready for occupancy towards the end of the year.
- Renovation of the D Wing of the Bell Tower Building is now scheduled for September. The carpet will be installed this week.

- Building 19 is now being renovated. Abatement is complete, and new carpet and acoustical treatment will be installed. Faculty are expected to be moving in at the end of the year.
- The second phase of the University Glen Housing Project continues. Phase I-B is on schedule for completed units, starting as early as December for the Monterey Townhomes and early next year for the Arroyo Townhomes and Loma Vista Apartments. After finally receiving plan check approvals, ground has been broken on the pool and cabana facility. Plans for a ball field have been finalized by the landscape architect and will be going out to bid within the next few weeks. We are anticipating a New Year completion.
- Renovation of Building 33 is ongoing. The renovation work might disturb the lower floor occupants. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please keep in mind that we are trying to minimize those impacts.

Operations, Planning, and Construction would like to take this opportunity to remind the campus community that all and any construction work on campus needs a building permit. Building permits are issued by the campus building official through Operations, Planning, and Construction only. Additionally, outside contractors may not perform any work on the CSUCI premises without approval and consent from Operations, Planning, and Construction.

Please also keep in mind that CSUCI is a green campus. Under the green campus mandate, we have an obligation to be energy efficient. Some of the equipment that Operations, Planning, and Construction has been asked to install is not energy efficient and would need dedicated circuits to avoid tripping the breakers. Please be sure to check with our Engineering Services group (Bill Allen, x8466) before ordering equipment, to insure we have the capacity to power this equipment in your building. If you purchase equipment that needs to be installed by Operations, Planning, and Construction, please make sure you keep your receipt as you may have to send it back.

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