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A Holiday Greeting from the President

As we mark another very successful semester at CSUCI and you head home for a well-deserved break, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your dedication, your talent and the countless hours you've spent in serving the students of this campus community. As a young campus, we continue to build our relationships with one another. Over the past year, I have seen a strengthened bond between faculty and staff working closely together toward the ultimate goal, the success of our students. I am confident that the team assembled here at CSUCI will continue to meet each challenge with resolve to ensure that we remain a University focused on excellence. I wish you all very happy holidays.

- President Richard R. Rush



Faculty Publication

Assistant Professor of English Mary Adler recently had an article published in the December 2003/January 2004 edition of the *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*. "Closing the Gap Between Concept and Practice: Toward More Dialogic Discussion in the Language Arts Classroom" discusses how a university-school partnership worked to increase student achievement by enabling teachers to identify and use more dialogic methods for discussion in middle school English language arts classrooms.

For more information, contact Mary Adler, assistant professor of English, x8486.

Faculty Member to Deliver Conference Presentation

Part-time faculty member in history David Parker will be presenting a paper at the "Print Culture and the City" conference held by the Art History and Communications Department at McGill University in March. His presentation, entitled "Little Magazines and Los Angeles: The Case of *Opinion*," analyzes the little magazine *Opinion* which was published between October 1929 and May 1930 and may have represented the first concerted effort by a body of people to reflect on the nature of Los Angeles in a vehicle that was not tied expressly to the city's commercial interests.

For more information, contact David Parker, part-time faculty member, x2753.

University Library Subject of Magazine Article

The CSUCI University Library and University Librarian Paul Adalian are the subject of a feature article in the November/December issue of *Searcher: The Magazine for Database Professionals*. The article, entitled “New Libraries for a New Millennium: Challenges and Opportunities,” details how the library was developed and how it reflects current trends in modern academic libraries.

For more information, contact Paul Adalian, University librarian, x8577.

A Message from Information Technology

The campus has experienced recent connectivity issues and even a downtime of 1½ days with its email system. Although one thinks of Exchange as the generic problem, it was, in actuality, a hardware problem which caused the interruption in service. ITS runs as many of its services as it can with redundancy, i.e., services can be handled by another machine, but specific parts can fail which causes such an outage. This interruption was due to hardware and not to Exchange’s functions.

The structure of the Exchange server, both software and hardware, dates back to when the University had 50 accounts which stored 4 GB of data; it now serves over 700 accounts with 80 GB of data. ITS has patched and upgraded the service throughout the semester to keep the system working as best it could. However, ITS will update the structure of the service over the December holidays (with very little planned downtime) so that the University has a strong and stable email service.

To read about the planned changes and desired improvements, please visit the ITS Projects page at <http://www.csuci.edu/its/projects/>

For more information, contact Munawwar Khan, associate vice president of information technology, x8452.

Campus Construction Report

Following is an update of construction activities on campus:

- The Student Housing project continues on schedule. Framing of the third decks and walls is moving along despite the high winds. The project remains on schedule, scope, and budget.
- The Administration Building renovation continues, but completion of the project has been delayed. Construction of the Administration Building parking lot will begin early next year. The move into the newly renovated building is expected to take place in April 2004.
- Renovation of the second floor of the West Wing of the Bell Tower (formerly Unit 19) into new faculty offices is 99 percent complete. Carpet is now installed. Completion date for this project is still January 5, 2004.
- The second phase of the University Glen Housing Project continues. The pool and cabana facility are now under construction.

- The Town Center bid has been awarded to the low bid Fessberg Construction for \$12,960,600. We hope to award the contract on January 8 and issue the notice to proceed on February 9. Excavators will mobilize on site on February 16, and the groundbreaking ceremony will be on February 17.
- The new parking lot at the corner of University Drive and Santa Paula Avenue is now asphalted. Lighting upgrades and drainage work is being completed this week. This parking lot added eighty spaces on the southeast corner of campus.

For more information, contact Juan Beltranena, director of facilities, x8496.

Due to the campus holiday schedule, *wavelength* will distribute on January 9th and 23rd, 2004. The regular distribution schedule of the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month will resume in February.

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Happy Holidays!