International Exchange Agreement Commemorated

CSU Channel Islands students, faculty and administration welcome Zeppelin University President Stephan A. Jansen

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Famed Sports and Olympiad Artist LeRoy Neiman hosted by campus

A luncheon was recently held in the John Spoor Broome Library in honor of renowned artist LeRoy Neiman – best known for his brilliantly colored, stunningly energetic images of sporting events and leisure activities. LeRoy Neiman is probably the most popular living artist in the United States.

Prior to the luncheon, Neiman’s visit included a stop at Professor Jack Reilly’s painting class in Topanga Hall to meet and observe students before continuing on to view the Bell Tower Courtyard.

During the luncheon former NBA athlete and current CSUCI parent, Tommy Hawkins, recounted stories from his long-time friendship with Neiman before introducing him to invited guests. Neiman then shared with the audience his art experiences and also answered questions from guests on his perspective of the current art world.

Germany’s Zeppelin University President visits the campus

President Richard R. Rush introduced Zeppelin University President Stephan A. Jansen during an official visit to commemorate the first anniversary of the international exchange agreement between the two universities, with an official signing ceremony on Feb. 20. The purpose of the agreement is to promote effective and mutually beneficial cooperation and to develop academic and cultural exchange in education, research and other areas.

CSUCI and Zeppelin University will exchange students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, exchange faculty on a short-term basis, and cooperate on joint research projects and development of curricula. This exchange agreement promotes CSU Channel Islands’ mission to graduate students with international perspectives.

Dr. Daniel Lee, Associate Professor of Sociology will be taking 15 CSUCI students to visit Zeppelin University in June. The trip to Germany is a central component of his University 392 course, which involves a comparative analysis of educational institutions in the United States and Germany. The class has been invited to visit the University of Munich, a police academy, an elementary school, a music school, and, of course, Zeppelin University. While in Friedrichshafen, CSUCI students will learn about opportunities to spend a semester studying at the new partner university.

For more information about the campus visit or exchange program, contact Dr. Lee at ext. 3310 or daniel.lee@csuci.edu.
Events

Cove Bookstore Ready for Grad Fest 2009

Students can purchase their Cap and Gown at Grad Fest, April 15th and 16th at the Broome Library Plaza. Sizes are on a first come, first served basis. Diploma frames and other Alumni merchandise will also be available to purchase.

ESRM and English Programs Host Author Dan Koeppel

Environmental Science and Research Management and the English programs will host a presentation by author Dan Koeppel at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 10 in Aliso Hall 150. This event is free and open to the public.

Koeppel is a dynamic speaker and a frequent guest on national radio programs, including NPR’s Fresh Air with Terry Gross. This presentation will feature the author reading from and discussing his latest book, *Banana: the Fate of the Fruit that Changed the World*. The book provides a compelling and thought-provoking look at a fruit whose innocuous and ubiquitous presence on our kitchen counters belies not only its troubled history but also its tenuous future. Koeppel has recently returned from an expedition up the Congo River in research of rare banana breeds for *National Geographic*. Some of Koeppel’s books will be available for purchase after his presentation, and the author will be signing copies of his work.

For more information about Koeppel’s presentation contact Dr. Stacey Anderson at ext. 3291 or stacey.anderson@csuci.edu, or Dr. Sean Anderson at (805) 732-2732 or sean.anderson@csuci.edu.

Students plan “Every 15 Minutes” program

Students from the Peer Education Class will present “Every 15 Minutes,” an on campus DUI collision simulation, at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 10 as a part of Alcohol Awareness Week. The mock collision will be located on Ventura St. between the Anacapa and Santa Cruz Village housing complexes.

The “Every 15 Minutes” program was conceived fall 2007 in Dr. Alan Pasternak’s Peer Education class as a student activism project designed to show students and the campus community the perils of drinking and driving. The event includes a dramatization of extracting a DUI collision victim from a mangled vehicle using the Jaws of Life by the Ventura County Fire Department. A grant by the Office of Traffic Safety was obtained by the Division of Student Affairs to help fund this project for two years. The first simulation took place in March 2008 in front of the Bell Tower building.

For additional information about the “Every 15 Minutes” program, contact Diana Garay at diana.garay@csuci.edu.
Each year the Multicultural and Women’s & Gender Student Center hosts a Women’s Recognition Luncheon to honor women who foster the growth and development of our community through leadership, service and dedication. This year’s luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 12, 12:00 p.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library Exhibition Hall.

This year’s theme, “Women Saving Our Planet,” reflects the focus of the National Women’s History Project and will include guest speaker, Linda Parks, Ventura County Board of Supervisor. The luncheon will feature two major components: the women’s leadership awards and a student contest. The women’s leadership awards honor female leaders in environmental sustainability, while the contest is open to any student (male or female) with a proposal that outlines ways in which CSUCI can increase environmental sustainability. Both components will be presented during the luncheon.

**Women’s Leadership Awards: Women Saving Our Planet Nominations**
Members of the campus community are encouraged to nominate women who are making contributions to environmental sustainability in the categories of: student, staff, faculty, alumni or community member. The award nominations deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27.

**Environmental Sustainability Proposal Contest**
The environmental sustainability proposal contest is open to all CSUCI students. Proposals should outline ways in which CSUCI can increase environmental sustainability. The winning proposal will be determined by judges selected by the Women’s Recognition Luncheon committee. All contestants are asked to RSVP for the luncheon. The proposal submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27.

**Bring Your Own Place Setting (BYOPS)**
Luncheon attendees are asked to bring their own place settings to the event in an effort to reduce waste. All attendees with place settings (plate, silverware and cup) will be entered in a raffle with multiple chances to win outstanding prizes.

*For more information visit: [http://www.csuci.edu/studentlife/MWGC.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/studentlife/MWGC.htm). To attend this FREE event, please RSVP to Kirsten Moss-Frye at ext. 3156 or [kirsten.moss@csuci.edu](mailto:kirsten.moss@csuci.edu).*

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**7th Annual Women’s Recognition Luncheon**
Art Program Exhibitions gallery features paintings by Beverly Decker

The Art Program has announced that its next show at the Exhibitions gallery will be paintings by artist and CSUCI faculty member Beverly Decker. The exhibition will begin on Thursday, March 12, and continue through Friday, April 10. There will be an artist’s reception at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, which is open to the public. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Beverly Decker is an artist and educator whose philosophy is to make art that is on the one hand, technically and aesthetically sound, and on the other, reflects the spiritual and cultural zeitgeist of her life. Decker’s recent series of paintings titled “Luminous Abstract Calligraphy,” is inspired by her studies over the last forty years in Sufism, Buddhism, Eastern and Western philosophies and spirituality in general.

CSUCI Exhibitions is located at 92 Palm Drive in Old Town Camarillo.

For additional information, contact the CSUCI Art Program at ext. 8570, email art@csuci.edu, or visit the Web site http://art.csuci.edu/gallery.

Mark your calendars for 2009 Island View Orientation

It’s almost that time again… time to welcome a new group of students to our Dolphin family! The Division of Student Affairs is pleased to announce the dates for the 2009 Island View Orientation sessions. The dates were established collaboratively with the New Student/Transfer Orientation Committee. Thank you in advance for your support of 2009 Island View Orientation!

Freshmen Orientation Dates:  
Tuesday & Wednesday, June 23 & 24  
Friday & Saturday, June 26 & 27  
Tuesday & Wednesday, June 30 & July 1  
Tuesday & Wednesday, July 7 & 8

Transfers Orientation Date:  
Friday, August 14

Please contact Damien Peña, Director of Access, Orientation and Transition, at ext. 3218 or damien.pena@csuci.edu.

Miss Shriya to read at “Storytime in the Springtime”

The John Spoor Broome Library will host “Storytime in the Springtime” Thursdays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in the Children’s section at the Library. Storytime books will be read by Miss Shriya, a 10-year-old expert reader who is part of the Broome Library’s kids reading to kids program. These events are free and open to the campus community and public.

Storytime Dates:
February 19, 26 / March 5, 12, 19 / April 2, 23, 30 / May 7

An event flyer is available at http://www.library.csuci.edu/info/storytime.html. For information please contact Ellie Tayag at elnora.tayag@csuci.edu or ext. 3140.
Poet and Biographer Honor Moore memoir discussion

Honor Moore, poet and biographer, visited the campus on Feb. 24 and discussed her recent publication, a celebrated memoir of her relationship with her father entitled The Bishop’s Daughter.

Art Program presents: ‘Postmodern Calligraphies – An Exhibition of Photography, Architectural Drawings and Landscape Architecture’

The Art Program has announced their latest art event in the John Spoor Broome Library entitled ‘Postmodern Calligraphies – An Exhibition of Photography, Architectural Drawings and Landscape Architecture.’ The exhibition continues through March 15 and will include a reception from 12-2 p.m. on Sunday, March 1. The Broome Library reception is open to the public.

The exhibit curated by Irina D. Costache, Professor of Art History at CSUCI, is organized in conjunction with the exhibition “Insight/Inside LA” at José Drudis-Biada Gallery at Mt. St. Mary’s College, and the annual College Art Conference, held in Los Angeles, Feb. 24 – March 1. The Broome Library reception on March 1 coincides with a CAA conference tour which includes both exhibitions and a visit to the Getty Villa.

The exhibition features photography by Tim Griffith, architectural drawings by Pedro Haberbosch, as well as works by Susan Van Atta and Guillermo Gonzales, with Peter Gaede, Ken Radtkey and landscape architecture by Adam Sharkey.

For additional information contact the CSUCI Art Program at ext. 8570, e-mail art@csuci.edu, or visit the Web site: http://art.csuci.edu/gallery.
Due to weather concerns, the February block party entitled “A Black & White Affair” was held inside the Recreation Center on Feb. 13. But the weather didn’t spoil the fun, that’s for sure! Students came to the event dressed in their classiest black and white attire and enjoyed dancing to the music of DJ Relyt of Q104.7, socializing and consuming deliciously awesome desserts.

The block party committee is proud of the degree to which its aims are being met through this event which has quickly become a campus tradition. Block parties provide a fun, safe and healthy activity for students to attend on the weekends. In fact, findings from the evaluations show students are more likely to stay on campus during the weekend and report a stronger sense of campus community as a result of attending the block parties. Below you’ll see a summary of the findings from the February block party survey, along with some images of students having fun at the event.

171 students returned an event evaluation/survey
• 74.8% of respondents live on campus
• 37.9% of respondents were freshman, 7.1% transfer students, 41.4% continuing students and 13% guests
• 25% of respondents had attended at least three other block parties
• 43.8% of respondents said they would “possibly” stay on campus for the weekend due to a block party while 42.6% said they would “definitely” stay on campus
• 39% of respondents said they “possibly” felt a greater sense of campus community while 52.4% said they “definitely” felt a greater sense of campus community
• 57.7% of respondents said block parties should continue to be held once a month

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