The Princeton Review Ranks CSULB Among Best Value Public Colleges

By Toni Beron

CSULB has been ranked the No. 3 best value public college in the nation by The Princeton Review. The campus is featured in the “Top 10 Best Value Public Colleges” list in the 2007 edition of its book America’s Best Value Colleges, which was released March 28.

The Princeton Review compiled the ranking list and chose the colleges for the book based on data obtained from administrators at 646 colleges and its surveys of students attending them. More than 30 factors were considered to rate the colleges in four categories: academics, student service, financial aid and overall costs within higher education. This is what distinguishes The Princeton Review’s national ranking from other university comparisons.

Under the heading “Bang for the Buck,” The Princeton Review’s profile of CSULB states: “This is the least expensive of the schools in California’s CSU system, pricing in at about $2,740 less than their peer institutions for California state residents.”

In the best value public colleges category, CSULB was ranked behind North Carolina State University, Raleigh (2nd) and New College of Florida, Sarasota (1st). Among others in the top 10 were University of Virginia, Charlottesville (7th); Texas A&M University, College Station (8th); University of California, Berkeley (9th); and University of Oklahoma, Norman (10th).

America’s Best Value Colleges offers three-page profiles of 150 of the best colleges chosen for their excellent academics, generous financial aid packages and relatively low costs. It includes 103 public and 47 private colleges in 40 states as well as the ranking lists of the top 10 best value public colleges and top 10 best value private colleges. The Princeton Review has posted the list on its Web site at www.princetonreview.com.

Officials at CSULB expect to confer some 6,000 bachelor’s and master’s degrees during graduation ceremonies at Commencement 2006, a collection of nine separate ceremonies scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 24-26.

Held in the campus’ Central Quadrangle, Commencement 2006 begins Wednesday, May 24, when the College of Health and Human Services graduates receive their degrees with its two ceremonies – one at 9 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. The College of Business Administration graduates will receive their degrees in the 5 p.m. ceremony.

On Thursday, May 25, the College of Liberal Arts will begin the day with its graduates marching in ceremonies at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The College of Education, which includes the Liberal Studies Program, closes out the day with its ceremony at 5 p.m.

Finally, the College of the Arts will begin commencement exercises on Friday, May 26, with its 9 a.m. ceremony. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics will follow at 1 p.m., and the College of Engineering will conclude the campus’ graduation festivities with its 5 p.m. ceremony.

After each ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to attend a reception hosted by their college on the terrace level of the University Student Union. Refreshments and music are provided.

Free parking is available for commencement guests in Lots 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 at the north end of the campus. Courtesy shuttles will be available to transport guests to the Central Quad area.

Visitors may enter the campus from Atherton Street, Bellflower Boulevard or Seventh Street. Before parking, drivers may drop off passengers at the west turnaround near Brotman Hall or the east turnaround by the CSULB Foundation Building. Parking for the disabled may be arranged by calling Parking Administration at 562/985-4146, and for guests with other special needs, contact Disabled Student Services at 562/985-5401.

For more information on Commencement 2006, call the commencement coordinator for

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Casey Receives CRA, CUE Awards

Jean Casey, who joined the Department of Teacher Education in 1985, was recognized twice recently by the California Reading Association (CRA) and Computer Using Educators (CUE) Inc. for her efforts to introduce computer technology into early classroom education.

Casey received the Margaret Lynch Exemplary Service Award from the CRA and the Gold Disk Award from CUE for her contributions to the organization and advancement of educational technology in teaching and learning.

The CRA, the state branch of the International Reading Association, offers the Lynch award every year for exemplary service and contributions to the field of reading. Casey feels one reason for her CRA recognition is her long record of publication about the uses of technology in reading instruction. She is the author of *Early Literacy: The Empowerment of Technology and Creating the Early Literacy Classroom: Activities for Using Technology to Empower Elementary Students*, both from Libraries Unlimited in 2000.

Casey is a pioneer researcher on the use of talking computers with young children for early preschool literacy and using auditory feedback in learning throughout elementary school. She conducted 17 years of research on early literacy and how technology can help make young students successful with early reading and writing. She created TeacherNet in 1989, the first use of online e-mail communication between university supervisor, master teacher and student teacher on the West Coast, which doubled the amount of coaching and feedback for students. Casey received the Distinguished Teacher Education Scholar CalStateTEACH and the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2004 from the University of Illinois’ College of Education.

She received her bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Illinois in 1960, her master’s from CSULB in 1976 as a reading specialist and a Ph.D. from USC in 1984. In 1985 Casey helped found the Beach Cities Reading Council, which meets four times a year and brings together reading specialists and teachers who serve 10 area school districts in such places as Long Beach and Torrance.

“The council represents their chance to get together and share information over dinner,” she said. “More than 200 members have joined in 10 years.”

Casey also was pleased to receive the Gold Disk award from CUE.

“Two different groups have recognized the same body of work,” she explained. “One group, CUE, represents the computer people and one group, the CRA, represents teachers.”

The Gold Disk is CUE’s oldest recognition program since its founding in 1983. A Gold Disk is recognition of the recipient’s contributions to CUE and to technology in learning. “I felt very honored to win the Gold Disk,” she said. “When I first joined CUE, I saw the group’s founders receive this same award. I felt they were lucky then, the same way I feel lucky now to win it myself.”

Casey sees these awards as a way to give much-needed exposure to the role of computers in the classroom. “This is not so much exposure for me as it is for parents and early education teachers who want to know more about technology in the classroom,” she said.

“I know in my heart there are thousands of children who could be more successful in the classroom if they had the chance to use technology instead of often being mislabeled as a special education student or put in the low group. A talking word processor like KidWorks Deluxe can help a student become an author in one sitting. The computer is their ticket to literacy.”

Long Chosen Outstanding Staff Member for 2005-06

When James A. Long, a member of the CSULB community for 28 years, learned he had been named the Outstanding Staff Member for 2005-06, it was music to his ears.

“When Charleen Rice telephoned me at Saint Mary’s Hospital where I was recovering from a knee replacement, I told her ‘thank you very much,’” said Long. “About a week later while still in the hospital, but on far less pain medication, I woke up one morning and said out loud, ‘Oh my God, what an incredible honor from my fellow employees.’ It had finally sunk in.”

The sound of music is more than a pleasure for James A. Long; it is a career. The multi-faceted member of the College of the Arts staff serves as CSULB’s musical instrument repair technician, where he combines his talents of a machinist, jeweler and master woodworker.

For 28 years, Long has maintained all of the university’s musical instruments with the exception of the pianos. For the last two years, he also has worked in the University Dance Center, where he oversaw the department’s movie, video and slide collections. Under his direction, the department is transferring its media resources to digital formats.

He is especially proud of his long-time participation on CSULB’s Staff Council and the many successful events produced by the special events committee. For 25 years, he has helped deliver children’s lunches for the campus’ Kaleidoscope Academic Day and also has performed for the Homeless Children’s Christmas Party in the Walter Pyramid every year since 2000.

He has a long history of campus recognition, including being only the second person on campus to receive the Employee of the Month award given by then-President Curtis McCray and being nominated for Staff Applause honors eight times. As a music professional, he has consulted with the Fender Guitar Company in their production of a Fender acoustic guitar and conferred on the development and design of a new flute scale for A.D. Geoffrey Flute Makers of Taiwan.

De Araujo Scholarship Winner Announced

Matthew Barnett, a freshman political science major at CSULB, is the recipient of the Dorothy de Araujo Memorial Scholarship, named after the university staff emerita and alumna who died in the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. The $500 scholarship, awarded by the Staff Emeriti Association, is open to CSULB students whose parents or grandparents are staff employees or staff retirees of CSULB and its auxiliaries. Barnett is the grandson of Melinda Smith, an employee in Facilities Management.

A graduate of Millikan High School, Barnett has served for two years as a chairperson for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in Long Beach, is scholarship chair for the Delta Chi fraternity and is running for Associated Students’ Senator-at-Large.

“I am proud to have been chosen to receive this scholarship,” Barnett said. “I pledge to continue working hard to be the best student possible on the CSULB campus.”
2005-06 Outstanding Professors

Troy R. Johnson
History/American Indian Studies

Since 1994, Troy Johnson has been teaching at CSULB, where he is director of the American Indian Studies program. His passion for teaching the subject, his care for his students and his leadership have resulted in an increased student enrollment in the Native American Studies area.

“I am extremely honored and humbled to have been selected by my peers as a CSULB Outstanding Professor,” said Johnson, a 2005-06 Outstanding Professor Award recipient. “This award is really shared by all of those people who have mentored me and encouraged me throughout my career. I have also been selected as the CLA Most Valuable Professor by the outstanding graduating student from the College of Liberal Arts, Angela Martinez. To receive both of these awards in the same year is really overwhelming and motivates me to continue to do the very best for our students.”

A nationally recognized expert on Native American Indian studies, Johnson has authored, co-authored or edited 16 peer-reviewed books on the subject, published by major university presses. Additionally, he has given more than 40 invited presentations at conferences and major universities.

At CSULB, Johnson has served on 18 different university, college and department committees, including chairing the university search committee for the director of Equity and Diversity. Most notable was Johnson’s service as a special advisor on veteran affairs to President Robert C. Maxson from 1999-2005.

Currently, he is serving as chair of the Anthropology Department. Johnson also has published two series of books on Native Americans for children and young adults. He has a bachelor’s degree from San Diego State University, and a master’s and Ph.D. from UCLA. Johnson resides in the Lake Arrowhead community of Blue Jay with his wife, Lorene.

Galen T. Pickett
Physics and Astronomy

For Galen T. Pickett, one of this year’s 2005-06 Outstanding Professor Award recipients and an associate professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy since 1999, education is a family affair. His grandparents sent each of their five children to college, including Pickett’s father, who earned a Ph.D. and went on to become president of St. John Fisher University in Rochester, N.Y. and sent his seven children to college, two of those whom whom became professors. Pickett is equally engaged in inspiring young people to be teachers by conducting challenging science courses in an applied manner that helps his students better understand the subject matter and incorporate it into their future K-6 instruction.

His productive scholarship in polymer physics is well cited in the literature with 15 published peer review articles appearing in highly respected scientific journals, four with CSULB student co-authors. Based on his expertise, he also has given 15 conference papers, posters and invited talks.

“I am honored and humbled by this selection,” said Pickett. “CSU Long Beach is a truly outstanding institution, and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Department of Physics and Astronomy have given me opportunities to excel in my research program, in the classroom, and in the community at large. I am particularly humbled because I know the past honorees for these awards in my own department, people I respect and admire – professors Seman Salem, Bruce Scott, Ken Luke, Simon George, Jack Munsee, Pat Kenealy, Sue Hu, and Jing Liu. It is a remarkable faculty I belong to, and am immensely proud of.”

At CSULB, Pickett has served on the Academic Senate, chaired the faculty council of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and served on the college’s dean search committee. In the community, he has volunteered his science expertise by working closely with elementary school teachers as well as teaching science enrichment programs to elementary school-age children.

He has a B.S. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Pickett and his wife, Laura, have four children – Robert, Henry, Maggie and Thomas.

PCSW Announces Award Winners

The President’s Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) at CSULB has completed the selection process for its Fourth Annual Advancement of Women Awards

The commission honors a student, a staff member, an administrator and a faculty member who actively contribute to the advancement of women on campus through their scholarship, teaching, organizational work, campus community service or any other form of support for women at CSULB.

All women and men who are current members of the campus community were eligible for the award.

The administrator honored this year was Sandra Cynar, Associate Dean in the College of Engineering, while faculty honors went to Sharon Guthrie, co-chair/coordinator Graduate Studies, Department of Kinesiology, College of Health and Human Services. The award-winning staff member was Kim Hinkson, ASI Government Advisor, Associated Students, Inc., and the student winner was Zion Redie, a candidate for Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

Each winner received a plaque at the Spring Women’s Research Colloquium in April, where they were recognized for their support of women at CSULB. In addition, the names of the winners were included on a perpetual plaque, which is displayed in the Women’s Resource Center.

OLLI Celebrates a Decade of Learning

Other Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSULB-Senior University is celebrating 10 years with an anniversary gala and fund-raiser on Saturday, June 10, at The Pointe located in the Walter Pyramid. There will be a no-host reception beginning at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

During the celebration, individuals and organizations will be honored for their contributions to the success of OLLI–Senior University.

The keynote speaker scheduled for the evening is the celebrated actress, film, stage and screen, Camryn Manheim. The Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning actress grew up in Peoria, Illinois, received her undergraduate degree from UC Santa Cruz and went on to earn a master’s degree in fine arts from New York University in 1987. She also studied acting at the Atlantic Theater Company Acting School in Chelsea. Manheim has appeared in many television episodes and feature films, and has been a guest on numerous talk shows. She is especially well known from the television series “The Practice.”

Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call Barbara McClinton at 562/985-8732. The cost is $50 for OLLI-Senior University members and $70 for non-members. Table sponsorship opportunities are also available for $1,500 which includes dinner for eight and recognition in the program. All proceeds go to OLLI-Senior University.
Anne Johnson, who joined the history, culture and literature." never known the city through its give a window to students who had about the response of Southern be made by another discussion of personal relevance that challenged Department since 1998 who helped Caron, a member of the English thing to say about a disaster that Katrina and its Aftermath." Disasters: Responses to Hurricane organized to achieve the impos mester taught by a team of experts of a new class being offered this se astation of New Orleans is the topic By Richard Manly the symptoms are debilitating and severe but usually dissipate, while bird flu symptoms last longer and the recovery is slower. "There is the minority point of view that this is hype and not merited based on the information we have," said Friis, "but the more frequent point of view, and the one I think we should take into account, is that it is an event that potentially could be very hazardous. The possibility exists that the virus could mutate and spread into the human population. But no one knows if it can jump (easily)
from the avian population to the human population. At present, there have been no documented cases of the virus spreading from one person to another." "The virus has to mutate into a form which can be transmitted from human to human," concurred Fernandez-Juricic. "The transmission we have seen from bird to human is with people who work closely with birds. The first few cases have been in third-world countries. One reason is their health care systems; the other is cultural. It is accepted in some cultures to live with chickens in the same room. So, if a chicken has bird flu and they are in close proximity, a person could possibly catch it." Three pandemics occurred during the 20th century – in 1918, 1957 and 1968. According to Fernandez-Juricic, the Spanish Flu in 1918 was a type of bird flu, so there is a precedent of a virus mutating into a form which can be transmitted from human to human. Just what are the chances? "We don't know," he said. "Some theoretical studies with predictive models show that the chances are high, while others show lower estimates. There are a lot of unknowns here and that is why we have to be very careful with the information given to the public. Using the word 'pandemic,' you have to be careful. It's more how can we contain an outbreak biologically and also socially. The thing we need to keep in mind is that it is not a one-solution problem." "That's just it, no one knows the answer," said Friis as to how the Continued on page six
CSULB Receives $3.9M Contract from DOD

President F. King Alexander has announced that CSULB, the lead member in a consortium of CSU campuses including CSU San Bernardino and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, has been awarded a $3.9 million contract with the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) through the Office of Naval Research. The award will support Strategic Mobility 21, a multi-year Advanced Logistics Concepts Demonstration project.

Recognizing the strong support for university research efforts by the California Congressional delegation, Alexander singled out Rep. Howard “Buck” McKeon (R-Calif.), a member of the House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and the incoming chair of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Alexander noted that McKeon recognizes both the long-term regional educational and logistics workforce opportunities and military readiness components of Strategic Mobility 21, serving an important role in the defense appropriations request that culminated in the contract award.

Under the contract, CSULB will demonstrate dual-use commercial and military agile port concepts at the former George Air Force Base in Victorville, at an emerging multi-modal freight hub combining air, rail and truck movement in cooperation with the Southern California Logistics Airport and Rail Authority.

In his remarks Alexander emphasized that “Strategic Mobility 21 is the first successful spin-off program of the highly acclaimed Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technology (CCDoTT), which developed many of the agile port and logistics concepts to be demonstrated.”

He added, “Strategic Mobility 21 embodies the quintessential community outreach capabilities of CSU applied research. It combines the global logistics and port and distribution system domain capabilities of CSU Long Beach with the Inland Empire goods movement expertise of CSU San Bernardino and the Collaborative Agent Design Research Center specialized ontology-based software agent technology of Cal Poly SLO applied to important regional and statewide issues of trade-related container traffic growth, community quality of life, congestion mitigation, security, and air quality management.”

Housing Announces Positions for Faculty

Applications for 2006-07 Faculty-in-Residence positions are now available in the Housing and Residential Life Office and must be submitted no later than Friday, May 19, at 5 p.m. Faculty-in-Residence are full-time faculty members who live in the Parkside Commons residence hall complex to serve as a personal liaison between faculty and students and encourage the intellectual stimulation and involvement of students living on campus. Working under general direction from the director of Housing and Residential Life, the Faculty-in-Residence work cooperatively with the residential life staff in developing a sense of community and meeting the needs of resident students. Office hours in the residence halls of 10 hours per week is required.

Faculty-in-Residence receive an unfurnished studio apartment with an office/living room unit directly across the corridor in a residence hall housing 112 occupants. Some units are partially furnished and food service is provided in the residential dining halls during the academic year when classes are in session.

Informal orientations and tours may be arranged by appointment during May. For a more detailed position description and an application, visit or call Housing and Residential Life at 562/985-4187.

Alumni Grants

The CSULB Alumni Association donated a total of $32,500 to eight departments as part of the 2006 Alumni Grants Program. In the past 15 years, more than $293,020 has been awarded through this program.

This year’s recipients are:
- Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden: develop visitor’s orientation and information kiosk, Jeanette Scheelin.
- Library, Special Collections: preservation of original art/photographs, Kristie French.

Nobel Laureate Lecture on May 4

Roger Guillemin, one of three 1977 recipients of the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine, will present CSULB’s 29th Annual Nobel Laureate Lecture on Thursday, May 4. He will present a general lecture from 11 a.m.-noon on “The New Endocrinology of the Neuron, 1950-1970,” followed by a technical lecture from 4-5 p.m. on “The New Endocrinology of the Neuron, 1970-2000,” both in the University Student Union Ballroom. The programs are free to the public.

For additional information, call 562/985-7562.

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the desired college ceremony: Arts-Noelle Leiblie, 562/985-4166; Business Administration-Nelson Horn, 562/985-5307; Education (including Liberal Studies)-Marvel Preece-Whitson, 562/985-4513; Engineering-Kim Truesdell, 562/985-8032; Health and Human Services-Leticia Gamboa, 562/985-4691; Liberal Arts-Jill Overton, 562/985-5381; and Natural Sciences and Mathematics-Frank Costa, 562/985-4265.

For general information about Commencement 2006, call 562/985-2351. More information can also be found on the Web site at www.csulb.edu/projects/commencement.
Disabilities Assistance Program 2006-07

The Employees With Disabilities Assistance Program will be funded for 2006-07. The program, administered through the Office of Equity and Diversity, assists eligible employees with a physical or mental condition which impairs a major life activity as defined by The Americans with Disabilities Act and AB2222.

The program allows for new and current employees to request auxiliary aid/adaptive equipment which reasonably accommodates their physical or mental limitations. Qualified employees may request an allocation for auxiliary aid to employ assistants to perform job duties limited by their disability or medical condition. Examples of job duties which might be impaired are manual operations (dexterity), reading (print character differentiation), and conducting discussions (hearing).

Adaptive equipment is considered non-standard, specialized equipment/device that enables qualified employees to perform essential job duties either more effectively or more efficiently. Examples include large-print computer monitors (sight), portable telecommunications devices (hearing), print magnifiers (sight), audio-receivers (hearing), and audio-amplifiers (speaking).

Equipment and services which administrative divisions/colleges normally and routinely provide to all employees may not be funded under this program.

Requests for the next academic year are now being accepted for consideration. If you are interested and eligible to benefit from this program, contact the Office of Equity and Diversity at extension 562/985-8490 or by e-mail at jreyes@csulb.edu before July 1. Your prompt action will help plan for assistance needed for the 2006-07 academic year.

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It is also helpful to stay home when you are sick to avoid exposing fellow workers or classmates.

“We need many strategies in place at the same time to minimize any kind of outbreak,” said Fernandez-Juricic. “From my perspective, every little thing helps. Anything we try to do to minimize the spread of the normal flu or cold applies to this as well. For instance, washing hands after going to the bathroom and covering the mouth when coughing. But, most importantly, we need to follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, which are regularly updated.”

“I think a lot of this has to be done at the individual level, such as how an individual family responds to an outbreak,” added Friis, relating it to something similar to earthquake preparedness. “Have a kind of personal plan. You should have an emergency plan for your family or household. Have a supply of food and water on hand and have a communications plan.”

For more information/updates on the avian flu, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at www.cdc.gov/flu/avian.

NOTE: Friis’ recently-released book Essentials of Environmental Health, includes a case study titled “Human Infections with Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Viruses” which discusses reported outbreaks in 12 countries.

Gail Smith
Employee of the Month

Gail Smith, a Long Beach resident who joined CSULB in 2003, was recognized as employee of the month by her peers in University Police recently in a special ceremony held on Friendship Walk near the University Student Union, which was renamed Gail Smith Lane for the month.

President F. King Alexander applauded Smith for her commitment to the university, hard work and willingness to go the extra mile. “Her fellow employees say she is always helpful and nice,” he said.

Smith said she was pleased to be recognized as employee of the month. “I didn’t even know I’d been nominated,” she said. “I’m happy and ecstatic.”

The Long Beach connection goes deeper than her career. Smith is a member of CSULB’s class of 1993 when she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. “I chose CSULB because I had a cousin who went to school here,” she recalls. “Plus, it was far enough away from where I grew up in Northern California that I wouldn’t have to worry about people dropping by unexpectedly.”

As assistant to University Police Chief Jack Pearson, Smith has many responsibilities. They include making sure paychecks get where they need to be and on time, maintaining the budget to make sure there’s no overspending (“Or else I’ll need to slap some wrists,” she laughed) and signing up CSULB staff for defensive driving instruction.

An average day for Smith covers everything from making sure Pearson has all the papers before him that need his signature to reviewing the mail, preparing purchase orders and assembling recruitment paperwork. “It varies from day to day,” she said.

When she isn’t working at CSULB, she enjoys spending time with her sons Joshua, 6, and Quentin, 12. “Whatever I do outside of work, it always seems to center on the boys,” she laughs, “whether that means sports or the movies or going to the park. But one of these days, I might find time for myself.”

She came to CSULB in 2002 from four years in public affairs working in the Irvine offices of Cal Trans. “I loved it but that commute from Long Beach to Irvine was hard, especially with two small children,” she said. “When the opportunity to join CSULB opened, with its chance to be closer to home, I took it. Now I work just down the street from where my youngest son goes to school.”

She enjoys being part of University Police. “This is a wonderful job,” she said. “My boss, Chief Jack Pearson, is great; my coworkers are great; and I get to enjoy working in an office with a sense of humor.”

Smith has dreams of some day earning a master’s degree to go along with her bachelor’s and is glad she chose CSULB. “The campus is beautiful and the employee benefits include a fee waiver program that will help my sons later in life,” she said. “I love the activities on campus, especially the concerts every summer in the Soroptimist House.”

Smith received several gifts along with her recognition including a CSULB sweatshirt, a $15 gift certificate to Ferraro’s Cucina Italiana, a gift certificate for a Family Four Pack to Boomers, a gift certificate for lunch for two at Quiznos, two tickets to a Long Beach State men’s volleyball match and two admissions to Laguna Beach’s Festival of the Arts.
Library Remodeling Gets Underway
By Anne Ambrose

The long-awaited remodeling of the University Library finally gets under way this month, resulting in the relocation of a number of library and student services functions beginning this summer and during the anticipated 18 months of construction.

University Library Changes

Kemp Bros. Construction of Santa Fe Springs was recently selected to create the design vision of Caldwell Architects of Marina del Rey. The library portion of the remodeling plan will result in:

- New, larger Information Commons student computing and reference facility.
- Redesigned circulation desk.
- Remodeled lobby area.
- Starbucks Internet café.
- New public rest rooms on first and fifth floors.
- New ceiling and lighting on main floor and new carpeting throughout.
- Large reading room on fifth floor to compensate for loss of seating in east library.
- A graduate study center.
- Glass storefront entries on lower level and second, third, fourth and fifth floors.
- Children’s literature, special collections and archives departments moved to more convenient locations.
- Installation of Online Remote Collections Access (ORCA), an automated book retrieval system for 850,000 volumes.
- Critical electrical and cabling upgrades.

“As planned, the sequence of the construction will occur two floors at a time, starting with the lower level and working up,” said Henry DuBois, associate dean of the University Library. “Lower level and first floor will be done at the outset, beginning this summer; then, after that’s complete, it will move to floors two and three; then four and five. In addition, construction of ORCA, the automated retrieval system, could occur at the same time, independently of the interior work on the library.”

But with a construction project of this magnitude, the adage “no pain, no gain” is apropos, and this is especially true when there is no “swing space”—no areas in which to temporarily store displaced staff, furniture, and library materials during construction.

“If you think of the lower level and first floor, you know that the heart of our operations is in those two places,” DuBois said. “We have an enormous computing facility, when you consider both electronic reference and the Information Commons. When those areas must be closed during construction, we must redeploy those services elsewhere within the building,” entailing some underlying infrastructure changes as well. “We’re anticipating that for the first stage of the move, except for a small temporary circulation desk on first floor, services will be concentrated on the second floor, including service desks for reference, interlibrary loan, media, Link+, and reserve services.

“We won’t know how long those services will remain in temporary locations until we’ve had a chance to meet with the contractor,” he said.

“We want to make this place as hospitable as we can for our students and for the campus community to use. Access will be maintained during construction, but it’s going to be disruptive and there’s going to be inconvenience for our own employees and for our customers. There will be less seating, fewer computers, and no dedicated quiet study area.

“We’re sorry, but we’re working as much as we can to minimize that,” DuBois added, “and at the end of the day there is the promise we all can enjoy a much more functional and attractive library.”

Library East and Horn Center

The remodel also will result in relocation of the Academic Advising Center (AAC), Learning Assistance Center (LAC) and Prebaccalaureate Academic Student Services (PASS) from Library East to the Steve and Nini Horn Center.

“In Library East, the second and third floors are being remodeled into classrooms and faculty offices. This will do a great deal to ease the terribly acute problem that particularly Education and Liberal Arts face with regard to faculty office space,” said Vice Provost David Dowell. “With the departure of the LAC and Academic Advising, the Library East first floor will be a faculty-oriented area with the Academic Senate, the Anatol Center and the College of the Arts dean’s office, all of which will stay. We are planning now to decide which other largely faculty-oriented activities to locate there.”

In seeking a new site for AAC and LAC, “The campus is very interested in improving support for students. One national trend is to conveniently locate services so that students can get academic advising, financial aid advising, enrollment services, learning assistance and access to computers all in one location,” said Dowell. “With Enrollment Services and Financial Aid already located in Brotman Hall, the best place on our campus to locate a one-stop shop for students is in the vicinity of that building. It’s also the heart of campus and along the walkway that the vast majority of students take from the parking lots to anywhere on campus. Most students pass through this area of campus, over the bridge and past Brotman Hall, over Maxson Plaza. It’s the most heavily trafficked spot on campus. The Horn Center is very convenient as a location for key student services.

“These programs literally serve thousands of students each year,” he continued, adding that, “Demand for some of these services has increased dramatically due to the new policy on the Graduate Writing Proficiency Exam.

“The Horn Center is a very nice space,” Dowell remarked, and it also will see improvements, including a student study area with wireless Internet access. “The computer lab will stay the same because there is a tremendous demand for open access computing.

Subsequently, some functions within the Horn Center will return to the library as part of its reorganization as Library and Academic Technology Services (LATS).”

“...This reflects the incorporation of Academic Computing Services, the BeachBoard learning management system, the faculty technology center, the Technology Help Desk, and the Horn Center computing facility into a broader and more comprehensive support system for teaching and learning,” DuBois explained.

Changes This Summer

- Construction staging area in Parking Lot 6.
- Learning Assistance Center, Academic Advising Center and Prebaccalaureate Academic Student Services permanently move from Library East to The Horn Center.
- Several library functions temporarily relocate to library second floor.
- Anatol Center remains open to faculty and staff use only.
- Academic Senate Office remains in current location.

For updated information on service changes and construction progress, visit www.csulb.edu/library.
Law Clamps Down On Hazardous Waste
By Shayne Schroeder

Last year, 24 million computers in the United States were discarded. Only 3.3 million of those got recycled. Hopefully, a recently-enacted law will improve not only those numbers, but the disposal process of other hazardous materials as well.

On Feb. 8, the exemption for universal waste disposal for households in California expired. From that day forward, households were prohibited by law from throwing away anything the state of California deemed universal waste.

The main reason for the new law is because many items used for home maintenance and repair contain toxic chemicals that can be harmful to the environment when disposed of improperly, more specifically when they go directly into landfills. Electronic waste (known as E-waste) often contains lead, copper and other toxic metals that can be harmful to the environment. Commonly used items considered E-waste are computers/computer monitors, televisions, flat screens, scanners, microwave ovens, photocopiers, fax machines, electronic typewriters, calculators, laboratory equipment, video monitors, VCRs, DVD players/recorders, telephones and telecommunications equipment, and audio equipment.

"People have known about this incoming law for a few years," said George Alfaro, an environmental compliance specialist in CSULB's Office of Safety and Risk Management. "It gave time for technology to advance, so that numerous recycling centers could get prepared."

The new law is really focused on individual households, according to Alfaro, who noted that beginning in 2001 large quantity generators of E-waste such as CSULB were required to dispose of such items through recycling.

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Password Security is Her Game
By Richard Manly

In the shadow world of password protection, Psychology's Kim-Phuong Vu is a light in the darkness.

With CSULB since 1999, she is an expert in human factors, an area of science and engineering dealing with designing for human use, with a special interest in proactive password protection.


One area of her research is password usability and security. The use of passwords serves as a window on her interest in human factors. “It could be anything but it happened to be passwords,” she said. “I apply what I have learned about memory and perception in the lab to real life. I want to bridge the gap between basic research and application.”

Even though the computer and the password are new, similar memory problems have been studied for thousands of years. “The techniques we have learned to increase our memory are being applied in a whole new context,” said Vu. “Many users have half a dozen passwords to remember. That’s why the most common password is ‘password.’ The usual solution is to write it down. But how secure is that? Practicality wins. The probability of remembering six passwords is not that great. Half the people who say they never write down their passwords need to have their passwords reset because of forgetting.”

Vu is trying to determine ways to promote the generation of secure and memorable passwords. One method that she examined was writing a sentence that encapsulates the password itself, so that the context of the sentence can provide cues to recall the password. “The problem with this method is that people remember the gist of the sentence and without the specific cues, the password cannot be remembered,” she said.

The average password is easy enough to crack but access to biographical data makes guessing that much easier with favorites being birthdays and children’s names. “My colleagues and I use an easily obtained cracking device called LC4 to crack passwords,” she said. “It sources a dictionary to try words and combinations of words. It often cracks a password without knowing anything about the user. My research says that 60 percent of passwords can be cracked within a few hours, and some in less time than that.”

Proactive password protection demands a requirement of higher or lower case letters, numbers, special characters, etc. The user generates a private password from these elements. The idea is that using these mechanisms makes cracking a password that much harder but her research has found a big trade-off between memorability and security. “The easier to remember a password is, the easier it is to crack,” she said. “The ones that are harder to crack are the ones that are hard to recall and there’s the problem.”

In addition to her bachelor’s degree from CSULB, Vu earned her master’s and Ph.D. (the latter in 2003) from Purdue University. She later served as an assistant professor at CSU Northridge.

The key to future password security is price. The cheaper the security, the more likely it is to be used. “Voice recognition is improving all the time but it is not ready yet,” she said. “The government can afford high-fidelity systems but everyday users cannot.”

There is a lot at risk with an easy-to-crack password. A password can be used to guard a bank account and if that goes, so goes the cash. “A password can guard my grades and breaking in to gain access to my files means the whole class gets A’s,” she said. “If I published corrupted data, my credibility is gone. A company loses money if someone hacks into their system. If a Web site collapses through password security, that is a loss to business. For example, if an airline has a security breach that allows users to change the very rates they charge, they may have to honor those rates. Password security has many implications for the individual and society at large. There are varying degrees of risk. This problem will get more serious as we rely more and more on the Internet.”

Vu believes the password is here to stay. “Fingerprints and retina scans are expensive. Password security is affordable and generally accepted by users, even if it is not the securest form of protection,” she said. “When you ask the typical user if they are interested in recording their fingerprints or retina, they squirm.”

Memory is affected by many things including age and gender but one key is practice. “It is less a matter of not forgetting and more a matter of training yourself to remember,” she said. “Everyone has memory problems, no matter what their age. Memory depends on many factors. For instance, culture has little effect on short-term memory when you take into account factors such as pronunciation rate.”

Japanese Garden Spring Festival

Listen to the music of live taiko drums and koto harp, enjoy a cup of tea, speak with an iris specialist, and stroll the beautiful grounds of the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at CSULB on Sunday, May 7, during its Spring Festival: Art and Performance. The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m., and under and CSULB students.

Friends of the Japanese Garden for adults, $6 for seniors, $5 for members and free for children 12 and under and CSULB students.

For more information, call the Japanese Garden at 562/985-8885.

The Ikenobo Ikebana Club of Long Beach, also will be on hand with its displays of gorgeous flower arrangements which integrate noren, sensu, and uchiwa with flowers.

In addition, individuals can learn different ways to decorate fans using Japanese art forms including sumi ink, calligraphy, and suminagashi, paper marbling.

The Spring Festival is open to the general public without a reservation. Admission is $7 for adults, $6 for seniors, $5 for Friends of the Japanese Garden members and free for children 12 and under and CSULB students.

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STAFF Earning Staff Applause nominations this month are (l-r) Derrick Che and Brian Dunaway Parking Technical Services; Jeraldwine Whistler, Enrollment Services; Isabel Banneles, Network Services; Maria Urrutia, Facilities Management; Robin Ikemi, Computer Science and Engineering; and Walter Gajewski, University Library. Not pictured are Jeff Manis and Paul Bivella, Facilities Management; Gay-Arakawa, Alumni Relations; and Linda Sumpfer, Pat Eaton and Tom Chavez, Academic Affairs.

Tortorici Luna Receives Presidential Award

By Richard Manly

Joanne Tortorici Luna, a member of CSULB’s Educational Psychology, Administration and Counseling Department since 2000, was recently recognized by President George W. Bush as the recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for her work with Move A Child Higher (MACHI), a therapeutic horseback riding program. President Bush gives the award to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over a 12-month period.

Executive Director Joy Rittenhouse, a certified instructor with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA), founded MACHI in 1996. Rittenhouse tapped into her own experience as a polo survivor to use horseback riding as a way to help children with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Rett syndrome, autism, visual, learning, and emotional disabilities. The program is housed in the Hahamonga Watershed Park near Pasadena’s Rose Bowl.

“I didn’t even know I was getting an award,” said Tortorici Luna, an internationally known expert in disaster psychology with a reputation for working with individuals, families and communities in situations of armed conflict. “I went to a holiday get-together for MACHI and I was surprised to hear my name called. I was very honored, flattered and happy to receive the award.”

Tortorici Luna’s interest in MACHI began during a camping trip with her son to the Santa Ynez Valley. “We fell in love with horses on that trip. In addition to riding, we’d get up every day before dawn and go down to the pasture and just hang out with the equines,” she recalled. “I began looking for a way I could combine my interest in horses with my other career activities. I grew up on Long Island when it was still rural enough to have plenty of animals. Then during the seven years I lived in Nicaragua, part of the time as national director of a mental health program for child war survivors, horses were a fact of daily life for work and transportation. But back in the U.S., I became interested in partnering up with horses in a closer, more collaborative way.”

Tortorici Luna has volunteered for everything from grooming and teaching the horses, to side walking and leading with children on horseback. “The children ride bareback and I provide support when it is needed,” she said. “I let them hold themselves up as much as they can. It builds strength, coordination, and confidence. Some progress so far, they can ride with reins and do dressage and vaulting. They all perform in MACHI’s Annual Horse Show.”

Research shows that the horse’s movement, combined with exercises and occupational games, promotes body awareness while affecting balance, strength and postural control. The movement of the horse is transferred by the therapy horse to the pelvis of the rider, thus enabling the building of optimal movement patterns. This can correct abnormal musculature and allow the body to work evenly on both sides. Physical contact, communication, and bonding with the horse also help promote emotional congruence and growth.

Studies support the program.

“The field of therapeutic riding is not well known to the general public. There are those who think it is just pony rides or some kind of touchy-feely magic,” she said. “But there is good, solid research to back up the therapeutic value of guided horseback riding.”

Tortorici Luna received her B.A. in Physical Education from Cal State Los Angeles in 1980, her M.A. in Dance/Movement Therapy in 1986 from UCLA and her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from USC in 1988. In 2004, she received CSULB’s Community Service Award. More information about MACHI is available by calling Rittenhouse at 626/798-1222 or by accessing its Web site at www.moveachildhigher.org.

Tortorici Luna is glad she chose to get involved. “It is as much therapy for me as for the children,” she said. “It has become a wonderful source of satisfaction. Being with horses is a great way to become self-aware and to relax. Horses are ancient and intuitive prey animals. They are expert at reading the cues of what’s going on around them. If I’m grooming a horse and I feel jangled, the horse picks up on it and will let me know with his or her behavior. It is wake-up call to me that I need to take a breath, smile, and enjoy the day.”

“Financial Health” Classes Available

David Harrison, an estate planning attorney in University Relations and Development (UR&D), and Delia Fernandez, a certified financial planner, will be teaching a six-week-long series through May 26, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. in Health and Human Services 1 Bldg. (HHS1), Room 104, with an additional member meeting fee of $20. Registration for current Senior University members is $45 for the “Easy Computer Basics” course and $25 for the “Frugal Computer User” course. For more information or to register, call 562/985-5489.

Become Computer Literate At Senior University

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)-Senior University at CSULB is offering two new courses this spring titled “Easy Computer Basics” and “The Frugal Computer User.” Both are four-week courses beginning on Tuesday, May 9.

The “Easy Computer Basics” course will give the uncomplicated answer to “What is a computer and how does it work?” Students will learn the major parts of the computer and if they are planning to purchase a computer, what they will need.

The course will go through setting up the computer in the home and getting it started.

Individuals taking this course will end up having gained the confidence necessary to move into the world of computers. Taught by Dottie Leach, this class will meet twice a week for two hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays (eight lessons) from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

The “Frugal Computer User” course will lead computer users to find, get, and use free and inexpensive computer software and hardware. The course will cover the Open Source movement, alternate operating systems and alternate application software available for all operating systems. The course, instructed by Wesley Peck, will also cover sources for, and problems with inexpensive hardware. This two-hour class will meet on four Tuesdays from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. beginning May 9.

Class tuition for current Senior University members is $45 for the “Easy Computer Basics” course and $25 for the “Frugal Computer User” course. For non-members there is an additional membership fee of $20. Registration for these classes is now being accepted at CSULB in building HS&D, Room 100. For more information, call 562/985-8237.

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Staff Graduates

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Vincent J. Del Canio, Jr., Geography and Liberal Studies, was the co-organizer (with Mary Gilmarin, University College Dublin), chair, and a panelist on the special session titled "On the Geographies of Health and Sexuality" at the Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual meeting held in March in Chicago. Also, he was the co-organizer and chair of another special session titled "Author Meets Critics: A Critical Engagement with Judith Halberstram’s ‘In a Queer Time and Place,’” also at the AAG.

Tiffany L. Comtois, Academic Advising Center, published an article titled "Using Memory to Become a More Effective Advisor" in the National Academic Advising Association’s (NACADA) Clearinghouse of Academic Advising Resources. This article also will be featured in the May NACADA member Highlights. The article was based on her co-presentation at the 2005 NACADA regional conference titled "Total Recall: Mapping the Mind for Maintaining Memory." The presentation won best of region and was invited to be presented a second time at the National Conference held in Las Vegas last October.

James Davis, Kinesiology, published a refereed article titled "Exercise test mode dependency for ventilatory efficiency in women but not men" in the March issue of Clinical Physiology and Functional Imaging.

Boak Ferris, English and Comparative World Literature and Classics, has had his article, "Symmetry, Film Structure, and Humor in Billy Wilder’s Some Like It Hot," published in Genre, Vol. 25, 2005, Film, Ideology, and Culture, released in March. In addition, he presented a paper titled "The Collected Episodes of Gilgamesh, Epic or Gospel?" at the 41st Annual Comparative Literature Conference held at CSULB on March 10.

Steve Fleck, Romance/German/Russian Languages and Literatures, gave a conference paper March 17 at the Centre International de Rencontres sur le Dix-septième Siècle in Kiel, Germany, titled "Représentation et spectacle dans les comédies-ballets: de la représentation du monde à la création du spectacle total." Since January he has been editor-in-chief of the journal Cahiers du Dix-septième Siècle. He also published a book review of Le Jeu de Dom Juan by Giovanni Dotti in Papers on Seventeenth Century French Literature.

Robert Friis, Health Science, was appointed in April to the state’s Medication Errors Panel. The Medication Errors Panel recommends improvements, additions, or changes to be constructed and implemented for the significant improvement of the health care system by reducing errors associated with the delivery of prescription and over-the-counter medications to consumers.


Keung L. Luke, Physics and Astronomy, presented two invited seminars on solar-energy related topics to the Physics Department at Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt on March 7. Also, he has been nominated by the Board of Faculty of Science, Cairo University, as an examiner for a Ph.D. thesis.

Joanne Tortoreci Luna, Educational Psychology, Administration and Counseling, recently published a juried chapter titled "Look, Teacher, the Birds Are On Fire! Collaboratively Assessing and Stabilizing Schools After Large-Scale Terrorist Attacks" in Advances in Psychology Research, Vol. 38.

Ingrid Martin, Marketing, was elected chair of the Marketing and Society Special Interest Group through the American Marketing Association for 2006-07. MAS SIG sponsors the annual Marketing and Public Policy Conference to be held in 2006 in Long Beach.

Jae Shim, Accountancy, recently saw the publication of two new books, including the fourth edition of the Dictionary of Accounting Terms and the fourth edition of the Accounting Handbook, both for Barron’s.

Ramesh Toma, Family and Consumer Sciences, was the guest speaker on "Nutrition and Health" at Boeing International in Seal Beach, March 22. Also, he is the recipient of CSULB’s College of Health and Human Services Community Service Award.

Julie Van Camp, Philosophy, read a paper titled "Doing Art with a Bang: Guns and Ammunition as Artistic Material," at the American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Meetings held in Pacific Grove on March 29. At the American Philosophical Association Pacific Meetings in Portland, she chaired a session on "Feminism’s Impact on Men" on March 23 and organized two invited author-meets-critic sessions as a member of the program committee. As program chair for the Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts, she organized two sessions for meetings in Portland, March 24-25. In addition, she refereed a book proposal on cultural property for Blackswells, a book manuscript on aesthetics for Oxford University Press and an article on computer security for the Information Handbook published by John Wiley.

Terry Witkowski, Marketing, gave an invited presentation, "The Methodology behind the Madness of Marketing History," at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. on April 7.

Jessica Zacher, Teacher Education and Liberal Studies, was awarded in April an honorable mention for the 2006 Division G Dissertation Award Competition from the American Educational Research Association for her dissertation titled “It’s not the color of their skin: Identity politics, literacy practices and multicultural curricula in an urban fifth grade classroom.”

WEBB'S LATEST BOOK OF POEMS, Amplified Dog, winner of the $3,000 Benjamin Saltman Prize, has just been published by Los Angeles-based Red Hen Press. "Red Hen is a highly energetic press that is making a big splash in the world of poetry,” stated Webb. The same could be said for Webb’s poems. “I’ve admired the warm weirdness and eccentric brilliance of Charles Harper Webb’s poems for many years,” said National Book Award winner B.H. Fairchild. (The title poem of this collection, for instance, describes what happens when, over a loudspeaker, a dog begins to bark uncomfortable truths to humankind.) “There’s always a freshness and generosity to the poems of Charles Harper Webb,” said celebrated poet Tony Hoagland. “They convince us of the healing powers of language and imagination.” Webb hopes that his poems will give readers greater understanding and enjoyment of their lives.”I want to make the world seem new,” he says.”I want to present a series of visions and images which readers may not have encountered before, but which they recognize as strangely familiar–and ultimately, life-affirming.” Winner of the 1997 Morse Prize for Reading the Water and the 1999 Felix Pollak Prize for Lyrical, Webb’s other books include Tulip Farms and Leper Colonies (BOA, 2001) and Hot Popsicles (University of Wisconsin Press, 2005). His Stand Up Poetry: An Expanded Anthology is used in college classrooms across the country. Recipient of the Kate Tufts Discovery Award from Claremont Graduate University, as well as major fellowships from the Whiting and Guggenheim Foundations, Webb earned his Ph.D. in counseling psychology and his M.F.A. in professional writing from USC, his M.A. from the University of Washington, and his bachelor’s degree from Rice University. He joined CSULB in 1984.
May 1 - 4
Panellist Exhibition (design event), 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Design Student Gallery. For information, call 562/985-5089.

Tuesday, May 2
Baseball vs. Pepperdine, 6:30 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Department of English presents Second Year MFA Reading, 7 p.m., Library, 5th floor, main room. For information, call 562/985-4223.

Percussion Ensemble, directed by David Gerhart, 8 p.m., Daniel Recital Hall. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

Wednesday, May 3
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Seminar: Sheila Dave, University of Utah, “Dare to Repair: From Chemistry to Cancer,” 4 p.m., Science LB 49. For information, call 562/985-562.

Piano Showcase, directed by Dr. Shun-Lin Chou, 4 p.m., Daniel Recital Hall. For information/tickets, call 562/985-562.

Monday, May 8
Music Theatre Guild presents “Lil’ Abner” (stag ed reading), 7:30 p.m., Carpenter Center. For information/tickets, call 562/985-1899.

Tuesday, May 9
Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount, 6:30 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Alumni Awards Banquet, 5:30 p.m. For information and reservations, call 562/985-7199.

Wednesday, May 10
International Brown Bag Presentation: Aazatul Kudaishegenova, Comparative World Literature and Classics: “Kyrgyzstan: Land of Mountains,” noon-1:15 p.m., Multicultural Center Conference Room (F03-082). Open to everyone. For information, contact Linda Olson Ley at 562/985-8440.

Faculty Supper Club (tentative): Kris Zentgraf, Department of Sociology, guest speaker, 5-7 p.m. (for faculty only), President Alexander’s home. For information/to RSVP (By May 5), contact Rachel Brophy at 562/985-4546.

May 10 - 11
Club Carpenter Cabaret presents Layv Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, dinner at 6 p.m., cabaret at 7 p.m., Carpenter Center. For information and reservations, call 562/985-7000.

Thursday, May 11
CSULB Staff Council presents Campus Tours and Lunch ‘n Learn: Central Plant Tour (a behind-the-scenes tour of the university Central Plant), noon-1 p.m., Central Plant yard (near the East Campus Drive turnaround). Limit of 40. For information/to register, contact Nancy Green at 562/985-7541.

Friday, May 12
Basketball vs. UC Santa Barbara, 6:30 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Family and Consumer Sciences Fashion Show, 7 p.m., Carpenter Center. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4404.

Saturday, May 13
Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara, 2 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Caribbean Extravaganza, directed by Dave Gerhart, 8 p.m., Carpenter Center. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

Sunday, May 14
Baseball vs. UC Santa Barbara, 1 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

49er Chorus and Women’s Chorus, conducted by Julie Ramsey and Leland Vail, 8 p.m., Daniel Recital Hall. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

Tuesday, May 16
Faculty Artistic Reception, 8 p.m., Daniel Recital Hall. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

May 18 - 19
South Coast Chorale presents “Out Doors,” 8 p.m., Carpenter Center. For information/tickets, call 562/439-4019, For tickets, call 562/985-7000.

May 19 - 20
Student Filmmaker Showcase, the annual showcase of the best and brightest films made by CSULB student filmmakers, University Theatre. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

Sunday, May 21
Long Beach Community Concert Association presents Radio Days featuring “Five By Design,” 2 p.m., Carpenter Center. For information/tickets, call 562/985-7000.

Baseball vs. CSU Fullerton, 6:30 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Tuesday, May 23
Other Lifelong Learning Institute at CSULB – Senior University presents “Gidget Comes to The Beach,” Kathy Kohnen Zuckerman, “The Real Gidget,” reminisces and signs her book, 1:15-2:45 p.m., HS&D 101. For information/to RSVP, contact Barbara McClinton at 562/985-8732.

May 23 - 26
Interior Design presents Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Design Student Gallery. For information, call 562/985-5089.

Saturday, May 27
Baseball vs. CSU Fullerton, 6:30 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.

Sunday, May 28
Basketball vs. Pepperdine, 1 p.m., Blair Field. For information/tickets, call 562/985-4949.