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THE FRIDAY BULLETIN

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El Nino Watch

Campus Officials Keeping in Close Contact with City

The weather pattern that could produce more than 300 percent of the normal rainfall this season is why CSUSB officials are alerting students, faculty and staff of the potential for flash flooding around the university this winter as California braces for El Nino.

Information provided to the campus by the American Red Cross indicates that floods are the number one weather-related killer. Eighty percent of flood deaths occur in vehicles and most happen when drivers make the mistake of trying to navigate through flood waters.

"Just six inches of rapidly moving flood water can knock a person down," the Red Cross reports. "A mere two feet of water can float a large vehicle -- even a bus."

While the campus is not in a flood zone per se, many areas around it are (see the Federal Emergency Management Agency map). The Red Cross urges avoidance of areas that are subject to flooding. If your car stalls, the agency says, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Many deaths have resulted from attempts to move stalled vehicles.

The campus's Emergency Operations Center, under the direction of public safety Chief Dennis Kraus, has held planning meetings anticipating El Nino. The city of San Bernardino has coordinated several meetings of disaster-relief and public agencies since the rain-related mudslide in the Del Rosa area on Oct. 7.

Cal State's public safety officials continue to stay abreast of city disaster preparedness planning and the university will coordinate public information efforts with the city as necessary.

"This could include a notice of where to call for weather-related information posted on the electronic marquee on campus, a broadcast voice mail message on all campus phones, if the routine of the university is disrupted due to weather, and a posting on campuswide e-mail," notes Cindi Pringle, director of public affairs, who has attended the city's public information meetings.

Comm Student Makes Talk Easier for Teens

Is small talk even worthwhile when you're meeting people at a party?

The often unnerving, always tricky job of getting to know people has been the research project of Cal State communications major Alicia Johnson, who has taken her study and experience and fashioned a practical workshop from them.

"I know that small talk can be effective and that's why I use it," says Johnson, whose ideas have come, in part, from her church experiences. Because "there's breadth and depth in a person," she explains, asking questions to gather information from someone is a key in getting to know that person.

Basic information that's listened to, she adds, fuels conversation.

Johnson first ran the program at her church's national conference this past July. At the Church of God meeting, she held a two-and-one-half-hour workshop, which was attended by about 300 13-23-year-olds. The program, originally developed to address needs in church youth programs, gives young people tips on getting acquainted, how to develop and maintain close relationships and how to deal with rumors. Johnson also talks in her workshop about how to begin and end a conversation.

"If you master the program," says the Oak Hills resident, "you can be at a cocktail party with the president of the United States and feel comfortable."

Born in Upland and raised in the high desert, she attends the First Church of Evening Light Saints. She has proposed conducting her workshop at other area churches.

Fall Music Season Ends with Four Concerts in Week

The popular composition "Gloria" will be one of the pieces performed during a holiday concert that will close the fall music season at Cal State, which will put on four concerts during the first week of December.

The CSUSB Jazz Ensemble opens the series of performances Dec. 1 at 8:15 p.m. CSUSB jazz instructor Andy Cleaves will be directing. Among the standards the band will play will be "Take the 'A' Train" and "My Romance" arranged by Mark Taylor, "Wind Machine" and "Witchcraft" arranged by Sammy Nestico and "Stolen Moments" arranged by Paul Jennings. The Serano High School Jazz Ensemble from Phelan will open the show for the CSUSB group.

It's been 100 years since the death of Johannes Brahms, 150 years since the death of Felix Mendelssohn and 200 years since the birth of Franz Schubert and the CSUSB Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Chamber Orchestra will celebrate these anniversaries Dec. 3. They'll perform Schubert's Mass in G, Mendelssohn's motet, "Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt," and Brahms' motet for choir and organ, "Las dich nur nicht nichts dauren," Op. 30. The sacred works are considered some of the nineteenth century's best compositions. Music professors Tamara Harsh and Rob Dunham are the evening's conductors.

Dunham returns to conduct on Dec. 5 when the CSUSB Symphonic Band performs. The 8:15 p.m. performance includes Bernstein's "Overture to Candide" and Vaughan Williams' "Folk Song Suite."

The Dec. 7 holiday concert, conducted by Harsh, features the Inland Empire-CSUSB Symphonic Choir. Besides John Rutter's "Gloria," the group also will sing the "Christmas Cantata" by American composer Daniel Pinkham, "Shirei Shabbat" or "Sabbath Songs" by Theodore Morrison and the work by local composer John Browning, "Three Carols." The concert kicks off the choir's third season. The choir is a campus-community chorus that performs regularly at Cal State and with the San Bernardino Symphony.

The cost per concert, each of which are in the Recital hall, is \$5 for general admission and \$3 for faculty, staff, students, CSUSB alumni and senior citizens.

The Bulletin Board

Green Skies

What does the Inland Empire's economy look like? Area money experts will talk about taking advantage of the economic recovery at the 11th Annual Economic Forecast Breakfast on Dec. 5.

The featured speakers are Howard Roth, vice president and senior economist for the Bank of America, Lee Redmond, senior vice president of real estate at Kaiser Ventures, Inc., and Deborah Acker, director of tourism and regional development for the Ontario Convention and Visitors Authority. Also speaking will be Noel Keen, the acting director for the UCR Biotechnology Center and Inland Empire Technology Consortium and Jerry Engen, vice president and development director for the Mills Corporation. Registration is \$15 for faculty and staff. Call extended education at Ext. 5977. The breakfast is sponsored by several area financial institutions and hospitals, including Arrowhead Central Credit Union and the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Mr. Advice

Out of the mouth of chemistry professor Dennis Pederson has come an extraordinary share of wisdom and effort, qualities which have earned him this year's outstanding academic advisor award. At a reception honoring him and several nominees, Pederson received a designated parking space and \$500 to use for conference and travel expenses. Students and peers also had nominated Richard Fehn from biology, Patricia Little from sociology, Mo Vaziri from accounting and finance and Marilyn McShane of criminal justice.

The Plant on the Web

Work requests for physical plant can now be made on-line through the department's home page, which is at <http://facilities.csusb.edu:90>. The address for requests is <http://facilities.csusb.edu/REQUEST>. Physical plant will review the request and convert it into a work order. A requestor will then receive by e-mail a work order number and any other pertinent information. To get to the home page go to the CSUSB home page/administrative divisions/admistration and finance/physical plant. You also can e-mail at workreq@wiley.csusb.edu. Or, if you still prefer the old-fashioned way, call the department at Ext. 5175.

Personnel

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Jerry Monahan (Purchasing) and his wife, Beverly, on the birth of their second child, Jeremy Hoyt. He was born Nov. 5 at Kaiser in Riverside and weighed 6 1/2 pounds and was 20 inches long at birth.

Community Service

Cheryl Riggs (History) talked about who built Egyptian Pyramids and why and how were they built to a history class at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School on Nov. 20.

Tom M. Rivera (Undergraduate Studies) participated as a reader for the U.S. Department of Education during the week of Nov. 16-21, when he evaluated applications submitted for funding under the Educational Opportunity Centers, Grants Program.

Thank You ...

... From Elaine Sanchez (Upward Bound) and David Prado (Custodial Services). "We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our campus friends who sent beautiful cards and warm condolences after our father's recent death. "

Calendar

Monday, Dec. 1

Music.

CSUSB Jazz Ensemble. Andy Cleaves, director. 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, faculty, staff, CSUSB alumni, students and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Music.

CSUSB Concert Choir and CSUSB Chamber Orchestra. Tamara Harsh and Rob Dunham, directors. Schubert's "Mass in G," Mendelssohn's "Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt," and works by Johannes Brahms. 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, faculty, staff, students, CSUSB alumni and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

Friday, Dec. 5

Music.

CSUSB Symphonic Band. Rob Dunham, conductor. 8:15 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, faculty, staff, students, CSUSB alumni and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Music.

Holiday concert with brass featuring the Inland Empire-CSUSB Symphonic Choir. Rutter's "Gloria," Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata," Morrison's "Shirei Shabbat" or "Sabbath Songs," and Browning's "Three Carols." 4 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, faculty, staff, students, CSUSB alumni and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

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