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THE FRIDAY BULLETIN

News for Faculty and Staff of Cal State, San Bernardino

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Holiday Greeting from Ai and Marilyn Karnig

"As we near the middle of our school year at Cal State, we'd like to express our appreciation to the university community for the guidance and support we've received. With the new emphasis on decentralizing budgets and decision-making, high levels of participation and support are essential -- and you've given both.

Marilyn and I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season. And we hope the winter break brings you renewal."

Robinson's Life Celebrated in Scholarship

by Cynthia Pringle
public affairs director

A scholarship honoring J.C. Robinson, one of the university's pioneering members whose life was taken in an automobile accident Dec. 11, is being established through the Association of Latino Faculty, Staff and Students, of which he was president-elect.

"J.C. was always extremely supportive of students and clearly understood the value and importance of education, therefore, this is quite a fitting tribute," remarked William Aguilar, a past president of ALFSS. Robinson was 58 and in his 28th year at Cal State.

A native of Colombia, Robinson was a professor of history and specialist in Latin American issues. In 1981 he was named associate vice president for academic personnel, directing recruitment of new faculty and evaluating existing faculty. He served as one of the campus's officers for affirmative action and helped to write and oversee the university's policy on sexual harassment.

"In many ways he was the epitome of the university. He performed a number of profoundly important roles," university President Albert Karnig said. "He was the type of person who served as a role model and a mentor." And "he was about as alive as anyone could be. He had a sharp wit," Karnig said. "He was irreverent, and direct in terms of what he said. And he had a wonderful, wonderful sense of humor."

Robinson is survived by his wife, Margaret (Peggy) Atwell, an administrator at CSU Fullerton and formerly a member of the College of Education faculty at CSUSB. He has two grown children, Lisa and Hilton.

Contributors to the scholarship fund can send their gifts to the attention of Mary Moya, president, ALFSS, in the Office of University Advancement. Checks should be made payable to the CSUSB Foundation. "The first scholarship will be awarded in April '99 and, with support, it may be possible to endow this scholarship," Aguilar added. More information is available from advancement at Ext. 5006.

NSF Project Recruits Computer Scientists

A \$1.01 million grant from the National Science Foundation is helping Cal State computer science faculty establish a Research Career Integration Program designed to help disadvantaged students pursue careers in computer science.

The five-year NSF award is the first given to a California university and is a testament to the quality of the faculty and the academic program at Cal State, notes Sid Kushner, director of sponsored programs. Typically only three to four awards of this type are made each year.

Known as the Minority Institutions Infrastructure program, the project will recruit students with particular emphasis on minorities, women and the physically challenged, states Yasha Karant, associate professor of computer science and director for the university's Institute for Applied Supercomputing. Participants will be "recruited with \$3,000 stipends to create pipelines with the goal of building a better racially and ethnically balanced technology enterprise for the nation," says Karant, noting that, "As a member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities we hope to serve as a model for other universities to help disadvantaged students in this rapidly expanding field."

Karant expects research efforts to concentrate on distributed high performance concurrent computing, intelligent agents, visualization, high throughout networks, data stores and software engineering. He is the principal author of the grant. Other Cal State computer science faculty involved include Kerstin Voigt, Josephine Mendoza, Owen Murphy and Arturo Concepcion.

Ancient Flower Power

Berdan, Maynard Examine Aztec Super-glue

An amazingly strong adhesive that the ancient Aztecs derived from orchids and that still holds its properties to date is being analyzed by Cal State anthropologist Frances Berdan and chemist David Maynard.

The BBC has invited the two scholars to Mexico to talk about their work for a documentary. Berdan is an internationally known expert on the Aztec culture.

Her and Maynard's collaboration on archaeological materials also may lead to their involvement in a large interdisciplinary study in Turkey. The study will focus on the lifestyles of pirates who pre-date the days of Julius Caesar.

The Bulletin Board

Budget Decision Announcement

President Karnig will announce his budget picks during a Jan. 12 meeting in the Sycamore Room. All are welcome to the 10 a.m.-noon meeting.

Friday Bulletin Winter Schedule

This schedule is published for those wishing to submit story ideas or other campus-related information for possible publication in The Friday Bulletin.

Generally, story ideas submitted for consideration by the Public Affairs Office should be sent at least three weeks before a target publication date. Submissions for such short items as community service or birth announcements are due 10 days before a publication. Check the schedule for any variations.

Submission Deadline	Publication Date
Jan. 5	Jan. 15
Jan. 19	Jan. 29
Feb. 2	Feb. 12
Feb. 16	Feb. 26
Mar. 2	Mar. 12
Mar. 16	Mar. 26

Personnel

Thank You

... From Tina Schumacher (Physical Planning and Development): "My ninth-month-old daughter, Carson Rae Schumacher, had open heart surgery on Oct. 22 and I needed to be with her during recovery. I would not have been able to do that without the support of my co-workers. I could not believe the response and how many people (even people I don't personally know) were so willing to give to me their sick and vacation time. I cannot find the words to tell everyone how much my husband and I appreciate their generosity and kindness.

... By the way, Carson is doing great! Her surgery was very successful and she is fully recovered."

Community Service

Leo Connolly (Physics) gave a talk Oct. 1 at the Starry Nights Festival presented by the town of Yucca Valley and the Western Region of the Astronomical League, "Planets Around Other Stars." About 200 amateur astronomers and members of the community attended. Last August he presented a talk to the Riverside Astronomical Society called, "Life From Mars," a discussion of a modified theory of panspermia in which life begins on Earth after being "seeded" from another world, in this case, Mars. Finally, Connolly talked on Nov. 13 to a combined group of the Astronomical Society of the Desert from Palm Desert and physics and astronomy students from the Coachella Valley Campus and the College of the Desert. His talk was on "Planets Outside Our Solar System."

Calendar

Through March 20

Art Show

Collections of Ancient Egyptian art, Etruscan and South Italian pottery, Asian ceramics and African art. Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum. Museum hours: Tuesday, Wednesday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday 1-7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday noon-5 p.m.; closed Mondays and Jan. 18. Free. Ext. 7373.

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Friday, Jan. 15

Women's Basketball

U.C. Davis, 5:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball

U.C. Davis, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Women's Basketball

Chico State, 5:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Chico State, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Women's Basketball

U.C. Riverside, 5:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball

U.C. Riverside, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Education Job Fair

Some 70 school districts from throughout California offering regular teaching posts in grades K-12, as well as positions in special and bilingual education, counseling and administration. Noon-4 p.m., Coussoulis Arena. Sponsored by Career Development Center. Free. Ext. 5250.

(All sports contests listed are home games.)

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