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A $2.7 million gift of computer software, known as Oracle, is being given to the CSUSB Information and Decision Sciences Department.

The gift, which comes from the Oracle Corp. in Redwoodshores, CA, is the result of a proposal written by Professor Frank Lin.

"He did an outstanding job of preparing the proposal," said Eldon Lewis, acting dean (School of Business and Public Administration). This May Lin will represent the university at an MBA meeting in Hong Kong.

THE HOMECOMING

The March 2 Homecoming celebration brought 900 diners to a pre-game barbecue—250 of them alumni, 2,473 fans to Coussoulis Arena and more cheers than could be counted. It was historic, because the arena broke the attendance record by a thousand. It was fun, despite the game's final score that read, U.C. Riverside 76, 'Votes 72. It was An Event.

So now a "thank you" from Pam Langford and Jamie Keler, Homecoming committee chairs, "to the many alumni, faculty, staff, students and departments that contributed their time, talents and support for a very successful Homecoming '96." And to the Homecoming '96 Planning Committee: Curt Asey, Patrick Areffi, Tami Bakewell, Kelly Bray, Carol Dixon, Al Garrett, Randy Hareli, Nick Nazarian, Linda Norman, Shannon Stratton and Rollie Tripp.

RIDESHARE PROGRAM WINS SANBAG AWARD

Cal State has been honored by the Commuter Assistance Program of the San Bernardino Associated Governments' council (SANBAG) for the "most improved vehicle ridership" for 1995. Deidre Seitz, coordinator (Rideshare), accepted the award on behalf of the university, which edged out other large employers like Kaiser Permanente and the City of San Bernardino, for the distinction. "This isn't," said Seitz, "would not have been attainable if it were not for the dedication of the employees involved in this program."

The university had more people sharing vehicle ridership that any other large employer in the SANBAG area, reports Dennis Kraus (Public Safety).
U.S. ARMY BAND, CHORUS
COMING FROM D.C. TO PERFORM CLASSICS

The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus will take a bow March 28 at Cal State as the 100-member troupe travels from Washington, D.C. on its 50th anniversary tour.

Jazz, pop, patriotic songs and Broadway show tunes are on the program for the 7 p.m. show. Suitable for all ages, the performance is free with the presentation of a show ticket. Tickets can be obtained from the Associated Students box office located in the Cal State Student Union. Cal Ext. 7360 for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr. Frances Berdan (Anthropology) spoke to the San Bernardino Host Lion's Club on Feb. 1 about “Ar plain Daily Life.”

Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum (Social and Behavioral Sciences) has given several talks about the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing. The talks focused on the conference themes of equality, development and peace. She spoke to the San Bernardino Chapter of the Business and Professional Women on Dec. 19, the Redlands Jewish Community Club on Jan. 21, the High Twelve Club in Riverside on Feb. 2, and the American Business Women's Association in San Bernardino on Feb. 14.

ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE HUNTS NOMINEES

And the distinguished alumni award goes to...

Know a Cal State graduate who has "made it" in their chosen career? Does he or she stand out in their service to the community? To the university?

Then now is the time to nominate that alum for the Alumni Association’s 1996 Distinguished Alumni Award. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Alumni Affairs Office.

Also taking nominations for openings on the alumni board is the Alumni Association Leadership Development Committee.

It's a good way, says the alumni office, to do something meaningful for the university for a CSI/BB graduate who's been seeking an opportunity. The committee is looking for those with leadership abilities who can serve a two-year term, and who see themselves as an agent of change.

Call Pam Langford at Ext. 5098, stop by her office in AD-104, or e-mail her at "alumni."