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Sumida, CSUSB Students Meet T-rex in Windy City
by Cynthia Pringle
public affairs director

Four Cal State, San Bernardino students left July 5 for Chicago to begin work on restoration of the largest Tyrannosaurus rex ever found as part of The California State University's contribution to a consortium that includes McDonald's Corporation, the Walt Disney Corporation and Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History (FMNH), which purchased the remains for $8.4 million from the federal government last September.

The students, who are the only current CSU representatives, will be working under the tutelage of Stuart Sumida, a paleontologist and associate professor of biology at Cal State. They'll assist with cleanup and preparation of the 65-million-year-old fossil, nicknamed "Sue." It is the best-preserved, largest and most mature T-rex ever discovered. Accompanying Sumida are James Walliser, a graduate student in biology and resident of San Bernardino; John Tometich, an alumnus of CSUSB from Fontana; Heidi Cruz, an undergraduate student in biology who resides in Crestline; and Bronwyn Weis, a recent biology graduate of Cal State, San Bernardino and resident of Colton.

"Much of the preparation of the skeleton will be done on public display in Chicago as well as at Walt Disney World in Florida, so the students will be very much in the public's eye," said Sumida, who will be traveling to Chicago periodically to oversee their work with scientists at FMNH. The students also will assist with interpretive work in English and other languages through August 15.

Sumida, of Riverside, is serving as The CSU's project manager and will select additional students from throughout The California State University system, some of whom will cooperate in the mounting and display of Sue, which is targeted for completion in 2000.

A research associate at FMNH, stemming from his teaching and research at the University of Chicago from 1988-92, Sumida has engaged other California colleagues in the project. Elizabeth Rega, a former CSUSB lecturer now with the Claremont Colleges Joint Science Department, has provided interpretation of some of the ancient diseases that the T-rex might have suffered. Additionally, Kathleen Devlin, a part-time faculty member in the Cal State department of computer sciences, has been instrumental in helping to design the strategy for an Internet site on the project for The CSU and FMNH.

Sumida, who earned his Ph.D. at UCLA, also serves as a consultant to the Walt Disney Corporation on anatomical topics for many of their animated films. He said the consortium is
"working feverishly" to unveil the articulated skeleton for millennium celebrations in which the public can view the 45-foot long remnants.

"The skull alone is more than five-feet long and weighs more than a ton. The preserved teeth are up to a foot long and still have their serrated, steak-knife-like edges," he said. "Sue almost certainly is female, as determined by structures of her hip and tail, and is more than 14-feet tall at her hips." With more than 90 percent of the remains intact, the fossil's parts that are missing are represented by complementary portions from the other side of the skeleton, Sumida said.

The fossil was discovered in 1990 on federal land in South Dakota and was seized by the U.S. government, which auctioned the specimen in order to settle disputes over ownership.

$60,000 Ford Scholarship Sends Math Major to Berkeley

by Rachel Antrobus
student intern

A $60,000 Ford Foundation Fellowship is sending Francisco Rios, a Montclair-born student at Cal State, San Bernardino, to UC Berkeley, where he'll begin work on his Ph.D.

The 27-year-old heads for Berkeley this fall and is one of 50 minority applicants nationwide selected in a competitive process that saw about 1,500 students apply. Rios will receive more than $20,000 a year for three years in tuition and living expenses. Berkeley offered Rios an additional two years of funding beyond the Ford Foundation's three-year program.

While he was born in Montclair, Rios spent most of his childhood in Mexico. For a few years he returned to the United States, where he finished high school and began college. Circumstances, however, led him back to Mexico. There, he attended the University of Guadalajara as a physics student and then returned to California in 1995 as a math graduate student at Cal State.

"I find math far more formal and precise than any other subject," says Rios, adding that in math "there's a reason for everything." He was somewhat surprised that he was selected for a fellowship, but thinks that his 4.0 GPA helped "tip the scales" for him.

"I wanted to stay in California because I like the diversity of the people," he says. "California is a good mixture of Mexico and the United States."

The Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships are given only to students entering research-based doctoral programs that lay the groundwork for careers in teaching and research in higher education. The behavioral and social sciences, humanities, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences and life sciences are the areas the Ford Foundation targets for the award.

CSUSB graduate student Sharon Newman-Gomez of the high desert also received a fellowship and will attend U.C. Riverside.

What's Hot and Cool and Short and Long?

The July heat means it's time to head outdoors and catch some cool sounds as the Summer Entertainment Series opens at CSUSB with an abbreviated three-week version ... and hasn't it
seemed like a long while since we last heard music bouncing around the Lower Commons Plaza? Sure it has. But after a one-year hiatus, the music is back.

The familiar and popular Latin Society opens the series July 15 when it plays its blend of Latin-flavored rock oldies and jazz tunes. Currently with 12 members, the band was formed 27 years ago by leader and bassist Moe Estevene. The group has performed many times at CSUSB's concert series, as well as at the Riverside "Market Night" and the Orange Blossom Festival.

On July 22 jazz trumpeter Andy Cleaves performs with the Summertime Big Band. Cleaves has played for such musical and television shows as "Solid Gold" with Natalie Cole, L.A. Law," "The Arsenio Hall Show" with En Vogue and "Jesus at the Roxy" featuring Phillip Bailey, Denice Williams and other artists. He's also recorded, arranged or performed with such artists as Patti Labelle, The Winans and Teena Marie.

Country western band Appaloosa closes the short series July 29. All of Appaloosa's members have performed on national tours with various recording artists and some have played with such groups as the Buckaroos and the Dakotas. Lead vocalist Mike Cody is now working on a CD of original songs.

The free Wednesday concerts begin at 7 p.m. Parking is $1.50; concert goers can purchase parking passes from the yellow dispenser machine and park in lot D. Held in the Lower Commons Plaza, the concerts are outdoors, where listeners can spread blankets and set out lawn chairs and picnic baskets.

**The Bulletin Board**

**Geographer Lands Award**

Jenny Zorn, an associate professor of geography at Cal State, is the recipient of the 1998 Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award from the National Council for Geographic Education. She is one of nine university professors from the U.S. and Canada to be singled out for the award, which also recognizes 46 K-12 teachers this year. Honorees are nominated by colleagues and chosen by judging panels at the appropriate instructional level.

Zorn, a Highland resident and former Sidney, OH, native, has been with CSUSB since 1989. She also serves as the associate dean for the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She will receive her award officially from the National Council for Geographic Education in October.

**Calendar**

**Wednesday, July 15**

**Music.**

Summer Entertainment Series opens with The Latin Society performing jazz and rock oldies with extra spice. 7 p.m., Lower Commons Plaza. Free. Parking pass $1.50. Ext. 7201.

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