Saudi Officials, CSUSB Agree to Faculty-Student Exchange
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The Saudi Arabian Minister of Higher Education, H.E. Dr. Khalid Al-Ankary, and several Saudi university presidents are among a 27-member delegation from that country who visited Cal State June 1. The delegation and the university signed a memorandum of cooperation to establish a faculty and student exchange program that will promote international team teaching, among other efforts.

Signing a memorandum of cooperation with each of four Saudi universities, President Karnig said, "This is exactly the kind of international partnership activity we envisioned as we put together the university’s strategic plan, and created a new International Institute. Our plan emphasizes academic activities that will build skills for the 21st century global citizen."

Cal State is the only CSU campus that the delegation visited during its two-week tour through America, in large measure due to relationships forged by political science professor, Ralph Salmi. An expert on the Middle East and currently the executive director of the California Committee on US-Arab Relations, Salmi traveled to Saudi Arabia last December in his efforts to enhance that already strong relationship between Saudi Arabia and America.

“They, like we, are interested in a mutually beneficial relationship in which both sides can gain from student and scholar exchanges as outlined in this historic exchange agreement,” Salmi said.

The delegation spent a half-day at Cal State meeting to discuss the financing of public education, how academic programs are designed to meet needs in the workplace and how university research can be applied to industry. Specific focus was given to programs in medical science, engineering and science, and the humanities and social sciences.

The next day the delegation met with CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and signed an agreement with The CSU system as well. Prior to arriving at Cal State, the Saudi group visited Georgetown, Harvard, MIT, the University of Michigan, Northwestern and the University of Arkansas. They’ll also tour UCLA, Berkeley and Stanford before going on to Canada.

Cal State also has active partnerships with universities in Germany and Japan and is working to solidify agreements with institutions in Korea, Mexico and Taiwan.

Kid Chase, Paper Chase
Daughter, Mother Celebrate Determination as much as Diploma
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The sacrifices Cynthia Schmidt’s mother made for her and her five brothers were marked...
when the two Hesperia residents strode down the floor together during their June 19
Commencement.

“For me,” says Schmidt, “it’s a celebration of her accomplishments as a student, but also as a
mother. It shows her determination to encourage her children.”

Both liberal studies majors graduating with bachelor’s degrees at a 6 p.m. ceremony in the
university’s Coussoulis Arena, Schmidt, 31, and her mother, Catherine Heywood, 54, have taken
many of their Cal State courses together, and it was Schmidt’s mother who convinced her daughter to
return to school. “So it’s made my college education more fun, more meaningful,” says Schmidt.
“She’s my best friend.”

Heywood worked on her degree for about 10 years, taking a quarter off here and there when
family needs increased. Meanwhile, she also worked outside the home.

Schmidt’s mother decided to walk at Commencement only after Schmidt told her how much
it would mean for both of them to receive their diplomas together. But the strains of “Pomp and
Circumstance” have never been alluring enough. “She’s taught me how to set my priorities,” Schmidt
explains. “She’s always said to put my children first, my education second.” Today, all of Schmidt’s
brothers are pursuing an education.

**Ruml Heads for Renaissance by Way of Yale**

English professor Ted Ruml has been selected from a national applicant pool to attend one of
23 summer study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Ruml will participate in a summer seminar, The Twentieth-Century Bible: The Death and
Return of the Author. The six-week program will be held at Yale University and be directed by
Professor Leslie Brisman.

The 12 instructors chosen to participate in the program each will receive a stipend of $3,700
to cover travel, study and living expenses.

NEH is a federal agency that supports each summer seminars and institutes at colleges and
universities so that faculty can work in collaboration and study with experts in humanities disciplines.
Topics for the 23 seminars and institutes offered for college and university professors this summer
include literature from the Renaissance to modern drama and history from Roman Egypt through the
civil rights movement of the ’60s as well as philosophy, art history and Black Film Studies. More than
400 faculty will participate in these studies and go on to instruct approximately 30,000 American
students in the following year.

**SES Ushers in Summer**

The free annual Summer Entertainment Series will have you rocking to the rhythms of Latin
flavor, surf-rock, folk and bluegrass tunes from the Sixties and some contemporary beats in the
university’s Lower Commons July 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 7-9 p.m. Bring your picnic baskets, lawn
chairs and blankets along with your love of music to enjoy performances by The Latin Society, John
York of the Byrds, The Squeakin’ Wheels and The Tornadoes, respectively.
Appealing to a wide audience with rich horn section arrangements, The Latin Society is in its twenty-eighth year performing their big band Latin sounds throughout the southland. Familiar tunes such as "Guantanamera," "Oye Como Va," and "Hot Hot Hot" are just a few that will be performed.

A former member of the Byrds, John York combines Sixties favorites such as "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Eight Miles High" and "Mr. Tambourine Man" with acoustic music from around the world. Although he favors the 12-string guitar, he plays many instruments, including the Chinese gu zheng and the Arabic oud, to entertain audiences with an eclectic mix of old and new music.

The Squeakin’ Wheels capture the American music scene of the past century with folk, country, rock, bluegrass and pop songs. Best known for layered harmonies and a wide variety of musical selections ranging from "Tumblin’ Tumble Weed" to "My Guy," their material will include timeless spirituals and contemporary acoustic pieces featuring rich vocal blends and sparkling instrumental arrangements.

The Tornadoes are best known for their surf-rock hit single "Bustin’ Surfboards," which was the theme from the movie "Pulp Fiction." Their 1964 hit "The Gremmies" is currently featured in the movie, "Another Day in Paradise," with James Woods and Melanie Griffith.

Sponsors for the concert series are CSUSB's student affairs division, the Student Union Program Board, the Associated Students, Inc., Coussoulis Arena, the San Bernardino County Sun, and Coca-Cola. Parking is $1.50.

**The Bulletin Board**

*Berry, Berry Good Fun*

There’s that farm down in Orange County called Knott’s, where they pack jam into jars and produce fun by the barrels. For CSUSB folk, the special day to go Knott’s is Saturday, July 31. The main spot will be the Knott’s La Plaza Picnic area and the time is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The $30.75 for adults and $17.50 for children 3-11 and $Zero for children two-and-under buy admission to the park, an all-you-can-eat buffet, games, prizes and a visit from Snoopy. You’ll need to pay for the day with cash by July 9. Lunch will be served from noon-1:30 p.m. Call Jenny or Twillea at Ext. 5138 for details.

*What’s Open When?*

First things first. Food, in this case. The Pub, unfortunately, is closed all summer. But as long as the food flows and the register rings at the Coyote Cafe, it will remain open from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., selling breakfast and lunch, Pizza Hut, grab-and-go sandwiches and salads and coffee and sodas, too. The Coyote Bookstore is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed Friday-Sunday.

**Calendar**

*Wednesday, July 7*

*Music.*

The Latin Society opens CSUSB’s 1999 Summer Entertainment Series with its popular, spicy, hot sounds. 7 p.m., Lower Commons Plaza. Free. Parking $1.50 if no decal. Ext. 7360.
Wednesday, July 14
Music.
Former Byrds member, John York, blends acoustic sounds from around world with 60s favorites. 7 p.m., Lower Commons Plaza. Free. Parking $1.50 if no decal. Ext. 7360.

Wednesday, July 21
Music.
Squeakin’ Wheels perform folk, country, bluegrass and assorted pop tunes. 7 p.m., Lower Commons Plaza. Free. Parking $1.50 if no decal. Ext. 7360.

Wednesday, July 28
Music.
Final concert features surf-rock by The Tornadoes. 7 p.m., Lower Commons Plaza. Free. Parking $1.50 if no decal. Ext. 7360.

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