



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

FALL 2003

SCIENCE ACADEMIC CENTER NAMED AFTER LOCAL DONOR

On August 19, CSUMB's first new building was named the Chapman Science Academic Center, in honor of Patricia and Robert Chapman. Their donation of \$2.5 million is the largest in CSUMB's history. This is also the first campus building to bear an individual's name.

"The Chapmans' courageous gift is not only an investment in the university, but in the life of the community," said President Peter Smith. "It demonstrates a great deal of trust in the university and sends a powerful message to community members about what it means to support CSUMB."



President Peter Smith addresses the media, as Provost Diane Cordero de Noriega looks on at right. Robert and Patricia Chapman, who donated \$2.5 million toward the science center, are at left.

The center's 68,000 square foot house the Division of Science and Environmental Policy and the Mathematics and Statistics Department.

The science center provides space for increasing enrollments in the Division of Science and Environmental Policy, as well as Mathematics/Statistics courses, projected to represent 20 percent of CSUMB's overall campus enrollment. There are now approximately 200 majors and 450 students from other majors who are fulfilling their science requirement. The math major is new for fall 2003 and does not have a projected enrollment.

For more information about the science center, visit the CSUMB.EDU/Sciencecenter website. ♦

ACCREDITATION!

The Commissioners of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) granted CSUMB accreditation this July and praised the university as a new model for higher education. WASC confirmed the university's capacity and educational effectiveness, which it defines as CSUMB's infrastructure, decision-making processes, ability to deliver curriculum and resources to sustain itself. The WASC report documents the accreditation process embarked upon by the university in 1994, the same year that the campus was founded by the California State Legislature.

Each of the degree programs offered by CSUMB has been approved by the CSU and endorsed by the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC), as required by law. Every CSUMB alum has been awarded a CSU and CPEC-approved degree, which is unaffected by the university's accreditation status.

Accreditation is a voluntary process — no institution is required to go through it. However, it's the primary method by which colleges and universities in the U.S. ensure and improve quality. Accreditation certifies to other educational institutions and the public that a university meets or exceeds established standards and achieves its stated objectives. Receiving accreditation represents an extremely important step for any institution of higher education. For these reasons, most schools, whether they are public, private, trade or graduate, choose to become accredited.

For further information about CSUMB's accreditation, visit the CSUMB.EDU/Accreditation website. ♦



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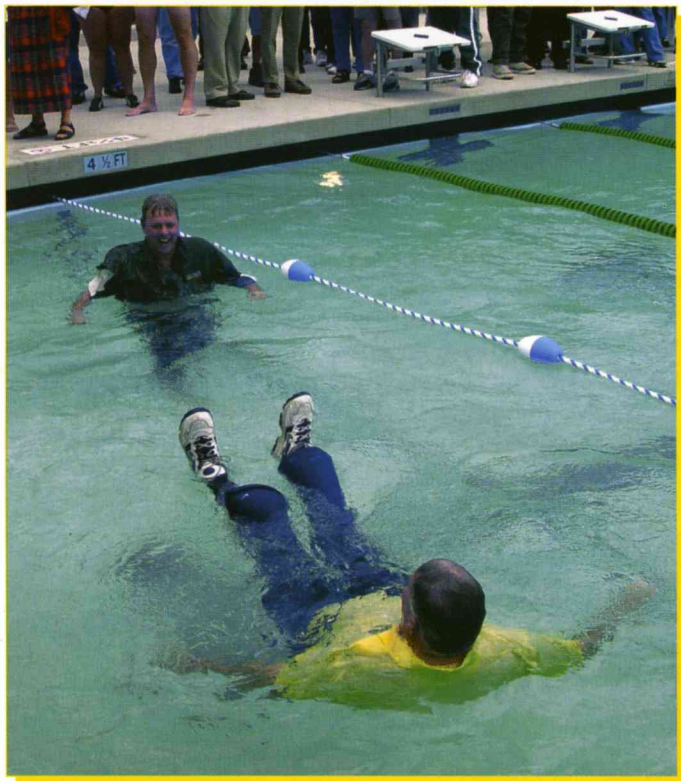
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SPLISH, SPLASH!

CSUMB's recently completed Aquatic Center is located on the southwest edge of campus, on Second Avenue, just north of the soccer field. The pool and locker room complex is open to students, alums, staff, faculty and the public.

Featuring both 25-yard and 25-meter NCAA Regulation short course lanes, starting blocks, and one meter and two meter diving boards, CSUMB's new pool has a depth ranging from 3.5 feet to 13 feet. For handicapped access, there's a hydraulic lift. Non-credit courses are being developed and will be offered at no cost to pool members and, for a small fee per class, to nonmembers.



Surprise! It wasn't a typical CSUMB ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new pool. Bill Trumbo, director of athletics, pushed President Smith into the water. Smith reciprocated by pulling Trumbo in, as they became the pool's first official users.

Alumni members may purchase monthly, six-month or annual memberships (\$26, \$136 and \$220, respectively) or swim with a daily pass (\$2). Though hours of operation are subject to change once demand for the pool has been determined, the complex is currently open from 6:30 A.M. to 8:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. for open swimming.

Plans are being developed to make the pool available for contracted rental by instructional partners, community clubs and private functions.

For more information about membership opportunities, call 831-582-4552. ❖

ALUMS GRADUATE FROM NPS

Three CSUMB alums were awarded a National Science Foundation scholarship, under the federal Cyber Service Corps, to attain a master's degree in computer science with an emphasis in computer security. Natalie Stauffer (TMAC '00), Donna Stewart (TMAC '01) and Joel Valverde (TMAC '01) took part in the civilian master's program and graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in June 2003. They are now working for the federal government in the computer security field. ❖

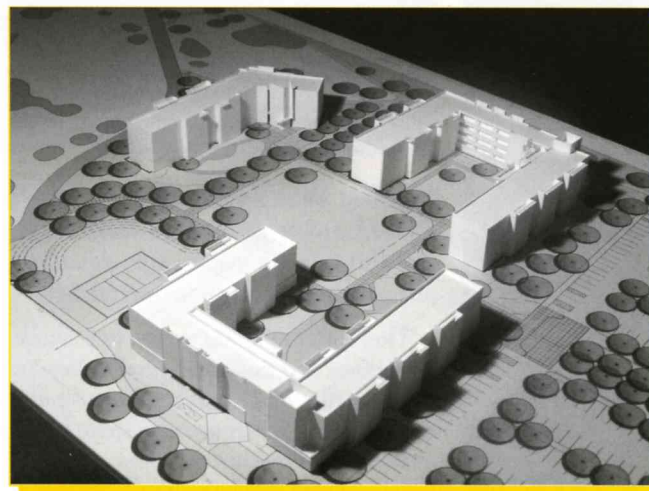


On graduation day from NPS are, from left, Natalie Stauffer and Donna Stewart.

NEW STUDENT HOUSING PROJECT

The first phase of the North Quad Student Housing project, being built at a cost of \$39 million, is contributing to the rapid pace of new campus development. Located near the junction of Fourth Avenue and Third Street, the site was dedicated in late April and construction has proceeded on schedule. Occupancy is scheduled for fall 2004. Initially financed through a state revenue bond, the project will be self-supported.

This residential community of three four-floor buildings is intended to house sophomores through seniors. Sophomores



Architect's rendering of North Quad Housing.

will live in a structured community environment and advance to a more independent setting as seniors. Both suites and apartments will be available. ❖

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME . . .



At right, taking a refreshment break from the action at Dodger Stadium, is Dustin Myers, TAT '99, and Rian Schoeffling, SBS '02.



At right, enjoying the game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, are alums, left to right (from center), Ami Barzelay, TMAC '00, Carrie Hughes, TMAC '00 and Chris Wong, TAT '98. At bottom, far left, is Bob Benaderet, MIE '99.



Traveling from Monterey, San Diego, and many cities in between, 22 alums converged on Dodger Stadium in downtown L.A. during late June. They enjoyed an action-packed day watching the L.A. Dodgers and Anaheim Angels battle it out on the field. CSUMB alums participated as part of a larger CSU Alumni Day sponsored by CSU Los Angeles.

After the game, many CSUMB alums relived old times and caught up on the latest news at a bar and restaurant in L.A. ♦

WALTER DAVIS COMBINES RECREATION, BUSINESS CAREER

In Walter Davis, CSUMB has one of its biggest boosters. Davis, MIE class of '00, learned at the university the skills he needed to enter a career of his choice. He also met his future wife at the university. And he still enjoys a close circle of friendships he formed at CSUMB.

As youth programs recreation coordinator II for the city of Pacific Grove, he is responsible for the city's youth programs and related recreation facilities.

Davis has worked for the city for about five years on a full-time basis. When he attended CSUMB, he worked part time at the city's youth center. Following graduation, he joined the city as a recreation coordinator to supervise the city's youth center, day camps, playgrounds and a program for disabled children. After two years, he was promoted to his current position.

"After I got out of the military, my dad (who lives in the area) told me about CSUMB. He said the school was new here, diversity was important to it, how Internet-savvy it was, things like that. It sounded great! So I relocated to California to attend CSUMB from my last military base in Texas.

"I'm married to a CSUMB alum, Jane Taylor, an SBS major, class of 2002. She was my neighbor at school. She works for

Monterey County in child support services. My best man was my roommate at CSUMB. My close group of friends are those I met at the university. My whole life has revolved around CSUMB.

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Walter Davis at his desk in the office of Pacific Grove's recreation department.

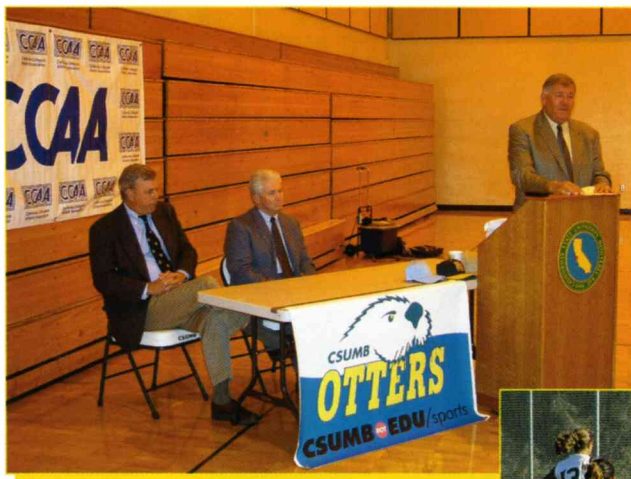
UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS BOOSTED TO NCAA DIVISION II

CSUMB has accepted an invitation to join the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), an NCAA Division II intercollegiate athletics conference.

"CSU Monterey Bay will be a good addition to the California Collegiate Athletic Association," said CCAA Commissioner Robert Hiegert. "Our members were impressed with CSUMB's strong interest in joining the CCAA, and the outstanding potential the campus and athletic program offer."

The Otters, currently competing in the California Pacific Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), will begin competing in the CCAA in 2004-05, the first year of a four-year NCAA provisional period.

CSUMB has also been awarded the California Pacific Conference All Sports Championship Award for 2003-2004. Enjoying its best year ever, CSUMB showed impressive improvement in almost every sport. This is the first time the university has won this prestigious award. ♦



At a news conference announcing acceptance into CCAA are, from left, President Peter Smith, CCAA Commissioner Robert Hiegert and CSUMB Athletic Director Bill Trumbo.



ANOTHER CHANCE FOR ALUMS TO HELP CSUMB'S SENIORS

Research, writing, more research, rewriting and spending money on photocopying describes the life of a Capstone student. CSUMB alums know what it takes to successfully conclude a Capstone, and even more about the hidden costs associated with completing it. Some Capstones cost \$2,000 or more, while others cost almost nothing. To help graduating seniors cope with the expenses of completing their Capstones, the Alumni Association has developed a new Capstone Grant program.

"Students can't afford any more expenses than they already have, especially with tuition on the rise," said Nicole Mendoza, TAT and TMAC '00 and scholarship committee member. "We know what it's like to have to dish out additional money on a Capstone just to graduate. We wanted to help with those costs."

Through the program, seniors may apply for small monetary amounts to help pay for copying, film and other production expenses they incur while completing their Capstone projects. Seniors set for graduation must complete a Capstone Grant application, submit a project summary, a detailed budget, and state the total amount requested. The Alumni Association Scholarship Grant Committee will consider each application and award monies to deserving applicants. Students will have to submit reports and receipts to the committee to show accountability for the grant money they receive. By offering these grants, it is believed that seniors will develop higher quality Capstone projects without facing the financial limitations they would otherwise encounter without the support.

The association also proudly awards scholarships each year to incoming freshmen, transfer and credential/masters students

to help make higher education a reality. Each year, applicants are evaluated and ranked by a committee, based on four specific criteria. The association is pleased to announce its scholarship recipients for 2003:

Sandra Arriola, Salinas

Emily Garner, Monterey

Luis Magdaleno, Greenfield

Lorena Quiroz, Salinas

All scholarship program applicants met the application criteria, but the recipients truly demonstrated the enthusiasm needed to achieve the highest standard of academic performance. ♦

CSU CAMPUSES FILLING UP FAST

The CSU system has begun the new academic year with a net budget reduction of \$304 million, a 30 percent fee increase for students, and an anticipated record enrollment of 414,000 students. At CSUMB, the new academic year began with a net budget reduction of \$5.7 million and a record enrollment at press time of 3,680.

While 14 of the 23 campuses have been forced to close spring registration for the first time in their histories, registration at CSUMB for the spring semester is still open and will continue to be open until further notice.

As a young and growing campus, CSUMB expects its enrollment to increase by almost 10 percent this semester. As a whole, the CSU system has been forced to limit this year's growth from a projected 7 percent to 4.3 percent. The state's 2003-2004 budget imposed an 11 percent reduction on CSU's \$2.6 billion general fund budget. ♦

OTTER FODDER

Class of 1999

Silka Saavedra, HCOM, works for Entravision Communications/KSMS Channel 67 as a television advertising producer. She works with clients and account executives to create advertising campaigns for clients.

Donovan Ventresca, Liberal Studies, works for the Women's Crisis Center in Salinas as a violence prevention counselor.

Class of 2000

Jose Ramirez, TMAC, is a DJ and radio announcer. He's been a volunteer at KHDC, the Salinas community radio station, for over 10 years.

Class of 2001

Alison Clifford, TAT, has begun working on her M.A. in film studies at the University College, Dublin in Dublin, Ireland. She's also planning to take a film she produced to show at Irish film festivals.

Jennifer Reeves, HCOM, works as an apprentice bakery chef at a bakery in Minneapolis. She also does personal assistant work, putting her great organizational abilities to use.

Class of 2002

Jessica DeSmidt, TMAC, is a web developer for SyncCast. In addition to web and graphics design, Jessica spends a lot of her time on her company's quality assurance and research operations.

Evan Jernagan, TMAC, works at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey as an instructional technologist.

Rian Schoeffling, SBS, is corporate events director for the Ventura County American Heart Association. Her job is about 70 percent fundraising and 30 percent event planning.

BECOME AN OTTER AMBASSADOR!

As a alum of CSUMB, here's a great opportunity to help your alma mater in recruitment activities, such as college fairs, spring receptions and On-Campus Admissions Day.

Ambassadors work with the university alumni office to promote the Otter Ambassadors program. As an ambassador, you'll receive one-time training related to university admission requirements and recruitment materials. Otter Ambassadors represent CSUMB at a college fair in the fall and at a reception or traveling orientation in the spring.

As an incentive for CSUMB alumni to become Otter Ambassadors, each participant receives an Otter Ambassador T-shirt, an invitation to a reception and the admissions training, and a paid \$35.00 annual alumni membership fee.

For more information, call 831-582-3739.

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"I really believe life is what you make it. You have to use what you learn. To those alumni who are really struggling because of the economy right now, I say just keep trying. And use all the techniques you learned at CSUMB."

Davis supervises the parks and facilities in PG, oversees contractors and writes grants. Incidentally, most of the staff working in the PG youth center attend CSUMB.

"My business degree from CSUMB helps me a lot in my work here. In particular, I use what I learned working with our budget and the grants. I'm also the treasurer and a member of the negotiating committee of the city general employees' association."

Davis was in the military for eight years. He attended the Air Force Academy and then transferred to the Army. He was engrossed in military studies at the academy, but felt he wanted more of a business background. After completing military service, he joined CSUMB to pursue the business degree in addition to working for the city ever since.

"I learned the recreation side of this business working here while attending CSUMB. Now I've combined that background with the business knowledge I learned from my studies at the university." ♦

ALUMNI VISITOR CENTER TO BE BUILT

Later this year, CSUMB will break ground for the Alumni Visitor Center, which will serve as a gateway to the campus for visitors, and offer alums a facility that is well suited to grow the alumni association.



"The Alumni Visitor Center will serve not only as a focal and meeting point for all new and returning visitors to campus, but will also be a home base for all alumni," said Scott Warrington, vice president, University Advancement. "The visitor center is a stepping stone to the brilliant future that belongs to the alumni association and its members." ♦

VISIT THE E-COM ALUM STORE

Buy it now . . . online! E-commerce makes it easy to purchase a membership to the Alumni Association, as well as alumni merchandise.

The Alumni Association has added to its website the ability to purchase a membership in the association and order merchandise through a secure e-commerce site. Open your account today by logging in and browsing through the association store. Clothing, merchandise, videos, memberships and more are for sale through the association. ♦

JOHN OLIVEIRA NAMED TOP FINALIST FOR NATIONAL AWARD

At a congressional breakfast on Capitol Hill, 28 public servants were named recently as finalists for the 2003 Service to America Medals. This new national awards program honors extraordinary achievements of the nation's federal employees. John Oliveira, Global Studies '00, was one of the finalists. He was honored for his work in eradicating child abuse in Native American communities.

Oliveira is a special agent for the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. He achieved distinction by transforming the way in which community members and law enforcement officials address the issues of child abuse at a Native American reservation in Nevada.

Alerted to the abuse by his wife, a teacher of children on the reservation, Oliveira discovered a connection between the students' pessimism and a disturbing number of child abuse cases he was investigating in that area. He made eradicating child abuse on the reservation his personal crusade. Within three years, the programs he instituted transformed the way in which community members and law enforcement officials address child abuse. His leadership in developing the programs earned him recognition within Native American communities, as well as his finalist standing for the Service to America Medals.

SACRAMENTO ALUMNI MIXER

The CSU alumni held a mixer in Sacramento during March. Alums from various CSU campuses joined together at the Firehouse Restaurant and enjoyed a unique networking opportunity. Eight CSUMB alums attended, exchanging information with alums from the other CSUs. The mixer was held after CSU Legislative Day, which gave alums the chance to talk with the legislators serving their area. ❖



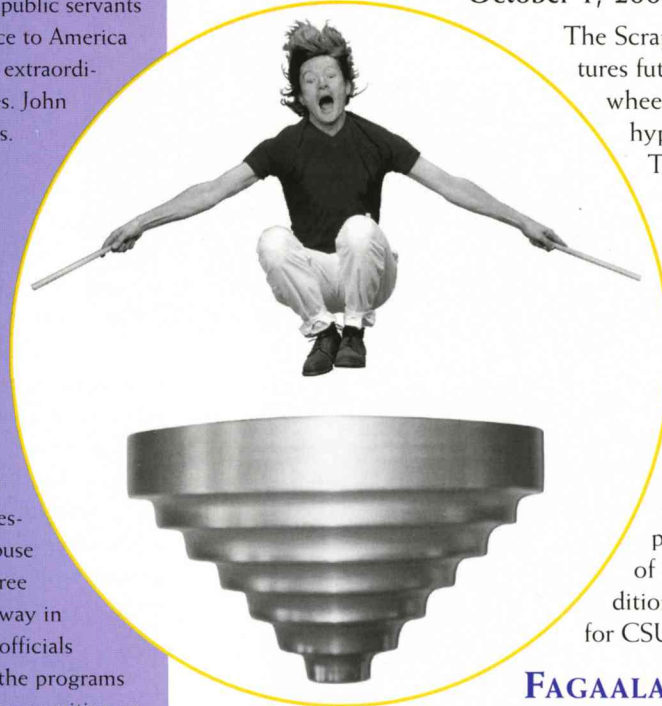
Alums attending "Networking Night" in Sacramento during the spring were, from left, Nathan Atherstone, ESSP '01, Rory Foster, ESSP '01, Nicole Mendoza, TAT and TMAC '00, and Kau'i Kabumoku, WLC.

WORLD THEATER EVENTS

SCRAP ARTS MUSIC

October 1, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

The Scrap Arts Music group features futuristic instruments on wheels, original music and hyperkinetic movement. Tickets for CSUMB alums are \$15.



FIESTA NAVIDAD

December 10, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Under the direction of mariachi master Nati Cano, Fiesta Navidad brings the pageantry and excitement of Mexican Christmas traditions to life on stage. Tickets for CSUMB alums are \$20.

FAGAALA

Scrap Arts Music February 3, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

Inspired by and based on books by Senegalese writer Boubacar Boris Diop and French writer Jean Hatzfeld, Fagaala is a stirring look at genocide and the history of Rwanda. Tickets for CSUMB alums are \$20.

RAY VEGA

February 25, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

Recording artist and New York native Ray Vega is a veteran of salsa and Latin jazz bands, such as those of Tito Puente, Ray Barretto and Celia Cruz. Tickets for CSUMB alums are \$20.

JUAN L. SÁNCHEZ ENSEMBLE

March 30, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

The music of the ensemble is rooted in Spanish/Latin American New Folk, but incorporates rhythmic and melodic nuances that can be traced to contemporary urban jazz. Tickets for CSUMB alums are \$25.

PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY

April 8, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

A dominant force in modern dance for five decades, Taylor's imaginative choreography, beauty and superb musicality are outstanding. This is the group's 50th anniversary celebration. Tickets for CSUMB alums are \$25.

For tickets or more information, call the World Theater box office at 831-582-4580. Call the box office for information on disability-related accommodations. All dates, programs and artists are subject to change. ❖

STEPHANIE REGEVIG APPOINTED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Stephanie Regevig, most recently the associate director of alumni relations at CSU Hayward, has joined University Advancement. As director of the Alumni Association at CSUMB, currently an interim position, she is responsible for developing and managing a comprehensive alumni program. She replaces Lin Blaskovich, who retired in June.

"We are delighted to welcome Stephanie to the Advancement Team," said Scott Warrington, vice president, University Advancement. "Her significant alumni experience



Stephanie Regevig

within the CSU, coupled with her tremendous level of creativity, energy and enthusiasm, make her the perfect candidate to lead our alumni association to the next level." At CSU Hayward, Regevig served as liaison between the CSUH Alumni Association Board of Directors and university staff and faculty. Prior to assuming that position, she was advancement coordinator at CSUH. Complementing her career in higher education, Regevig served a number of years in recreation management and administration for large retirement communities in the private sector. She is a 1992 graduate of San Diego State University. ❖

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT

The CSUMB Alumni Association met in July to welcome newly elected alums to the board and to begin planning for an exciting new year. The board members discussed future plans for the association, specific goals for the year, and how the state budget may affect operations of the association. A number of ideas were discussed and new goals were set. The board's highest priority is to provide new benefits for members. The board is also committed to its mentor program and to continuing the scholarship program for deserving students.

MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

■ **Catrina Flores**, CHHS '02, is the women's program outreach coordinator at the Monterey County AIDS Project and a case manager for INTERIM, Inc., an organization that helps



Catrina Flores

people with serious mental illnesses. Catrina is the first in her family to graduate from college. She enjoys spending time with her partner, watching movies and playing with her dog. Catrina hopes to strengthen the collaboration between the alumni association and the surrounding community. She also hopes to develop a program, using alumni board members as mentors, to help students who are at risk of dropping out of college.

■ **Kristian Crump**, HCOM '99, is executive director of the Needle Exchange in Salinas. Kristian is very active in HIV and public health issues. He enjoys weekend trips into the wilderness, camping, swimming and surfing. Kristian was one of the first students on campus and offers a unique view of the university's past and present. He has a particular interest in addressing the financial barriers to future students' access to higher education.

■ **Courtney Kuhn**, HCOM '02, is currently living, working and volunteering in the Monterey area. A goal included in her many future plans is to pursue an advanced degree in higher education. Courtney's vision for the alumni association is to give back to the CSUMB community.



Courtney Kuhn

■ **Patty Fernandez**, Liberal Studies '99, works as the director of youth programs for the Education, Careers, Health Opportunities (ECHO) leadership program for girls. She is also working toward her masters degree in education at CSU Sacramento. Patty is married and has an 11-month old boy named Julian at home. Her vision for the alumni association is to promote the university and the association. ❖

ENJOY YOURSELF AND NETWORK WITH NEW ACQUAINTANCES AT A MIXER

Last spring, the CSUMB Alumni Association and the Monterey County Young Professionals Group (MCYPG) co-sponsored a networking mixer on campus. MCYPG is a free organization open to all young professionals in Monterey County. For more information and news of upcoming events, visit their www.mcyppg.com website.

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CSUMB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT

This is a summary of the Alumni Association's financial activity through August 11, 2003.

Year	Income	Expense	Balance
98-02	\$64,045	\$28,485	\$35,560
02-03	32,870	26,185*	6,685
03-04	1,769	93	1,676
Totals	<u>\$98,684</u>	<u>\$54,763</u>	<u>\$43,921</u>

* Includes \$12,000 transferred to endowment fund

Endowment scholarship fund: \$20,590

— Greg Riley, CFO

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FUN WEEKEND COMING: KELP KRAZE, FORT ORD TOUR AND SCIENCE CENTER GRAND OPENING

All alums are invited to join students, staff, faculty and the public for CSUMB's 5th Annual Kelp Kraze Street Fair, October 18, along Sixth Avenue. Actually, the fun starts Friday, October 17 when the new Chapman Science Academic Center is officially opened at a ceremony between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Kelp Kraze follows on Saturday



from 11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Admission and parking in lots 28, 29, 30, 42 and 45 are free on Saturday.

You'll enjoy music, team competition and loads of entertainment. And don't miss the array of food from different cultures. For more information about Kelp Kraze, call 831-582-4141.

Alums are also invited to enjoy the "Secrets of Fort Ord" tour. Visit fascinating, seldom-seen historic sites in the back-country of Fort Ord. You will also learn about future development sites around the campus, including Marina Heights (presently Abrams Park), the new Cypress Knolls retirement community, University Villages, and a planned development for the East Garrison area. Representatives of the developers will be on hand to answer questions. Sponsored by the Fort Ord Alumni Association, the cost of the tour is \$5 per person. Call 831-582-3595 for more information. ♦