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CSUMB RANKS HIGH ON SURVEY

CSUMB recently received a report card from the *National Survey of Student Engagement: The College Student Report (NSSE)*. The survey is unique in that it provides a measure of what America's university students believe about the quality of their higher education experience, rather than relying strictly on statistical measures.

The survey compares 470 universities and colleges around the country. Results are based on comments from 155,000 freshmen and seniors in five key areas.

CSUMB was ranked in the top one percent by seniors surveyed, and in the top 10 percent by first-year students, in "Active and Collaborative Learning."

The university ranked in the top 10 percent, with both seniors and first-year students, in "Enriching

Educational Experiences." CSUMB was ranked in the top 20 percent of participating universities, by seniors and first-year students, in "Student



President Peter Smith and Provost Diane Cordero de Noriega present survey results during news conference.

Interaction with Faculty." CSUMB also ranked in the top 20 percent with seniors, and in

the top half with first-year students, in "Level of Academic Challenge."

The university was ranked in the top 40 percent, by both seniors and first-year students, in the "Supportive Campus Environment" category. ♦

GREETING THE NEW YEAR AT CSUMB

January 24th turned out to be an information-packed day for CSUMB's faculty and staff members. President Peter Smith delivered his annual State of the University Address, focusing on accreditation, the NSSE, and CSUMB's success in achieving workforce diversity. Following the address, he conferred five-year service awards.

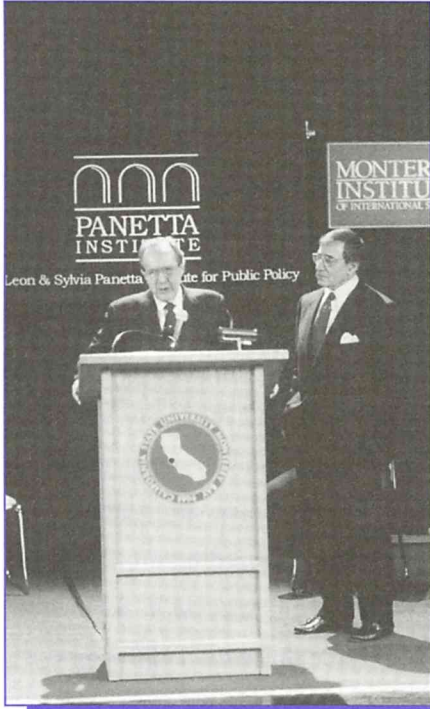
An all-day conference on workplace diversity which offered attendees a choice of sessions, filled the remainder of the day. ♦



CSUMB employees are acknowledged for five years of service.

PANETTA INSTITUTE FORUM DISCUSSES TERRORISM THREAT

With the topic of terrorism in the forefront of the news, the December 7 forum, presented by the Panetta Institute in association with the Monterey Institute



At left, William Perry, former defense secretary, with Leon Panetta

of International Studies (MIIS) and CSUMB, could not have been more timely.

The forum, entitled *Terrorism and National Security*, was hosted by Leon Panetta, who moderated a dialogue with a panel of experts on the national and international implications

of terrorism. The panel included: William Perry, former secretary of defense; Dennis Ross, specialist on Middle East diplomacy and Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Kiren Aziz Chaudhry, specialist on the Arab world and Islam, and professor of Middle East politics at UC Berkeley; Jonathan Tucker, an expert on bioterrorism and director of the Chemical & Biological Weapons Nonproliferation program at the Washington, D.C. office of MIIS.

Forum panelists engaged in a lively discussion of current issues. This phase was followed by questions from the audience. This forum marked the first time a Panetta event was held on campus at the World Theater. ♦

SCIENCE/ACADEMIC CENTER IS GROWING SKYWARD

Last summer, when CSUMB broke ground for the new \$24 million Science/Academic Center, the magnitude of the construction task seemed immense to the many people gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony. Construction of the first completely new building on campus has progressed steadily in spite of the onset of the rainy season.

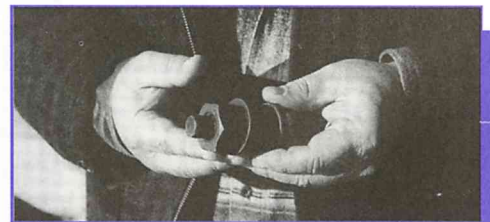
Following grading operations, utility lines were placed underground and the building's concrete slab floor prepared. The current phase involves erecting the



CSUMB's John Beccaria manages all phases of the construction activity.

steel structural girders to support the multi-story center.

Completing the foundation was a major milestone. "The anchor bolts set in the concrete foundation must be aligned within an eighth of an inch of where the structural engineers said they must be," said John Beccaria, CSUMB's project manager. "Although this may seem like a small detail, missing it could set back the schedule by weeks." Construction continues on schedule. ♦



Beccaria displays the single most critical structural component — the type of bolt used to fasten the girders together.

PERFORMING ARTS SPRING SERIES LAUNCHED

Everyone can soon enjoy the first season of performing arts presentations at CSUMB. The season opens on February 7 with a performance by the Oberlin Dance Company. "I'm excited about developing an arts series that supports our university programs and connects with surrounding communities," said Dawn Gibson-Brehon, director of the World Theater.

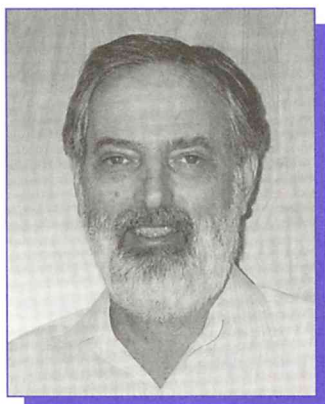
The World Theater box office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

For more information regarding specific performance dates or to order tickets, call 831-582-4580. All dates and artists are subject to change. Disability accommodations are available. Please contact the box office for further information. ❖



JIM ROTE'S LEGACY

CSUMB is working to fund an endowed chair in science policy and has commenced a nationwide search for



Dr. Jim Rote

a professor to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Jim Rote. Recently retired, Rote is a distinguished environmental policy-maker and was a founding faculty member at CSUMB.

Harriet Mitteldorf has provided the lead gift for this effort. "Jim is a special man whose commitment to making things happen should be the model for any science program," said Mitteldorf.

"We need to continue building on the work that Jim Rote has been deeply involved in," said Shary Farr, who has worked hard to fund this position. "His efforts merit turning solid scientific knowledge into workable and practical policies." Committee members are working to raise one million dollars for this project. ❖

PIECEMAKERS QUILTING CLUB DONATES QUILTS TO CDC

A little known "unofficial" club on campus is the Piecemakers Quilting Club. Its enthusiastic members rely on donations of materials to create colorful quilts and help raise money for student scholarships.

"I started the club three years ago," said Lynda Haddox, staff associate for IMSA, "however, I actually started quilting five years before that." At the present time, the group has about a dozen staff and student members and is hoping to expand.

In December, Joya Chavarin, interim program director of CSUMB's Child Development Center, was presented with two quilts for children. These quilts serve as tools to help young children participate in the learning process. More typically, once quilts are sewn they are auctioned off through the Student Success Auction. Proceeds from these quilt sales benefit the Student Success Scholarship Fund and the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

To keep busy sewing more quilts, club members constantly seek the necessary fabric and materials. Membership is open to all staff, faculty and students. For more information, call 582-4118. ❖

CSUMB BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb 8 — College of Notre Dame at Belmont
Women's 5:30 P.M./Men's 7:30 P.M.

Feb 9 — Bethany College at CSUMB
Women's 5:30 P.M./Men's 7:30 P.M.

Feb 15 — Menlo College at Atherton
Women's 5:30 P.M./Men's 7:30 P.M.

Feb 16 — UC Santa Cruz at CSUMB
Women's 5:30 P.M./Men's 7:30 P.M.

Feb 20-23 — Cal Pac Tourney at San Rafael
Times to be determined

For more information, contact ASRH at 582-3015.

ALOHA!

There are now two great reasons to mark your calendar for Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14. Enjoy an evening of music, fine wine and hors d'oeuvres at the university and benefit the CSUMB Student Success Scholarship Fund at the same time. Try your luck by bidding on prizes, including a trip to Hawaii, golf packages, a skydiving jump, spa packages and an agricultural tour. A "Romance Package" includes a night in an ocean view room at the Monterey Plaza Hotel and limousine service to and from dinner at Casanova in Carmel.

All proceeds from the evening's events benefit the CSUMB Student Success Scholarship Fund.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Join the fun at the University Center at 6:30 P.M. for taste treats and the silent auction. A live auction follows at 7:30 P.M. RSVP by

February 8 at 831-582-4141. For more information, or to request disability-related accommodations, call 831-582-4141. If you wish, you may email michele_meliciayoung@csumb.edu. ❖



Joya Chavarin, interim program director of the CDC, accepts two quilts during a December meeting of the Piecemaker Quilting Club. From left, Marianne Tatum, Zara Tirrell, Diane Ehlers, Tessie Brodrick, Stephanie Colshan, Joya Chavarin, Heather Wallingford and Lynda Haddox. Not pictured are Marge Sanico, Gail Racherbaumer, Priscilla Angulo, Gail Salgado and Jen Reeves.

DMDC FORMALIZES STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM WITH CSUMB

Seldom mentioned around the campus is the tall building on Gigling Road. Although it maintains a low profile, the organization housed in the former Silas B. Hays Hospital building employs about 450 people. It's the Defense Manpower Data Center, more commonly known as the DMDC. A memoran-

future full-time employment with the federal government. "CSUMB students make excellent employees," said Brandewie. "Their work ethic is great."

"Our supportive learning is excellent preparation for this work environment," noted Provost Diane Cordero de Noriega, as she signed the agreement with Brandewie.



Following the MOU signing, several key players in the project acknowledge the accomplishment. From left are STIR Dean Marsha Moroh, CSUMB student and DMDC employee Connie O'Dea, alum and DMDC employee Nicki Westbrook, DMDC's Chief of Systems Integration Mike Yee, DMDC's Deputy Director Robbie Brandewie, Provost Diane Cordero de Noriega and ICST Professor Robert van Spyk.

dum of understanding (MOU), formalizing a student intern program between the university and DMDC, was signed on January 7.

"We operate human resource and medical system databases for the Department of Defense," said Robbie Brandewie, deputy director of the DMDC. "Our biggest database has 23 million people in it." The facility also issues millions of digitized "smart" identification cards for military personnel.

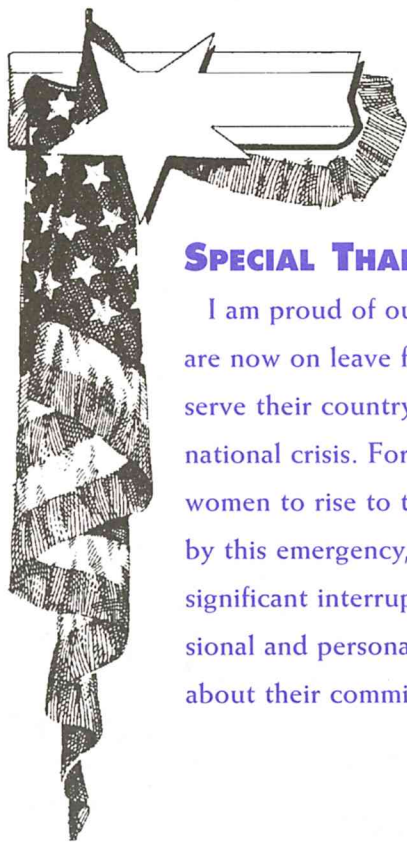
The DMDC employs psychologists, business analysts, economists and administrative support personnel.

The center operates a successful work program for CSUMB students (currently about 30 students) to provide them with in-depth exposure to the center's operations. This experience prepares students for possible

Connie O'Dea, presently a CSUMB senior, is a part-time employee at the center. "My Capstone will be about my work at DMDC and, specifically, the Section 508 project," said O'Dea. "Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1998 requires that our Web pages be accessible to employees and the public. That was my first assignment."

"In a sense, the DMDC serves as a test of how well our students perform," continued faculty member Bob van Spyk. "My learning at CSUMB prepared me for a career at DMDC," said alum Nicki Westbrook. Now a full-time employee, she develops innovative solutions and works with "a wonderful knowledge base of people."

"The university and military cultures are not the same," commented Marsha Moroh, STIR dean, "but this program creates a bridge between these cultures." ❖



SPECIAL THANKS

I am proud of our staff members who are now on leave from CSUMB to serve their country during this time of national crisis. For these men and women to rise to the demands created by this emergency, and to endure a significant interruption in their professional and personal lives, says much about their commitment to patriotism.

Peter Smith

KEY APPOINTMENTS

Daniel Johnson is CSUMB's new vice president for administration and finance. Johnson comes from San Jose State University, where he served as associate vice president for administration facilities development and operations. His career spans two decades in California public education at the community college, CSU and UC levels.

Dr. Gilbert Gonzales is the new interim chief technology officer. Most recently, Gonzales was a senior planning consultant in higher education. Earlier, he was dean of information technologies and library services at Mesa (Arizona) Community College.

Niraj Dangoria has joined CSUMB as the director of campus planning & space management. He comes from the University of Cincinnati where he was the director of campus planning. ♦

STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING MAKES CAMPUS LIFE EASIER FOR ALL

The new Student Services Building (Building 47) on Sixth Avenue was dedicated in December. Following the ribbon cutting, visitors enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and escorted tours of the building's many departments. Tour guides offered explanations of each functional area.

A host of services is now consolidated in Building 47 for the convenience of employees and students. They include the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Student Disability Resources, Admissions and Records, Student Outreach and Recruitment, Financial Aid, Academic Enhancement Services, and the Campus Service Center, known as the One Stop Shop.

"We thank the CSUMB staff, community members, architects and contractors who contributed to completing

this building," said Peter Smith at the ceremony.

At the One Stop, employees can pay fees, get Otter Cards, obtain keys, pick up transcripts and buy parking permits. The center's staff also helps visitors obtain campus maps and information.



Ribboncutting for Building 47. Dr. Peter Smith with Dr. Karen Mendonca, Student Affairs Vice President

"The entire process is streamlined," said Tony Lucas, director of the One Stop. "We do the navigation so a student or employee doesn't have to do it." ♦

EMPLOYMENT MILESTONES

During December and January, the following employees passed their probationary period:

Jamal Amine, Operating Systems Analyst —
Foundation

Cheri Bartimus, Administrative Support
Coordinator I — SLI

Don Burns, Police Corporal — Public Safety

Coralene Casteneda, Accounting Technician II —
Accounting Department

Sean Madden, Public Affairs/Communications
Specialist II — Marketing & Publications

Ivette Morris, Administrative Support Assistant II
— Office of the CTO

Ed Pare, Equipment Systems Specialist —
Technology Support Services

Rodolfo (Rudy) Puente, Student Services
Professional II — SOAR

Marlene Sabana, Accounting Technician III —
Accounting Department

Lisa Sheftman, Student Services Professional III —
SDR

Hedy Wainscoat, Administrative Support
Coordinator I — Academic Senate

Steve Zmak, Graphic Designer II — Marketing &
Publications

PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS

Lin Blaskovich to Director of the Alumni
Association and Special Projects for UA

Caroline Haskell to Director of the Personal
Growth & Counseling Center

Mary Roberts to Director of Academic Personnel
Services for HRDEEO

Deborah Romoleroux to Design & Construction
Assistant for D&C

Richard Westing to Manager for Advancement
Services — UA

Barbara Zollna to Accounts Receivable Assistant
— Accounting Department

NEW EMPLOYEES

Ursula Ackley, Academic Personnel Representative
— HRDEEO

Niraj Dangoria, Director for Campus Planning &
Space Management

Susan Donaldson, Administrative Support Assistant
— ICST

Michael Gallagher, Online Course Programmer
Analyst — IS&NS

Anthony Gallego, Business Programmer Analyst —
IS&NS

Lugenia Lyons, Administrative Assistant — Office of
the Writing Program

Roda Myers, HR Information Systems & Assessment
Analyst — HRDEEO

Andrew Porter, Print & Electronic Production
Specialist — Marketing & Publications

Barbara Roberts, Payroll Technician — HRDEEO

Paul Rodriguez, Retention Advisor — SAAP

Karen Roth, Administrative Support Analyst — TAT

Matthew Smith, Financial Aid Analyst — Financial
Aid

Aaron Solano, Junior Network Administrator —
IS&NS

Zara Tirrell, Space Management Analyst — Campus
Planning and Space Management

Guadalupe Trujillo, Administrative Assistant —
Public Safety

Special thanks to Human Resources for this information.

THE BBC IS NOW OPEN!



Students and staff have long enjoyed the Black Box Cabaret as a popular hangout. Alum Caroline Musto meets with CSUMB's Webmaster Greg Pool.

The Black Box Cabaret, nicknamed the BBC, had its long awaited "reopening" on January 31 amid much fanfare. The day's festivities began with a ribbon-cutting at noon, followed by a sampling of the BBC's menu items. Live bands performed throughout the day as a musical backdrop to the festivities.

For a number of months during the last half of 2001, construction crews kept busy

rebuilding and upgrading the old, but beloved, BBC building to government-mandated building codes.

The BBC serves the campus community as a coffee house with a short order menu, featuring items such as sandwiches and salads. Beer and wine are also available. The BBC provides a venue for amateur entertainers, as well as professionals from the outside community.

Located behind Health Services Building 80, the BBC is adjacent to the intersection of Third Street and General Jim Moore Boulevard. ❖

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