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New provost will join campus in January

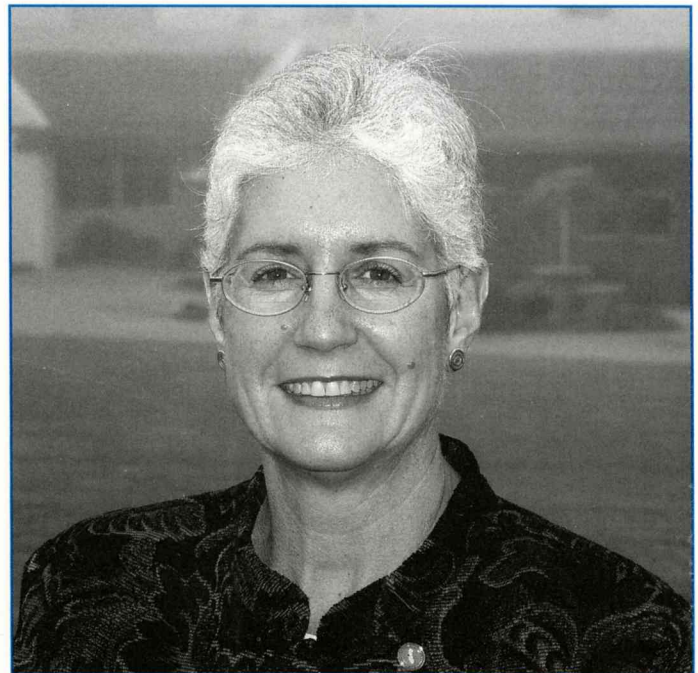
Following a national search involving over 100 applicants, Dr. Kathryn Cruz-Uribe has been appointed provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. She assumes her new duties in early January.

She comes to CSUMB from Northern Arizona University, where she was dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. In that capacity, she oversaw a program with more than 3,300 students and over 300 employees — about the size of the CSUMB campus community.

She brings a broad range of administrative experience. At Northern Arizona, she was director of an interdisciplinary graduate program, interim associate provost for research and graduate studies, and graduate dean. Her teaching experience includes many years at Northern Arizona and at the University of Rhode Island. She holds a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College, along with a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, all in anthropology.

According to Karen Pugliesi, vice provost for undergraduate studies at Northern Arizona, "Dr. Cruz-Uribe is an outstanding academic leader with experience, talents and values that will be a fantastic fit for CSUMB. At NAU, she has earned the respect of students, faculty and staff."

As provost, Dr. Cruz-Uribe will lead all aspects of the academic program. She will also be second-in-command of CSUMB, and will work with the other members of the cabinet and the president to improve the university's effectiveness and success.



Dr. Kathryn Cruz-Uribe during a recent visit to CSUMB.

As an anthropologist with many years of fieldwork outside the United States, Dr. Cruz-Uribe says she appreciates CSUMB's emphasis on global perspectives, diversity and multiculturalism. "I'm particularly intrigued by the non-traditional, cross-disciplinary majors, as well as the emphasis on student learning through internships and field study as well as course work," she said.

Said President Harrison: "In Dr. Cruz-Uribe, we have a talented and experienced administrator who shares our commitment to student success and embraces the CSUMB vision." ♦

The library's beginnings: all steel and concrete

"The result of planning and many design meetings is finally rising out of the ground," said Kathleen Ventimiglia, CSUMB's architect and project manager for the Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library. "That's very satisfying."



Kathleen Ventimiglia, CSUMB architect, manages the library project.

After demolition of several military buildings, grading of the site, and installation of underground utility lines, structural work is under way.

The library is an all-concrete structure, unlike the Chapman Science/Academic Center which was built around a fabricated steel framework.

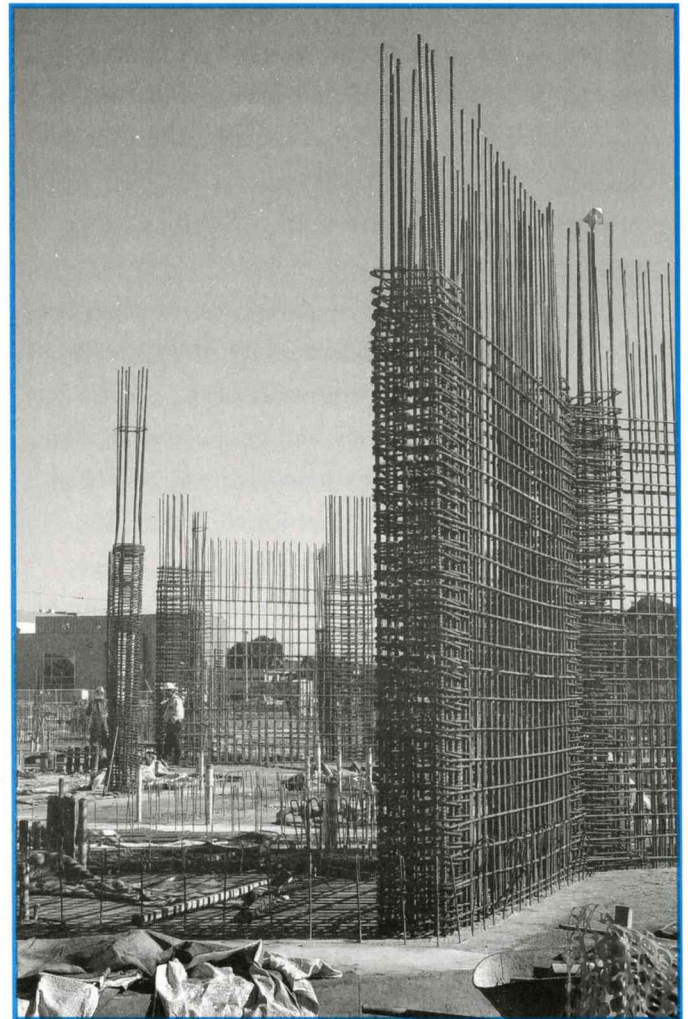
The foundation, walls and upper floors are made on the site by pouring concrete into temporary forms. From long before dawn until dusk, tall cranes are used to pump cement from a queue of mixer trucks; the material becomes the floors and walls of the building.

Thousands of steel reinforcing rods embedded in the concrete ensure that the building will endure earthquakes without suffering structural damage. The ground

floor slab measures three feet thick.

"I was hired a little over four years ago to start up the library project, so one of the most rewarding things about my job is to see what we've been working toward all these years is finally physically materializing," said Ventimiglia.

"The whole process takes so long that you wonder sometimes if it's really going to get built — but in just two months we have half of the first floor slab poured and rebar for walls and columns coming out of the ground. These next two years until completion will be a 'work in progress' and I can't wait to see the impact it will have on the campus in general, and especially for the students." ❖



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Applying information technology to better the world

As Internet technology evolves, so do the programs offered by CSUMB's School of Information Technology and Communications Design (ITCD), led by Dr. Eric Tao.

In 2005, ITCD, through the Office of Extended Education, started a Master's in Instructional Science and Technology program. According to Tao, it's now the largest graduate program on campus.

"Our master's program shows students how to use technology, especially Internet technology, to enhance teaching and learning," said Tao.

Of the 60 students enrolled in the program, about half are faculty members from the Defense Language Institute. Their focus is to learn the latest technology available for effective teaching.

Last summer the first group of 25 students graduated from the program. The second group of 60 is now in its second semester.

Another new project in ITCD will help local non-profit organizations.

"Many nonprofits need better websites and a better system to communicate with their members," said Tao. "An intelligent website can handle a lot of management and communications issues for

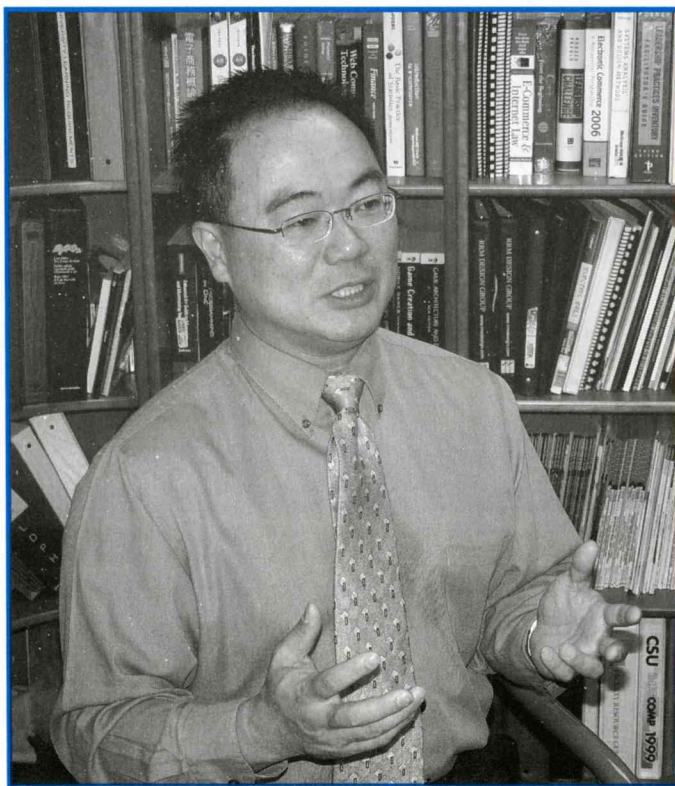
nonprofits, but they don't have access to the technology or technical support to do this. We've set up a lab to help them."

The Open System Lab provides a place where faculty, students and staff members can work on systems using open-source software. Since half the servers in the world are using this software as their base operating system, it's becoming an industry norm, Tao explained. The lab will bring this powerful software to

nonprofits that couldn't otherwise afford it.

Structured as a service learning program, the lab has 10 students and two faculty members participating. Still in the development stage, the team will be ready to offer services to the community at the end of this semester.

"We will both install the software and conduct regular workshops," said Tao. "The technology will be straightforward enough so that community partners can come in for only a couple of hours a year to learn how to maintain their own technology, once we set it up for them."



Dr. Eric Tao stresses the importance of collaboration on both a local and international level.

Last summer, in addition to expanding the role of ITCD through the master's program and the lab, Tao's work took him halfway around the world. He was invited by the Taiwan government to run a workshop for public health professionals, focusing on how to improve online communication and learning. As a result of the workshop, Taiwan wishes to retain him as technology adviser for their National Health Research Institute, similar to the National Institutes of Health in the U.S.

Tao's enthusiasm for ITCD programs, and for CSUMB, must be contagious. His brother, Brian Tao, graduated with a degree from ITCD in 2001.

"I can see the transformation in him as a result of attending CSUMB," said Tao. "Brian's now a project manager on a multi-million dollar project for the government. When he presented his Capstone, my mom was in the audience crying. At that moment, I was once again sold on our educational model at CSUMB." ❖

Creativity and speed win at gingerbread house contest



Decorating gingerbread masterpieces is a meticulous process.

Don't forget the giving tree!

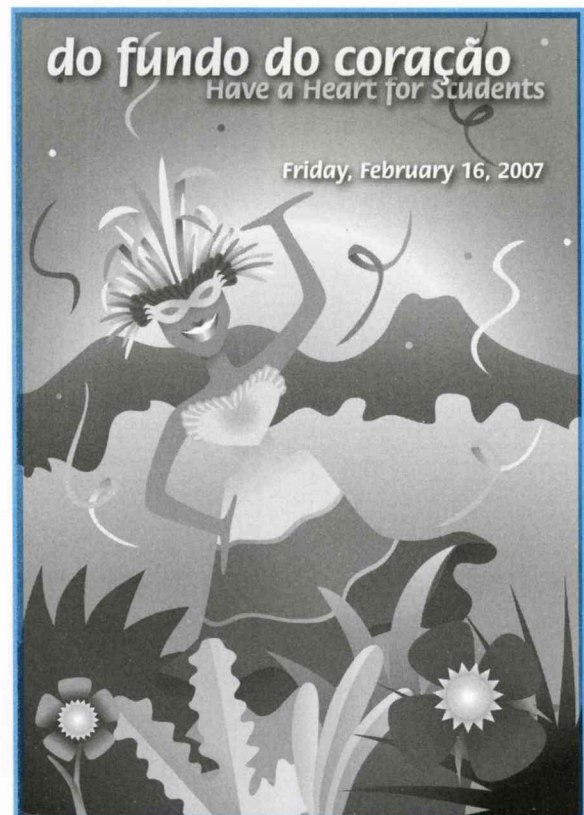
It's become an annual tradition. University Human Resources has again set up a "giving tree" in the lobby of UHR, Bldg. 23. The university's gift-giving efforts will again support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), also known as the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Program. CASA's mission is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy for abused and neglected children so they can thrive in safe, permanent homes.



Employees can drop by UHR to choose a paper ornament from the giving tree. Each ornament is labeled with the name and age of a child and what he or she would like for a holiday gift. After purchasing the item, participants are

asked to bring the wrapped gift, along with the paper ornament, to UHR by Dec. 14. For further information, call UHR at 582-4333. ❖

Adding to the fun of the holiday season, UHR is sponsoring a gingerbread house contest for the third year. The houses will be created at the University Center on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. The finished houses will be displayed the next day at CSUMB's annual holiday party (see page 7), and winners of the most creative "edible" house will also be announced. The winning teams will be treated to a pizza party. To participate, staff and faculty groups should contact Dennis Hungridge at 582-4571 by Dec. 8. ❖



Here's an opportunity to get involved and help support one of the largest fundraising events for student scholarships on campus.

This year's auction has a Carnivale-Brazil theme and is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16 at the University Center. The goal is to raise \$80,000 for current students, 65 percent of whom receive financial aid.

If you'd like to volunteer, or donate an item or service, call 831-582-4141 or contact Michele Melicia Young via FirstClass. For further information, visit the CSUMB.EDU/auction website.

Remembering the good old days

The Clown Princes **Silent films with original music scores** **performed by Rick Benjamin's** **Paragon Ragtime** **Orchestra**

Renowned for its renditions of vintage American popular music, the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra recreates a turn-of-the-century parlor orchestra using authentic period music scores. Live music will be performed along with film screenings of Buster Keaton's *Cops*, Harold Lloyd's *Never Weaken* and Charlie Chaplin's *The Pawn Shop*. Rick Benjamin, founder and director of the orchestra, will introduce the films and the music



written for them. The performance promises to offer an evening of multimedia perfection, the old-fashioned way!

When: Thursday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.

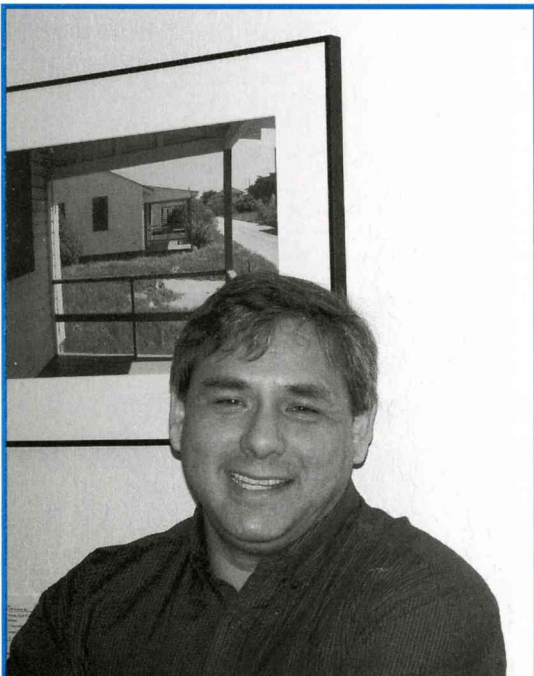
Where: Golden State Theatre,
Monterey

Admission: \$15 for CSUMB faculty and staff members,
\$20 general

For tickets or further information, call the World Theater box office at 582-4580 or purchase tickets online at the CSUMB.EDU/worldtheater website. For disability-related accommodations, please contact

the World Theater box office. Event dates, programs and artists are subject to change. ❖

Fort Ord's past revisited through photos



Dennis Sun and one of the 2,000 photos he's taken of old Fort Ord

Dennis Sun, library circulation services manager, is one of several local photographers whose work is on display at the Alvarado Gallery at the Monterey Conference Center. The exhibition, called "Uncommon Hues," is sponsored by the Colton Hall Museum and Cultural Arts Commission and will be on display through Feb. 14.

Sun's prints offer stark shots of the abandoned buildings and training areas once crowded with soldiers during Fort Ord's heyday as one of the U.S. Army's largest training posts. Some of the images are haunting; all are evocative. The ones on display represent only a small number of the 2,000 photos he's taken over the years since the military left. Sun has prints available for sale — and donates the proceeds to the Veterans Transition Center at Martinez Hall in Marina. ❖

How 80 CSUMB employees 'walked' across the U.S.

Eighty CSUMB employees learned the joys of camaraderie, relieved stress, had fun and lost some weight while participating in the university's first Workplace Walk-off Challenge.

mention honors went to Andrea Phelps of the Record Breakers with 379,469 steps and Margaret Geissler of the Lab Ratz with 368,452 steps.

Walking a total of 14,426,848 steps — or 6,869.93

miles — the teams could have ventured across 13 states, from San Francisco to Lewes, Del. on the American Discovery Trail, celebrated their achievements in Orlando at Disney World, tried to spy Elvis at Graceland in Memphis, and sung a song with Dolly Parton at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

"We're proud of all those who participated in this year's Workplace Walk-off Challenge and the accomplishments they've made," said Kristi McMahon, event coordinator. "We look forward to making the

challenge a CSUMB tradition."

For further information on the challenge, and to view the final team standings, visit the Workplace Walk-off Challenge at the uhr.CSUMB.EDU/site/x16563.xml website. ❖



From left, Wendi Newman, CCoWS research manager, Jeanette Galinato, instructional support technician (team captain), Margaret Geissler, science lab manager (High Stepper Honorable Mention), Karen Warburton, instructional support technician, and Joy Nguyen, instructional support technician.

Staffers formed teams of five and tracked their steps with pedometers Monday through Friday for a month. The challenge promoted a healthy lifestyle by encouraging participants to reach or exceed their personal fitness goals.

Competition was fierce as 16 teams vied for the Golden Shoe Trophy. The Lab Ratz — captain Wendi Newman, Jeanette Galinato, Margaret Geissler, Karen Warburton and Joy Nguyen — walked away with the honor. They covered 670.84 miles, or a total of 1,408,760 steps.

The High Stepper Award went to Josh Witbeck of the Walkie Talkies for recording 400,817 steps. Honorable



New employees

Ruben Camacho, Automotive/Equipment Mechanic — Facilities Services & Operations
Cynthia Compean, Administrative Support Coordinator — Student Disability Resources
Bevin Flaherty,* RISE Middle School Coordinator — RISE Program
Erin Healy, Associate Dean of Admissions — Admissions & Recruitment
Kenneth Janisch, Mail Clerk — Facilities Services & Operations
Dean Kennedy,* Associate Director — Residential Life
Nancy Martinsen, Admissions Counselor — Admissions & Recruitment
Linda Novotny, Administrative Support Coordinator — Accounting
Kalpesh Patel,* IT Specialist/Project Coordinator — Office of the CIO

Transfers and promotions

Irene Moulton, Administrative Support Coordinator — Center for Reading Diagnosis & Instruction

Probation passed

Jennifer Bliss, AS II & Technology Coordinator — Grants & Contracts
Haven Brearton, Administrative Support Coordinator — Health, Human Services & Public Policy
Cynthia Bush, Administrative Support Coordinator — Mathematics and Statistics
Justin Clausen, Information Technology Consultant — Network Services
Deborah Goff, Advising Coordinator — Liberal Studies
Elizabeth MacDonald, Senior Writer & Web Editor — University Advancement
Erik Rueppel, Police Sergeant — University Police

25 million spam e-mails blocked

Of the most recent 35 million e-mail messages received from the Internet and reviewed by CSUMB's spam filtering system, 25 million were rejected because they were spam. Over 70 percent of the incoming Internet e-mail CSUMB receives is spam and is stopped before it clogs your mailbox. Other statistics about those 25 million messages:

- 250,000 were infected with a virus
- 1.5 million were tagged as spam and delivered anyway

Learn more about spam filtering, blacklists and whitelists by visiting the spam filtering services page at the IT.CSUMB.EDU/services/spam/ website.

See you at the holiday party

The annual staff and faculty holiday party will be held Friday, Dec. 15 in the University Center.

The event will feature a buffet dinner, with music and dancing to follow. Tickets are \$10 per adult; children under 12 will be admitted free. A no-host bar kicks off the evening's festivities at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by music and dancing until the party ends at 10:30 p.m. Holiday attire is suggested.

Employees may purchase tickets with cash or check at the University Center or the Alumni & Visitors Center until Dec. 14. For more information or for special accommodations, call 582-4141. ❖

Recognizing employee service

Employees will be recognized for their service to the university and for their academic achievements at an awards ceremony on Feb. 2.

The annual event will take place in the University Center Ballroom from 2 to 4 p.m. President Harrison will present service pins to employees who have completed 5 and 10 years of service at CSUMB.

Staff and faculty members who have completed a degree over the past year will also be recognized as part of CSUMB's commitment to supporting lifelong learning.

University Human Resources has begun the process of determining service time for employees and will alert eligible employees over the coming weeks. If you have completed a degree, please contact Dennis Hungridge, professional development manager, at 582-4571 by Friday, Jan. 19 to be included in the ceremony. ❖

Editor's note

Due to the winter break, there will be no January issue of *Campus Connection*. Publication will resume with the February 2006 issue. To keep current with CSUMB news, visit the Web at CSUMB.EDU/news.

Meet Susie Hernandez

What's your job title?

Facilities Services & Operations Service Desk/CMMS operator.

How long have you worked for CSUMB?

Since February 1995.

Do you like it here?

I enjoy working here because, since day one, we all have contributed to making CSUMB a great university for our students.

What's a typical workday like?

It can be calm and then it can get crazy, but we have it all under control.

What's most interesting about your job?

Working with only men in my department. It took some time to adjust to that because in my last job, in Academic Scheduling, I worked with both men and women. I've been

blessed to work with great people here on campus. We have a great team here in Facilities Services & Operations. It's all about keeping the customer satisfied.

Tell us about your personal life.

I'm a single parent with two children. My son Joseph is 11 and my 18-year-old daughter, Sabrina, attends CSU Fresno. We love to travel to amusement parks and Las Vegas. I enjoy hanging out with my family and friends and having a good time.

What's something most people here don't know about you?

I love to play Indian Bingo. When I was a little girl, I would travel with my favorite aunt by Greyhound. While we were waiting to transfer to another bus, I would dance to the music at the bus station and people would throw money at me while I danced.



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