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Extended Ed moving

To allow for a remodeling project, the Extended Education Center will be moved to the old Business and Industry building.

For details, call Carol Clifford at ext. 5864 or Stan Rosenfeld, ext. 5404.

SIS+ training offered Jan. 12

A Student Information System Plus (SIS+) training session for new users will be held at 1:30 to 2:30 pm on Monday, Jan. 12, in Chase Hall, Room 104.

Managers need to complete a training session before they can access a SIS+ account and access the student database.

Participants need to bring an Account Request Form with a supervisors signature to the session. The form is available on OpenMail in the Bulletin Area.

To reserve a seat, call Berry Sawyer at 715-1344 or send her an e-note.

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The system’s newest campus, Monterey Bay, had the highest percentage growth: 23.4 percent or 372 students to 1,958.

San Diego continues to have the largest student body, adding 860 students last fall for a total of 31,453.

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“We are now well into Tidal Wave II,” Chancellor Chancellors Reed said, “and it is important that funding keeps up with enrollment in order to ensure student access to a quality education. . . . We are critical that the CSU continues to find ways to maximize our resources and use those funds wisely.”

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California is now looking to the next decade, including $80,000 to 100,000 in the CSU.

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When buying a home or refinancing, faculty and staff members should remember to ask CalPERS if they qualify for the reduced rates and adjustable rate mortgages, as well as FHA fixed financing. The program also offers low-interest rates, free 60-day lock rate with two free "float-down" opportunities, 100 percent financing, zero-closing fees and closing cost assistance.

To request a copy of the booklet, call 800-874-7377 or visit the Web site at calsite.calpers.ca.gov/homeloan.

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Construction to begin

Construction parking blues? Think pink and rideshare.

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For a listing of Music Department events, call 800-874-7377 and ask for ext. 788-0806.

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Tickets to the benefit recital are $15 for students and $20 for the general public. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Music Department Scholarship Fund.

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Parking and Commuter Services says:

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