

### 2004 UCI Holiday “Staff Helping Hands” Program

The UCI Staff Assembly and Faculty and Staff Counseling Center are co-sponsoring the annual Holiday “Staff Helping Hands” Program. This program provides an opportunity for members of the UCI community to lend a helping hand at the holidays to staff members who are experiencing difficulties providing a holiday experience for their families. Those who need a helping hand are paired *anonymously* with those individuals or groups who are interested in sponsoring a family.

### UCIMC Doctor Named “Cancer Fighter of the Year”



On October 10, 2004, Dr. Philip J. Di Saia, professor of gynecologic oncology and Dorothy J. Marsh Chair in Reproductive Biology was awarded “Cancer Fighter of the Year” for his exemplary leadership in cancer research, treatment, education and patient care. The National Cancer Fighter Awards Trust presented the award during the American College of Surgeons’ annual convention in New Orleans. A blue-ribbon board representing most major medical and cancer centers of the United States makes selection. The award was presented by Dr. G. Denman Hammond, National Cancer Fighter Award winner in 2000, who praised Dr. Di Saia for his intelligence, honesty, kindness and commitment in working toward control of cancers affecting women.

### 2004 Staff Assembly Excellence in Leadership Award

The UCI Staff Assembly with the support of the Executive Vice Chancellor sponsors this award annually. This year’s awardees, nominated with the respect of their respective staff, were Deborah Bozek, Pam Harden, and Randy Williams. They were honored at the annual Staff Picnic with \$1,000 cash, a University Club luncheon, and a distinctive memorabilia. This honor is awarded annually to supervisors who have exhibited outstanding leadership, enhanced staff morale, built an enriching work environment, and/or served as a mentor or otherwise supported the career development of their staff.



Executive Vice Chancellor Gottfredson, Deborah Bozek, Pam

Harden, Randy Williams

### UCI Dean Appointed to CA Stem Cell Oversight Commission



Chancellor Ralph J. Cicerone has appointed Susan V. Bryant, a leading researcher in limb regeneration and the dean of the School of Biological Sciences at UC Irvine, to the Independent Citizens Oversight Commission. This commission will govern the stem cell research institute approved by California voters in the Nov. 2 election by the passage of Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative. Dean Bryant is one of 29 members appointed to the ICOC for a term of eight years.

### 2004 Staff Appreciation Picnic



Anteater on Safari

On September 15, this year’s UCI Staff Assembly’s annual Staff Appreciation Picnic in Aldrich Park boasted a record attendance. Attendance was projected to be 1,200-1,300 for our first picnic to feature a full barbeque lunch catered by the University Club. In fact, over 2,000 people were in attendance to participate in the festivities!

Activities included the Department Staff Volleyball League Championship Match, African Drummers & Dancers, “Best Decorated – Safari Theme Picnic Table” contest, Tarzan and Jane yell contest & a banana eating contest.

To see photos of the event, go to <https://www.ddm.uci.edu/Assembly/>



Raffle Prizes on Display

### Cal-(IT)<sup>2</sup> Building Opening – Integrate, Innovate, Ignite

The California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology [Cal-(IT)<sup>2</sup>] is a joint venture between UCI and UCSD with dedicated research facilities in both locations. This venture debuted its \$44 million state-of-the-art facility at the UC Irvine November 19. The opening of the institute’s 120,000-square-foot, four-story research building was celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and distinguished speakers, including UC President Robert C. Dynes and retired Rockwell CEO Donald Beall.

The institute integrates cross-disciplinary academic intellectual capital and industry expertise, and it will be partnering with leading California telecommunications, computer, software and applications companies to conduct research in areas such as transportation, emergency response, public safety, the environment, security, health care, business, education, the arts and entertainment. “What makes Cal-(IT)<sup>2</sup> unique is our effort to move the most promising research ideas into test beds through our ‘living laboratories,’ where we can experiment with them in a real-world setting,” said Larry Smarr, Cal-(IT)<sup>2</sup> Director. “In this way, the institute can begin to envision tomorrow’s information solutions today.” To see more about this venture, go to <http://www.calit2.net/>



Architectural drawing of the Cal-(IT)<sup>2</sup> building at UCI

### 2004 Staff Assembly Training & Development Lunchtime Series

The UCI Staff Assembly’s brown bag lunchtime series has been increasingly popular. An overflow crowd attended the presentation of “Does your child want to go to UCI?” “Changing Demographics at UCI” was also well received. There has been a lot of advanced interest expressed in the upcoming joint presentation with UCIMC Senior Health Center on “Caring for Aging Parents.” Other program topics for future presentations include discussions about herbal and alternative medicine, obtaining a degree while working at UCI, feng shui, equal opportunity and diversity, wine tasting, and presentations from various UCI professors discussing their research in laymen’s terms.