

RIKK KVITEK RECEIVES CSU AWARD

Dr. Rikk Kvitek is the 2004 recipient of the Wang Family Excellence Award in Natural Sciences. This is the first Wang Award presented to a CSUMB faculty mem-



ber. The award was established in 1998 when trustee Stanley T. Wang gave \$1 million to the CSU System — the largest donation ever given to the CSU by an individual. The award is designed to "celebrate those CSU faculty and administrators who,

through extraordinary commitment and dedication, have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievements in their academic disciplines and areas of assignment."

"What Rikk has accomplished in the short life of this university is nothing short of remarkable," said President Peter Smith. "He is committed to students and faculty working together on real research projects. He writes the grants, gets the funding, recruits the students and does the work."

Kvitek has received 37 grants and contracts totaling over \$4 million in three years. This has enabled him to purchase and equip research vessels, equip computer classrooms and research laboratories. ❖