

## Q & A: Local receives Fulbright Scholar grant to teach overseas

**R**esident Bruce Dehning, a 38 year-old accounting professor at Chapman University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach in Zlin in the Czech Republic.

Dehning will be one of about 800 U.S. faculty members who are sent to any of 140 countries to lecture each year, according to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the organization that administers the Fulbright Scholar program for the U.S. Department of State.

Dehning plans to head overseas with his family next spring.

**Q. What does this grant mean to you?**

**A.** It is a tremendous honor and opportunity. It is also recognition for all of the hard work I have put into my career the last 10 years.

**Q. What do you hope to achieve in the Czech Republic?**

**A.** I hope to contribute something meaningful to the schools where I will be teaching. Tomas Bata University is a relatively new school and I think I will be bringing in expertise that is very different from what they currently have on their faculty.

I also hope to grow personally. I am very interested in expanding my view of the world and understanding the differences between individuals in different cultures. While I am there I will also

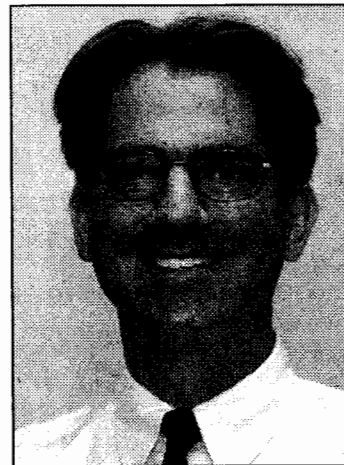
be trying to learn Czech, which is a very difficult language. My wife is originally from Prague and that was one of the reasons I chose the Czech Republic.

**Q. What will you be teaching?**

**A.** So far, I am not exactly sure but probably something similar to the financial accounting and accounting information systems courses I teach at Chapman University. I am also excited about the possibility of teaching a Ph.D. seminar.

**Q. How long have you been a professor and what do you teach?**

**A.** I graduated from the University of Colorado in August of 1998. I was an assistant professor at the University of



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New Hampshire for four years and this is my second year at Chapman University. In addition to the Fulbright

grant, I received a faculty development grant from the University of New Hampshire in 2000 and a Gerald R. Hart Research Fellowship in 1996.

**Q. How long will you work in the Czech Republic?**

**A.** I will be teaching there one semester, from February to May in 2005.

**Q. How long have you lived in Ladera Ranch and how are you involved in the community?**

**A.** This summer, it will be two years ago that we moved to Ladera Ranch from New Hampshire. Currently, I am the treasurer of the Friends of the Ladera Ranch Library.

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