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Distinguished Alumni Honored at Awards Event

Journalist Insana, Governor Lingle, Actor/Humanitarian Marin Saluted for Achievements

CNBC anchor Ron Insana, Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle and actor Richard "Cheech" Marin were the honorees at Cal State Northridge's annual Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner on May 15, attended by about 400 guests at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel.

"The awards allow us to celebrate the many achievements of those honored," said Northridge President Jolene Koester. "These three individuals and their outstanding accomplishments exemplify the best of Cal State Northridge."

Presented to individuals who have achieved high levels of success in their chosen fields of endeavor, the Distinguished Alumni Award is the highest honor bestowed by the university's Alumni Association.

Ron Insana, (*right*) who earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1984, is anchor of CNBC's "Street Signs," which focuses on the New York Stock Exchange and commodities. Insana previously co-anchored "Business Center" with Cal State Northridge alumna Sue Herera.



A regular contributor for NBC's "Today Show" and "The Nightly News with Tom Brokaw," Insana began his career with Financial News Network (FNN) in 1984, and later became managing editor and chief of FNN's Los Angeles bureau. While at FNN, he received a Golden Ace award nomination for his role in covering the 1987 stock market crash.

"Trend Watching: How to Spot and Profit from Wall Street's Latest Fads, Manias, Bubbles and Busts," published in 2002 by Harpers Business, is the latest of Insana's three books on finance.



The first female governor of Hawaii, Linda Lingle (*left*) graduated cum laude from CSUN in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. After graduating from Northridge, she founded and published the Molokai Free Press.

Lingle first served the people of Hawaii on the Maui County Council in 1980, and went on to serve five two-year terms, three representing the island of Molokai.

Elected mayor of Maui County in 1990, she won a second mayoral term before her election as Hawaii Republican Party chair in 1999.

First known as one half of the comedy duo, Cheech and Chong, Richard "Cheech"

Marin(*right*) wrote, directed and starred in the highly acclaimed "Born in East L.A."

His other film and television credits include "Tin Cup," "Nash Bridges," "Judging Amy," and the "Lion King." He also had success with his first bilingual children's album, "My Name is Cheech, the School Bus Driver."

Marin's personal Chicano art collection, one of the largest in the world, is part of a blockbuster museum exhibit that opened at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., and is now touring nationally.



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Governor, Universities Reach Accord on Education 'Compact'

Proposal Will Give Systems Ability to Plan, Manage Resources for Students, Campuses

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed and University of California President Robert Dynes reached agreement last week on a six-year "compact" that will help ensure quality, access and affordability at the nation's top public university systems.

"The coming year promises to be a tight one for the university's budget, and future challenges lie ahead," said Northridge President Jolene Koester. "But at last, we now see the renewed promise of state financial support and commitment to our mission of educating students and serving our community."

General Fund Increase

Recognizing the overwhelming demand for student access, the higher education compact proposes a 3 percent state general fund increase for the CSU in 2005/06 and 2006/07. From 2007/08 through 2010/11, the state will provide an increase of 4 percent to the prior year's base budget for basic needs including salary increases, health benefits, maintenance and inflation.

In addition, the governor has committed to another 1 percent increase in the CSU budget in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11, to address annual budgetary shortfalls in state funding for other instruction and research support such as instructional equipment, instructional technology, libraries and building maintenance.

Still, campus officials agree, the compact does not solve all of CSUN's budget challenges. Though Gov. Schwarzenegger has committed to limit CSU 2004/05 budget cuts to the \$240 million (9 percent) level he proposed in January, those cuts alone will leave Northridge with a projected \$15.6 million general fund budget shortfall that must be addressed. Without significant structural changes to the CSUN budget, some level of that shortfall is expected to persist in future years.

Reduced Enrollment Target

Due to the budget cuts, Northridge has been given a reduced student enrollment target for the coming academic year, down 5 percent to 23,172 full-time equivalent students. The cuts will require divisions to tighten their budgets, in addition to which the campus will rely on available one-time funds to minimize the impact on its programs.

Such approaches, together with a continuation of the university's conservative fiscal policies, should enable the campus to maintain its tenure/tenure-track faculty and permanent staff in 2004/05. The Educational

Opportunity Program and outreach efforts also are expected to be preserved.

Intended to provide educational opportunities for an additional 8,000 CSU students per year, the compact will help the system stem student enrollment decreases caused by the state's fiscal crisis.

By providing fiscal stability in the initial two years of the compact, the state will prevent further erosion of support for higher education. Funding commitments in the third year and beyond reflect the governor's belief that the state will experience moderate economic growth. This will allow the CSU some recovery, such as improving salaries and addressing under-funded core programs.

In exchange for the commitment of funds, the CSU will make annual reports on a series of accountability measures to the governor, the secretary of education, fiscal committees of the Legislature, the Legislative Analyst's Office and the Department of Finance.

The compact proposes a three-year level of fee increases for undergraduate students. In 2004/05, student fees will increase 14 percent, and in 2005/06 and 2006/07, they will increase 8 percent each year.

For the years 2007/08 to 2010/11, the governor has recommended that any fee increases be tied to an annual California per capita personal income. However, he has agreed the CSU trustees can exceed that number if fiscal circumstances warrant, but not above 10 percent in any given year. CSU graduate fees in contrast to a 40 percent across the board hike originally proposed by the governor for the 2004/05 budget will increase by 25 percent in 2004/05. Teacher credential candidate fees will increase by 20 percent. For the following two years, graduate fees are expected to increase by no less than 10 percent.

A vote on the 2004/05 annual fee increases is expected at the May 19 meeting of the CSU trustees. If approved, annual undergraduate fees would increase by \$288 (14 percent), qualified credential program participants by \$450 (20 percent) and all other post-baccalaureate and graduate students by \$564 (25 percent). One fifth of the revenue from these fee increases will be set aside for State University Grant financial aid.

The Schwarzenegger administration expects CSU graduate student fees eventually to be 50 percent higher than undergraduate fees in recognition of the costs of graduate programs and the expected higher salaries of students with advanced degrees.

CSU currently enrolls about 410,000 students but will decrease enrollment by up to 5 percent in 2004/05 (a non-compact year) because of cuts proposed in the governor's January budget.

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Employee of the Year Anita Robertson (right) is joined by Marnie Nemcoff of the Matadors Community Credit Union, award sponsor.

Anita Robertson Named Employee of the Year

Schedule of Classes Coordinator Called Instrumental in Conversion to SOLAR Information System

Anita Robertson, Schedule of Classes coordinator in Admissions and Records (A & R), was named the Cal State Northridge Employee of the Year at the annual Staff Service Recognition Awards Ceremony held May 14 in the Satellite Student Union.

The awards, given in five-year increments, bring recognition to staff employees' dedicated service to the university. This year's ceremony paid tribute to more than 300 employees, whose CSUN terms ranged from five to 40 years.

Nominees for Employee of the Year, gathered from campus wide departments and divisions, were judged on the basis of creativity and/or innovation, initiative, leadership, teamwork and special contributions.

Robertson was described as "instrumental" to the university's conversion to the Student On-Line Administrative Resources (SOLAR) system, which handles student and academic data and information for faculty, staff, administrators, and students.

"The conversion was not a simple one-to-one correspondence between systems," said recently retired Director of Admissions and Records Lorraine Newlon of Robertson's achievement, "but required innovative insight into campus organization and functional design."

In addition to the challenge of the SOLAR conversion, Robertson undertook the documentation of an extensive library of procedures associated with the Schedule of Classes and related activities. Newlon said the procedures since have become the source of all training materials used throughout the campus and in the Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning.

Robertson not only redesigned A & R's admissions and registration mailers, but the unit's Web information as well, with an eye to providing an accessible "first contact" for students after conversion to the new information system.

It was Robertson's leadership that helped eight College coordinators at CSUN develop the skill sets needed for the conversion to SOLAR, whose impact was felt in more than 50 academic departments involved in Schedule of Classes construction.

Recognizing that the key to the project's success depended on the coordinators' ability to transfer their knowledge to others in their areas, Robertson was the "point person" who facilitated the prototype rollout, moving on to full development of the process.

Robertson worked with the SOLAR Support Services staff as well, attending all of its department training sessions, and open labs set up as training reinforcement.

"Her selfless commitment to the task of bringing SOLAR to reality was in the soil long before the system came to life," said Newlon. "For this work, Anita is in a class by herself."

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President Jolene Koester (left) and 40-year service award winner Dorena Knepper hold congratulatory proclamation from State Senator Richard Alarcon.

Dorena Knepper Receives 40-Year Recognition at Staff Service Awards Event

Dorena Knepper, director of Governmental Affairs for Cal State Northridge, received special honors for her 40-year CSUN career at the university's annual Staff Service Recognition Awards ceremony on May 14.

Knepper's role as the university's government liaison began in 1982, when she began serving as a contact for legislators with inquiries or constituent concerns. Today, her work affects nearly every aspect of the university's relations with government, at the local, state and federal levels.

"I love this job," said Knepper. "Working in governmental affairs has afforded me opportunities I never thought possible and to meet people of great stature, who literally define the age we live in."

The administrator has served on or chaired nearly 100 faculty, administrative, staff and student committees on a broad range of subjects, from community service-learning to the protection of human subjects.

As governmental affairs director during the 1994 earthquake, Knepper coordinated the visits of governmental and elected officials to Cal State Northridge. Visitors ranged from then Mayor Richard Riordan to former Vice President Al Gore.

She was a key figure in the planning of President Bill Clinton's visit to the university on the first anniversary of the Northridge earthquake, and arranged for the President's call to a popular Los Angeles talk radio show broadcasting from an on campus mobile unit the day the university re-opened.

Since 1972, Knepper has held a variety of positions in the Office of the President, including 16 years as executive assistant for former President James Cleary until his 1992 retirement. Active in numerous business groups, including three chambers of commerce and the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, she also is a legislative advocate for two nonprofit charitable associations.

Knepper began as a student at San Fernando Valley State College, earning her degree in English/Health Science and spending one of her graduate study years in Japan. Her first job at Northridge was with the CSUN Foundation, known today as the University Corporation.

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2004 Commencement and Honors Convocation Schedule

Date	College	Time	Location	Speaker/Performer
Tue., June 1	Honors Convocation	6 p.m.	University Club Lawn	Alumna Yvonne Chan, principal, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center, Pacoima
Wed., June 2	Social & Behavioral Sciences	8 a.m.	Oviatt Library Lawn	None
	Science & Mathematics	4 p.m.	University Club Lawn	Alumnus Colin McCannel, M.D., assistant professor of ophthalmology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
	Arts, Media, & Communication	6:30 p.m.	Oviatt Library Lawn	CSUN Jazz "A" Band, Jishin Daiko Japanese Drumming Group
Thu., June 3	Humanities	8 a.m.	Oviatt Library Lawn	Eloise Klein Healy, poet, former director of CSUN's Women's Studies Program
	Engineering & Computer Science	4 p.m.	University Club Lawn	Alumnus Mory Ejabat, chairman/CEO, Zhone Technologies Inc.
	Health & Human Development	6:30 p.m.	Oviatt Library Lawn	Alumna Sandraluz Lara-Cinisomo, associate behavioral scientist, RAND Corp.
Fri., June 4	Business & Economics	8 a.m.	Oviatt Library Lawn	None
	Michael D. Eisner College of Education	4 p.m.	University Club Lawn	Alumna Deborah Leidner, Los Angeles Unified School District superintendent, District A

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Two International Model 6000 trams, manufactured by Trams International of Bell Gardens, will replace campus bus shuttle service in fall 2004.

The Trams Are Coming! Buses Making Last CSUN Rounds

Faster, Quieter and Cleaner, Trams are Just the Ticket for Campus Travel

Intra-campus travel around Cal State Northridge will be faster, quieter and friendlier to the environment with the advent of tram shuttle service in fall 2004.

Expected to significantly improve upon current campus bus service, two 57-passenger trams—both accessible to disabled passengers—will replace current campus bus shuttle service.

"Our objective is to make on-campus transportation swifter and more convenient for CSUN students, faculty and staff," said Colin Donahue, director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction. "Tram service should answer that need on a number of levels."

Shorter travel distance on inner campus roads will mean shorter round trip times, shorter wait times and more trips per hour, added Donahue, noting that three or four buses now make from seven to nine 4.2-mile round trips per hour, but two trams can make 12 two-mile trips in the same amount of time.

Presently, a round trip bus ride to north campus can take as long as 20 minutes or more, due to roadway traffic and passenger loading time. A tram would be able to make the trip with only a ten minute turnaround.

Even loading and unloading will be faster, since both trams are open air vehicles. Roll down curtains will be used in inclement weather.

The International Model 6000 trams—each designed to carry the same passenger load as the buses currently in use—will start at East University Drive/Lindley Avenue at Lassen Street, cruising south past the athletic fields to the west side of Parking Lot G4 at Prairie Street, near the University Student Union. Return routes will take the trams back along the same path.

Fast tram service is expected to invite greater use of Parking Lots F10, G10 and Parking Structure G9. Increased use of those areas will, in turn, reduce traffic on Lindley Avenue, Halsted Street and West University Drive/Etiwanda Avenue.

The environment also will benefit, Donahue said, since the two propane-powered shuttle trams will mean the end of diesel fumes from buses. In addition, their inner campus routes will cause less "wear and tear" on campus streets.

Budget savings will result as well, he said. Existing bus service costs the university about \$465,000 per year, while the total cost to purchase and operate the two trams in the first year is not expected to exceed \$458,000, from parking revenues. The expense of operating tram service should decrease in subsequent years, resulting in even greater savings.

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Second Annual Valley Economic Forecast Set for May 25

Northridge and Valley Economic Research Center Team with Chicago Title to Offer Outlooks, Trends

Cal State Northridge and its San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center, in partnership with Chicago Title, will present the second annual San Fernando Valley Economic Forecast on Tuesday, May 25, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City.

The forecast, titled "The Recovery: Breakout or More Doldrums?," will offer a look at what the future holds for the economies of the Valley, the region, the state and the nation through 2007.

Daniel Blake, CSUN economics professor and center director, (*right*) will discuss the state of the Valley's economy and what the trends foretell for its future. He also will present the results of a recent survey of several hundred employers in the San Fernando Valley conducted by the center, Davis Research and J.D. Power and Associates.



Mark Schniepp, director of the California Economic Forecast and a senior economist with the California Controller's Office, (*left*) will discuss the economic trends in Los Angeles region and the rest of the state.

Gary Zimmerman, an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco, (*right*) will address national trends in manufacturing and high technology industries.



Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by the presentations at 8:30 a.m. The fee for registration is \$110. Guests can register online at the Forecast Web site, buslab3.csun.edu/sfverc/upcoming/forecast.html. Each guest will receive breakfast and a printed copy of the conference findings.

Information about the San Fernando Valley Economic Forecast is available on the Forecast Web site or by calling Debi Klein at (818) 677-3621.



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President Jolene Koester (far left) and outgoing Faculty President Michael Neubauer (far right) greet 2004 Outstanding Professor Award winners Jack Solomon and Yolanda Rosas.



Linda Bain (left), provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, with Visionary Community Service-Learning Award winner Virginia Vandergon.



University Advancement Vice President Judy C. Knudson (far left) congratulates faculty honorees Carmelo Gariano, Exceptional Creative Accomplishments Award winner; Rafi Efrat, Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award winner, and Ann Watkins, who won the Extraordinary Service Award.

University Honors Faculty's Exceptional Achievements and Service at Annual Awards Ceremony

Outstanding Professors and Other Individual Honorees are Saluted at Event; Emeritus and 25-Year Faculty Receive University Recognition for Service

The 2004 General Faculty Meeting and Honored Faculty Reception, an annual event honoring the exceptional achievements and service of Cal State Northridge's faculty, was hosted by President Jolene Koester and outgoing Faculty President Michael Neubauer on May 13 in the University Student Union's Grand Salon.

Yolanda Rosas, chair and professor of modern and classical languages and literatures, and English professor Jack Solomon each were presented with the 2004 CSUN Outstanding Professor Award.

Also honored were Rafi Efrat, assistant professor of business law, who received the Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award; Ann Watkins, mathematics professor, the Extraordinary Service Award winner; Carmelo Gariano, professor emeritus of modern and classical languages and literatures, winner of the Exceptional Creative Accomplishment Award; and Virginia Vandergon, assistant biology professor, recipient of the Visionary Community Service-Learning Award.

Sponsored by President Koester and the Northridge chapter of the California Faculty Association, the reception also was the occasion for recognition of 36 emeritus faculty and 12 faculty who have completed 25 years of service in the California State University system.

Outstanding Professor Award Yolanda Rosas

Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department

Professor Rosas, a prolific writer who has published numerous scholarly articles and book reviews, has published or edited 11 books, among them "*Villasandino y Su Hablante L'rico*," "*El Minuto y La Palabra*," "*Retrato de un Poeta: Rubén Vela*" and "*Hubo un Tiempo.../There Was a Time*." Her creative work has appeared in journals such as *Fenix*, *La Voz Mestiza*, *Alba de América*, *Cuadernos de Poesía Nueva* and *The America's Review*.

The selection committee applauded her intellectual breadth, demonstrated by the subjects of her writing: literary theory, poetry and feminist literary perspective, among many others.

In choosing the 1998 Distinguished Teaching Award winner for the new recognition, the committee noted that students have spoken of the immense impact she has had on their careers. Her colleagues extol her clarity and warmth as well as her gift for intellectually stimulating communication.

Rosas was cited for serving the university on numerous committees over the years, in addition to accepting invitations to read her poetry at venues such as Wichita State University and Scripps College. Most recently, she has led her colleagues and staff as the chair of the Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department.

Outstanding Professor Award Jack Solomon

English Department

Described as a "superb mentor" to his students, professor Solomon was chosen as one of two outstanding professors for challenging those students to excel "in some of the most difficult courses in the English Department curriculum."

Solomon's many published books and articles have made him an inter-nationally recognized scholar of semiotics. The study of all forms of human signification as well as the study of culture, semiotics involves

the interpretation of culture through the analysis of every form of human behavior, and the myriad ways in which human beings interact with each other.

Among Solomon's books are "Signs of Our Time," which has been translated into Japanese; "Signs of Life in the USA"Ñcoauthored with wife Sonia MaasikÑnow in its fourth edition as the best selling popular culture reader that introduced popular cultural semiotics into the undergraduate classroom; "Discourse and Reference in the Nuclear Age," a technical study of literary criticism; and "California Dreams and Realities," a composition textbook designed solely for California universities and colleges.

An active participant in the life of the university, Solomon has served as a faculty senator and on many committees, including the Educational Resources Committee.

Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award

Rafi Efrat

Business Law Department

The awards selection committee took note of Professor Efrat's publications on interdisciplinary and comparative consumer bankruptcy in choosing him for the Publication Award. Efrat's body of published work examines the field of consumer bankruptcy laws throughout the world, with emphasis on Israel.

Collectively, the committee concluded, his work represents an important contribution to his field, with one article recently listed among the "Top Ten Downloads" in the Social Science Research Network.

Law professors in the U.S., Canada, England and Israel have rated Efrat's work among the most influential in his field, committee members observed. They added that one professorÑwho used the award winner's work in his own classesÑdescribed it as "in my mind, the key article in the field."

Professor Efrat's articles also have been praised by bankruptcy officials within the U.S. and Israeli governments.

Extraordinary Service Award

Ann Watkins

Mathematics Department

In presenting Ann Watkins with the Extraordinary Service Award, the selection committee pointed to Watkins' career-long contributions to statistics education and to the mathematics professional community, contributions they called "extraordinary and widely recognized."

One of the main creators of a national statistics and data analysis curriculum in K-8 schools, Watkins helped create the curriculum, its standards and textbooks. She championed the idea of such a curriculum through a network of national organizations and government bodies.

A founding developer of the Advanced Placement course and exam in statistics, Watkins served in many leadership roles in the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), including the prestigious role of MAA president from 2001Ð2003.

For several years the editor of the College Mathematical Journal and the American Mathematical Monthly, Watkins was recognized by the committee for taking a leadership role in the development of the Mathematics Department's four year integrated teacher credential, including restructuring the probability sequence for math majors in the secondary teaching option.

Exceptional Creative Accomplishment Award

Carmelo Gariano

Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department

Professor Gariano's novel, "Oro Verde," was praised by the awards committee for its "creative use of language" in spinning a tale of characters swept into the treacherous underworld of drugs, predators, victims, love and death on the borderline between Mexico and California. The committee pointed out that the book covered subjects and a segment of society underrepresented in literature.

"Oro Verde" was published through the university press of Universidad Autonoma de Baja California and the academic consortium that sponsors La Frontera, a program supported by CSUN and other universities.

Gariano received his first Exceptional Creative Accomplishment Award for a comedy that was a finalist in an international literary competition. He has written two other novels, a collection of short stories, online stories, several professional works and about 40 articles for literary journals.

In addition to its creativity and subject matter, the committee found "Oro Verde" an engrossing read, praising its author as "a most worthy recipient" of the Creative Accomplishment Award.

**Visionary Community Service-Learning Award
Virginia Vandergon**

Biology Department

The service-learning activities of Virginia Vandergon, according to the committee, "encompass integration of service-learning into numerous courses, including biology courses for the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP)," focusing on coursework students will be required to teach elementary students in the future.

Vandergon, whose award is sponsored by the Center for Community Service-Learning, is the recipient of six service-learning grants. They include the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development State Grant Program for teaching content to science teachers of students in grades 7-12.

National acclaim has come to Vandergon for her work with Tomorrow's Scientists: An After-School Program. In the program, under-served middle school students are brought to Cal State Northridge's campus science facilities to increase their knowledge of science.

Students in Vandergon's Biology 102 course have designed and implemented imaginative science activities based on California's science standard for middle schoolers. According to the department's newsletter, the students have delighted in building "Easter eggs" using Mendelian genetic traits, dissecting hearts and building blood pressure models, making fossils and analyzing data for adaptive traits.

A popular speaker, Vandergon has made a number of presentations about her service-learning programs.

Emeritus Faculty

Name	Department
Carolyn Barbian	Kinesiology
Elizabeth Berry	Communication Studies
Donald Bethe	Kinesiology
Jean-Luc Bordeaux	Art
William Bowen	Geography
Nicolas Breit	Kinesiology
Monica Burdex-Esposito	Reference and Instructional Services
David Cary	Finance, Real Estate and Insurance
Bernice Colman	Art
Helen Coulson	Mathematics

Veronica Elias	Sociology
Abraham Feinberg	Systems and Operations Management
Steven Freeman	Business Law
Bruce Gelvin	Anthropology
Francine Hallcom	Chicano/a Studies
David Hornbeck, Jr.	Geography
Mark Jurey	Art
Tamara Klumpe	University Counseling Services
Louise Lewis	Art
Donal Lumbert	Art
Roberta Madison	Health Sciences
Ellen McFadden	Health Sciences
Elliot McIntire	Geography
Philip Morrison	Art
Nancy Owens	Family and Consumer Sciences
John Wayne Plasek	Sociology
Barbara Polland	Child and Adolescent Development
Jane Prather	Sociology
Gilbert Rios	Art
Thomas Shannon	Business Law
Vicki Sharp	Elementary Education
Robert Smith	Art
Lawrence Sneden	Sociology
Robert von Sternberg	Art
M. Birgitta Wohl	Art
Morris Zaslavsky	Art

Faculty Completing 25 Years of Service in the CSU

Name	Department
James Bracy	Pan African Studies
James Chiu	Accounting and Information Systems
Arlinda Eaton	Elementary Education
Craig Finney	Leisure Studies and Recreation
Janet Fish	Educational Psychology and Counseling
Catherine Jeppson	Accounting and Information Systems
Sharlene Katz	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Christie Logan	Communication Studies
Richard MacDonald	Family and Consumer Sciences
Mohammad Sangeladji	Accounting and Information Systems
Sidney Schwartz	Mechanical Engineering
Steven Stepanek	Computer Science



Carroll to Step Down as Dean of Science and Mathematics

Administrator Eager to Return to Teaching, Biochemistry Research at Northridge

Edward Carroll, Jr., dean of Cal State Northridge's College of Science and Mathematics, has announced he will step down as dean on June 30, to involve himself at CSUN in teaching and conducting research in the biochemistry of animal development.

Completing his seventh year as dean, Carroll came to Northridge from UC Riverside, where he served as associate dean of the university's graduate division and research and taught courses in biology.

"I will return as a FERP [Faculty Early Retirement Program] faculty member to what brought me to the university in the first place: my intense interest in the study of science," said Carroll of his decision to move to other pursuits. "I have had the pleasure of working with many excellent faculty in the college of Science and Mathematics and elsewhere at CSUN, and at this point in my career, I look forward to a return to where my love of academic work began."

The dean will continue teaching the Japanese martial art of Aikido in the Kinesiology Department; he holds a fifth degree black belt.

Under Carroll's leadership, the college added to its multimillion dollar budget another \$22 million in extramural grant support and about \$2 million in private donations.

In addition to his responsibilities as dean, Carroll has actively pursued his professional research program, which includes protein and glycoprotein purification and other areas of specialization.

During his academic career, the dean has participated in more than 45 invited national and international seminars, symposia and presentations, including sessions at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., the Gordon Research Conferences, National Science Foundation workshops, Caltech, Loma Linda University, Bodega Marine Laboratory, the International Congresses of Invertebrate Reproduction in Japan and California, the World Congress of Herpetology in England, and the International Xenopus Conference in California.

The author of more than 100 reviewed papers, reviews and abstracts and a textbook in collaboration with biology professor Steven Oppenheimer, Carroll has since 1975 served as a reviewer of NSF research grant proposals and as a panel member for NSF programs, among them Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement and the Institution-Wide Reform of Undergraduate Education Initiative.

Outside of academia, Carroll's pursuits include an active role in the world of competitive, free flight and radio-controlled aeromodels. The dean designs, builds and flies models both nationally and internationally,

having won the 2003 Ukrainian National champion title, as well as a U.S. championship. Recently, he has become a full-scale soaring pilot in pure gliders, working toward a certified flight instructor rating.

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Disabilities Resources Units Plans Awards Ceremony

Annual Recognition Awards Ceremony Celebrates 20th Anniversary, Presents Scholarships Honors

 Students with Disabilities Resources, a unit of Cal State Northridge's Center on Disabilities, will honor 20 students at its 20th Annual Recognition Awards event from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, in Cleary Court.

The campus community is welcome to attend the student scholarship event, at which awards of \$1,000 each will be presented to the honorees.

Character actor Robert David Hall (*right*) will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. Hall appears weekly as Dr. Robbins, the coroner on CBS-TV's hit prime time drama, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation." One of the entertainment world's most prominent disabled actors, Hall has a long line of film and television credits including "The Negotiator" with Kevin Spacey and Samuel Jackson, "Class Action" with Gene Hackman and Laurence Fishburne, "Touched by an Angel" and "L.A. Law."

Harry "Bud" Rizer, director of the Center on Disabilities, said the awards ceremony was begun in 1985 as a way to honor students with disabilities whose courage and determination enabled them to overcome hardships associated with pursuing academic success.

Three special awards will be presented at the ceremony. Kiren Dosanjh Zucker, assistant professor of business law, will receive the Faculty of the Year recognition. Patricia Lord, production team supervisor for Admissions and Records, will be named Staff of the Year, and Nick Hogan will be honored as Non-Disabled Student of the Year.

Since its inception, Rizer said, the Recognition Awards Program has provided more than \$120,000 in awards to more than 200 students with disabilities. The contributions of campus-based organizations, community and corporate donors all have supported the scholarships, he added.

Cleary Court is located between the College of Business and Economics and the Michael D. Eisner College of Education. For more information, call Diane Madjid at (818) 677-2684.

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Chicano-Latino comedy/performance troupe Culture Clash greets audience at a May 5 Oviatt Library performance celebrating its 20th anniversary and the opening of the library's exhibit chronicling its career. From left, Ric Salinas, Herbert SigŸenza and Richard Montoya.

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Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick discusses the functions and challenges of her office during an April session of accounting and information systems professor James Macklin's "Introduction to Financial Accounting" course.

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News Breifs

IS Students Take Top Prize in Pomona Competition

A Cal State Northridge Information Systems student team took first place in the systems analysis and design category of the 2004 annual Information Technology Competition held at Cal Poly Pomona in April. CSUN also placed second in the networking category.

Sponsored by Cal Poly Pomona's Management Information Systems Student Association and the Computer Information Systems Department, the competition was launched in 1996. It brings together West Coast information technology/information systems students who apply their classroom expertise to assigned cases in a simulated "real world" business environment.

Each team worked against a deadline to conduct systems analysis and modeling, cost-benefit analysis, and specifications for implementation. Team members were required to present and defend their resulting detailed package before a panel of industry professionals.

CSUN's two teams were coached by Dat-Dao Nguyen and Richard Ye, both information systems faculty in the College of Business and Economics' Accounting and Information Systems Departments.

First place winners in systems analysis and design included students Atul Rao, Nadia Meskova, Don Irwin and Curtis Brown. The networking team included students Dan Carmi, Mark Cayabyab and Vladimir Ignatenko.

"Each case involved a complex problem of information systems design," said Ye. "Because all competition participants must be fulltime students, they basically sacrificed their entire spring break week to work on the project."

The competition gave students invaluable experience in situations they will undoubtedly encounter in the workplace after graduation, Nguyen added. "The students had to virtually work around the clock in the lab to meet the deadline. They enjoyed it."

Northridge students have won consistently during the last five years of the competition, placing first place in the 2003 networking category, tying for first in the e-business slot and winning second place in systems design and analysis. CSUN's team took the top award in the 2002 systems analysis and design division.

Murrow Awards Top KCSN Banner Year

Capping an academic year rich with first place awards from news organizations, campus station KCSN

88.5 FM has won three regional Edward R. Murrow Awards from the Radio Television News Directors Association (RTNDA).

For the first time, KCSN earned the Murrow "Overall Excellence" award, a special recognition that this year went to only four other public radio outlets in the country.

"We are much honored," said KCSN News Director Keith Goldstein. "This is one of the most prestigious awards that a news department can get in broadcast journalism."

The station won for its "Evening Update" broadcast featuring coverage of the war in Iraq, breaking and continuing news, and features such as "Immigrant Driver's License Law."

In the "Feature Reporting" category, KCSN broadcast journalism student Karen Apostolina was saluted for her story on recycling, which aired during the fall 2003 semester. Goldstein received a Murrow Award for "Best Use of Sound" in his "Model Airplanes" feature.

All three winning entries will be considered for national RTNDA honors in fall 2004.

According to Goldstein, the new awards bring to an even dozen the number of Murrow awards won by the station's news department. Named for famed broadcast journalist Murrow, the awards have been given by the news directors association since 1971 to spotlight outstanding electronic journalism.

Earlier in the year, the Cal State Northridge station received two Golden Mikes and a Special Merit Award from the Radio Television News Association of Southern California. The station also earned four first place statewide awards from the Associated Press Television Radio Association.

New Senior Associate Director Joins Athletics

Janet Lucas, a former intercollegiate sports administrator at James Madison University in Virginia, will join Cal State Northridge's Athletics Department at the beginning of June. Lucas will serve as the department's new senior associate athletic director/senior woman administrator.



"We are privileged to have been able to secure the professional services of Janet Lucas," said Northridge Athletic Director Dick Dull, who added that Lucas will bring to her new duties "a comprehensive knowledge" gained from her experience at James Madison.

During her 15 years of service at the Virginia university, Lucas supervised and evaluated its intercollegiate sports programs and the coaching staff for up to 21 programs. She also supervised a comprehensive compliance program related to National Collegiate Athletic Association and regional sports authority regulations.

Among Lucas' other responsibilities were management of athletic and foundation scholarships, the coordination of admissions and housing for student-athletes, and oversight of the eligibility certification process for more than 600 athletes.

"The opportunity to work at a quality university, build on the outstanding athletic tradition that has been established, and assist with moving the university forward to an unprecedented level of athletic excellence is very exciting," Lucas said of her new CSUN position. "I will work diligently to provide an integrated, enriching, and positive student-athlete experience that incorporates academic, athletic, and personal success."

Lucas received her bachelor of science degree in physical education from Wake Forest University, and her

master of sports administration degree from Ohio University. She is an active member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators and the National Association of Athletics Compliance Coordinators.

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FYI

For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items generally is noon on Monday, one week before the issue appears.

The deadline for the June 1 issue is Monday, May 24. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the two-week period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: **fmi**-means for more information.

Events

Tuesday, May 18

Marilyn Magaram Administrators Honored

The College of Science and Mathematics and the Office of the Provost will host a reception honoring Edward Carroll for his seven years of dedicated service as dean, and Robert Park for his eight years of outstanding commitment as associate dean, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the University Club. RSVP to Shefali Desai, x2004, or shefali.j.desai@csun.edu.

Thursday, May 20

Mental Health Lectures

The National Institute of Mental Health sponsors the Career Opportunities in Research Program and the Minority Research Infrastructure Support Program Spring 2004 Speaker Series lecture from 5:45 p.m. in Sierra Hall, room 322. "Co-Morbidity of Substance Abuse and Depression in Urban Populations" will be discussed by Tony Strickland, professor, UCLA Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department. fmi-Frederica Rose, x6280, or frederica.isabella.rose@csun.edu.

Friday, May 21

Professors Golf Association Tournament

Celebrate the academic year's end with a day of golf for CSUN faculty and staff at 10 a.m. at the par 67 Westlake Golf Course, 4812 Lakeview Canyon Road, Westlake Village. The Professors Golf Association (CSUN-PGA) is the tournament organizer. Registration is \$44. fmiDLee Gassert, leland.gassert@csun.edu or (818) 998-3021.

Saturday, May 22

Orientation for Translation Program

The Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning hosts a free orientation and testing for its Interpreting and Translating certificate program from 9 a.m.Ðnoon, in the Science Building, room 2132. The orientation introduces bilingual community members to training and employment opportunities as legal and government translators. Pre-registration is necessary. fmiDCaroline Miranda, x3332 or x4852.

Monday, May 24

Construction Management Benefit Golf Classic

CSUN's College of Engineering and Computer Science presents the second annual Construction Management Benefit Golf Classic: registration at 8:30 a.m., shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., North Ranch Country Club, Westlake Village. fmiDIndependent Events & Media, (818) 224-3673.

Wednesday, May 26ÐFriday, May 28

Goodwill "Check-Out" Donation Drive

Associated Students University Recycling Program and Services' annual "check-out" donation drive, intended to help students move out of residential life, will take place in Lot F9, east of Burdock and Southernwood Halls. Everyone on campus is encouraged to take advantage of this recycle and reuse event. A Goodwill attendant will be on site from 9 a.m.Ð5:30 p.m. to accept donations and provide tax receipts. fmiDCyndi Signett, x2477, www.csunas.org/recycle, or Goodwill at (888) 446-6394.

Public Meetings

University Planning and Budget Group

Meets Wed., May 19, 10 a.m.Ðnoon
University Hall 277

Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Meets Wed., May 19, 1:15Ð5 p.m.
University Hall 277

Faculty Senate

Meets Thu., May 20, 2Ð4:30 p.m.
Oviatt Presentation Room 81

Educational Equity Committee

Meets Mon., May 24, 11:30 a.m.Ð1 p.m.
University Hall 211

Notices

Approved Policy Item

President Jolene Koester has approved a policy establishing campus e-mail as the official method of communication between faculty, staff and students. E-mail messages originating at the university will be sent to campus e-mail addresses, and also if so desired, members of the campus community will be able to specify a preferred personal e-mail address to which their campus e-mail can be forwarded. As this policy moves toward full implementation during fall 2004, more information will be forthcoming. The policy is available for review at www.csun.edu/policy.

Catastrophic Leave Donations

Toni Uhlendorf (Biology), currently on leave caring for a family member, is unable to return to work at this time. She is requesting catastrophic leave donations on her behalf. To make a voluntary donation of vacation leave, access the catastrophic leave donation form online at www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/forms/benefitsforms.html. Completed forms go to Renée Venezia, Payroll Administration, mail code 8228. fmiDLaurie Gold-Brubaker, x3809.

Marketing Department Chair Reappointed

Judith Hennessey (Marketing) was reappointed as chair of the Marketing Department in April. She will serve a three-year term effective August 18.

Professional Development Manager Appointed

Laurie Walton, the current manager of Learning and Development at Blue Shield of California, has been appointed as CSUN's new manager of Professional Development Programs. Walton will join the Human Resource Services staff on June 1.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The university community extends condolences to Miriam Cotler (Health Sciences), on the passing of her husband, renowned endocrinologist Robert Rood, at the end of April. Cotler has established the Robert Rood, M.D. Fund for the Center for Health Ethics and Policy in the College of Health and Human Development (HHD). To make donations, please contact Anne Robison, director of development for HHD, at x5863 or by e-mail at anne.robison@csun.edu. Checks can be made out to "CSUN Foundation" with "Robert Rood Memorial Fund" written in the memo line.

The university community extends sympathy to Owen Seiver, (Environmental & Occupational Health) on the passing of his mother.

The Music Department and the university community extend condolences to the family and friends of Karen Ervin-Pershing (Music), who passed away on May 10. Ervin-Pershing began teaching percussion at CSUN in 1976. Her career included performances with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Pasadena Symphony, the Bolshoi Ballet, and the American Ballet Theater.

A regular contributor to Modern Drummer and Modern Percussionist magazines, Ervin-Pershing had served as vice president and board member of the Percussive Arts Society and was the author of books presenting compositions and arrangements for keyboard mallet instruments.

The May 18 concert by the Cal State Northridge Percussion Ensemble, to be directed by John Magnusson at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall, will be dedicated to Ervin-Pershing.

Student Development and International Programs, and the university community, extend sympathy to the family and friends of Adele Juarez, former director of the Office of International and Exchange Programs, who passed away on April 22.

In addition to serving the international students, Juarez developed the unit's social and cultural programs, as well as the Student Panels for an International Curriculum and Education (SPICE) program. She implemented many bilateral exchanges, such as student exchanges to China, Lithuania, Hungary and the Netherlands. Juarez also started the campus Honor Society for International Scholars, Phi Beta Delta.

To contribute to the Adele Juarez Scholarship Program, donations should go to Phi Beta Delta, mail drop 8261. fmi@John Charles, x3053.

TNE Request Proposals

The Teachers for a New Era (TNE) Initiative at Cal State Northridge invites research proposals to explore how higher education adds value to K-12 schools via the education of teachers. Proposals should focus on teaching processes and pupil learning at the elementary, middle or high school levels. Priority will be given to proposals that can develop promising lines of research and inquiry that will advance the goals of the TNE Initiative. Multiple awards between \$3,000 and \$5,000 will be given. To access the application form, visit tne.csun.edu/RequestforProposals.htm or go to the dean's office in each college. fmi@Steven Mercer, x6424.

Classes

Rape Aggression Defense Courses

Cal State Northridge's Public Safety Department has summer and fall Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) courses scheduled for 5-8 p.m. on June 9, 10, 16, 17, and on September 15, 16, 22 and 23. R.A.D. is a self-defense program designed for women. All classes are taught in the USU's Shoshone Room.

Registration required. Classes are free for CSUN students and \$10 for the public. fmi and registration forms, www-admn.csun.edu/publicsafety/police/rad/index.htm

Professional Development Programs

Cal State Northridge's Human Resource Services presents "Getting Things Done Through People (Delegation)," a professional development training presentation, in the Oviatt Library's HR Training Room 16, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Wed., May 19. Speaker: Janice Evelyn, LAUSD. Registration required. Registration forms available online at www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/training, or at the Office of Human Resources, University Hall 170. fmi@x2101.

Deadlines

Human Subjects Research Approval

Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline: Tue., May 25. Protocol submission forms in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or downloaded from www.csun.edu/research_fmiDx2901.

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The Associated Students Ticket Office is in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, excepted for some held by outside groups. The ticket office is open from 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. Mon.-Fri.. For prices not given, call (818) 677-3093, or x2488.

Art and Exhibits

Annual Juried Art Student Exhibition

Art students display their best work in this popular annual exhibition. Art professionals choose pieces to be honored during a special reception. Runs through Fri., June 4
Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

Chinese Antiquities on Exhibit

Chinese antiquities from The Tseng Collection are on display, providing new insight into the exceptional craftsmanship of ancient Chinese artisans. The exhibit, "Possessing the Past: Mysteries of Ancient Chinese Art," features more than 100 rare pieces spanning 6,000 years.

Runs through Fri., Aug 27
C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery
Oviatt Library
Exhibit info, (818) 677-2638

Bianchi Planetarium

"Spring Sky Show" and "The Search for Life in the Universe"

Fri., May 21, 6 p.m.

"Spring Sky Show" and "Tour of Our Solar System"

Fri., May 28, 6 p.m.

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium

Athletics (home games)

Men's Baseball

5/18 Loyola Marymount 3 p.m.

Track & Field

5/28 NCAA Western Regionals 8 a.m.

5/29 NCAA Western Regionals 9 a.m.

Dance

Eastern European Song and Dance

"The Tamburitzans"

Sun., May 16, 2 p.m.

Performing Arts Center

\$35

Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.csuncinematheque.com.

War Drama

"Where Eagles Dare"

Directed by Brian Hutton.

Wed., May 19, 7 p.m.

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): \$10 general, \$7 faculty, staff and seniors, \$5 students.

Cal State Northridge Percussion Ensemble

Directed by John Magnusson.

Tue., May 18, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

CSUN Opera Workshop

Directed by David Sannerud.

Thu., May 20, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

Show of the Month

Golden Guys of Bandstand perform.

Sun., June 6, 2 and 6 p.m
Performing Arts Center
\$35

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