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Outstanding Graduates Honored at Northridge Convocation

Precious Singson is 2004 Wolfson Scholar; Educator Yvonne Chan Gives Keynote Address

Cal State Northridge officials saluted the university's top graduates at Northridge's annual Honors Convocation on June 1. More than 1,200 graduating seniors and master's degree candidates were invited to participate in the University Club event.

CSUN alumna Yvonne Chan, principal at Vaughn Next Century Learning Center in Pacoima, *(right)* delivered the keynote address. Chan is considered a leader in the national charter school movement. Vaughn Next Century was one of the first charter schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District.



Precious Grace Singson of North Hills, 25, was named this year's Wolfson Scholar, *(left)* an honor given each year to the university's top graduating senior. Born and raised in the Philippines, Singson is a double major who earned bachelor's degrees in history and Asian American studies.

After moving to the U.S. in 1996, she found university fees challenging. To help support herself while in school, Singson sold Filipino hand made products at flea markets.

During spring 2004, she helped rebuild the Asian Activities Center (Asian House) on campus and worked as a teaching assistant for an interdisciplinary class on current Los Angeles issues. She will begin doctoral studies in history this fall at UCLA, and plans to become a university professor.

Six other exceptional students received special recognition at the convocation for their outstanding academic performance and contributions to the community.

Tracy Bachman of Valencia, 38, is earning her master's in English. She has been selected by the President's Associates as this year's recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

The Association of Retired Faculty Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student is Terrence Thorpe, 30, of Sylmar. He is earning his master's in political science.

Outstanding Graduating Seniors Award recipients are:

Renee Festa, 32, of Reseda. Festa, a single mother and full-time student, will receive her bachelor's degree in child and adolescent development. She spent more than 200 hours of community service working with

high risk preschool children. Festa was invited to present a paper at the International Child and Youth Care Conference in Victoria, Canada, a rare opportunity for an undergraduate student.

Nancy Landa, 23, of South Los Angeles. Landa will earn a bachelor's degree in information systems. An immigrant from Mexico and the first college graduate in her family, Landa was the first Latina president of Associated Students this past year.

Keith Onstad, 38, of Van Nuys. A double major, Onstad will receive bachelor's degrees in English and religious studies. He will return to CSUN this fall as a graduate teaching assistant in English composition, and will pursue a master's degree in creative writing.

Jeany Prasithpramote, 22, of Northridge. Prasithpramote also is a double major, earning bachelor's degrees in accounting and finance. She runs CSUN's acclaimed Volunteer Income Tax Assistance tax preparation program serving the low-income community.

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CSU Trustees Raise Student Fees for Upcoming Academic Year

Move Averts Further Student Enrollment Reductions, Helps Maintain Quality Education

California State University trustees voted May 19 to raise 2004/05 student fees, heading off further enrollment reductions in a fiscal downturn that has slashed more than a half billion dollars from the system's budget.

The 2004/05 state university fee for undergraduates will increase by 14 percent, by 20 percent for teacher credential program participants, and by 25 percent for other post-baccalaureate and graduate students. Trustees also approved a 20 percent increase for non-resident students.

For undergraduate state residents, the annual fee will amount to \$2,334. Credential program students will pay \$2,706 and graduate students \$2,820. Out of state students will pay the applicable state university fee plus a surcharge of \$339 per unit. All CSUN students also pay \$444 a year in campus fees.

"This fee increase is a painful decision and one of many difficult issues the CSU has faced during this budget crisis," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "The CSU has done what is necessary to maintain educational quality and ensure that students currently enrolled in the system get the classes they need to make steady progress toward graduation."

As part of the May 19 vote, trustees set aside 20 percent of fee increase revenue for student financial aid. CSUN students who receive Cal Grants or State University Grants will have those awards increased to fully offset the fee hike.

In mid-May, the CSU reached agreement with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on a six-year education "compact" that proposes: 1) a 3 percent state general fund increase for the system in 2005/06 and 2006/07, 2) a 4 percent increase to the prior year's base budget from 2007/08 through 2010/11 for basic needs such as salary increases and health benefits, and 3) an additional 1 percent increase in the CSU budget in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 to address budgetary shortfalls in funding for instructional and research support.

The compact's promise of state financial support and continued conservative fiscal policies at CSUN should help the university maintain tenure/tenure-track faculty and permanent staff, although President Jolene Koester has indicated the "coming year promises to be a tight one for the university's budget."

Gov. Schwarzenegger has committed to limit CSU 2004/05 budget cuts to \$240 million. With those cuts, Cal State Northridge will have to address a projected \$15.6 million general fund budget shortfall.

Because of the cuts, Northridge has been given a reduced student enrollment target for 2004/05: 23,172

full-time equivalent students, a 5 percent drop.

"At this time we have no other choice but to approve these increases," said Trustee Murray Galinson. "The legislature should look at other ways to pay for higher education and for means to relieve the added burden, especially for graduate students."

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Northridge Faculty Members Join Fulbright Program

Moore Will Teach, Conduct Research in Indonesia; Lew Will Work with Libraries in China

Cal State Northridge management professor Richard Moore and librarian Angela Lew have been tapped for service in the prestigious Fulbright Scholar Program.

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright, the State Department program aims to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

Moore (*right*), who received a Fulbright scholarship for spring 2005, will spend six months in Indonesia at the Bandung Institute of Technology in West Java. Assigned to the College of Management at the institute—the oldest university in Indonesia—Moore will devote half of his time to teaching and half to research.



"I will teach human resource management and organizational behavior at the graduate level," Moore said, "and provide advice about MBA curriculum to the college." He also will conduct a study of the human resource management practices of multinational corporations in Indonesia.

During the last ten years, Moore has worked on various consulting projects in Indonesia, including assignments for the World Bank and the Indonesian government on micro-enterprise development, industrial skills training and non-formal education program development.

Angela Lew (*right*) has been selected as the Fulbright senior specialist in library science for the next five years. Scholars on the senior specialist roster of the Fulbright program are offered short-term grants from two to six weeks each, to conduct teacher training, and develop or assess curricula or educational materials abroad.



Once the plan is completed for Lew's first project, she will collaborate with the library director at the Ningbo Institute of Technology, Zhejiang University (NIT/AU), located in the coastal city of Hangzhou, China. During the three-week project, Lew will provide on-site assessment and troubleshooting for the operations and services of eight college libraries in the Ningbo College Park for Science and Technology. The project also will include training workshops for college librarians.

Lew also expects to work at a later date with former CSUN visiting scholar Honghui Liu, director of the Guangzhou Children's Library. They plan to initiate an information technology service providing children

from low income families in and around Guangzhou with free Internet access and other digital library resources.

Lew expressed her appreciation of the support she received from Fulbright campus representative Justine Su, international programs coordinator.

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Science and Mathematics to Welcome New Interim Dean

Former CSU Bakersfield Provost and Vice President Looks Forward to Experience

Fred Dorer, former provost and vice president for academic affairs at CSU Bakersfield, has been appointed to serve as interim dean of Cal State Northridge's College of Science and Mathematics beginning July 1.

"This will be a new and exciting challenge for me," said Dorer. "Although my tenure as a member of CSUN's academic administration will be relatively brief, I anticipate that working with faculty and staff in the College of Science and Mathematics, and with the university's administration, will be a productive and enjoyable experience. I am looking forward to this year."



Dorer will succeed Dean Ed Carroll, who will step down at the end of June to pursue teaching and research.

In announcing the appointment, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Linda Bain said the college will conduct a search for a permanent dean during 2004/05.

A fourth generation Californian whose great grandfather arrived during the Gold Rush, the former Marine held his CSU Bakersfield post from 1984 to 1999, after which he accepted that institution's honored post of emeritus provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Dorer's retirement from full-time employment was quickly followed by his appointment as staff associate/adjunct associate director for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the accrediting commission for senior colleges and universities. During his 2002-2004 WASC assignment, Dorer focused on facilitating regional accreditation reviews.

Earlier in his career, Dorer worked with Shell Oil as a research chemist. Turning to education, he joined Cal State Fullerton's faculty, then spent a year in Washington D.C. with the National Science Foundation. He returned to the CSU as chair of San Francisco State's chemistry department, after which he accepted posts as Sonoma State's dean of natural sciences, professor of chemistry and finally vice president for academic affairs.

A graduate of Cal State Long Beach with a B.S. degree in chemistry, Dorer earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Washington.



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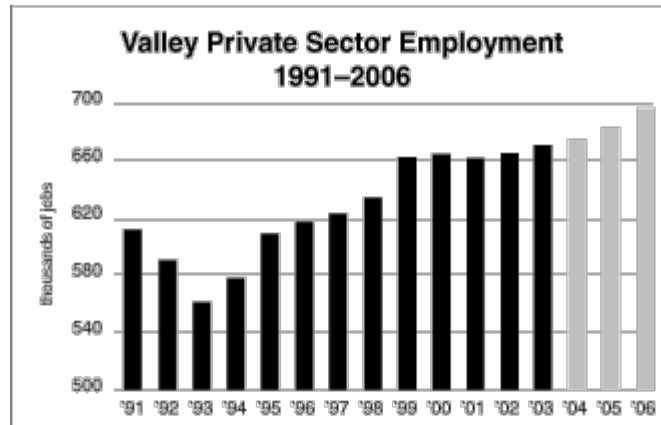
**The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) Announces
2004--2005 Judge Julian Beck Instructional Improvement Grants Award Recipients**

Name(s)	Department	Proposal/Title	Award
Thomas Andrews, Flannery Burke	History	Training Better Teachers History of the Historian's Craft	\$4,363
Elizabeth Berry	Communication Studies	Enhancing Student Writing Studies in Communication Studies	\$4,813
Pamela Bourgeois, Sandra Jackson	English	New Voices Interactive	\$5,000
Maria Czech, Jerrold Gold	Elementary Education Mathematics	Enhancing Student Pedagogical Content Knowledge in Mathematics through Lesson Study	\$5,000
Rafi Efrat York Gunther	Business Law Philosophy	Active Learning in Business Law: The Case Method Philosophy for a Real World	\$4,363 \$4,363
Seunghae Lee	Family & Consumer Sciences	Enhancing Practice in Interior Design Course Using Computer Assisted Instructional Technology	\$5,000
Terri Lisagor	Family & Consumer Sciences	A Pilot Project - Enhancing the Nutritional Awareness and Intake Among the CSUN Women's Volleyball Team: A Collaborative Effort between Nutrition Students from FCS and the Athletic Department	\$5,000
Robert Ryan	Mechanical Engineering	Development of Engineering Case Studies for Teaching Effective Use of Finite Element Analysis	\$4,963
Mary Jo Sariscsany	Kinesiology	Promoting Personal Teaching Efficacy and Learning Outcomes	\$4,363
Katherine Stevenson	Mathematics	Fundamentals of Mathematics (Math 320): Retooling for Secondary Teachers	\$4,363
Wei-min Sun Brenda Timmerman, Robert Lingard	Philosophy Computer Science	Reasoning in the Sciences Applying a Learning Centered Approach to a Computer Science Class	\$4,363 \$4,363



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Forecasters See Valley Economy Shaking Off Recession

Northridge Research Center and Chicago Title Issue Second Annual Forecast Tailored to Valley

The San Fernando Valley is shaking off the recession and looking forward to a brighter future in most sectors of the Valley economy, according to the highly anticipated San Fernando Valley Economic Forecast.

Titled "The Recovery: Breakout or More Doldrums?," the second annual forecast is presented by Cal State Northridge's San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center in partnership with Chicago Title.

CSUN economics professor Daniel Blake, director of the research center, worked with Northridge colleagues and students to compile a comprehensive look at the future of the economies of the Valley, the region and the state through 2006.

Issued on May 25 at a Universal City breakfast summit, the forecast includes a discussion of regional and state trends by Mark Schniepp, director of the California Economic Forecast and senior economist with the California Controller's Office. Gary Zimmerman, an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco, offers a look at national manufacturing and high technology trends.

Among the Forecast's Projections for the Valley:

Job Growth

In 2003, 6,250 new jobs--or 1 percent of the total--were added to the Valley's private sector job total, with projections that job growth will burgeon to a 1.7 percent rate during the current year, creating more than

11,000 new private sector jobs by year's end. At least another 11,000 will be generated in 2005. By 2006, the end of the forecast period, more than 17,000 new private sector jobs will invigorate the Valley economy, according to the forecast.

Employment services and temporary help agencies in the professional and business services area will continue to be major jobs contributors. Health and education's 2,800 added private sector jobs in 2003 will be boosted by another 2,800 new jobs--or 3.3 percent--in 2004 and nearly 4 percent in 2006. The Valley's previously ailing information job sector is poised to add jobs at a "healthy" rate of 2.2 percent in 2004, or 2,000 new jobs. By the end of the forecast period, 4,000 more information jobs will have been created.

Construction, leisure and hospitality and trade sector jobs also are expected to make gains.

Higher interest rates will slow financial activity sector jobs to a "still impressive" 2.7 percent rate, or 1,600 jobs--in 2004, easing down to a rate of 1 or 2 percent in the 2005-2006 period.

Manufacturing will continue to lose jobs due to intense national and international competition. These job losses--largely confined to the durable goods sector--will slow to 2,400 in 2004, from a 3,000 loss in 2003. While manufacturing job losses will continue through 2006, they will drop to just 400 to 500 per year in 2005 and 2006.

Average Salaries and Total Earnings

A return to robust rates of growth is anticipated throughout the forecast period, averaging 5 percent per year.

Consumer Spending

The retail sector will flex its muscles in 2004 as inflation adjusted sales rise nearly 2 percent in 2004 and 2.6 percent annually in 2005 and 2006.

Population and Net Migration

Due to a long-term drop in the birth rate and a stable death rate, the Valley will in 2004 add fewer than 25,000 to its population of more than 1.8 million people, and the growth rate will remain in a 1.2 to 1.3 percent range for the rest of the forecast period. In-migration will remain active in the Valley, but below the boom levels of the late 1990s.

Real Estate

A residential housing price bubble is not foreseen for the Valley within the forecast period, with low supply and high demand still in force, but forecasters advised caution in the face of an expected end to double-digit appreciation.

The rates of residential rents are rising, with vacancies plunging to rates just above recent all-time lows. From 1999 to 2003, the pace of rent increases doubled from the previous five-year period, rising from \$899 to \$1,191. Normal vacancy rates of 4 to 5 percent are not within striking distance--the Valley's rate currently is less than 3 percent--so upward pressure on rents will continue. At the current pace, rents are expected to register a 6 percent rate increase in 2004. Forecasters believe that continued pressure on living space will drive residential building permits up during the forecast period.

The dynamic rebound from the recession has pushed vacancy rates in the Valley's industrial space market to record lows. Industrial space vacancies, at 3.1 percent, beat the county's 3.3 percent and the nation's 9.2 percent. The recovery also has made inroads into the Valley's office vacancy rate, which stands at 12.1 percent now, down from 14.4 percent last year. Pressure on industrial and office space will increase as the recovery spreads, leading to increases in non-residential building permits--including new building, alterations and additions--in 2005 and 2006, but not at levels set in 1998 and 1999.

Forecast sponsors include Bank of America, Citibank, Wells Fargo Bank, the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, First State Bank of California, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

Authority (Metro), Northridge-Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce, Paris Industrial Parks and Westfield Shoppingtowns.

The Forecast also is supported by The Gas Company, a Sempra energy utility; City National Bank; College of Business and Economics Dean Emeritus William Hosek; Marvin Selter of CMS Inc.; NAI Capital Commercial; Valley Economic Development Center; Kirsch, Kohn and Bridge LLP; and the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. Davis Research LLC is the survey sponsor.

For more information on the Forecast, call Northridge's College of Business and Economics at (818) 677-3621, or visit the Forecast Web site at buslab3.csun.edu/sfverc/upcoming/forecast.html.

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Presentations and Publications

Presentations

Scott Andrews (English) presented a paper titled "Luther Standing Bear: Particle or Wave?" at the annual Native American Literature Symposium in Minnesota.

Fred Field (English) organized and participated in CSUN's annual Day of Diversity, sponsored by the Educational Equity Committee, along with the English Department, in April. The Fred Field Band was one of the day's featured performers. Field also presented a paper titled "Linguistic Borrowing in the Greater Context of Language Context" at the Graduate Students in Linguistics Student Workshop in May, at USC.

Joseph Galasso (English) presented two papers on child language development, titled "The Acquisition of Inflection," at the Stanford Child Language Research Forum and at the Spring Linguistics Colloquium at Cal State Long Beach, both in April.

Jeremy Hamlett (Commercial Services Manager) co-presented an educational session titled "Auxiliary Collaborations: Generating Revenue and Enhancing Student Life Through Campus Wide Participation" at the National Association for Campus Auxiliary Services Conference (NACAS) in Las Vegas on April 14.

Elizabeth Kessler (English) presented a paper titled "Las Mexicas y Las Chicanas en la Casa del Padre, or What do Chicanas Really Want?" for the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., in April.

Scott Kleinman (English) presented a paper titled "The Textual Tradition of 'Havelock the Dane' " at the 39th International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Mich. He also organized and chaired a session titled "Racial, Ethnic, and Regional Identity in England."

Barbara Kroll (English) gave a poster presentation titled "Using Scrapbooks to Document Present-Day Language Variations and Change" at the recent American Association of Applied Linguistics Conference in Portland. While there, she participated in a meeting of the editorial board of the Journal of Second Language Writing. Kroll organized a panel of second language writing teachers for a colloquium titled "More Enduring Questions in the Teaching of Writing" at an international TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) conference in Long Beach. Her own presentation was titled "The Five Stages of Teaching."

Brian Leung (English) read from his new book titled "World Famous Love Acts" for a session hosted by the English Department and the College of Humanities Faculty fellows Program in Jerome Richfield Hall in April, and at Skylight Books in Hollywood in May. He also was invited to read in Chelsea, N.Y., as part of Sarabande Books' Tenth Anniversary Celebration in May.

J'aime Morrison (Theatre) had her theatre piece, "Vuillard's Room," selected from more than 1,000 applications for performance in The New York International Fringe Theater Festival this summer. Morrison's work was inspired by the life and art of French Post-Impressionist painter Edouard Vuillard, member of a group of experimental painters called the Nabis.

Joyce Munsch (Child & Adolescent Development) presented a poster titled "He's Not Heavy, He's My Brother" at the recent Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence in Baltimore.

Martin Perlich (KCSN) joined KPFK "Global Village" host John Schneider and Southwest Chamber Music musicians for a May 1 performance of Samuel Beckett's "Cascando" at the Norton Simon Museum and a May 4 performance at the Colburn School of Performing Arts.

Jon Stahl (Cinema and Television Arts) presented a paper titled "Character, Action, Image: Discovering the Intrinsic Connections" at the 49th Annual Broadcast Education Association Convention in April.

Joseph Thomas (English) presented a paper titled "Recuperating the Oral: A Poetics of Childhood Folk Rhymes" at the California Folklore Society's annual conference in April.

Publications

Scott Andrews (English) has had three poems accepted for publication in the American Indian Culture and Research Journal, a publication of the American Indian Studies Program at UCLA.

Carmelo Gariano (Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures) has published a philological article titled "Editing the Minimal Pairs," in the electronic collection, Writers Knowledge Base, second section, sponsored by American Books Publishers, www.american-book.com/articles.html.

Raymond Juárez (Satellite Student Union) co-authored an article titled "Challenges of Making Satellite Unions a Part of the College Union Experience" for the Association of College Unions International Union Wire on March 25.

Kitty Nard (English) had a short story titled "Canvas" published in the online journal, Filament.

Steven Oppenheimer (Biology) edited the 9th volume of the Journal of Student Research Abstracts published by Pearson Education, 2004. He also co-authored three poster papers titled "Binding of Immobilized Concanavalin A to Cells," "Isolation of Molecules that Influence Cellular Interactions in the Sea Urchin Gastrula Model," and "Carbohydrate Involvement in Sea Urchin Gastrula Cellular Interactions." The papers were presented at Experimental Biology 2004, in Washington D.C. in April.

Richard Squires (Geological Sciences) had a paper titled "Cretaceous corbulid bivalves of the Pacific slope of North America" published in *The Veliger* 47 (2): 103-129.

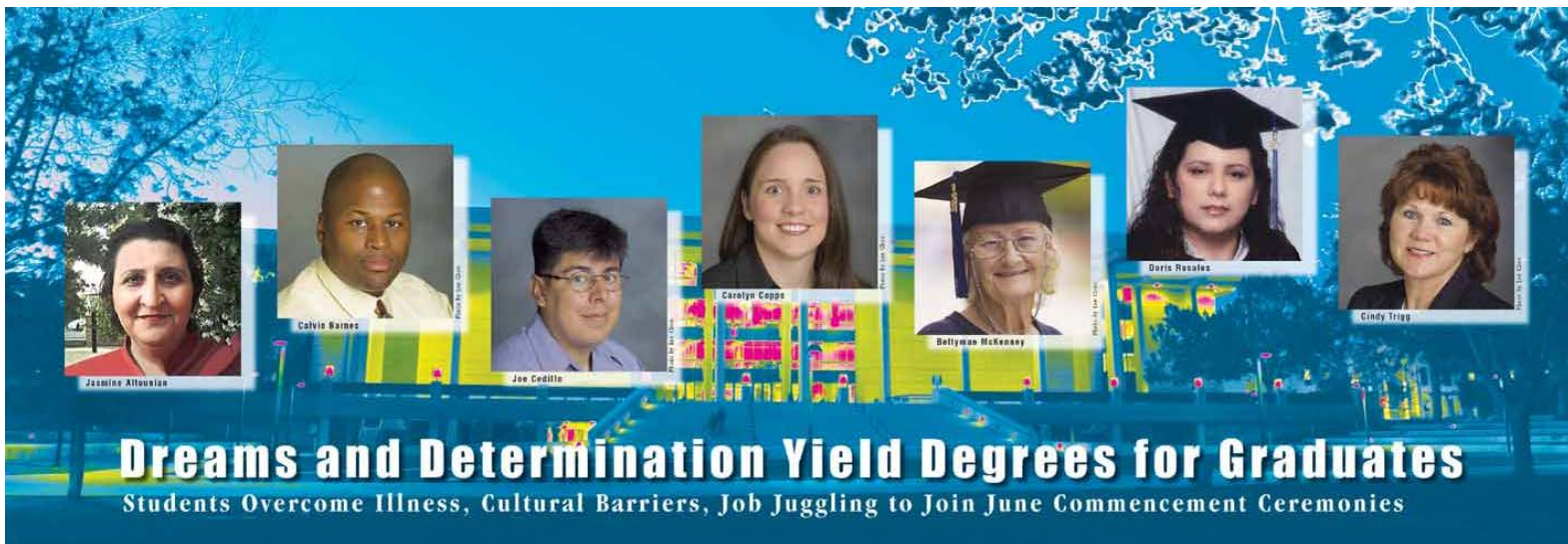
Jackie Stallcup (English) had her published article, "Power, Fear and Children's Books," selected as the Best Article in Literary Criticism of Children's Literature for 2002. Her award will be presented at the 31st annual Children's Literature Association Conference set for June in Fresno.

Elyce Wakerman (English) had her ironic essay "A Healthy Diet Can Be Hazardous To Your Heart" published in the May 7 issue of *The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*. Her essay, "Does a 'No' Automatically Make It Rape?," appeared in the May 15 Op-Ed page of *The Los Angeles Times*.

Benjamin Yaspelkis (Kinesiology) co-authored an article titled "Resistance training enhances components of the insulin signaling cascade in normal and high-fat-fed rodent skeletal muscle" published in the May edition of the *Journal of Applied Physiology*.



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More than 6,000 proud Cal State Northridge students will claim their diplomas in June. Among the standouts are seven whose courage and tenacity prevented even war and grave illness from interfering with their dreams.

"We are proud to celebrate all they've accomplished," said President Jolene Koester.

Jasmine Altounian
M.A., Mathematics Education

A London social worker showed up one day with stunning news for Altounian's parents, Armenian refugees: Seven-year-old Jasmine had to go to school.

"All I remember is crying and wanting my mother," said Altounian, now 41 and living in Sunland. "I did not speak a word of English and I had never even heard the language. I was unceremoniously dumped in the back of the class and left to cope. School was a very cruel place."

But Altounian studied feverishly, graduating from high school at age 12. After a move to Southern California in 1983, she enrolled at CSUN and earned bachelor's degrees in biology and psychology, a master's in experimental psychology, a teaching credential in biological sciences and a supplemental credential in mathematics.

A master's in mathematics education was next when, two years ago, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Chemotherapy stole a whole semester from her, but Altounian kept teaching at Garvey Intermediate School in Rosemead.

"I had my good days and my bad days, but the kids in my classes kept me going. When I lost my hair, they brought me hats and scarves, and would visit me when I was in the hospital," she said.

Altounian's cancer has metastasized. A year ago, her doctors gave her six months to live. They now say she has two years, but Altounian thinks they are wrong. She has a doctorate in her future, and many more classes to teach.

Calvin Barnes
B.A., Sociology

Barnes, 34, of West Hills, missed his spring semester at CSUN last year. He was too far away.

Working in Kuwait as a mechanic on field service trucks headed for battle in Iraq, the U.S. Naval reservist kept his mind sharp reading books, many sent by CSUN professors. He used coveted computer time to register for the fall semester.

Barnes, who stuttered severely growing up in Florida, did not find school easy. After high school, he signed up with the Marines, and was part of 1991's Operation Desert Storm.

In 1996, Barnes became a security supervisor with Sports Chalet, joined the reserves, and enrolled in classes at Pierce College. Sitting in a sociology class, a light flicked on in his head. Sociology was the field where he belonged.

Barnes transferred to CSUN in spring 2002, but was promptly swept onto a different field, in the Persian Gulf area.

Less than two weeks after returning from the Gulf, Barnes was back in school, shrugging off advice to take time off after his "traumatic" experience. "I really missed CSUN while I was over there, and I was determined not to miss any more classes."

Joe Cedillo
B.A., English

After a 10-hour operation last fall, Cedillo, 30, lay in a hospital bed thinking about getting his degree. The way has not been easy.

Fresh from the College of the Canyons, the Santa Clarita resident enrolled at CSUN in 1995, but lost interest in his studies. Academic probation was followed by disqualification in 1998.

A year later, he was back again as an English major. "I had always wanted to be a writer," Cedillo said, "but I never tried it." He tried it and found a true passion for theater in Northridge productions.

Last fall, Cedillo began coughing up blood and was misdiagnosed with walking pneumonia. During a performance, he lost the ability to speak.

Eventually diagnosed with testicular cancer, Cedillo led a life dominated by surgery and chemotherapy from November 2003 to April 2004. He lost 50 pounds, had to relearn how to walk and still cannot run.

"If I want stuff to happen, I have to do it now. I don't know if I have another five years," he said of his desire to pursue a master's in English at CSUN. "If you're not busy, you're dead."

"Three Bulls," a work based on his experiences, will be performed in June at Tia Chucha's Café Cultural in Sylmar.

Carolyn Copps
M.A., School Counseling

Born with a hearing disability, Copps was designated as learning disabled at her school in Stevens Point, Wis. Her parents, armed with tests revealing Carolyn's high I.Q., were confounded.

"But at school, I was constantly struggling and often answered the wrong questions," she said. "It was very hard."

A new school in Tucson, Ariz., understood Copps' disability and helped her catch up. Despite entering high school reading at a fourth-grade level, she graduated reading at college level.

Copps, who will seek work as a school counselor, has a 2002 University of Arizona bachelor's degree in psychology. She came to Northridge for her master's because of CSUN's reputation for serving deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

As a full-time student with three jobs—counseling at Granada Hills High and CHIME Charter Elementary schools, and tutoring for a deaf student—Copps has battled illnesses that often sent her to the emergency room.

Missed school days were made up. "I didn't want to give up," she said.

Bettymae McKenney
B.A., Religious Studies

McKenney's 82 years are a testament to her spirit, will and toughness. "You have to be committed to do this," she said of her degree quest.

"Some mornings it was hard to get up and keep going," said the Van Nuys octogenarian. "Your eyes, your whole body gets tired."

But McKenney has never been one to back down from a challenge. After dropping out of college in 1960 to take a secretarial position in Edwards Air Force Base's space program, she handled top secret correspondence between rocket scientist Werner Von Braun and her bosses.

Plunging back into school after retirement, she became Valley College's oldest graduate in 2001, drawing special praise from U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer.

Student life at Cal State Northridge was challenging but rewarding. "All the teachers were very polite to me, and respected me. When I asked, 'Am I really supposed to be here?' they said 'Absolutely.'"

McKenney's heavy CSUN class and study schedule required every ounce of her concentration. "I worked myself around the clock doing these," she said.

But they were hours well spent. "The learning process itself is what I love most."

Doris Rosales
B.A., Chicano Studies

"For my sister to almost make it to graduation is a great achievement," said Norma Martinez of Rosales, who died unexpectedly of an erupted ulcer last month at age 33.

The San Fernando resident is remembered by family and friends as a single mother determined to make a difference in the lives of her peers.

Not only did she work full time as a social worker assisting victims of domestic violence, and part time at a YMCA shelter, but Rosales volunteered at Casa Esparzena, where she helped troubled teen-aged girls get back on track.

Rosales, who dreamed of opening a shelter for victims of domestic violence, attended Cal State Northridge full time to provide a role model and a better life for her eight-year-old son, Emmanuel.

Cindy Trigg
B.A., Liberal Studies

Trigg, 48, of Simi Valley, credits her success to her grandmother and other relatives who raised her. Her stepmother was abusive and her mother was a substance abuser.

After a failed marriage, the single mother of three worked three jobs at times to support her children. One job was at Cal State Northridge, where she has spent 29 years, the past 13 as an administrative support coordinator in the Marketing Department.

To set an example for her children, Trigg became a CSUN student in 1993 and, after more than 11 years of part-time school, will graduate magna cum laude. Her daughter is now a freshman at Northridge, and her sons are in the military.

"I wasn't going to let the people who hurt me ruin my life," said the future teacher. "I ultimately won."

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Research and Sponsored Projects

Alyce Akers and Jerry Ann Harrel-Smith (Family and Consumer Sciences) have received \$271,883 from the California Department of Health Services, in continuing support of a project titled "Vitality Across the Lifespan."

Behzad Bavarian (Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management) will receive \$50,000 from the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation for the purchase and maintenance of new microcopy equipment for the Advanced Materials Engineering Laboratory, which he directs.

Christopher Brady (Office of Risk Management) has received \$50,000 from the Public Entity Risk Institute, in support of a project titled "Developing a Worker's Compensation Risk Identification and Mitigation Program."

Gary Chapman and Ana Cadavid (Physics and Astronomy) received \$103,312 from the National Science Foundation, in continuing support of a project titled "A Proposal Under the RISE Program to Support Observations and Analysis of Solar Irradiance Variations."

Irene Cota (Elementary Education) has received \$602,786 from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), in continuing support of a project titled "Multiple Subject University Credential Program."

Cynthia Desrochers (Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching) received \$20,000 from the CSU Office of the Chancellor in support of a project titled "Critical Junctures: Increasing Student Engagement in High Failure-Rate Courses."

Michael Fronmueller (Management) and Deborah Cours (Marketing) have received \$2,635,986 from the Small Business Administration, in continuing support of a project titled "2004 Proposal for Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network Lead Center."

Norman Herr (Secondary Education), Steven Oppenheimer and Virginia Vandergon (Biology), and Gerry Simila (Geological Sciences) have received \$273,294 from the California Postsecondary Education Commission in continuing support of a project titled "Los Angeles Super-Funded Science Leader Initiative at CSUN."

Jaime Kim (Computer Science) has received \$6,914 from UC Irvine, in support of a project titled "Adaptive and Flexible Discovery Mechanisms for Mobile Network Services."

Steve Oppenheimer (Biology) has received \$6,000 from the California Postsecondary Education Commission, as supplemental support of a project titled "Los Angeles Superfunded Science Leader Initiative at CSUN."

Sembiam Rengarajan (Electrical Engineering) has received \$15,000 from the Lockheed Martin Corporation, in support of a project titled "Stripline Fed Slot Array." He also received the 2004-2005 Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Award for his proposal titled "Genetic Algorithm Optimization of Microstrip Reflectarray Antennas."

Maureen Rubin (Center for Community Service-Learning) and Debra Sheets, (Health Sciences) have received \$5,000 from Temple University, in support of a project titled "Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders."

Carrie Saetermoe (Psychology) has received \$298,172 from the National Institute of Mental Health, in continuing support of a project titled "Facilitating Minority Advancement in the Social Sciences."

Ryoichi Seki (Physics & Astronomy) has received \$69,000 from the Department of Energy, in continuing support of a project titled "Theoretical Research in Intermediate Energy Nuclear Physics."

Christine Smith and Janice Eckmier (Secondary Education) have received \$964,458 from LAUSD, in continuing support of a project titled "Single Subject University Intern Program."

Michael Summers (Biology) has received \$99,764 from the National Science Foundation, in continuing support of a project titled "Routes and Regulation of Cyanobacterial Carbon Catabolism."

Wei-min Sun (Philosophy), Zhong-Guo Zhou (Finance, Real Estate and Insurance) and Louis Rubino (Health Sciences) each received \$1,000 faculty development grants from CSUN's China Institute, to conduct projects related to China.

Sun will travel to Beijing this summer to take part in a joint project with members of Beijing University's Philosophy Department, and to research the early development of Chinese Buddhism.

With a colleague in Shanghai, Zhou during the summer will examine the Chinese initial public offering (IPO) market. While in Shanghai, Zhou will deliver a research paper, "The Rise and Fall of the Government Bond Futures Market in China: 1993-1995," at the China International Conference in Finance.

The Guangzhou Medical College and the Guangzhou Municipal Health Bureau will help support Rubino's trip to China this month with ten health sciences students, to study the country's health care system.

Christopher Villa (Student Access and Support Services) received \$20,000 from the Los Angeles Unified School District, in support of a project titled "GEAR-UP Project STEPS."

The Oviatt Library received a \$27,500 grant to help set up a finders guide for the International Guitar Research Archive (IGRA), under the direction of professor emeritus Ron Purcell. The collection contains guitar music prints, journals and correspondence relating to the history of the instrument in the U.S. from 1880 to the present.

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Honors and Awards

Stephanie Ballard (University Library) in April was inducted into Beta Phi Mu, the international honor society for library and information studies. Eligibility for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by invitation of the faculty from an American Library Association accredited professional degree program. The honor recognizes scholastic achievement and dedication to service.

Jay Christensen (Management) passed the requirements for certified federal resume writer (CFRW), sponsored by the Professional Resume Writing and Research Association. The CFRW achievement represents nine weeks of work.

Susan Curzon (University Library) was reappointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to the County's Library Commission for a term of office expiring in April 2006.

Anthony Dawahare and Leilani Hall (English) have been awarded Humanities Faculty Fellows grants for fall 2004.

Ramón García (Chicano/a Studies) was awarded a fellowship to attend the Summer Literary Seminars in Saint Petersburg, Russia, in June.

Leilani Hall and Brian Leung (English) have been selected to serve two-year positions on the Pedagogy Forum Steering Committee for the Associated Writing Programs' 2005 and 2006 conference.

Mohammad Qayoumi (Administration and Finance) was invited to serve as a Senior Examiner on the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for 2004.

Terri Silverberg (English) was awarded a Polished Apple Award from the University Ambassadors in their annual ceremony honoring professors for dedication to students and to CSUN.

Taehyung Wang (Computer Science) received the 2004-2005 Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Award for his proposal titled "A Bioinformatics Database and Agent-based Information Retrieval."

In honor of National Nurses Week, May 6-12, each member of the nursing staff at Klotz Student Health Center was presented with a certificate of appreciation signed by 12th District Los Angeles City Councilmember Greig Smith. The certificate recognized the staff's "dedication and hard work in assisting the students, faculty and staff at California State University, Northridge." Certificates were presented to William Bonk, Carolyn D'Apremont, Rani Johnson, Jeri Landon, Karen Lindquist, Debbie Martinez, Xochilt Rodriguez, Dora Saucedo, and Lettie Smith-Pacheco.



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Dick Kovacevich, chairman and CEO of Wells Fargo & Company, discusses ways to improve California's business climate at a May 24 campus breakfast hosted by the President's Business Council of California State University, Northridge.

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News Briefs

Qayoumi Joins Baldrige Award Panel

Mohammad Qayoumi, Cal State Northridge's vice president for administration and finance and CFO, has been appointed to the 2004 Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Named for the late Malcolm Baldrige, U.S. Secretary of Commerce from 1981 to 1987, the award is given by the President of the United States to outstanding businesses, education and health care organizations. Created by public law in 1987, the award is considered the highest level of national recognition for an organization's performance excellence.



Qayoumi was appointed senior examiner by Hratch Semerjian, acting director of the Commerce Department's National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST), manager of the Baldrige award program.

"I am honored to serve with the distinguished examiners who devote their time and expertise to help uphold a standard of organizational excellence nationwide," said Qayoumi.

Qayoumi will join about 500 leading experts selected from industry, professional and trade organizations, education and health care organizations, and government. In this role, he will review and evaluate applications submitted for the award.

All board members must take part in a preparation course based on the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, and on the scoring and evaluation processes for the award.

Awards may be given annually in each of five categories: manufacturing, service, small business, education and health care.

CSUN Reading First Program Honored

The Economic Alliance, a partnership created to serve the San Fernando Valley's economic development needs, has awarded Cal State Northridge's Reading First Teacher Preparation Initiative its prestigious 2004 Steve Allen "Excellence in Education" Award.

A nationwide project designed to strengthen teacher preparation at colleges across the United States, the Reading First Initiative was designed to improve the skills of future teachers who will teach thousands of at-risk children. At Northridge, the initiative is coordinated by The Michael D. Eisner College of

Education.

"We believe it is critical that teachers coming from minority-serving institutions have the requisite knowledge and skills to teach P12 students to read and succeed at higher levels," said President Jolene Koester.

Bruce Ackerman, the Alliance's president and CEO, said the "Excellence in Education" Award" was named in tribute to the late Steve Allen, a long time San Fernando Valley resident, a legendary entertainer and a noted educational advocate. It recognizes the achievements of Valley schools, educators or students.

In February 2004, Cal State Northridge was one of 21 minority-serving institutions to support the Reading First Teacher Education Network (RFTEN), a U.S. Department of Education grant project created to help current and future educators teach reading through the use of scientifically proven instructional strategies, Koester said.

During a three year period, the RFTEN will train more than 100 faculty from 25 institutions serving minorities. The network involves deans and presidents to ensure its training is utilized and that change is effected at the teacher preparation level.

The Economic Alliance is a collaboration of Valley public and private businesses, governments and educational organizations. It focuses on attracting and retaining high quality jobs to the area and improving public education to prepare the Valley workforce.

CSUN Environment Keeps Volunteer 'Feeling Young'

Former shop supervisor Herb Petzhold retired nearly twelve years ago from his duties at Cal State Northridge, but today he works as hard in the College of Engineering and Computer Science as he did before his "official" retirement in 1991.

Petzhold, who recently turned 83, volunteers once a week in the same shop unit where he used to work. Being around college students, he said, keeps him feeling young.

"Working with young people also helps me learn the new language [of youth]," he said. "Our language has changed over time. Nowadays, people say 'That's cool.' Back then we used to say 'A-Ok.' "

Gennaro Siano, an equipment technician and friend of Petzhold, recalls the volunteer as a "can do" supervisor. "The best part of Herbie being a supervisor," said Siano, "was that if he wanted things done he would do them himself. He was the guy to go to if you wanted things done."

Equipment technician Kevin Sullivan, also Petzhold's friend, agrees. "He still tidies up the place. He comes in and keeps busy."

A resident of Northridge, Petzhold began his career at Cal State Northridge soon after he retired from a 26-year Navy career that included service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Petzhold began working for Engineering and Computer Science's student records unit, and after a year and a half transferred to its shop unit, where his Navy background in construction allowed him to turn his hand to plumbing, painting and welding. Three years later, Petzhold became head technician, a job he held until his retirement on September 29, 1991.

Since then, Petzhold has made it a point to help out in his former shop department, making his CSUN duties more than just his work, but also his personal hobby. "If people need a hand I help them out," he said. "I'm not as strong as I used to be, but if people have questions I try to answer them."



May



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 August 23 issue is Monday, August 16. 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

Saturday, June 6, and Saturday/Sunday, July 17/18

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Associated Students University Recycling Program invites the campus to recycle household hazardous and electronic wastes with the HazMobile from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat., June 6, at the Calabasas Landfill, 5300 Lost Hills Road, Agoura, or from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 17/18, at Pierce College, Parking Lot 4, 6201 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills. fmi/DCyndi Signett, x2477, www.lacity.org/SAN/hhw-ewaste-woodland-hills.htm, or (800) 988-6942.

Thursday, June 10

Recent Grad and Alumni Fair

The Cal State Northridge Career Center will host the Recent Grad and Alumni Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University Student Union. Companies and organizations will meet with students from all majors. Graduates are advised to dress for success, and to bring a supply of resumes. To prepare for the fair, graduates may reserve space for workshops on job fair success, resume writing, and interviewing skills. fmi and workshop reservations-Marisol Sanchez, x2878, or www.csun.edu/career.

Saturday, June 12

Compost Bin Sale and Workshops

Cal State Northridge will host the L.A. City Department of Public Works compost bin sale and composting workshops from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in lot G10 at the corner of Lassen Street and Zelzah Avenue. Learn how to compost grass, leaves and kitchen scraps into rich soil for houseplants or garden. fmiDCyndi Signett, x2477, or www.lacity.org/SAN/bc-northridge-0612.pdf.

Monday, June 21

Matador Golf Classic

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics presents the Matador Golf Classic 2004 at 10:30 a.m., Lost Canyons Golf Club, 3301 Lost Canyons Drive, Simi Valley. Sat., June 5 is the entry deadline; space is limited. Costs: \$750 foursome; \$175 individual; \$150 CSUN faculty/staff. fmi and reservations-x3215 or x7245.

Public Meetings

North Campus-University Park Development Corporation

Meets 9 a.m. Mon., June 14
University Hall 250

Notices

Our Deepest Sympathy

Physical Plant Management and the university community extend deepest condolences to the family and friends of Teddy Abat (Physical Plant Management) on the passing of his father in law.

The Associated Students/CSUN Children's Center and the university community extend sympathy to the friends and family of Marjory Kosh (Children's Center), a master teacher described by Center Director Arlene Rhine as an "excellent model and mentor" who devoted more than 20 years to the children and students with whom she worked. Donations may be made to the Children's Center. fmiDArlene Rhine, x3596.

Academic Affairs Administrator-in-Charge

President Jolene Koester has announced that Vice Provost Philip Handler will serve as administrator-in-charge of Academic Affairs from June 1 through July 31. Undergraduate Studies Associate Vice President Margaret Fieweger, previously appointed as administrator-in-charge, recently sustained an injury and will be unable to accept the post.

The president expressed appreciation to Linda Bain at the conclusion of her service as interim provost. The university was fortunate to have the benefit of her leadership and experience during this time of transition, she said. Harold Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, will begin his duties as provost and vice president for academic affairs on August 1.

Wireless Connectivity at Oviatt Library

The Oviatt Library now has 20 wireless enabled laptops and 20 wireless cards available for checkout within the library by students, faculty and staff from the Collaboratory Computer Lab on the third floor, east wing.

fyi www.csun.edu/wireless/.

President's Annual Convocation

The President's Annual Convocation is scheduled for the morning of Thursday, August 19, on the front lawn of the Oviatt Library. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the traditional welcome back reception, followed by President Jolene Koester's convocation address at 9 a.m. Classes begin the following week. The address is being given in conjunction with other welcome back events planned during the week, including the freshmen and new faculty orientations and the college and department-wide welcomes.

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CALENDAR

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 "Understanding the Dark Universe"

Fri., June 4, 6 p.m.

"Spring Sky Show" and "The Voyager Encounters"

Fri., June 11, 6 p.m.

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

Fri., June 18, 6 p.m.

"Summer Sky Show" and "Genesis-Search for Origins"

Fri., June 25, 6 p.m.

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

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.

The Cinema of Alfred Hitchcock

"Alfred the Great" and "Alfred the Auteur," 2003 documentaries, and "The 39 Steps," Hitchcock's 1935 film
Mon., June 7, 7 p.m.

"Strangers on a Train"
Lecture/analysis, and screening of "Breakdown"
Wed., June 9, 7 p.m.

"Hitchcock, Selznick and the End of Hollywood" and "Rebecca"
Mon., June 14, 7 p.m.

"Suspicion" and "Shadow of a Doubt"
Wed., June 16, 7 p.m.

"Saboteur" and "North by Northwest"
Mon., June 21, 7 p.m.

"Spellbound" and "Notorious"
Wed., June 23, 7 p.m.

"Rope" and "Under Capricorn"
Mon., June 28, 7 p.m.

"Rear Window," "Vertigo" and "Psycho" Wed., June 30, 7 p.m.

Music

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

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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