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## Campus Celebrates Big Win for Valley Performing Arts Center

*Community Leaders Join with University at Ceremony Marking City Council Endorsement*

Cal State Northridge President Jolene Koester, City Councilman Greig Smith and a trio of community leaders led a celebration on November 15 marking the Los Angeles City Council's endorsement of the future 1,600-seat Valley Performing Arts Center project at the campus.

Councilman Smith, who represents the 12th Council District that includes the university, presented President Koester with the formal resolution of support that was unanimously adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on Friday, Oct. 29. The university also marked the occasion by erecting the first project sign for the future arts center.

"I want to welcome you to a very historic moment in the history of California State University, Northridge—but more importantly, a historic moment for the San Fernando Valley," said President Koester, adding that the PAC project "is going to fan the flames for the cultural and creative spirit of the San Fernando Valley."

Councilman Smith, noting that "there's an excitement around CSUN these days," called the Valley



Displaying the resolution of City Council support, President Jolene Koester is joined at the site of the future Valley Performing Arts Center by (from left) Bruce Ackerman, president and CEO of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley; industrial parks developer Sanford Paris, City Councilman Greig Smith and Valley arts activist Clyde Porter.

Performing Arts Center project "an important thing not just for Northridge, not just for the California State University system, but for the whole San Fernando Valley and truly for

the entire city of Los Angeles."

"One of the things I've always heard is, 'There's no culture in the Valley.' With this building, we will make a very strong statement that

culture is very big and it's a very important part of our lives here in the Valley," Smith said. "With this 1,600-seat facility, we will be able to bring major performances into the Valley that will be enjoyed not just by the San Fernando Valley, but by the whole city of Los Angeles as well as our neighboring communities."

Joining President Koester and Councilman Smith at the campus celebration for the Valley Performing Arts Center project were a trio of community leaders: Bruce Ackerman, president and chief executive officer of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley; industrial parks developer Sanford "Sandy" Paris, who also is a member of the CSUN Foundation Board of Directors; and Clyde Porter, a longtime arts activist and promoter in the Valley.

Although the Valley currently has a number of smaller performing arts venues, including several at Cal State Northridge, none are large enough to support large-scale performances such as a Broadway-style show or a symphony orchestra. Thus, the Valley Performing Arts Center *continued on page 2.*

## Cal State Northridge Salutes Volunteers in Annual Tribute

*Al and Sherry Lapidés, John Guarrera Earn Highest Volunteer Honors at Campus Ceremony*

Al and Sherry Lapidés, longtime university supporters, and John Guarrera, former director of the Center for Research and Services in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, received Cal State Northridge's highest volunteer honors at a campus ceremony in November.

President Jolene Koester and Alumni Association President Gene Detchemendy led the assembly of more than 300 faculty, staff, alumni and friends who saluted the top award winners and 21 other active volunteers at the annual Volunteer Service Awards ceremony and brunch.

"While we acknowledge unique contributions among this group," said program narrator D.G. "Gray" Mounger, assistant vice president for alumni relations, "each is integral to the vitality of our campus."

The Dorothea "Granny" Heitz Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership is awarded to alumni who serve as role models for CSUN's large corps of volunteers. Named for the alumna whose self-styled "spirit squad" members were unofficial CSUN ambassadors in the 1960s, the award was presented to Al and Sherry Lapidés for service

to Cal State Northridge that, between them, goes back 30 years.

In 1974, Al Lapidés helped develop a career goal mentoring program for undergraduates before moving on to scholarship and special projects fundraising work with the President's Club—now the President's Associates. A member of the Foundation Board since 1990, he served as vice chair through its formative years, and became an advisor to the Family Business Center at its inception.

Lapidés received his business degree in 1968 and his teaching certificate in 1969, both from San Fernando Valley State College, now CSUN.

Lapidés' wife, Sherry, began her formal CSUN volunteer service around 1990 as a member of the President's Associates. Active with the Dean's Council of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, she has joined with her husband in volunteer services to Northridge Hospital.

Residents of Northridge since the 1950s, the couple in 1972 helped found Replacement Parts Industries, now under the direction of their son, Ira.

The 2004 Emeriti Merit Award, recognizing support of the university

by an *emeritus* or retired member of the faculty, was presented to John Guarrera.

Guarrera is credited with saving the College of Engineering and Computer Science more than 30 years ago, when the college was threatened with elimination in a move to streamline system-wide academic offerings. A past president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE), he has earned the

organization's Millennium Medal for outstanding contributions to the field of electrical engineering.

In 2003, Guarrera joined with family and friends in creating a \$100,000 endowment to provide students with firsthand experience in state-of-the-art technology, with an eye toward successful careers in the field. The first Guarrera scholarship was awarded this year. (See pages 4 and 5 for more on the tribute to CSUN volunteers.)

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# Presentations and Publications

## Presentations

**Larry Allen** (*Biology*) presented a paper titled "Documenting the return of a fishery? Abundance of juvenile white sea bass (*Atractoscion nobilis*) off southern California 1995–2003" at the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists meeting.

**G. Michael Barnes** (*Computer Science*) presented a description of CSUN's computer graphics course offerings at the Computer Society meeting in Thousand Oaks.

**Ronald Borczon** (*Music*) co-presented "Digital Innovations: Expanding Music Therapy Horizons Through New Technology" and led "A Psychotherapeutic Classification of Music Therapy Improvisation: A Continuum of Procedures" at the sixth annual American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) meeting in Austin.

**Michael Bryson** (*English*) presented a paper titled "The Negation of 'God': Samson Agonistes and Negative Theology" at the 2004 Midwest Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature at Notre Dame.

**Irene Clark** (*English*) gave a talk on the writing of graduate theses and dissertations at the Colleges of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Discussion Series.

**Randy Cohen** (*Biology*) and his students presented three posters at the Experimental Biology meetings in Washington D.C.

**Cynthia Desrochers** (*Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching*) and **Merril Simon** (*Educational Psychology and Counseling*) co-facilitated a session titled "Adaptive Teaching in a Diverse Classroom" at the annual CSU Teacher-Scholar Summer Institute (TSSI) at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in June. Desrochers also led a session in November titled

"Prepared to be a change agent at your institution?" at the 29th annual conference of the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network in Higher Education in Canada.

**Steve Dudgeon** and **Janet Kübler** (*Biology*) presented their research on the hypothesized effects of fertilization rate on the evolution of algal life histories at the Benthic Ecology Meetings in Alabama, where **Peter Edmunds** (*Biology*) also gave a talk. Dudgeon also was invited to participate in the third Corona Conference on trans-Atlantic taxa in Plymouth, England.

**David Gray** (*Biology*) co-presented a poster titled "DNA divergence among parasitoid fly populations utilizing different cricket host species" at the Animal Behavior Meetings in Oaxaca. He also gave a talk at the Southern California Animal Behavior Conference on "Distinguishing modes of selection on courtship interactions: Sexual selection versus species isolating functions."

**Tom Hatfield** (*Environmental and Occupational Health*) taught a risk management course at the University of Tampere, Finland, in September. World Health Organization and UNESCO representatives attended, along with students from a number of European countries.

**Ah-Jeong Kim** (*Theatre*) spoke in May at the British Museum in London on the topic of "Korean Theatre: Tradition and Western Influence," as part of the Korea Contemporary series sponsored by Asia House.

**Sheryl Low** (*Physical Therapy*) made two research presentations, "Complementary and Alternative Treatments for Children with Cerebral Palsy" and "Effects of MOVE (Mobility Opportunities via Education) Curriculum on ROM, Motor Skills and Functional

Ability of Children with Severe Multiple Disabilities," at the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine's annual meeting in September.

**Antonio Machado** (*Environmental and Occupational Health*) presented a poster titled "Synergism among Arsenite, Cadmium and Retinoic Acid in the Production of Birth Defects" at the annual meeting of the University of California Toxic Substances Research and Teaching Program in San Diego, in April.

**Sabina Magliocco** (*Anthropology*) chaired a panel titled "Syncretism and Mixed Adhesion to Religious Practice" at the meeting of the *Société Internationale d'Ethnologie et Folklore* (International Society for Ethnology and Folklore Studies) in Marseilles, France, in April. Magliocco recently was interviewed on BBC Radio Cornwall.

**Judith Marti** (*Anthropology*) delivered a paper titled "Romanticized and Vilified: Latin American Women Vendor Identity in Literature and Art" and organized a panel titled "Berets, Rum Shops, Remittances and Markets: Gender and Folk Economies" at the California Folklore Society Conference at CSUN in April. At the Society for Economic Anthropology Conference, she presented a poster titled "Food, Economics and Status in Colonial Mexican Casta Paintings" and at the Institute of Gender, Globalization and Democracy annual conference, she presented a paper titled "Migration and Agency."

**Carole Oglesby** (*Kinesiology*) gave a presentation titled "UN DAW/WHO initiative on health and physical activity for women" at the 2004 Pre-Olympic Congress in Thessaloniki, Greece, in August.

**Steven Oppenheimer** (*Biology*) was invited to review presentation abstracts and to be an on-site judge for posters

at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences in Dallas, Texas, in November.

**Sembiam Rengarajan** (*Electrical and Computer Engineering*) presented the following papers: "Microstrip Reflectarrays with Multi-Layer Substrates and Superstrates" at the National Radio Science Meeting in Colorado, "Analysis of a Dual Frequency Microstrip Reflectarray" at the URSI Electromagnetic Theory Symposium in Italy, and "Microstrip Reflectarrays Consisting of Multilayer Stacked Patches" at the IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and National Radio Science Meeting in Monterey. All papers were published in the proceedings of the symposia. Rengarajan also chaired three sessions in the URSI EM Theory symposium in Pisa, Italy.

**Gerry Simila, Kathleen Marsaglia, Vicki Pedone, Doug Yule, Karen Savage, Craig Scott, Elizabeth Nagy-Shadman, Karolanne Asmus, (Geological Sciences) and Melony Walsh (Biology)** made presentations including mentoring under-represented minority students, success with electronic student response technology, earth science in elementary classrooms, evidence of a Himalayan earthquake, the paleohydrology of Lake Bonneville, and end-permian tetrapods, at the 116th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver.

**Michael Summers** (*Biology*) presented a talk on cellular development in cyanobacteria at the Eighth Cyanobacterial Molecular Biology Workshop.

**Kevin Wetmore** (*Theatre*) spoke at the Godzilla Conference in Kansas, in commemoration of the first *Godzilla* film's 50th anniversary. Wetmore hosted a panel discussion titled "Our First Kiss Had a Radioactive Taste: Ohashi Yashuhiko's Gojira in Japan and Canada."

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## Valley Performing Arts Center...

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proposed 1,600-seat hall would be the largest facility of its kind in the Valley and would open the region to those kinds of performances.

As planned, the center also would have other spaces, including a 250-seat "black box" theater, rehearsal spaces, a lecture hall, laboratories specializing in sound and lighting, and would become the new home for campus radio station KCSN 88.5 FM. The state will financially support the project because it will be part of the university's academic programs.

The university has been planning the arts center project for some years, and has identified a site near the main entrance to the campus at the northwest corner of Nordhoff Street and Lindley Avenue. Half of the project's cost is expected to be covered by state funds, while the other half would come from private donations. CSUN plans to complete the project before 2010.

The Valley Performing Arts Center, planned as a partnership between the university and area arts organizations,



The Los Angeles City Council resolution supporting the performing arts center had the backing of the entire Valley delegation.

would become a cultural hub for the region. The center also would serve as an attractive meeting place for large community events. The center would host a mix of professional, community and university performances.

The university is readying a fundraising campaign to seek about \$50 million in support of the Valley Performing Arts Center project, and is forming a campaign committee co-chaired by some of the most prominent business and community leaders in the region.

"This project, a partnership between the university and the community, truly can become the cultural 'crown jewel' of the Valley, enhancing the quality of life for the entire region," said Ackerman of the Economic Alliance. He noted the Valley's long history of efforts to create a regional arts center, but added, "Nothing has ever gotten this close to being a reality."

Ackerman also said the Valley Performing Arts Center will be great for business in the region, and particularly for those in the surrounding

Northridge area. "The economic impact alone of what a performing arts center like this will bring to the Valley is astronomical," he said.

"I'm glad the City Council has recognized what we already know," added Paris of the CSUN Foundation board. "Cal State Northridge is the place where this outstanding project can become a reality.... To borrow a movie phrase, we have all 'the right stuff' here at Cal State Northridge to make this project happen."

Porter, who opened the 170-seat West Valley Playhouse in Canoga Park in 2000, said the 1,600-seat venue at Cal State Northridge "will raise the presence of arts in the Valley to a new level." Porter added, "The City Council's endorsement of the project is a clear sign that this project is real and on the move."

Porter noted in closing, "The Valley can achieve this long-held dream of having a full-fledged arts venue, but only if we as a community unite behind this project—the Valley Performing Arts Center at Cal State Northridge." ■

# Honors and Awards

**Thomas Andrews** (*History*) received the Arrell M. Gibson Award from the Western History Association for the best essay of the year on the history of Native Americans: "Turning the Tables on Assimilation: Oglala Lakotas and the Pine Ridge Day Schools, 1889–1920s."



**Ann Baltz** (*Music*) has received the Women in Theatre's 2004 Red Carpet Award, honoring individuals and organizations for distinguished service to the theater arts in Greater Los Angeles. Baltz is the fall director of CSUN's Opera Workshop.

**Roger DiJulio** (*Engineering*) was honored as the Professor of the Year for the 2003-2004 Scholastic Year by Tau Beta Pi, the CSUN chapter of the Engineering National Honor Society. The award recognized his dedication to College of Engineering and Computer Science students and his integrity and excellence in engineering.

**Joshua Ecton** (*Art*), a former CSUN art student, received second place recognition in the print category of

the Hollywood Reporter's 33rd Annual Key Art Awards. More than 300 entries from New York and California schools were part of the competition.

**Kate Haake** (*English*) was one of two literary artists to receive an Individual Artist's grant from the Cultural Affairs Department of the City of Los Angeles. She shares this honor with former CSUN instructor and poet Eloise Klein Healy, who founded the university's Women's Studies program.

**Rosemarie Hindes** (*Recreation Therapy*), a CSUN senior, was one of eight nationwide recipients of the 2004 Peg Connolly Scholarships given by the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA).

**Brett Koontz** (*Environmental & Occupational*) was featured in the August newsletter for the Southern California American Industrial Hygiene Association (SCAIHA). Koontz has performed community outreach to educate high school students in environmental and occupational health and industrial hygiene.

**Garry Lennon** (*Theatre*) was nominated for an L.A. Ovation Award for his costume designs in "Dinah Was," produced at the International City

Theatre. The Ovation Awards are administered by the non-profit LA Stage Alliance.

**Sabina Magliocco** (*Anthropology*) has been named Honorary Fellow of the American Folklore Society, for distinction in publications and service to the profession.

**Liviu Marinescu** and **David Whitwell** (*Music*) were chosen as ASCAP Award recipients for 2004–2005. The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers awards are based on the unique prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions and on recent performances in areas not surveyed by the society.

**Evelyn McClave** (*English*) has been invited to serve on the scientific committee for the Second International Conference of the International Society for Gesture Studies at the University of Lyon, France, in June 2005.

**J'aime Morrison** (*Theatre*) had her theatre piece, "Vuillard's Room," performed in the New York International Fringe Theatre Festival over the summer.

**Sembiam Rengarajan** (*Electrical and Computer Engineering*) received a certificate of recognition from the

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Antennas and Propagation Society for his contributions as an associate editor of "Transactions."

**John Schillinger** (*Environmental and Occupational Health*) was nominated by the Southern California American Industrial Hygiene Association (SCAIHA) for his volunteer activities with Pacoima Beautiful.

**Chris White** (*Accounting*), a CSUN pre-information systems major, was one of five finalists in the National Writing Competition sponsored by the Association for Business Communications in May. White's was the university's first entry in the event.

**Krischa Woods** (*Child & Adolescent Development*) accepted five certificates on behalf of her department and the Jumpstart program. Certificates were awarded by Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine; Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; California State Legislature Majority Whip Lloyd Levine; Congressman Bob Sherman and California State Senator Richard Alarcon. The CSUN Jumpstart program, under the direction of Joyce Munsch (Child & Adolescent Development) was singled out during the Neighborhood Network for Kids' Second Annual Safety, Health and Wellness Fair in Canoga Park. ■

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### Publications

**Larry Allen** and **Daniel Pondella** (*Biology*) co-wrote a paper with students titled "The biogeography of nearshore rocky-reef fishes at southern and Baja California islands," published in the *Journal of Biogeography*.

**Scott Andrews** (*English*) reviewed "Toward a Native American Critical Theory" by Elvira Pulitano and "Gambling and Survival in Native North America" by Paul Pasquaretta, for *American Literature*. Andrews' essay, "Race, Feminine Power, and the Vietnam War in Philip Red Eagle's 'Red Earth,'" was accepted for publication in the *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*.

**Ian Barnard** (*English*) had his book, "Queer Race: Cultural Interventions in the Racial Politics of Queer Theory," published in November, in Lang's *Gender, Sexuality and Culture Series*.

**Dorothy Barresi** (*English*) had her review of "What Narcissism Means to Me," by Tony Hoagland, published in the literary journal *Pool*, Vol. 3. Two of her poems, "The Prodigal Daughter" and "In Waking Words," have been selected for the anthology, "All This Useless Beauty: Contemporary Women Poets on Housework."



**Conchita Battle** (*Advising Resource Center/EOP*) co-edited "Building Bridges for Women of Color in Higher Education: A Practical Guide to Success" with Chontrese Doswell of Howard University.

**Janna Beling** (*Physical Therapy*) had an article titled "Impact of service learning on physical therapist students' knowledge of and attitudes toward older adults and on their critical thinking ability" published in the spring 2004 edition of the *Journal of Physical Therapy Education*.

**Eve Caram** (*English*) and her colleague **Sharron Kollmeyer** (*English*) had their poetry featured in the summer issue of *Avocet*, *A Journal of Nature Poems*, edited by **Patricia Swenson** (*English*) and **Nancy Taylor** (*English*).

**Irene Clark** (*English*) had her review, "Listening to the Numbers," published in the fall 2004 issue of *The American Journal of Psychology*.

**Cynthia Desrochers** (*CELT*) published "Gave Projects, Test, or Assignments that Required Original or Creative Thinking" in the September edition of the *Professional and Organizational Development in Higher Education and Individual Development and Educational Assessment Center's POD-IDEA Center Notes*, online at [www.idea.ksu.edu/podidea/index.html](http://www.idea.ksu.edu/podidea/index.html).

**Steve Dudgeon** (*Biology*) co-authored a paper titled "The Morphology of Steve" in the *Annals of Improbable Research*.

**Peter Edmunds** (*Biology*) co-authored an article titled "Effects of depth and microhabitat on growth and survivorship of juvenile corals in the Florida Keys" published in *Marine Ecology Progress Series*.

**Robert Espinoza** (*Biology*) co-authored two papers titled "Two new *Liolaemus* from the Puna region of Argentina and Chile: Further resolution of purported reproductive bimodality in *Liolaemus alticolor* (*Iguania: Liolaemidae*)," and "Voluntary hypothermia: Constraints of herbivory in the desert iguana, *Dipsosaurus dorsalis*," published in *Copeia*.

**Sean Flanagan** (*Kinesiology*) co-authored an article titled "Lower-Extremity Kinetic Response to Weighted-Vest Resistance During Stepping Exercise in Older Adults" published in the August edition of the *Journal of Applied Biomechanics* Vol. 20, No. 3, pp. 260–274.

**Joseph Galasso** (*English*) had his essay, "The Acquisition of Inflection and The Dual Mechanism Model," selected for publication in the 2004 *Proceedings of Child Language Research* by CSLI Publications.

**David Gray** (*Biology*) co-authored a paper titled "Cricket song in sympatry: Species specificity of song without reproductive character displacement in *Gryllus rubens*," published in *Annals of Entomological Society of America*.

**Leilani Hall** (*English*) has had several poems—"How it Passes," "Woman Trapping" and "Last Labor"—chosen for *Word Journal*, while "Unspoken" will be published in *Poetry East*.

**Elizabeth Kessler** (*English*) had her article "'she's the dreamwork inside someone else's skull': La Malinche and the Battles Waged for Her Autonomy" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social*.



**Sabina Magliocco** (*Anthropology*) is the author of "Witching Culture: Folklore and Neopaganism in America" (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004), and is the editor of *Western Folklore*, the scholarly journal of the California Folklore Society.



**Steven Oppenheimer** (*Biology*) had the fourth edition of his textbook, "Cancer: A Biological and Clinical Introduction, with Cancer Prevention Guide," published by Pearson Education.

**Peggy Roller** (*Physical Therapy*) had an article titled "Pusher Syndrome" published in the *Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy*. ■

# Cal State Northridge Salutes the Spirit of Volunteerism

## Diverse Skills, Interests of Volunteer Corps Come Together in Support of the University and its Students

Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations D.G. "Gray" Mounger, tribute narrator, said the volunteers saluted at CSUN's annual volunteer ceremony are vital to the success of the university.

"Volunteers exemplify excellence, the core value of Northridge," Mounger said, adding that their support makes Northridge "a place where the limits of conventional ways of thinking and doing don't apply."

### CSUN's 2004 Volunteer Service Awards:

#### University and College Recipients

**Michael Bessolo,** *College of Business and Economics*  
Bessolo is senior vice president for marketing, promotion and publicity for 20th Century Fox Television. Prior to his time at Fox, he was senior vice president, marketing, for Walt Disney Records, overseeing product management, marketing and promotion of album releases and storyteller products. Bessolo earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northridge in the early 1980's, and for the last eight years has served the College of Business and Economics as a member of the Dean's Council of Business Advisors. He also has served on the board of directors for CSUN's Entertainment Industry Institute, participating in forums to help prepare students for entertainment industry careers.

#### Ethel Bliven,

*Oviatt Library*  
Bliven first came to San Fernando Valley State College—now CSUN—in 1970 as the department secretary for geography. She soon moved to the College of Humanities, where she served as secretary to the dean until her retirement in 1986. During her years in Humanities, Bliven spent lunch hours reading in the Oviatt Library. In retirement, she began to volunteer for the Friends of the Oviatt Library, serving on its board of directors for the past eight years, with terms as historian and secretary. Indispensable to the library's fundraising efforts, she works weekly in the Friends bookstore and at the quarterly book sale, wearing her cashier's hat. Bliven also is an active member of the Cal State Northridge Arts Council.

#### Julie Fabrocini,

*Michael D. Eisner College of Education*  
As director of the CHIME Charter Elementary School, alumna Julie Fabrocini oversees the instructional and administrative aspects of the school and serves as liaison to the university, parents and the community. A teacher and administrator for 17 years, she

serves as an advisory board member for the Los Angeles Times Literacy Center. Her teaching and administrative credentials as well as her master's degree in special education were earned at CSUN. Under Fabrocini's direction since its inception in 2001, CHIME has established a model that provides teachers with the training and additional classroom support they need—including a co-teacher trained in special education, paraprofessionals (teacher's aides) and student teachers.

#### Matthew and Kathy Fein,

*College of Health and Human Development*  
A 1974 alumna in health science, Kathy Fein was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1983 and began cold water therapy at the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled in 1994, following the Northridge earthquake. The therapy—it includes "cold vests" adapted from NASA models by retired CSUN kinesiology professor Sam Britten—has helped Fein maintain her optimal body temperature during exercise. Fein's husband, Matthew, serves on the board of trustees for the MS Society of Los Angeles. Both have been supporters of the Center of Achievement for more than a decade, helping to plan and coordinate its Run, Walk and Roll fundraiser each spring.

#### Gene Fritsche,

*College of Science and Mathematics*  
Professor emeritus of geological sciences, Fritsche began his work at CSUN in 1963, serving as department chair for eight years. Respected as one of the foremost experts in Miocene sedimentology of Central and Southern California, he was the recipient of the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists' leadership award, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists' special teaching award, CSUN's Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Society for Sedimentary Geology's 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award, Pacific Section, now named in his honor. Fritsche teaches and mentors others through his legendary field trips and presentations to students of all ages.

#### Edward Gilbert,

*Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning*  
As president of SAGE, a learning-in-retirement organization operating under the aegis of the Roland Tseng College of Extended Learning, Gilbert provided dynamic leadership to the organization and was an effective ambassador for the university in the community. He has spoken to numerous classes on campus and has taught in SAGE's "Senior Computer" program. The recipient of the William Randolph Hearst history award, Gilbert received many honors while serving as a corporal in the U.S. Army.

#### Tom Hutchison,

*Intercollegiate Athletics*  
Hutchison received his bachelor's degree in recreation from Northridge in 1971 and has worked in many of the recreation centers throughout the



Michael Bessolo



Ethel Bliven



Julie Fabrocini



Matthew Fein



Kathy Fein



Gene Fritsche



Edward Gilbert



Tom Hutchison



Liza White



Diane Visencio



2003 Emeriti Merit Award winner John Guarrera (second from right) is joined at CSUN's volunteer awards ceremony by Alumni Association President Gene Detchemendy (far left), President Jolene Koester and S.T. Mau, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.



Giovanni Triviño



Tammy Tolgo



Dwayne Jones



Keith Jajko

Not shown: Annie Ksazhikyan and Morris Zagha

San Fernando Valley. After a 33-year career in recreation, Hutchison retired and returned to his alma mater to volunteer with the Intercollegiate Athletics Department. He helps with fundraising for the Matador baseball team, created the Diamond Club and maintains the playing field. His efforts paid off in 2001 when he was part of a team that won its first Big West Conference Championship.

#### Theresa Jester,

*College of Engineering and Computer Science*  
Jester serves her alma mater as chair of the College of Engineering and Computer Science's Industrial Advisory Board. For more than 25 years, she has been responsible for manufacturing operations, technical development and product development for Shell Solar in the U.S. Today, Jester serves as senior director of engineering and operations for Shell Solar Industries. Her work in solar development was recognized by the San Fernando Valley Engineers Council with her receipt of that organization's Outstanding Engineering Achievement Merit Award.

#### Larry Layne,

*College of Arts, Media, and Communication*  
Layne has a ten-year record of service to the College of Arts, Media, and Communication. He was named to the college's Dean's Advisory Board in 1995, the following year was chosen as its chair, and continues to serve on its public relations committee. Layne's interest in the capital campaign for the planned Performing Arts Center at Northridge led to his participation in its feasibility study. He is owner of the Nova Development Company, a real estate investment and development company specializing in real estate brokerage, acquisition, and construction and property management. He and his wife, Sheelagh Boyd, are contributors to the college, to the campus' KCSN 88.5 FM radio station and to the Performing Arts Center.

#### Sanford "Sandy" Paris,

*University Advancement*  
Paris' long and active relationship with the College of Business and Economics has included serving as guest lecturer for real estate classes. A developer of industrial parks, Paris is involved with many non-profit organizations, serving on the boards of the Tarzana Regional



Dorothea "Granny" Heitz congratulates Sherry and Al Lapidis, winners of the award named in her honor and given to alumni who serve as role models for CSUN volunteers. Heitz "spirit squad" members were unofficial campus ambassadors in the 1960s.



Kristin Amey



Paul Albert



Joy Picus



Sanford Paris

Medical Center, L.A. Headquarters City Association, the L.A. County Library, the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, the California State Bar Association, the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, and Southwestern Law School. Paris was named "Man of the Year" by the Anti-Defamation League in 1987. He is a past chair of the CSUN Foundation's Major and Planned Gifts Committee.

#### Joy Picus,

*College of Social and Behavioral Sciences*  
Picus served four terms representing West San Fernando Valley residents on the Los Angeles City Council, and also has been a long-time volunteer for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, serving on the Dean's Council and on the first advisory board for the Center for Southern California Studies. A member of the Dean's Council in the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, she has been president of Friends of the (Griffith) Observatory for four years. Picus serves on the Children's Planning Council's Foundation Board, a public/private partnership dedicated to improving children's lives, and is a member of the board of Community Partners.

#### Alumni Chapter Recipients

**Paul Albert,** *Health Administration Alumni Chapter*  
Vice president of the alumni chapter, Albert is a project manager with Kaiser Permanente in the Health Plan Regulatory Services Department. A few years after graduating from Northridge with a B.S. in health administration, he volunteered to serve the alumni chapter. During his previous term as the chair of professional development for the chapter, Albert recruited several executives from Kaiser Permanente to participate in a speed-networking event sponsored by the Health Administration Alumni Association. The event, a great success, allowed students to interact with health care leaders in the industry.

#### Kristin Amey,

*National Center on Deafness (NCOD) Alumni Chapter*  
Amey earned her B.A. in child development from CSUN in 1992, and in 1995 earned an M.S. in marriage and family counseling. After graduating, she became a counselor for abused deaf children at Five Acres in Altadena. Amey began working as a student personnel specialist at CSUN's National Center on Deafness in 1997 and

continued in that capacity until 2003, when she began working with the center's Western Region Outreach Center & Consortia. She is now the project director. She has been instrumental in spearheading a grass roots campaign to start the alumni chapter, and also advises the Alpha Sigma Theta Sorority.

#### Keith Jajko,

*Journalism Alumni Association*  
Jajko became chapter president in 2003, and has been instrumental in helping the chapter—through print and Web communications—communicate to alumni the needs of the Journalism Department. Since graduating with a bachelor's degree in journalism from Northridge in 1990, he has spent 14 years in journalism, politics, public relations and corporate communications. He began his career as a staff writer with The Enterprise newspaper in Simi Valley and today operates his own public relations and government affairs consulting firm, working in Ventura and Los Angeles counties.

#### Dwayne Jones,

*Finance and Real Estate Alumni Chapter*  
After graduating from Northridge in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in finance, Jones began working as a consultant for Sourcetek Company, placing executives in the field of engineering and computer science. He continued his support of Cal State Northridge by volunteering to start the first Finance and Real Estate Alumni Chapter for Northridge. Working diligently the first year to draft the charter and bylaws, recruit an executive board, and plan events, he built the foundation for one of CSUN's largest alumni chapters today. Jones now is past president for the chapter.

#### Annie Ksazhikyan,

*Association of Armenian Alumni*  
Ksazhikyan serves as secretary on the board of the Association of Armenian Alumni. Her work has streamlined chapter meetings and has helped the chapter focus on how it may serve not only Armenian students and alumni but the university as a whole. From her comprehensive meeting minutes to her leadership abilities during the chapter's biggest event of the year—the Armenian graduation recognition reception—Ksazhikyan has proven her dedication to the chapter. She received her B.S. in political science in 2003, and is now in law school.

#### Tammy Tolgo,

*Masters of Business Alumni Association*  
Shortly after graduating with an MBA from CSUN in 2002, Tolgo joined the MBA program as the assistant director. Despite a lean staff and responsibilities that spanned recruitment to academic counseling, Tammy volunteered her own time to join a group of recent MBA graduates in founding the Masters of Business Alumni Association. The association now is a key complement of CSUN's MBA program. Currently an executive recruiter with Aijlon Finance, Tolgo continues to serve the chapter as membership director.

#### Giovanni Triviño,

*Association of Latino Alumni*  
Triviño splits his time between teaching at Sepulveda Middle School in the special education department and serving as a principal financial advisor and real estate broker for Liberty Financial Services in Downey. He still finds time to serve as a chief volunteer for the Association of Latino Alumni, taking on marketing responsibilities for the chapter's *Fiesta Mexicana* event in the Ford Amphitheater. Proceeds from the event help support the association's First Generation Scholarships. Triviño received both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Northridge and currently is working on a teaching credential.

#### Diane Visencio,

*Masters of Public Health Alumni Chapter*  
Visencio has played a vital role in developing the Masters of Public Health (MPH) Advisory Council and MPH Alumni Association. She currently serves as adjunct faculty for the Masters in Public Health program at CSUN and volunteers her time serving on both the alumni chapter and MPH department advisory boards. Visencio currently is working for the Disaster Management, Bioterrorism Unit for the Ventura County Public Health Department. She has worked for the Ventura County Public Health Department for more than 20 years.

#### Liza White,

*Communication Disorders and Sciences Alumni Chapter*  
After retiring from practice as a speech therapist, White became active in the earliest attempts to create an alumni association chapter for the Communication Disorders and Sciences Department. Responding to a department call for alumni to raise funds to furnish rooms in its new home at Monterey Hall, White engaged dozens of alumni. She also helped write the first bylaws of the alumni chapter. From 1999 to 2004, she served as the group's president, helping to establish a mission to sustain interaction among alumni, students and faculty. In addition to her work with the chapter, White serves on the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles.

#### Morris Zagha,

*Accounting and Information Systems (IS) Alumni Chapter*  
Zagha, who works with the Walt Disney Company, served as student president of the Accounting Association and earned status as a lifetime member in Beta Alpha Psi at the time of his graduation in 1998. He committed to helping current students by serving as an alumnus mentor and as treasurer for the Accounting and IS Alumni Association. Zagha and others were instrumental in taking on the sponsorship of the accounting graduation ceremony and in presenting programs such as the Alumni Career and Resume Review Workshop. In 2000, he became president of the organization and has volunteered his time as an instructor for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. He often has been a speaker for student informational meetings. ■

# Research and Sponsored Projects

**Larry Allen** (*Biology*) has received \$95,684 from the California Department of Fish and Game in continuing support of a project titled "White Sea Bass Sampling," and \$40,000 from the David and Lucille Packard Foundation to support publication costs for the upcoming book, "The Ecology of California Marine Fishes."

**Kathryn Anderson** (*Financial Aid & Scholarships*) has received \$40,000 from EDFUND in continuing support of a project titled "Debt Management."

**Lisa Banner** (*Biology*) has received \$7,500 from The American Society for Cell Biology in continuing support of a project titled "The American Society for Cell Biology Minority Affairs Committee Linkage Program."

**Peter Bellin** (*Environmental and Occupational Health*) has received \$5,000 from the National Library of Medicine in support of a project titled "Presentation of NLM Databases across Curriculum at a University."

**Kenneth Berry** (*Secondary Education*) has received \$117,131 from American River College in continuing support of a project titled "Engineering/Technology Consortium Project for the Los Angeles Area."

**Ann Bisno** (*Special Education*) has received \$17,255 from WestEd in support of a project titled "Early Start—We Can Help!" Bisno also received \$73,955 from the North Los Angeles County Regional Center in continuing support of a project titled "The Family Focus Resource Center," and \$48,766 from the same source in continuing support of a project titled "Family Focus Resource Center Antelope Valley."

**Nancy Burstein** and **Sue Sears** (*Special Education*) have received \$541,636 from the Los Angeles County Office of Education in continuing support of a project titled "California State University, Northridge Special Education Intern Program." Burstein received \$200,000 from the U.S. Department of Education in continuing support of a project titled "Providing Competent Special Educators for Urban Schools."

**Gary Chapman** (*Physics & Astronomy*) has received \$84,164 from NASA in continuing support of a project titled "A Study of Solar Variability Using Precise Ground-Based Photometry from Full-Disk Images."

**Deborah Chen** (*Special Education*) has received \$21,172.75 from CSU Sacramento in continuing support of a project titled "Statewide Collaborative Distance Learning for Early Interventionists."

**Helen Cox** and **John Wall** (*Geography*) have received \$30,024 from the Department of the Navy in continuing support of a project titled "A Climatic Monitoring Project for San Clemente Island, CA."

**Mary Ann Cummins Prager** (*Center on Disabilities*) has received \$217,822 from the Department of Rehabilitation in

continuing support of a project titled "Work Ability IV Contract with California Department of Rehabilitation Services."

**Susan Curzon** (*University Library*) has received \$321,908 from the U.S. Department of Education in continuing support of a project titled "Improving Student Success through Strengthening Library Collections, Archives, and Information Competence."

**Shawna Dark** (*Geography*) has received \$48,433 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in continuing support of a project titled "Enhanced Digital Wetland Mapping for Ventura County Priority Areas."

**Herman De Bose** (*Sociology*) has received \$75,000 from the County of Los Angeles in continuing support of a project titled "County-Wide Juvenile Crime & Anti-Gang Strategies Program."

**Rabia Djellouli** (*Mathematics*) has received \$141,938 from the National Science Foundation in support of a project titled "Computational Methods for the Solution of Three Dimensional Inverse Acoustic and Elastoacoustic Scattering Problems."

**Owen Doonan** (*Art History*) received \$18,136 from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, in support of a research project titled "Comparative Studies in the Hinterlands of Sinope and Miletus." Doonan will be conducting the research under the sponsorship of the *Institut für Klassische Archäologie, Ruhr-Universität*, Germany, in spring 2005.

**June Downing** (*Special Education*) has received \$287,246 from the U.S. Department of Education in continuing support of a project titled "SOS: Supporting Our Students."

**Warren Furumoto** (*Science & Math Advisement Center/EOP*) has received \$2,233,116 from the U.S. Department of Education in continuing support of a project titled "GEAR UP."

**Alan Glassman** (*Management*) received several awards, including \$73,687.50 from the City of Los Angeles in support of a project titled "Leadership Training Development & Course Delivery," \$49,000 from the Legislative Counsel of California in support of a project titled "State of California-Legislative Counsel Bureau-Legal Affairs Department," \$155,000 from the same source in support of a project titled "State of California Legislative Counsel-Legislative Data Center," \$15,000 from the Division of the State Architect in support of a project titled "Strategic Planning," \$110,000 from the California Department of Corrections in support of a project titled "Youth and Adult Correctional Agency" and \$74,999 from the California Department of Corrections in support of a project titled "Legal Affairs Division (LAD) Organization Redesign."

**Charles Hanson** (*Educational Psychology & Counseling*) has received \$50,000 from the Los Angeles Department of Children & Family Services in continuing support of a project titled "Child

Abuse & Neglect Prevention." He also received \$20,000 from Kaiser Permanente in support of a project titled "Kaiser Permanente Valley's Service Area/Community Service Fund," \$60,000 from Catholic Healthcare West in continuing support of a project titled "Case Management Contract" and \$65,800 from the Office of Emergency Services, in continuing support of a project titled "Valley Trauma Center-SART."

**Fritz Hertel** (*Biology*) and his colleagues **Jennifer Matos** and **Paula Schiffman** (*Biology*) were awarded a \$12,000 Instructionally Related Activity grant for their continuous direction of the Tropical Biology program.

**Karla Johnson-Majedi** (*MESA Engineering*) has received \$78,750 from the University of California Regents in support of a project titled "CSU Northridge MESA/CSEMS Scholars." Johnson-Majedi also received \$78,750 from the California State University in support of a project titled "CSU Louis Stokes-Alliance for Minority Participation, Phase III."

**Sharlene Katz** and **Deborah Van Alphen** (*Electrical and Computer Engineering*) have received \$10,000 from the Edwards Air Force Base in support of a project titled "The Application of Neural Networks to Target Recognition and Tracking Problems."

**Nicholas Kioussis** (*Physics and Astronomy*) has received \$3,800 from the Naval Research Laboratory, as supplemental support of a project titled "Ab initio, Tight Binding and Monte Carlo Simulations of Surface Growth of Quantum Dots."

**Rex Mitchell** and **Gerry Rossy** (*Management*) have received \$140,000 from the Division of the State Architect in support of a project titled "Structural Engineering Training Program."

**Richard Moore** (*Management*) has received \$271,851 from the City of Los Angeles in continuing support of a project titled "Performance Management."

**Joyce Munsch** (*Child and Adolescent Development*) has received \$53,861 from Jumpstart in continuing support of a project titled "Jumpstart."

**Steven Oppenheimer** and **Virginia Vandergon** (*Biology*), **Gerry Simila** (*Geological Sciences*) and **Norman Herr** (*Secondary Education*) have received \$99,909 from the California Postsecondary Education Commission in support of a project titled "Sustainability and Dissemination in the Development of Teacher/Student Researchers."

**Clara Park** (*Secondary Education*) has received \$384,878 from the United States Department of Education in continuing support of a project titled "Transition to Teaching Program."

**Maureen Rubin** (*Center for Community Service Learning*) has received \$125,000 from the Corporation for National and Community Service in

continuing support of a project titled "University/Community Partnerships to Reduce Gang Activity." Rubin and **Debra Sheets** (*Health Sciences*) have received \$20,000 from Temple University in continuing support of a project titled "Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders."

**Philip Rusche** (*Education*) has received \$44,336 from the Council of the Great City Schools in continuing support of a project titled "Urban Education Service Corps-Los Angeles."

**Carrie Saetermoe** and **Jill Razani** (*Psychology*) have received \$210,185 and \$66,116 from the National Institute of Mental Health in continuing support of a project titled "The Center for the Psychological Study of Urban Diversity."

**Donna Sheng** (*Physics and Astronomy*) has received \$80,000 from the American Chemical Society in support of a project titled "New Approaches to Spin Transport Property and the Topological Ordering in Electron System." She also received \$100,000 from the National Science Foundation in continuing support of a project titled "Novel Transport Properties in Strongly Interacting Electron Systems."

**Gerry Simila** (*Geological Sciences*), **Steven Oppenheimer** (*Biology*) and **Virginia Vandergon**, (*Biology*) have received \$188,889 from UCLA in continuing support of a project titled "San Fernando Valley Science Project."

**Christine Smith** and **Janice Eckmier** (*Secondary Education*) have received \$76,938 from LAUSD as supplemental support of a project titled "Single Subject University Intern Program."

**Michael Summers** (*Biology*) has received \$214,706 from the National Institutes of Health in continuing support of a project titled "CSUN Bridges to the Doctorate."

**Jan Tolan** (*Leisure Studies & Recreation*) has received \$48,100 from the Lily Academy of Japan in continuing support of a project titled "2004 Lily Academy of Japan Recreation Institute."

**David Wakefield** (*Child and Adolescent Development*) has received \$93,369 from the National Science Foundation in continuing support of a project titled "African American & Latina/o Adolescents' Perceptions of and Responses to Racial Discrimination."

**Ann Watkins** (*Mathematics*) has received \$75,732 from Western Michigan University in continuing support of a project titled "Core-Plus Mathematics Revision Project."

**Ben Yaspelkis** (*Kinesiology*) has received \$10,000 from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in support of a project titled "Resistance Training and Gene Expression in Skeletal Muscle." He also received \$6,933 from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University in support of a project titled "Resistance Training and Gene Expression in Skeletal Muscle." ■

# FYI

**For Your Information** publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

The deadline for the January 31 issue is Monday, January 24. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to [pubinfo@csun.edu](mailto: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

Monday, Dec. 6

### Graduate Program Reception

The Health Administration Program in the Health Sciences Department will hold its Graduate Program Student Field Experience Reception at 7:30 p.m. in the University Club. *fmi*-Louis Rubino, x7257.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

### Seminar on Coping

Anthony Johnson (*Counseling Services*) will host a seminar on coping with difficult professional and personal situations from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Oviatt Library, Room 16, as part of Human Resources' Professional Development Programs. *fmi*-Melissa Billeter, x3820

Wednesday, Dec. 8

### Union Program Council Event

A finals week relaxation corner will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight: free event, USU.

Thursday, Dec. 9 and 16

### Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of Northridge meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays at the University Club. Guests are welcome. *fmi*-Scott Spooner, x2897.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

### Northridge Toastmasters

Every first Wednesday and third Tuesday of the month, the Toastmasters meet from 12-1 p.m. in the Oviatt Library's Presentation Room. *fmi*-Sabrina Rife, x5700.

Monday, Feb. 28 and Tuesday, March 1

### Eating Disorders Presentations

University Counseling Services/JADE invites faculty members to include the following programs in their spring syllabi:

- "Fat Brain/Skinny Body," a multimedia presentation addressing anorexia, bulimia and compulsive over-eating, with a combination of hard facts and comedy, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on February 28, USU Grand Salon
- "Do I Look Fat in This?," a presentation by motivational speaker Jessica Weiner, author of "A Very Hungry Girl," at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on March 1. USU Grand Salon

Certificates of attendance will be available to students. RSVP and *fmi*-Ellen Mayer, x2366 or [ellen.mayer@csun.edu](mailto:ellen.mayer@csun.edu).

## Public Meetings

### Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2-4 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 8 and 22  
University Hall 211

### USU Board

Meets 1 p.m.  
Mon., Dec. 13  
USU Grand Salon

### Foundation Board

Meets 6 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 15  
Location TBA  
*fmi*-Judy Landy, x4197

### Union Program Council

Meets 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 16  
USU Flintridge Room

### North Campus-University Park Development Corporation

Meets 9 a.m.  
Tue., Dec. 21  
University Hall 250

## Notices

### Our Deepest Sympathies

The university community and the Communication Studies Department offer deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Fred McMahon**, professor *emeritus* of communication studies, who passed away in October. McMahon joined the university in 1958 and served as Speech Department (now Communication Studies) chair from 1973-1982. To honor McMahon, the department's executive committee has voted to create an Emeriti Faculty Wall of Honor in the Aronstam Library.

Alumni donations for scholarships should be made out to the Fred McMahon Scholarships and mailed to: Chair, Department of Communication Studies, California State University, Northridge, CA 91330-8257. For more scholarship information, x2853.

### Campus Condolences

The university community and the Elementary Education Department offer deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Sue Wasserman** (*Elementary Education*), who passed away in November.

### In Sympathy

The university community and the Physical Plant Management Department offer deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Donna Dodrill** (*Physical Plant Management*) on the passing of her mother, and to the family and friends of **Fred Joseph** (*Physical Plant Management*) on the passing of his sister.

### Catastrophic Leave Donation

**Phil Stokes** (*Physical Plant Management*) is currently out on a medical leave of absence and is unable to return to work at this time. His medical leave credits have been exhausted and he is requesting catastrophic leave donations on his behalf. To make a donation of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward completed forms to Renee Venezia, manager, Payroll Administration, mail code 8228. The catastrophic leave donation form may be accessed at [www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/forms/benefitsforms.html](http://www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/forms/benefitsforms.html).

### Holiday Payroll Distribution

On December 31, payroll will be distributed from 8 a.m. to noon in the Student Services Building, Room 101. CSUN photo IDs will be required in order to pick up checks. Employees who are unable to pick up their checks may authorize someone else with a written letter. This letter must include the name of the person authorized, the employee's department and the last four digits of the employee's Social Security number. Any checks not picked up in person will be disbursed to the appropriate department when the campus reopens on January 3, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

### Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities

Applications for this year's Who's Who candidates are available in the University Student Union's Matador Involvement Center, dean's offices, department chairs and program coordinators. Candidates must have been juniors, seniors, or graduate students during the 2004/2005 academic year with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA for undergraduates and a 3.3 cumulative GPA for graduate students at the end of the fall semester. Students who are selected will receive certificates in May. *fmi*-Jennifer Ames, x5111 Mon-Thu., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Deadlines

### Julian Beck Grant Information and Application

The Judge Julian Beck Grant Information and Application can now be accessed on the CELT Web site at [www.csun.edu/~celtact/grant.html](http://www.csun.edu/~celtact/grant.html). The proposal due date is Monday, March 14, 2005. The Beck grants will award Learning-Centered Instructional Project proposals exclusively. Teams are encouraged to apply for stipend awards (versus released time). Stipends will be awarded up to \$5,000 per project

(\$2,500 per person), to be divided among project participants. Two CELT workshops are planned to help with project development: Tue., Feb. 22 from 12:30-2 p.m. and Mon., Feb. 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m. *fmi*-Kelly Kroeker, x6536

### China Scholarship Council Award

Undergraduate and graduate students in all fields of study may apply for up to two awards from the China Scholarship Council to support a full year of study in China. The scholarship will cover all tuition and living expenses, and supplemental grants will assist with travel expenses. Applicants should submit a written proposal of no more than three double-spaced pages along with a single page résumé of education and relevant experience and two letters of recommendation from the student's current instructors. A Word file containing the aforementioned items must be submitted to Justine Su, China Institute director, no later than March 1, 2005. *fmi*-Justine Su, x2138 or [zsu@csun.edu](mailto:zsu@csun.edu).

### China Institute Faculty Development Grants

CSUN faculty interested in China can obtain initial seed money from the China Institute to start a project or study in their discipline advancing the field of China studies. Applicants should submit a written proposal of no more than three double-spaced pages along with a one-page résumé highlighting relevant experiences. A Word file containing the application proposal and résumé must be submitted to Justine Su, China Institute director, no later than March 1, 2005. *fmi*-Justine Su, x2138 or [zsu@csun.edu](mailto:zsu@csun.edu).

### Human Subjects Research Approval

Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete a Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to the Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline: Tue., Jan. 25. Next meeting: Tue., Dec. 14. Protocol submission forms are in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects., University Hall 265, or download from [www.csun.edu/research](http://www.csun.edu/research). *fmi*-x2901.

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# Memory of Frank del Olmo Honored at Campus Event

*'Frank del Olmo: Commentaries of His Times' Draws University Friends, Los Angeles Times Editors*

Cal State Northridge officials honored the memory of late Los Angeles Times associate editor and journalism alumnus Frank del Olmo by hosting a signing for the new book, "Frank del Olmo: Commentaries of His Times," on November 18 at the university.

Co-editors Magdalena Beltrán-del Olmo, the famed journalist's wife, and Frank Sotomayor, assistant Minority Editorial Training Program and hiring editor at the Los Angeles Times, signed books for a large gathering in the Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library.

President Jolene Koester and Los Angeles Times editor John Carroll led tributes to del Olmo at the event, co-hosted by the College of Arts, Media, and Communication and the College of Humanities.

Del Olmo, the university's top graduate in 1970, served as a lecturer in CSUN's Chicano Studies Department and spent nearly his entire journalism



Co-editors Frank Sotomayor and Magdalena Beltrán-del Olmo sign a book of collected columns by late journalist/alumnus Frank del Olmo for two young readers.

career with the Times. His book is a compilation of 90 commentaries offering his perspectives on some of the most important issues of the last quarter century.

Beltrán-del Olmo, vice president of communications for Woodland Hills-based The California Wellness Foundation and a Northridge alumna, said she and her late husband were "fiercely proud" of being graduates of Cal State Northridge.

"Bringing a celebration like this one to the campus, in the San Fernando Valley, makes me and my family so very proud and excited to share with the world the amazing legacy he left in journalism and for the city," she said.

Northridge's 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award winner, del Olmo had served as associate editor of the Times since 1998, and had shared a Pulitzer Prize for a series on Southern California's Latino community. The journalist died in February, from a heart attack. ■

# CSUN Senior Ties for CSU's 'Best of Show' Media Arts Award

*Greg Lacy Also Wins Rosebud Award, Northridge's Second Straight Win in Multimedia Category*

A favor for an actor friend evolved into one of the biggest moments in the life of senior Greg Lacy, who tied for the coveted "Best of Show" award—a first for Cal State Northridge—at California State University's 14th Annual Media Arts Festival in November. Lacy's achievement also marked the first time a multimedia project has won in the "Best of Show" category.

But Lacy did not stop there. He also earned the prestigious Rosebud Award, making Northridge the winner of the statewide festival's top multimedia honor for the second straight year.

The talented student's entry was an interactive CD-ROM that allows actors to better market their skills and backgrounds to directors or other industry insiders, who can scan the actors' portfolio material quickly and efficiently.

"I chose to make this CD-ROM



Greg Lacy, double CSU Media Arts winner

because my roommate is an actor who is like my brother," said Lacy, a multimedia major in the Cinema and Television Arts Department (CTVA). "I wanted to do something that would help him get his name out there, so I came up with this idea."

Called a "Digital Profile," the CD-ROM displays an actor's biography, "head shots" (photo portraits), downloadable résumé, and clips from commercials, television shows, movies or other productions in which the actor has appeared. The disk even features a section in which the actor responds to a director's questions, such as "Why did you become an actor?"

Lacy's "Digital Profile" is the size of a business card. "It's small enough to fit in your wallet, which makes it convenient for handing out," he said.

The tiny disk already has helped Lacy's roommate, Romeo Brown, obtain

a modeling contract and a manager, Lacy said. "So I guess it worked."

Both Lacy and Brown have CTVA assistant professor Mary Schaffer and instructors Mary Ver Plank and Laurence Tietz to thank for convincing the reluctant student to enter the competition in the first place. "It's funny because, honestly, I did not think I would win the Rosebud Award," Lacy said. "There are so many talented students who go to these state schools."

More than 200 entries from CSU students at 18 campuses were screened by distinguished CSU professors and industry leaders at the three-day festival, held this year at Cal State Channel Islands.

Schaffer said students in CTVA's multimedia option focus on creating products for the entertainment industry, including the design and creation of Web sites, CD-ROMS and DVDs. ■

## Calendar

The A.S. Ticket Office in Nordhoff Hall sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The Ticket Office is open from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-2488.

### Art and Exhibits

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat. 12–4 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2285.

### Eighth Annual High School Invitational

San Fernando Valley high school students showcase their artwork through a variety of media including painting, sculpture, video and graphic design.

Runs through Sat., Jan. 8, 2005

Exhibit will be closed Fri.,

Dec. 24–Sun., Jan. 2.

Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

### Book Binding

Books and book binding from the California Chapter of Guild Book Workers will be featured in the

Oviatt Library.

Runs through Fri., March 25, 2005.

Oviatt Library Lobby

### Bianchi Planetarium

"Autumn Sky Show" and

"Search for the Christmas Star"

Fri., Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

"Autumn Sky Show" and "The

Search for Life in the Universe"

Fri., Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit

[www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium](http://www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium).

### Athletics (home games):

#### Women's Basketball

12/17 Wright State 7 p.m.

1/6 UC Irvine 7 p.m.

1/8 Long Beach State 7 p.m.

1/20 UC Santa Barbara 7 p.m.

1/22 Cal Poly 7 p.m.

1/27 Pacific 7 p.m.

1/31 UC Davis 7 p.m.

### Theater/Performance

#### "A Christmas Carol"

By Charles Dickens.

Fri., Dec. 10, 8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 12, 2 p.m.

Performing Arts Center

\$18–\$28

### "The Fantabulous San

Fernando Valley Follies"

Starring actress/singer Ann Blyth.

Sat., Jan. 8, 7: 30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 9, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center

\$35

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