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Northridge in the News

Faculty/Staff:

Louanne Kennedy (Provost) was quoted in The Wall Street Journal, April 3, in an article about Academic systems, a software system used on campus in developmental mathematics and credited with improving the pass rate in some classes from below 50% to more than 70%. "Before this, I've always felt I never met a technology that didn't ultimately cost me more money," Kennedy said. (Note: according to Elena Marchisotto, head of the Developmental Math Program, this statement expressed Kennedy's hope; it was not a statement of fact.)

Adele Scheele (The Career Center) was a guest on NBC's "Today Show" on March 28, discussing careers after 50. Her career column appears in Singapore's "Her World" magazine.

Blase Bonpane (Political Science emeritus) and his wife, Theresa, were featured in the L.A. Times on April 7. The Bonpanes are founders of the Office of the Americas, a program designed to help the poor.

Barbara Polland (Psychology) lend her expertise to a story in the Daily News, April 14, about hypercritical parents who forget that Little League is supposed to be fun. "Little League is definitely problematic," Polland said. "There are pluses and minuses, but it's a problem when parents become overinvested in the process of winning as opposed to the joy of being a part of a team."

Catherine Jeppson (Accounting and Management Information Systems) was profiled in the Daily News April 14. Jeppson has volunteered for 17 years as faculty advisor for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), which has helped file over 10,000 tax returns per season for free. "I've been doing the program so long, I have seen (the students) first as gawky and now they are managers, partners...I watch a lot of them spread their wings and fly," Jeppson said.

Steven Oppenheimer's (Biology) Journal, which records experiments of the Valley's aspiring scientists, received a story in the Daily News April 22. His publication is one of a few in the nation which highlights research by students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. "The students are learning science by discovery. If all the schools in the country did this sort of thing, we'd have kids who loved science," Oppenheimer said.

Raul Ruiz (Chicano Studies) was quoted in the Daily News April 7 after marching in a downtown rally protesting the beating of two illegal immigrants by Riverside County Sheriff's deputies in South El Monte. "We don't want to have a divided community, but if that's what it has to take before justice can happen, then that's what will have to happen," Ruiz said.

Julian Nava (History) wrote a piece in the L.A. Times April 21, concerning U.S. policy toward Cuba. "We cannot expect Castro to confess the bankruptcy of the communist regime, but he has chartered a course that will surely dismantle the system," Nava wrote.

Lucy Parakhovnik (Computer Science) was in the Daily News April 21 in an article on computer trends and the Internet. On keeping up to date on the Internet for her classes: "It's the kind of thing where teachers are learning just ahead of the students," she said.

Del Stelck's (History emeritus) work as a volunteer at the Library Adult Reading Project was recognized in the L.A. Times April 28. Stelck is part of a 12-year-old federal program administered through public libraries with over 400 volunteers and 480 students nation-wide.
Lorenzo Flores (Chicano Studies) was interviewed by Channel 34 (KMEX) on the whether goat suckers, vampire-like monsters that kill goats and suck their blood, are myth or fact.

Students:

Candice O' Campo's mural design of endangered species was featured in the L.A. Times April 8. The mural, eight feet high and 120 feet long, spans both walls of the 405 Freeway and Plummer Street underpass. Intended to beautify the community, the project brought together businesses, volunteers, law enforcement and schools.

Patrice Pinachio's research on exercise machines was highlighted in the L.A. Times April 20. Her conclusion: Those "rider" type exercise machine you see on late night T.V. don't work up as much sweat as treadmills do. Her full report can be read in April's American Council on Exercise.

Members of CSUN's marching band percussion unit appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" April 26 with singer Gloria Esteban, doing back up for her band. The group also performed in a live telecast for VH-1 Honors, a music channel awards show. Vladimir Cerna was featured on Channel 9 news, in the L.A. Times and Daily News, April 13. Cerna was recently elected CSUN's Associated Student's president and received legal permanent resident of the U.S. this year. "They (people) don't attribute the same level of respect, or the same level of humanity, when it comes to people who are undocumented," Cerna said. CSUN Engineering students were featured on Channel 5 after competing with Cal State San Luis Obispo in a student-built robotic mouse race.
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Announcements

Announcements formerly printed in the UIB will now be printed in @csun.edu instead. A notice of the deadline for the first issue of the academic year will be circulated this summer.

CLASSES/COURSES

Summer Ceramics Classes
Summer ceramics classes begin June 3 in the USU's Ceramics Lab. The 8-week, non-credit sessions offer small, individualized classes in throwing on the wheel. Afternoon and evening sessions are available.

School of Engineering and Computer Science Courses
The School of Engineering and computer Science will offer two short-term courses on campus this summer. They are: "Introduction to VHDL Modeling," June 18-21, will present logic synthesis as practiced in the real world. The course is intended for design, application, and CAD engineers and managers. In addition to four days of laboratory experience on campus. Instructors are Ramin Roosta, School of Engineering and Computer Science; Taher Abbasi, Synopsys, Inc.; and Pran Kurup, Cirrus Logic, Inc.
"Spreadsheet-Aided Systems Engineering and Optimization," July 15-19, will cover such topics as user friendly problem solving tools; modular-structured programming with VBA; system design, model and optimization; engineering system sensitivity analysis; and numerical analysis-based systems engineering. Instructors are Tom Mincer, Mechanical Engineering Department; David Hooper, continuing education soecialist in engineering applications of Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.

Enrollment may be made by individuals or companies. Contact Shirley Lang, Center for Research and Services, SECS, at x2146 or e-mail at shirley.lang@csun.edu.

EVENTS

University Foundation Board Meeting
The Board of Directors of the University Foundation will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Wed., June 19, at 3 pm inb the School of the Arts, Rehearsal Hall #159. The meeting is open to the public.

Piano for Youth Recital
A recital by students who hjave participated in this semester's "Piano for Youth" program will take place on Sun., June 16, at 2 pm int he Recital Hall. Parents interested in having their children take part in the "Piano for Youth" program during the next academic year are urged to attend. 'Piano for Youth" is for children 7 years of age through high school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty Award Winners
Ronald Davis of the History Department has been named univerity's Outstanding Professor, and four other faculty members have received Distinguished Teaching Awards: Klara Carmely, Business Law; Robert Carpenter, Biology; Arlinda Eaton,
Elementary Education; and Charles Macune, History.

State Telephone Directories
The Technology Service Center has a limited supply of 1996 State Telephone directories on hand. The cost is $5.50 per copy, billed to FY 96/97. Submit a Technology Service. Order to mail drop 8223 and indicate the quantity desired.

Matador Bookstore Buyback Information
The Matador Bookstore will conduct book buybacks at the following locations and times:

- "Drive-thru" at Faculty Lot "B":
  through May 24
  Hours:
  Mon.-Thurs., 9 am to 6 pm;
  Fri., 9 am to 3 pm

- The Exchange:
  through May 24
  Hours:
  Mon.-Thurs., 9 am to 6 pm;
  Fri., 9 am to 3 pm

- Matador Bookstore:
  through May 25
  Hours:
  Mon.-Thurs., 8 am to 7:30 pm;
  Fri., 8 am to 4 pm;
  Sat., 10 am to 4 pm

- The Graduate Office, Rm. 3105:
  through May 23
  Hours:
  Mon.-Thurs., 6 pm to 8 pm

- Satellite Student Union’s west lobby:
  May 24-25
  Hours:
  Fri., 9 am to 3 pm;
  Sat., 9 am to noon

Check-Out Donation Drive
The Associated Students' University recycling Program and Goodwill Industries are collecting household and other items for the "Check-Out Donation Drive" from 9 am to 5 pm daily through May 28 at the northeast corner of Lindley Avenue and Lassen Street. Receipts for tax purposes wuk be issued at this location. There will also be drop- off bins at buildings 4,9, and 13 of the University Park Apartments. Goodwill uses funds from the collected, repaired and reused goods to provide job training and vocational rehabilitation for the physically and developmentally disabled.

CSUN Directory Recycling Program The University Recycling Program, Information & Technology Resources, and Mail Services will recycle all the old campus directories now through June 14. Old directories can be placed in regular campus mail. Make sure the directory is stapled together. No envelope is required.

Fitness Center Summer Session Special The ASREC/USU Fitness Center is accepting faculty, staff, and alumni memberships at a special reduced rate for the 13 week summer session. The special fee of $55 is available now through Sat. May 25. The Fitness Center offers aerobics, free weights, treadmills, swimming and exercise equipment. Student assistants are available to advise on proper use of all equipment.

Quickcopy and University Postal Services The new Quickcopy Center and the University Postal Services will open in the USU (at the old Mercantile Store) in June, providing the following services: walk-up cash transactions and authorized requisition purchases, plus pick-up and delivery for jobs for established users. Jobs that require longer turnaround times may be scheduled in advance.
University Postal Services will offer the following: stamps, and other postal supplies, overnight, priority, first-class, third-class, UPS, international mail, and rental of small to large post office boxes, subject to availability. The official fall semester grand opening will be announced and the hours of service will be posted for each department.

Parking Information
Special parking permit for Fall 1996-1997 Annula Courtsey Permits will expire Sept. 1. Departments should forward all requests for Courtesy permits for the 1996-1997 academic year to mary Cooley, Parking Office Manager (mail drop 8290 or fax 4747) by June 30. Requests and written justification for each pass should be submitted on department letterhead.

- **Process for IssuingCourtesy Permits**
  A written request containing the approval of the requester's department head with a justification that clearly satisfies one or more of the criteria listed below shall be submitted to Parking Services. Permits are non-transferable and may be revoked if the circumstance under which it was issued for a one-year or three-year duration. Please specify which type of permit you wish.

- **Eligible Personnel for Courtesy Permits**
  Personnel who are required on a regular basis to go on and off campus as part of their duties; those located in remote areas of the campus and required to go to the main campus; and those required to transport equipment that cannot be hand-carried. Also included are personnel who have official responsibilities in multiple areas of the campus, such as service technicians and/or repair personnel, and those receiving special approval of the university president.

- **Auxiliary/Foundation (non-State) Personnel**
  Personnel other than students must submit their names and social security numbers to the Parking Office for approval prior to purchase of parking decals.

- **Fire Marshall's Directive**
  Due to continuing safety factors, parking next to modulars can be hazardous. Parking by these areas MUST be kept to a minimum.
Staff and Student Achievements

Staff Achievements:

Deborah Hammond (University Student Union) was elected president elect of American College Unions-International at its conference in Philadelphia in March.

Michael Hammerschmidt (University Development) has been elected to the Board of Directors of CASE District VII for a term ending June 30, 1997. He is also program chair of the CASE District VIII annual conference in San Diego this December.

He spoke at the National Society of Fund Raising Executives International Conference on "Fund Raising in a Crisis," where he discussed the impact of the Northridge earthquake on Cal State Northridge's fund-raising efforts.

Richard Miller (Counseling Services) coordinated the Southern California Training Directors Conference, hosted by University Counseling Services on campus March 15.

Adele Juarez (International Programs) was elected national vice-president elect of Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, at its national conference. She also received two awards, one recognizing her service as regional vice president 1993-96 and one, the Edward S. Blankenship Award, recognizing her leadership in developing the local chapter. She is the second chapter coordinator to receive the latter award.

KCSN News Staff won second place in the Associated Press TV/Radio Association of California and Nevada in the category "Best Series" for its broadcast "The Northridge Earthquake: One Year Later." Deanne Weller won first place in the category "Best Serious Feature" for her story "Truancy in the Los Angeles School District."

Ed O'Brien's (Undergraduate Studies) play, "Parrish Balister," received a workshop production by Live Creek Productions on New York City's Theatre Row April 26-28.

The Public Relations Department won two awards from the Publicity Club of Los Angeles: for NORTHRIDGE in the category Internal Publication (Nonprofit) and for NORTHRIDGE ALUMNI in the category External Publication (Nonprofit).

Student Achievements:

Beth Burton (Kinesiology) earned All-American honors at the 1996 NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis. She registered a throw of 59' 4" to place eighth in the 20-pound weight throw.

Six interior design students of Ildiko Choy (Art) swept top honors in the Network of Executive Women in Hospitality 1996 Design Competition by designing a restaurant using a pre-existing space. They were Sana Jamil (1st place), Nina Bisquera (2nd place), Michael Montenegro (3rd place), and Julie Peabody, Terry Seward, and Arsineh Nazarian (honorable mention).

Barbara Ingram (Mass Communications) received a $10,000 grant/internship for research into the public relations use and importance of Internet "home pages" at colleges and universities.

Betsy EdwardsM (Journalism) won an award from the Publicity Club of Los Angeles in the category Student Project for her article "Life on the Mississippi," which appeared in the October 1995 issue of NORTHRIDGE.
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ACADEMIC SCHEDULES

Summer Sessions
A program of the College of Extended Learning

- Session 1:
  June 3-July 12 (six-week session)
  June 3-Aug. 2 (nine-week session)
- Session 2:
  June 24-Aug. 2 (six-week session)
- Session 3:
  July 15-Aug. 16 (five-week session)

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Summer Academic Enrichment Program
A program of the Secondary Education Department
For students in grades 6-12
July 1-Aug. 2 (five-week session)
Director: Glenn Bailey
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Summer Academic Program for Elementary School Students
A program of the Elementary Education Department
For children entering grades 1-6 in fall
July 1-Aug. 2, 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (five-week session)
Tuition: $400
Director: Arlinda J. Eaton
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Orientation
For new and transfer deaf and hard of hearing students and their parents
National Center on Deafness
Aug. 26-30

ARTS

Theatre
Teenage Drama Workshop productions
General admission: $5

Adam of the Road
By Doug Kaback
A minstrel's son searches for his father in medieval England
(Ages 6 and up)
Studio Theatre
July 18, 19, 26 at 7 p.m.
July 20, 26, 27, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m.
July 25, Aug. 1, 2 at 2 p.m.

Mr. A's Amazing Maze Plays
By Alan Ayckbourn
Susie traces stolen voices to an amazing mansion
(Ages 5 and up)
Little Theatre
July 25, 31, Aug. 1, 2 at 2 p.m.
July 26, 27, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m.
July 26, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.

Jesus Christ Superstar
By Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber
The rock opera
(Family audiences)
Campus Theatre
July 26, 27, Aug. 1, 2 at 7 p.m.
Aug. 2 at 2 p.m.

Performing Arts Center Events
For a brochure and schedule updates, call (818) 885-3943 For information and tickets, call the office or phone number listed with the event
TBA = to be announced

Dance Recital: Rozann Zimmerman Ballet
May 18 at 11 a.m.
May 19 at 3 and 7:30 p.m.
(818) 341-0525

South African Jazz with Abdullah Ibrahim
May 18 at 8 p.m.
CSUN TicketMaster

Dance Demonstration: Bella Lewitzsky May 22 at 10 a.m.
Free

Dance Concert: Lehman Dance Company
June 1 at 8 p.m.
(818) 997-6863

Music Concert: Peter Nero June 8 at 7 p.m.
June 9 at 3 p.m.
(818) 785-8885

Dance Recital: Pacific Dance Academy
June 15 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
(818) 346-4447

Concert: Howard Johnson & Gravity
June 16 at 7:30 p.m.
(818) 885-3943

Dance Recital: Gotta Dance Studio
June 22 and 23 at times TBA
Dance Concert: Termain Team Company  
June 29 at times TBA  
(818) 885-3943

Dance Concert: West Coast Dance Theatre  
July 12 and 13 at times TBA  
(818) 885-5994

Children's Theatre Network: Beauty and the Beast  
July 16, 17, and 18 at 9 and 11 a.m.  
July 19 at 8 p.m.  
July 20 at 2 and 7 p.m.  
July 21 at 2 p.m.  
(818) 706-9884

Vaudeville Follies  
July 27, Aug. 3, and Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.  
July 28, Aug. 4, and Aug. 11 at 3 p.m.  
(818) 785-8885

Dance Concert: Francisco Martinez Dance Theatre  
Aug. 17 and 24 at 8 p.m.  
(818) 988-2192

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Major Rebuilding to Start This Week

Full restoration to take 2 years

Cal State Northridge will launch this week a blitz of building repair and new construction that will cost a total of more than $140 million and take up to two years to complete.

When the projects are done, the campus will stand as one of the nation's most thoroughly renovated and modernized universities, said President Blenda J. Wilson.

"Two years from today, when we stand complete, we will have repaired, renovated, and retrofitted virtually all of our buildings, we will have constructed an entirely new and state-of-the-art utility system, and we will have dealt with all the costly infrastructure problems that plague nearly every campus in the nation: aging utility systems, access for persons with disabilities, the presence of asbestos, telecommunications and computing infrastructure, and the availability of adequate space," Wilson said.

The new and probably final phase of earthquake reconstruction activity is being made possible by a renewed flow of funds from FEMA, said Vice President for Administration and Finance Art Elbert.

"So far we have received about $186 million in support from FEMA; we expect to receive an additional $40 million or so, perhaps as soon as this week," he said.

"By the time we finish, we expect the cumulative total from FEMA to rise to approximately $270 million, supplemented by $30 million from the State of California for earthquake recovery."

The new and accelerated phase of reconstruction and new building begins this week with the start of renovation of Sierra Tower and Richfield Hall, said .

"We are beginning two years of very intense work to get the campus back the way we all want it," he said.

A contract to renovate the Engineering Building was let earlier this month. The rebuilding of Science I, Monterey Hall, the Fine Arts Building, and the wings of the Oviatt Library will start by summer's end.

These projects will be complete within 12 to 18 months, Elbert said.

In addition to major construction projects, minor repair jobs will begin this summer on the gymnasium, Chisholm Hall, the Student Health Center, the roof of the University Student Union, and the Planetarium. Smaller repairs to Sierra Hall will begin this month.

In a separate project, construction of a new cooling and heating plant will also get underway this summer (see sidebar).

In current planning, two reconstructed buildings will take on different functions than they had before the Northridge earthquake of January 1994 caused massive campus damage. South Library will become the administration and computing center, Elbert said. It will house offices of the president and vice presidents, the personnel office, the Career Center, and computing facilities.

The former Adminstration Building will be converted to a student services building, a "one-stop shop" where students can register, pay bills, receive counseling and advisement, and take remediation classes.

Reconstruction of the two buildings depends on FEMA's approval of these plans.
Each major rebuilding project will take on average one to one and a half years to complete, with 30 to 90 days prior to 
construction for the bid process and about 30 days after the work is done to move people back into buildings.

The Fine Arts Building is in the final stages of tests to find out if one of the four buildings that comprise the complex is plumb 
(vertically straight) and if its mechanical systems are too contaminated to be cleaned properly. Those tests will determine if that 
building is rebuilt or demolished and reconstructed, possibly at a different site.

"We may have an interesting dilemma," said Bill Chatham, director of facilities planning and operations. "Would we rather have 
the new building on the old site or move it somewhere else, like near the Art and Design Center?"

If a new building is needed, it will lengthen the estimated completion time for earthquake repairs, Chatham said.

Repair work slowed to a virtual standstill in mid-1995 as emergency measures expired. Those measures had allowed the 
university to cut through bureaucratic red tape and begin rebuilding.

Reconstruction work can begin now because the university and FEMA have been working for the past four months to complete 
damage survey reports (DSRs) used to make funding decisions.

"FEMA needed more information, but virtually all that work is completed," Elbert said. "FEMA has put the DSR review on a fast 
track and assigned additional staff to the projects. We have an excellent working relationship with FEMA, especially Leland 
Wilson, its regional head, who has expedited crucial DSRs."

In additional improvements, the university has commissioned studies on parking and traffic, landscaping, and signage. The 
parking and traffic consultant will suggest ways to improve traffic flow and access patterns as well as locations for possible 
parking structures.

The signage consultant will produce a uniform and clear system of building and street identification. The landscape architect will 
provide a uniform landscaping system and repair damage to areas now housing trailers and domes.

"Rather than fix the old campus, we are going to try to make improvements as we go along so that it appears we built a new 
one," said Vice President and Administration and Finance Art Elbert.

Most reconstruction should be completed by 1998. It will lead, Elbert said, to "the best developed and most modern campus in 
the CSU, if not the entire country."

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New Heating Plant Will Replace Obsolete Facility

A new central heating and cooling facility will be erected in the Corporation Yard beginning this summer to replace the aging steam boiler plant. The present plant is obsolete, with many repair parts unavailable, said Bill Chatham, director of facilities planning and operations.

"We decided to do this now so that when campus construction is completed, all major construction will really be done," Chatham said.

The new facility will save the university about $500,000 in utility costs each year, Chatham said.

The plant's cooling towers will be located in what is now the temporary parking lot between the new Engineering Annex and the Business and Education complex.

Total cost of the system will be about $23 million.

Chatham said the university has designed the two facilities to complement their surroundings. A brick facade will cover the plant, which will include a 2.5 million gallon tank and house all the shops and support facilities for the central plant.

The 35-foot cooling towers are designed to look like an architectural art piece. They will be built at an angle to match the lines of the Business and Education complex with an arch reflecting the curves of the Engineering Annex. People will be able to walk through the arch, located in a green space similar to the one south of Oviatt Library. The plans follow through on a years-old design intended to situate the library in the middle of a park.

More than 2.5 miles of trenches connecting the new plant to campus buildings will have to be dug. Chatham said crews will do most of that work in the summer so as not to interfere with fall classes.

His office will distribute a map and schedule for the trench work as soon as the plans are complete, "which should be soon," he said.

University officials will take steps to mitigate the confusion and other problems created by the construction of the energy plan and other reconstruction, Chatham said, but he pointed out likely inconveniences.

One of the more obvious ones will occur this summer as construction staging areas go up around Sierra Tower and Jerome Richfield Hall, Engineering, and Science 1.

The staging areas in the Sierra complex may interfere with a couple of entrances to Sierra South. Workers plan to block off a portion of Parking Lot A so they can get construction equipment to the site while minimizing the interference to normal traffic flow.

"This means there's going to be some confusion on campus and for the next couple of years, and we're asking that people be patient and understanding," Chatham said.
Commencement Honors 6,300 Students

In 10 ceremonies

An estimated 5,600 students will be honored in commencement ceremonies this spring, according to the Admissions and Records and Graduate Studies Offices.

The total, covering students who have graduated in Summer 1995, Fall 1995, and Spring 1996, is up about 900 from the previous year. It includes 4,800 bachelor's recipients, according to Bea Turner of Admissions and Records, and 800 master's recipients, according to Jan Vardaman of Graduate Studies.

Last year's actual totals were 3,961 bachelor's recipients and 722 master's recipients, said Linda Newcomb of Admission and Records.

Ten ceremonies (one for each of the eight schools, in addition to a Ventura Campus ceremony and the Honors Convocation) will take place from Friday, May 24, through Friday, May 31.

The confirmed speakers so far include retiring Dean Ralph Vicero; Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Howard Rosenberg; artist Judith Baca; Warren H. Fox, executive director of the California Post-Secondary Education Commission; Frank Cruz, president of the financial consulting group Cruz & Associates; Ron Thigpenn, a top official of Family Savings Bank; Carolyn Burch, principal of Francis Polytechnic High School; Kathleen Virga of Hughes Aircraft Company; and Cecily M. Grzywacz, a scientist at the Getty Conservation Institute.

Ronald Davis of the History Department, named the university's Distinguished Professor of the Year, will address the Honors Convocation.

Frank Cruz, who will address Humanities graduates, began his career as a history professor and became in turn a news reporter and anchor, the general manager of television station KVEA (Channel 52), and the owner and chair of a life insurance company. President Clinton appointed him to the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in 1994, and he is a member of the Boards of Directors of California Institute for Federal Policy Research and of Health Network of California. He has written several books on United States and Latin American history.

The Brandeis-Bardin International Klezmer Ensemble will provide entertainment at the Humanities ceremony.

Howard Rosenberg, who will speak at the School of Communication, Health and Human Services ceremony, has been the Los Angeles Times television critic since 1978 and won the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished criticism in 1985 for articles about two national political conventions, the Olympic Games, and television's treatment of death. Last year the Society of Professional Journalists chose him as Print Journalist of the Year. He teaches courses in the Radio-Television-Film Department here and at USC's School of Journalism.

The speaker at the School of Business Administration and Economics commencement is Ron Thigpenn, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Family Savings Bank, the state's largest black-owned bank, located in Los Angeles. A 1980 alumnus, Thigpenn joined Coopers & Lybrand, the Big 6 accounting firm, after graduation and later became chief financial officer at Founders Bank. He and Doris Johnson, head of the Minority Business Program, co-founded Jump Start, a program in which business faculty, staff, and students inspire Crenshaw High School students to go on to college.

Kathleen Virga, keynote speaker for the School of Engineering and Computer Science, received her MS here and recently completed a Ph.D. at UCLA, writing her dissertation on mobile communication antennas. The holder of four patents, she works in the area of electromagnetic systems and solid state microwave devices for Hughes Aircraft's Radar and Communication
Business Sector. Student Tobi Potash will also speak.

Cecily M. Grzywacz, who will address the School of Science and Mathematics graduates, received her BS and MS degrees in chemistry here in 1985 and 1992, respectively. At the Getty Conservation Institute, she has been the principal staff scientist doing indoor environmental research. Her current interest involves detecting and mitigating pollutants generated indoors at museums.

Alumna Judith Baca, who will speak to the School of the Arts, is best known for directing the mammoth art project "The Great Wall of Los Angeles" on Coldwater Canyon Ave. in North Hollywood. It depicts California history from the perspective of various ethnic groups. Specializing in murals, she founded the first City of Los Angeles mural program in 1974. A founding faculty member of CSU Monterey Bay, she is developing a Visual and Public Art Institute there.

Biographical information on Carolyn Burch, who will address the School of Education, and Warren Fox, who will speak at the Ventura Campus, was not available by the publication deadline.

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Fall Enrollment Figures Heading Up

Signs point to a healthy increase in enrollment this fall.

The number of applications is up 10.5% over April 1995, according to the Chancellor's Office. "There's a direct relationship between number of applicants and the number of students who enroll," noted Hans Ladanyi, director of institutional research.

Housing applications totaled 2,074 as of April 26, compared to 870 on the same date last year and the highest total since 1992, said Roger Frichette, director of housing services. He attributed the increase to the work of the Outreach and Recruitment Department. "Ludim de Manzano and her staff have done an outstanding job," he said.

"I have no doubt we'll meet and surpass our enrollment goals-2,073 first-time freshmen and 2,445 transfer students," said de Manzano. "Applications are up, even from international students, a category that had been dropping."

Reasons for the increase, based on comments from feeder schools and colleges, include the on-site admissions and preview day last November.

"It was very attractive to students," said de Manzano. "Word got out that our Open House was terrific and that the university was back on its feet. Families very much appreciated the opportunity to meet and speak with faculty."

She also cited the regular Friday on-the-spot admissions days for community college students, participation in national college fairs, regular visits to state high schools, and the quality of university marketing materials.

Her office has been working closely with Michael Steadman of the English as a Second Language program to answer queries from students abroad, in some cases via Internet.

The total student goal for next year is 18,299 full time equivalents, according to the Provost's Office. That figure includes 687 at the Ventura Campus.

The 10.5% increase in applications is the second largest of any CSU campus, behind Fullerton, with an 11.1% increase, and ahead of San Jose (7.7%), San Diego (5.8%), San Bernardino (4.3%), Stanislaus (3.8%), San Luis Obispo (3.6%), Sonoma (1.5%), and Long Beach (1.0%).

Other campuses registered declines of up to 11.7% (Hayward). System wide, applications were up 0.5%.

The total number of applications here as of April was 13,741 compared to 12,431 in April 1995.

Broken down by categories, first-time freshmen applicants totaled 7,615, an increase of 1,207 or 18.8% over the 1995 total of 6,408. Other lower division applicants increased by 100 or 16.4%, from 610 to 710. Upper division applicants decreased 134 or 3.4%, from 3,967 to 3,833. Post-baccalaureate and graduate students increased 137 or 9.5%, from 1446 to 1583.


The residence halls are currently full, housing 1,300 students. The Housing Office plans to expand capacity for next year. If demand exists, it will lease off-campus housing to accommodate students, Frichette said.

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Welcome to the Inaugural Issue of @csun.edu

The newspaper you are reading is an experimental prototype for a new publication that will appear every two weeks during the academic year beginning this fall. Published by the Department of Public Relations, its primary purpose is to report the campus' institutional news. Its underlying purpose is to provide a common framework and source of information that may help to unify an often fragmented university.

The primary audience will be faculty and staff, but the newspaper will also be available to students and community members with pertinent interest in Cal State Northridge.

The kinds of news covered will include:

- ongoing issues such as strategic planning, general education
- the agendas and work of governing bodies such as the Faculty Senate, the North Campus Development Corporation, the CSUN Corporation, and the CSUN Foundation, and important committees such as Educational Policy and Enrollment Management, and the priorities and initiatives of the institution's primary divisions: Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Administration and Finance:
- staff hires, promotions, and accomplishments,
- student accomplishments,
- upcoming events of all kinds-conferences, meetings, lectures, arts and athletics events,
- governmental and political issues that affect the university, such as state budget news, affirmative action and remediation,
- matters related to public health and safety
- "housekeeping" notices ranging from grant application deadlines to parking information.

The newspaper will be more timely and diverse than NORTHRIDGE, which will continue to focus on the university's enduring reason for being: teaching, research, creative activity, and public service. NORTHRIDGE will now be published four times a year, in October, November, March, and April.

@csun.edu will supplant the University Information Bulletin. Information that has been published in the UIB will now appear in the newspaper. A list of publication dates and deadlines will be circulated this summer so that staff and faculty who submit announcements will know when they are due.

In addition, important announcements appearing between issues will be posted on the Public Relations Department's Web page: http://www.csun.edu/~hfoao102/@csun.edu.

@csun.edu will report facts and processes that signify a functioning university. By nature those processes are sometimes many sided. The newspaper will seek to frame these issues not in terms of personalities (who's for, who's against) but in terms of arguments and ideas. The newspaper will respect the grievance process and the legal rights of employees. It will report matters on the public record if they are significant to the university community, but it will not report on personnel matters in progress.

We begin by encouraging your comments on this introductory issue- what you like and dislike in terms of topics and format. You have a standing invitation to suggest story ideas and provide constructive criticism. The masthead (on page 12) tells you how to reach us.

Bruce Erickson
Director, Public Relations

President's Letter

I am delighted to introduce the inaugural issue of @csun.edu.

Over the past year, in meeting with many campus groups to discuss the strategic planning process, I have heard one belief stated repeatedly: that we need better communication to foster a sense of campus community. I share this belief. In response, I have asked the Public Relations Department to begin publishing a newspaper that will inform all of us of major issues affecting the campus.

These are challenging and renewing days for Cal State Northridge. We are formulating a strategic plan that will guide us into the next century. In addition, we are rebuilding our physical plant, reconsidering the general education curriculum, and instituting technology that will have a major impact on the processes of teaching and learning. We all have a stake in these changes, but we cannot understand our stake in them without basic information. That is what this newspaper will provide.

I hope that you will find this newspaper useful and that you will communicate to the Public Relations Department how it can better serve your needs.

Blenda J. Wilson
North Campus Goes Upscale Retail

Panel makes unanimous choice

The Cal State University Board of Trustees is expected this month to approve a decision to place the university into formal negotiations with a Newport Beach-based firm to develop the North Campus property into an upscale retail center.

A six-member panel in late March unanimously chose Hopkins Real Estate Group, passing over three other proposals that included a new football stadium and a sports complex.

President Blenda J. Wilson, who headed the panel, officially known as the North Campus University Park Development Corporation, stressed that the agreement did not represent a commitment to build that firm's proposal for the 65-acre lot, however.

Wilson said the panel had chosen the company and not necessary its designs.

Board members said they were impressed with the 24-year-old company's track record in building shopping centers across the nation and its partnership with Atlanta-based Cousins Properties, a $600-million residential and commercial developer that has already committed to financing the 20-acre project.

"This was the safest way. The process of being financed will be much easier," said Elliot I. Mininberg, the board's chief financial officer. The 1992 collapse of a $200-million deal with Watt Industries to develop the property, bordered by Devonshire and Lassen Streets and Lindley and Zelzah Avenues, had caused the panel to be cautious.

After an approval from the board of trustees, the design proposal will again provide opportunity for further input from the community on the components and occupants of the project. The project should be underway by next spring.

The Hopkins/Cousins proposal included a 223,680-square-foot shopping center, with major retailers such as Borders bookstore, Circuit City and Bristol Farms Market. A later phase would add a 20-screen movie complex and day care center, boosting the square footage to 310,180. An annual profit to CSUN of $837,000 to $1.2 million is projected.

Hopkins' proposal left the fate of the CSUN's 52-year-old football stadium undecided. University officials had hoped to build a new 10,000- to 12,000-seat stadium with anticipated revenue from the North Campus project. However, development proposals showed profits far less than initially expected.

John Rollow, the real estate consultant who is a liaison between the university and the developers, said revenue earned could be used to help finance or improve the existing football stadium.

CSUN administrators had hoped for a new stadium to replace the 6,000 seat venue after the football team became a part of the Big Sky Conference.

"The issue of a new stadium has simply been set aside. It's a consideration that needs to be addressed at a different time," said Mininberg.

Wilson said she likes the proposal but said the development should progress carefully, in stages.

"This is an asset that, until we are using it, does not assist the university. The notion of a phased development with continuous master planning feels prudent, wise, and comfortable to me," Wilson said at the meeting.
Strategic Planning Retreat Moves Beyond Mission and Values

President Wilson is inviting comments on her vision of the university that she presented at a strategic planning retreat May 3 in the University Student Union. The retreat marked an advance in the strategic planning process by moving from a discussion of the university's mission and values to the proposal of themes that carry out the mission.

About 130 faculty, staff, and students took part.

Commenting on her proposed vision statement [see Draft of Vision Statement for the text], Wilson noted, "In the past 10 or 15 years, the American dream has become self-serving. Students come to the university not for the love of learning but for getting a job and buying a house. Our challenge is to help students see that their role beyond themselves is to bring about the kind of democratic society we want to see.

"Students bring us their hope. The environment we create here will prepare students for a world that is different from ours but that will embody values of humanity, democracy, and environmental protection."

Wilson said she would take account of comments from students, faculty, and staff in revising her vision statement.

She said that the mission and values statements, which have gone through much discussion and many revisions, were nearly final, apart from consultation with external constituencies such as the Community Relations Board.

Pat Nichelson, chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, characterized the main thrusts of the mission statement as student-centeredness, raised standards of delivery, and collaborations and alliances with the community.

"These are new focal points that we have thought about explicitly as the result of the strategic planning process," he said, noting that the idea of student-centeredness "raised eyebrows a year ago when formulated as a need."

"The vision, mission, and values are all part of one platform-an integrated whole," said Alan Glassman of the School of Business Administration and Economics. He and Gerry Rossy of BA&E are consultants to the Strategic Planning Committee.

"But people have to internalize the mission. Unless we as a campus internalize the mission and believe we can contribute to it, it will remain words on paper," Glassman continued.

Wilson noted that she has already seen evidence that people are taking the mission statement seriously, pointing to new student-centered developments such as increased evening classes. "More importantly, people have been using the language of mission and values as if they were their own words."

Strategic themes, the current discussion phase, "represent the essential issues that CSUN will have to confront during the next three to five years to best achieve its mission and to move toward a more ideal strategic position in its environment," the consultants said. The themes selected will influence university budgets.

The consultants laid out six criteria for themes, saying they need to be clear and understandable, universal (that is, applicable across most university units), actionable (able to be implemented), central to the mission, values, and vision, and directional (providing momentum to activities. They must also "capture the imagination and energy of most constituencies."

During the retreat, participants first broke into groups to propose themes. Their ideas will go to the Strategic Planning Committee for consideration this summer, be viewed by the Faculty Senate, and then posted on the committee's Web site- http://www.csun.edu/~hfanr057/sp.html- for campus-wide comment.
Participants later broke into groups of people in their own unit to discuss the unit's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT). "When properly done, a SWOT analysis identifies and clarifies critical strategic issues," the consultants noted.

The SWOT discussion will continue and be expanded within units this fall.

"Themes are the last stage of development," Glassman explained. "Implementation involves adoption by the university structure, such as the Faculty Senate, the Provost's Council, and the Council of Chairs. They will play a more formal role" at this stage.

He noted that "structure and strategy are integral. As we move in new directions, we need to talk about the structure we need and possible modifications of the present structure."

At retreat's end, Wilson praised the participants, calling the day's conversations "energized, even civil-with some passion."

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Draft of Vision Statement

Blenda J. Wilson
As of May 3, 1996

As the premier comprehensive university in the Tri-Valley region of greater Los Angeles, California State University, Northridge is inspired by the belief that our commitment to educational opportunity and excellence will redefine and reaffirm the promise of the "American Dream" for succeeding generations.

- We will be a high performing, model university in which student achievement levels are among the highest of peer universities of comparable size and mission;
- We will create a sense of community on the campus in which faculty, students, staff, and administrators express high satisfaction;
- We will be the first choice for university applicants who seek a rigorous, collaborative learning experience in a technologically rich environment;
- We will be a leader in enhancing the educational, cultural, and economic resources of our region; and
- We will achieve local and national recognition for our superior achievements in teaching, learning, scholarship, and service.

Our graduates will be the vanguard of leaders for the next century-committed to sustaining a democracy in which diverse people share the full benefits of citizenship, proficient in applying technology to wise purposes, and dedicated to securing a humane world community and protecting the earth for future generations.
BA&E Raises $32,000 in First Internal Campaign

In its first campaign targeting its faculty and staff, the School of Business Administration and Economics raised nearly $34,000 in pledges this year, according to Julie Lichtenberg, the school's development director. Of the total, almost $24,000 was pledged for 1995-96; the remainder were multi-year pledges.

"This is the first school-based faculty and staff development drive in the university's history, and the results are excellent," commented Don Cummings, director of the Annual Fund.

Ronald Stone of the Accounting/MIS Department and Doris "D.J." Johnson of the Minority Business Program co-chaired the drive, which began in late November and ran through April. It was run from the school's development office.

The internal effort, called the Annual Shareholders' Campaign, was part of the school's comprehensive fund-raising drive, "Building for the Future," which targeted off-campus audiences and began in June 1993. That drive will end this summer, having reached its goal of $2.5 million.

"The Annual Shareholders' Campaign was the first time we looked to the internal community to invest in the school. Our goal for the first year was having as many people as possible contribute," Lichtenberg said.

Fifty-seven faculty, retired faculty, and staff made pledges. The largest gift was $3500, and ten donors became members of the President's Associates by contributing at least $1000 each.

Lichtenberg attributed the drive's success to the fact that donors could give money to specific areas: their own department, scholarships, faculty and staff development, advanced technology, and laboratories and classrooms. A majority of donors designated a recipient.

The chairs sent personal letters to faculty and staff explaining why they thought the campaign was worthwhile. They also made presentations at faculty and staff meetings, talked informally to colleagues, and urged department chairs to enlist support within the departments.

"For next year's campaign, we'll develop a larger volunteer structure to talk to people one on one," Lichtenberg said.
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A Farewell to Teaching

20 faculty retire

Two deans and two department chairs are among 17 faculty members who will assume emeritus status at the end of this academic year, according to Donald Cameron, executive assistant to the provost.

The retiring deans are Ralph Vicero, dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and James O'Donnell, dean of Continuing Education, now known as the College of Extended Learning.

Vicero, who joined the Geography Department in 1969, served as department chair from 1976 to 1984, as the school's associate dean from 1984 to 1989, as acting dean in 1989-90, and as dean since 1990. Besides heading his school, he took charge of space reallocation after the Northridge earthquake.

O'Donnell is the senior dean of Continuing Education in the CSU system, having served in that position since 1976, and has made Northridge's continuing education program the most financially successful one in the CSU, Cameron said.

Daniel Sedey, chair of the Philosophy Department since 1979, and Robert Romagnoli, chair of the Physics and Astronomy Department since 1993, will also retire.

Sedey joined the faculty in 1965. From 1975 to 1978 he directed the Institute for Advancement of Teaching and Learning. Romagnoli has been a faculty member since 1960.

James Manos of the Office Systems and Business Education Department, will also assume emeritus status. A faculty member since 1967, he was assistant dean of students in 1970-71 and associate dean of the School of Business Administration and Economics from 1978 to 1985 and again in 1986-88. He served as the school's acting dean in 1985-86 and in spring 1988.

Other new emeriti, their departments, and the year when they joined the faculty, include:

- Richard Abcarian  English  1959
- James Bock  Mathematics  1963
- Roger Carasso  Political Science  1968
- Joseph Chen  History  1964
- Lynn Cummins  Library  1979
- Alan Garfinkle  Philosophy  1972
- Jason Joh  Educational Leadership and Policy  1969
- Kenneth Jones  Biology  1964
- Barbara Magnuson  Library  1972
- Jora Minasian  Economics  1972
- Patricia Murray  English  1990
- Charlotte Oyer  Library  1965

Other faculty may join this list by the end of the year. In addition, some retiring faculty do not wish the fact that they are retiring known, Cameron said.

A comparable list of staff retirements was not available.
Schools of CHHS and the Arts Reorganize

All schools will be known as colleges

Beginning July 1 all schools will be called colleges. In addition, two schools will be reorganized: the present School of Communications, Health and Human Services (CHHS) and the present School of the Arts.

The Journalism, Radio-Television-Film, and Speech Communication Departments will move from CHHS into the School of the Arts. Along with the Art, Music, and Theatre Departments, they will form the College of Arts, Media, and Communication.

The reorganization will sharpen the focus of CHHS, which will take the name College of Health and Human Development. It will comprise six departments: Child Development, Communicative Disorders, Family Environmental Sciences, Health Science, Kinesiology, and Leisure Studies and Recreation.

The change in terminology from schools to colleges came about as CHHS thought about its reorganization, said Provost Louanne Kennedy, who pointed out that some CSUs use the term schools, others colleges, and others both.

"CHHS considered grouping its departments into schools, which would then have been located within a college. But there was no way to construct schools within colleges without adding another administrative level," she said.

"In the process, it became clear that faculty wanted to retain departments, and the idea of schools was set aside, though it may be reopened in the future."

More important than the name changes has been the thinking that went into the reorganization process, Kennedy said. "CHHS faculty have thought about new ways of serving students intellectually and programmatically. It's better than anything I thought possible when we first began. Arts, Media, and Communication isn't as far along, but I'm sure their work over the coming year will yield something equally vibrant."

Dianne Philobosian, associate dean of CHHS, noted, "Discussing the reorganization gave us the time to examine ourselves and create a vision for the future.

"The reorganization will allow us to innovate both pedagogically and in the community. Historically, each discipline has operated in a vacuum. Now we can start a dialogue among departments. We can institute fieldwork projects that will send interdisciplinary faculty-student teams to work alongside professionals in the community. We can look at clients as whole people, rather than separating them into pieces-adaptive PE, recreational therapy, physical therapy, and so on."

Phil Handler, dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, pointed out that the reorganization makes sense because of the increasing overlap between media and the arts.

"Even Speech Communication, although it doesn't produce an artifact, deals with the impact of rhetoric and the media," he said.

"The line between arts and communications has become finer and finer," he continued. "That's a response to the creation of digital technology and its impact on the human imagination, which some see as the most important step since the creation of language. It will greatly change the way we imagine and communicate."

Those changes influenced the college's new name, which might have been College of the Arts and Communication or College of Communication and the Arts. "We wondered whether a third term could diffuse the debate over which word should come first," Handler reported. "'Media' applies to both arts and communication. It points to both of them and also points to the future."
As a result of the reorganization, Handler expects to see teams and work groups explore the possibilities of interdisciplinary courses, a core curriculum, and the sharing of resources.

Kennedy credits the ongoing strategic planning process for influencing some of the changes. "The campus has been thinking of new ways of imagining education. The colleges and their faculty took account of this thinking in their planning. They've become a case study for excellence in education."

Strategic planning's influence is seen in a new model developed by CHHS. "At the top of the hierarchy now are students and faculty," Philobosian explained. "Previously, the implicit hierarchy had the dean's office at the top, then the faculty, then the students. Now the dean's office is at the base, providing underlying support, and supporting the dean's office is the university."

The name change will not have a major impact on other new colleges. "We'll get new stationery, but we'd have had to do that anyway because of the new telephone prefix," said Dean Jorge Garcia of the College of Humanities.

Dean Bill Hosek of the College of Business Administration and Economics pointed out, "As a large comprehensive university, we operate less as school than as colleges, handling both graduate and undergraduate programs. For that reason, it's more suitable for us to be called colleges."

In other name changes, the Office of Continuing Education is now the College of Extended Learning, and the Department of Civil and Industrial Engineering and Applied Mechanics has become the Department of Civil and Manufacturing Engineering.
Listen Up!

KCSN Changes Schedule

Campus radio station KCSN (88.5), which programs classical music on weekdays, has added a two-hour block of light classics, "A Little Light Music," on Sundays at 4 pm. Tony Hanover hosts the show.

Later on Sundays, James Walden's chamber music series, "The Music Room," has been expanded to two hours, from 10 pm to midnight. The additional hour replaces "Yesterday," which was cancelled after seven years at the request of host Jerry Butler.

"Rich Capparela's Preview Hour," which features new classical compact disc releases, now airs Thursdays at 9 pm and is a companion show to Friday's "KSCN New Releases Program" with Dick Haskew, also at 9 pm.

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For the current schedule click here.
Whitsett Endowment Celebrates 10th Year

History Department leads in California studies

A seed planted in the History Department 10 years ago has become a sturdy tree, its branches spreading beyond the department into the community. The seed is the Whitsett Endowment, and its most recent fruit was the 10th annual lecture in the W.P. Whitsett California Lecture Series, which took place April 12.

The fund has financed Cal State Northridge's only endowed chair, a study room dedicated to California and Western U.S. history, and financial support for courses and conferences.

"As a result of this endowment, CSUN is now the leader in California history studies," Department Chair Tom Maddox said recently.

The endowment is a gift of the W.P. Whitsett Foundation, established from the estate of the San Fernando Valley pioneer who founded Van Nuys. Not merely a land developer, Whitsett (1875-1965) espoused a healthy, rural way of life. He encouraged Valley settlers to take up potato farming and poultry production-on the grounds that fruit tree profits were taken only every three or four years, whereas chicken and egg revenues came in every day.

The original endowment was $500,000, paid over the course of about six years. When the full amount was received, the chair was established. Its first holder is Gloria Lothrop, who joined the faculty in 1994. Her work extends traditional California historiography by focusing on the role of ethnic groups and women in the state's history.

"If you give an endowed chair to Stanford, it's one of many, but here you can really make a difference," Maddox noted.

The endowment has also funded the annual Whitsett lectures, given by such noteworthy historians as former CSU Chancellor Glenn Dumke, Lothrop, and Kevin Starr, the author of four volumes on California intellectual and cultural history. The lectures now reach a wider audience through their regular publication in Southern California Quarterly.

Additional funds from the foundation established and furnished the W.P. Whitsett Room in the Fine Arts Building. It contains an extensive book collection on California history, including the collection of the late history professor John E. Baur. Although the room has been closed since the earthquake, it will again be used for meetings, lectures, and social gatherings when the building reopens.

"The endowment and the room did wonders for the department's morale," said Gerald Prescott, who serves on the Whitsett Committee with Maddox, Lothrop, and department members Nancy Page Fernandez, Charles Macune, Merry Ovnick, and Denise Spooner.

The committee, which oversees the use of endowment funds, has developed an interdisciplinary California Studies minor, drawing on history, geography, urban studies, and anthropology. The minor is now under review by the Educational Policies Committee.

The endowment supports Ovnick's interdisciplinary course on Los Angeles, "Los Angeles: Past, Present, and Future," a comprehensive view of the city that features field trips to historic landmarks and faculty lectures on topics ranging from the metropolis's economics to its literature. Offered for the first time in this year, it will be repeated in Spring 1997.

Endowment funds also supported a new annual conference for teachers at the Autry Museum, co-sponsored by the Whitsett Committee and the Historical Society of Southern California. The conference focused on Los Angeles research opportunities and attracted about 200 people, including high school history teachers and students. The endowment also pays some fees for
Northridge history students to attend conferences on California History.

The first connection between the university and the Whitsett Foundation came about when former History Professor Del Stelek first approached the foundation about scholarship funds. Later, when foundation trustees were considering establishing an endowed chair, they consulted then-Chancellor Dumke, who confirmed that Northridge was a suitable place for one.

Endowment funds are invested through the University Foundation.

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