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Olympic Medalist Anita DeFrantz to Speak at Commencement

Olympic medalist Anita DeFrantz, president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation and a member of the U.S. and International Olympic committees, will be the speaker for the 1997 commencement of the College of Health and Human Development.

The ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, on the Oviatt Lawn. Times, dates and locations of the commencements for Cal State Northridge's other colleges also have been announced.

The schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, May 28:**
- Business Administration and Economics, 8 a.m., Oviatt Lawn;
- Science and Mathematics, 11:30 a.m., University Club;
- Humanities, 4:30 p.m., Oviatt Lawn.

**Thursday, May 29:**
- Social and Behavioral Sciences, 8 a.m., Oviatt Lawn;
- Engineering and Computer Science, 11:30 a.m., University Club.

**Friday, May 30:**
- Arts, Media and Communication, 8 a.m., Oviatt Lawn;
- Education, 11:30 a.m., University Club.

The Honors Convocation is scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, at the University Club.

Associate Dean Dianne Philibosian said DeFrantz had accepted the College of Health and Human Development's invitation to be its commencement speaker. The college also has nominated DeFrantz for an honorary doctorate, Philibosian said.

DeFrantz won a bronze medal in rowing at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal. She has been named one of the 100 most powerful people in sports by the Sporting News for five years. She also has been mentioned as a possible successor to International Olympics Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain.

DeFrantz's father, Robert David DeFrantz, was head of the NAACP's Indiana University chapter, and her mother, Anita DeFrantz, was among the first African-American women to integrate on-campus housing at that university, according to Philibosian.

Campus Gets Preview Look at Information Kiosks

The company that is designing electronic kiosks for Cal State Northridge demonstrated what they will look like and sought suggestions from the university community last week.
Representatives of Pixie Touch of Ontario showed how keyboards for the information kiosks, which could be installed at various campus locations as early as April, will look.

The keyboards will contain a main menu that will lead users to maps, directories, student services, their own personal records, academic requirements and deadlines and schedules of athletic, cultural and social activities. The system uses the World Wide Web to serve information to the kiosks.

Ron Heeb, project coordinator for CSUN, said answers to questions frequently asked by students and the public also can be obtained at the kiosks. The same information will be available to anyone on the Internet, he said.

Initially, the plan is for six kiosks to be installed in various locations, including the Oviatt Library, Matador Bookstore, Satellite Student Union and Ventura campus, Heeb said.

The kiosk effort is part of Project LookingGlass, which began advising students of the availability of classes through a new web site in July. LookingGlass can be accessed through the CSUN homepage at http://www.csun.edu or at http://lookingglass.csun.edu.

"Serving students, that's what it's always been about," Heeb said.

**Senate Commends Performances by Wilson, Two Others**

The Faculty Senate at Cal State Northridge has commended President Blenda J. Wilson and two other campus administrators for maintaining their composure while being interrogated during a controversial state legislative hearing last year.

The resolution, passed unanimously by the Senate at its December meeting, praised Wilson for her "grace under the demagogic attack" by state Assemblyman Bernie Richter (R-Chico) and attorney Robert Corry during the October session on affirmative action.

The resolution added, "We are proud of the way she stood up to their insensitive badgering and for her defense of the integrity of California State University, Northridge and the entire statewide system." The resolution also sought an apology from Richter to Wilson.

The hearing called by Richter, intended to expose supposed quotas and other problems with CSU affirmative action policies, backfired politically when Corry began his questioning of Wilson by asking if she had been taking any drugs that might influence her testimony.

That exchange, widely reported in the media, caused an uproar and brought calls in the Assembly that Richter be censured. The CSUN Senate also commended the two other CSUN administrators summoned to testify with Wilson, Jeanette Mann and Mary Sosa.
FYI

*For Your Information* publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, events, deadlines and classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items is noon on Monday one week before the issue appears. **The deadline for the issue of January 27 is Tuesday, January 21, because of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The deadline for the issue of February 10 is Monday, February 3.**

Please submit items by sending them to mail drop 8242, faxing them to (818) 677-4937, or e-mailing them to pubinfo@exec.csun.edu.

**Public Meetings**

**USU Board of Directors**

The next meeting of the University Student Union Board of Directors will be 5 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 27, in the University Student Union board room.

**Campus Planning Board**

The Campus Planning Board will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Mon., Feb. 3, in the President's Trailer, conference room A.

**Notices**

**Human Resource Programs Offered on the Internet**

Human Resource Services training and development programs can now be accessed through the Internet at [http://www-hrs.csun.edu/empdev/train97](http://www-hrs.csun.edu/empdev/train97) or on the Human Resource Services homepage. All departments will receive one copy of the spring 1997 training brochure. Additional copies may be copied from the abovementioned sources.

fmi - Carol Hallenbeck, x3820.

**Our Deepest Sympathy**

The campus community extends its sympathy to John Peters (*English*) on the death of his father and to Keith Morton (*Anthropology*) and his wife Vicki (*Journalism*) on the loss of his father.

**Events**

**Cancer Risk, Genetic Testing Conference Scheduled**

The CSUN Genetic Counseling Program and the USC/ Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center will sponsor a daylong conference on cancer risk assessment and genetic counseling on Fri., Jan. 31, on the CSUN campus.
Presentations will include "Genetic Counseling in Familial Cancer" by June Peters, genetic counselor, Medical Genetics Branch, National Center on Human Genome Research; "Ethics in Clinical Cancer Genetics" by Alexander Capron, medical ethicist and professor of law and medicine at USC; "Public Health Issues in Cancer Risk Assessment" by Dr. George Cunningham, chief, Genetic Diseases Branch, State of California; "Preventing Cancer in the 21st Century-Can We Get There From Here?" by Dr. Robin Clark, medical geneticist and head of the Cancer Genetics Unit, USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center; "Hereditary Breast Cancer" by Dr. Valerie Israel, medical oncologist, USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, and "Hereditary Colon Cancer" by Dr. Heinz-Joseph Lenz, medical oncologist, USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The conference is free, but space is limited. To register by email, send your name, address and phone number to aida.metzenberg@csun.edu or by fax to (818) 677-3355.

Nobel Laureate Crick to Speak on "How Do We See"

Francis H.C. Crick, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962 for his role in the discovery of the molecular structure of DNA, will speak on campus Thurs., Feb. 20, in the Performing Arts Center. His appearance is sponsored by the National Science Foundation Institutionalizing Student Biology Research Projects program directed by Steve Oppenheimer.

The university community and the public is invited to attend. Seating for National Science Foundation fellows and special guests will be at 2 p.m. All others will be seated at 2:20 p.m.

Crick is a J.W. Kieckhefer distinguished research professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, where he served as president in 1994 and 1995. He also is an adjunct professor psychology at the University of California, San Diego. His discovery of DNA's molecular structure with two other scientists is considered by many to be the most important discovery ever in the life sciences.

Deadlines

**Distinguished Teacher Nominations**

Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Awards are now being accepted. Faculty and students are encouraged to nominate a professor for this award. Nomination forms and guidelines are available in the Faculty Senate Office, Faculty Office Building 106. The deadline for nominations is Fri., Jan. 31. fmi - x3263

**Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowships**

The Cal State Northridge Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society is seeking applications for competitive fellowships for first-year graduate or professional students. Fifty outstanding senior university students from across the nation will be awarded $7,000 each and 30 students will receive $1,000 Phi Kappa Phi Awards of Excellence.

Criteria used in the selection process include undergraduate academics, leadership and service both on campus and in the community, graduate prospects, the student's personal statements and evaluation reports.

The chapter application deadline is Wed., Feb. 5, and winners will be announced in early April. Students who will have finished their undergraduate work by August of this year and have not completed any previous graduate work should contact chapter president Stan Charnofsky in Ed Room 3126 or call x2548. Applicants must be either current members of Phi Kappa Phi or be tapped for membership this coming semester. Membership is offered to students who are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and largest national honor society that recognizes and promotes superior scholarship in all academic areas of higher education.

**AIDS Research Grants Available**

Grants are available through a University of California program that supports AIDS research in basic science, clinical science, social/behavioral science and epidemiology. Individual, new investigator, postdoctoral fellowship, collaborative AIDS prevention research, conference, dissertation and short-term institutional awards will be given.
The deadline for applications for collaborative AIDS prevention, research, conference, dissertation and short-term institutional training grants is Wed., Feb. 5. The deadline for all other awards is Mar. 3.

fmi - Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2901.

Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program

The California State University system is seeking applications for the 1997-98 Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program, which is designed to increase the diversity of persons qualified to fill instructional faculty positions at CSU campuses. The program provides financial support of up to $10,000 a year for a maximum of $30,000 within five years for full-time graduate students pursuing doctoral degrees at accredited universities. The loan is forgiven at the rate of 20 percent for each year of full-time post-doctoral teaching at a CSU campus. Applications are available in the Graduate Studies office, AP Dome 706, and are due back to that office by Mon., Feb. 17.

fmi - Hedy Carpenter, x2138.

Governor's Employee Safety Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1996 Governor's Employee Safety Award, an annual program designed to recognize outstanding performance of individual state employees for improving job safety, responding to life-threatening situations and preventing and reducing the number of occupational injuries. Nominations are due by Fri., Feb. 28.

fmi and nomination forms, contact Ron Norton at x2401.

Classes

Workshop for Students Deciding Their Majors

"Decide Your Major," a two-hour workshop for students deciding or confirming their majors, will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 14, and from 10 a.m. to noon Thu., Jan. 23, in the Advising Resource Center/EOP, Education E100. The workshop consists of an introduction to career planning concepts and techniques with information on policies, procedures and campus resources for students considering majors.

fmi and registration, call x2108.
Northridge In The News

Carol A. Docan (Business Law) was featured in the Valley Newswatch column on the front page of the Nov. 11 Los Angeles Times. The column included a special report on women veterans. Docan pointed out that women veterans got short shrift before a 1992 law improved services for them.

A documentary on Cuba by Julian Nava (History) was featured in a Los Angeles Times article Nov. 25. Nava raised questions about the U.S.-Cuba relationship. "We have relations with other countries we don't agree with, including Vietnam and China. Why not Cuba?" he asked.

A CSUN conference targeting reentry students was featured in a Nov. 23 article of the Los Angeles Times. "We are encouraging people to come back to school and we're showing them how to do it," said Dominic Grano, the workshop's coordinator.

The Associated Student Senate's unanimous decision to establish a $1,000 annual scholarship in the name of Charles "Chris" Mann, a political science major killed in October by a hit-and-run driver, was featured in the Valley Newswatch column on the front page of the Nov. 27 Los Angeles Times.

Alum Yvonne Chan (Special Education) was the subject of a lengthy profile, which included her alma mater, in the Nov. 28 issue of New Times, which called her a "blackboard warrior," a "superstar principal (who) has made a career of sticking it to L.A. school district bureaucrats."

Jeanette Mann (Equity and Diversity) was quoted in the Nov. 28 issue of the Daily News as saying the university has not been affected by Prop. 209. "Our understanding was that we were in compliance with Proposition 209 even before it passed," Mann said.

Rudy Acuña (Chicano Studies) and student Filiberto Gonzalez (CSUN MEChA) were quoted in a Nov. 28 article in Black Issues in Higher Education on the statewide MEChA conference held at Northridge last fall. Referring to increased political activism among students, Acuña said "Students feel the pressure. They're under attack."

Student Angelita Rovero made both the Daily News on Dec. 1 and KCBS Channel 2 on three news broadcasts on Dec. 4 for her efforts to find a bone marrow donor for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. Silvia Smith, who has leukemia.

Adele Scheele (Career Center) was the featured guest in a NBC Today Show segment titled "Forever Young: A Guide to Life after 50" on Dec. 4. Scheele talked about the skills needed for older workers who find it tough working for younger bosses. One piece of advice Scheele had for older workers: "The thing that should never come out of your mouth is 'When I was your age."

The reopening of the university's foundry made both the Daily News and the Los Angeles Times the week of Dec. 1. In the Times article on Dec. 7, Dave Elder (Art) was quoted as saying, "Bronze does its thing in the most gorgeous kind of way. It has always been considered a noble metal. It has a richness, an aesthetic."

Student Sassan Masserat discussed in the December issue of U. The National College Magazine his feelings after learning he had been the victim of a scholarship scam.

Several Northridge professors were featured in a Dec. 8 article in the Los Angeles Times that looked at the university's broad array of on-line courses. The Cyber Seven, as they were dubbed by the Times, included Jerald G. Schutte (Sociology), Carlos Maldonado (Music) and Ben Attias (Speech Communication). The article included quotes from John Hartzog (Learning...
Robert Krol and Shirley Svorny (Economics) wrote an opinion piece for the Dec. 8 edition of the Daily News on the hidden costs of pro-environment legislation, illustrated by Price Pfister's decision to close its foundry in Pacoima.

The university, under the name "Calstate Northridge," received a mention in a Time magazine essay by Charles Krauthammer on Dec. 9 that looked at the Prop. 209 vote.

Lewis Yablonsky (Sociology) appeared on several segments of CNN on Dec. 11, including Prime News, offering his analysis of the tape of the police interrogation of O.J. Simpson in connection with the murder of his ex-wife. "Clearly, he's getting the celebrity treatment," Yablonsky said. "If he was someone else, just the average guy and they had blood evidence, they would be very aggressive, almost threatening."

Several Northridge administrators and the university's television studio (complete with logo) were featured in the background of a CNBC Money Wheel and NBC Morning News segment on Dec. 12 on media training.

The Valley Newswatch column on the front page of the Los Angeles Times on Dec. 13 featured several tidbits about the university, including a state report that ranked Northridge last fall as tops among CSU campuses in attracting new students. The column also noted that the university is becoming more diverse.

Joseph Holloway (Pan African Studies) was asked by KNBC Channel 4 on Dec. 19 for his opinion on the Oakland school board's decision to begin using ebonics in the classroom. "I think it's an excellent idea," Holloway said. "For the first time, it allows African Americans to receive training in their home language."

Steve Oppenheimer (Biology) and his Center for Cancer and Developmental Biology appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Dec. 19 when the center received a grant from the Joseph Drown Foundation. "If the wrong cells stick to the wrong cells, you have totally messed up embryos," Oppenheimer said. "An understanding of the concept of adhesion is crucial to being able to stop birth defects as well as cancer."

Jerry Shaw (Psychology) and Jack Solomon (English) gave differing views about the Tickle Me Elmo craze in the Dec. 21 edition of the Los Angeles Times. Shaw said, "It creates a sense of temporary community because people are focused on something in common." But Solomon said, "It is keeping up with the Joneses at the nursery school level and that is what makes it particularly unappealing."

Julian Nava (History) was asked for his opinion by the Los Angeles Times on Dec. 24 on the proposal for dual citizenship between Mexico and the United States. He responded, "It would be one way of bringing resident aliens closer into American society where they are already raising children and paying taxes."

Robert Krol (Economics) wrote an opinion piece in the Dec. 26 edition of the Daily News about how facts show that corporations are not abandoning the United States for low-wage countries.

Several Northridge students were featured in a Dec. 27 Daily News article on the hundreds of people who volunteer to decorate Rose Parade floats, including more than 100 Deaf Studies majors. "I got a chance to communicate with people, learn more signs and interact with more people," said student Pearl' Yvene Boston.

Rudy Acu–a and Jose Hernandez (Chicano Studies) were quoted in a Dec. 29 Daily News article about the Valley's emerging Latino leadership. "They are the heroes we sometimes don't hear about," Hernandez said. Among those tapped by the Daily News as emerging Latino leaders were CSUN student body president Vladimir Cerna and alums Irene Tovar and Xavier Flores.

Dave Pier (Performing Arts Center) was quoted in a Los Angeles Times article on Jan. 2 highlighting the Valley's cultural emergence. Pier acknowledged that the university is still looking for ways to draw attention to its new Performing Arts Center. "We've got out work cut out for us in terms of raising awareness and building the audience," he said.

Jerry Rosen (Mathematics) decried the decline in math competency among today's students in a Los Angeles Times article on Jan. 5. "Things the average students would know backward and forward 12 years ago, these students don't know at all," he said.

The Los Angeles Times noted on Jan. 7 that the Matador Bookstore was among the winners of the 1996 American Institute of Architects/San Fernando Valley Chapter Design Awards. n

CALENDAR

Art

Public Art, Community and the Environment

Juried art projects from San Fernando Valley schools dedicated to the theme of Southern California endangered species.
Curator: Louise Lewis, art professor

Dates: Dec. 2 - Jan. 18
Times: Mon. and Sat., noon - 4 p.m.
       Tue. - Fri., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Place: Art Dome (Music Lawn 236)

Athletics

(home games)

Men's Baseball

Jan. 24, Cal Baptist, 2 p.m.
Jan. 25, San Luis Obispo, 1 p.m.
Jan. 26, San Luis Obispo, 1 p.m.
Jan. 28, Cal State Fullerton, 2 p.m.
Jan. 29, Cal State Los Angeles, 2 p.m.
Jan. 31, Masters College, 2 p.m.
Feb. 1, Azusa Pacific, 1 p.m.
Feb. 4, UC Santa Barbara, 2 p.m.
Feb. 5, UCLA, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Jan. 2, Portland State*, 7:05 p.m.
Jan. 4, Eastern Washington*, 7:05 p.m.
Jan. 15, Sacramento State*, 7:05 p.m.
Jan. 16, Weber State*, 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 1, Northern Arizona*, 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 6, Montana*, 7:05 p.m.
Feb. 8, Montana State*, 7:05 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Jan. 23, Idaho State*, 7:05 p.m.
Jan. 25, Southern Utah, 7:05 p.m.
Women's Softball

Feb. 1, Loyola Marymount (double-header) 1 p.m.
Feb. 8, Stanford (double-header) 1 p.m.

Swimming & Diving

Jan. 18, U.C. Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount, noon Feb. 1, Cal State Bakersfield, noon

Men's Volleyball

Jan. 24, Loyola Marymount**, 7 p.m.
Jan. 31, U.C. Irvine**, 7 p.m. Feb. 5, Pepperdine* 7 p.m.

*Big Sky Conference
**Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Matches

Music

All Music events (unless otherwise specified) are:
$6.50 general, $5 faculty/staff, $3.50 seniors/ students

Vocal Performance Workshop

A voice recital featuring participants of the Music Department's Vocal Performance Workshop.
Date: Wed., Jan. 15., at 8 p.m.
Tickets: Admission is free
Place: Recital Hall

Piano for Youth Recital

Students from the Music Department's "Piano for Youth" program directed by Jeanine Jacobson will be featured
Date: Sat., Jan. 25, at 4 p.m.
Tickets: Admission is free
Place: Recital Hall

Student Piano Recital

Piano students of CSUN music professor Jacqueline Salas will be featured in a recital.
Date: Sat., Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.
Tickets: Admission is free
Place: Recital Hall

"The Elixir of Love"

The classic comic opera, "L'elissir d'amore" ("The Elixir of Love") by Gaetano Donizetti will be presented.
Dates: Feb. 21, 22, 23, 28 and Mar. 11
Time: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays
Place: Campus Theatre
Tickets: $12 general; $10 faculty and staff; $9 seniors; $7 students

"Tales from Hans Christian Andersen"

"Tales from Hans Christian Andersen," a play for children that sets such stories as "The Ugly Duckling" to music, will be performed at Theatre for Youth presentations in March.
Dates: Mar. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 26
Time: 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays
Place: Little Theatre

Tickets: $5

Theater

Catskills, Bagels and Shmears

Broadway, film and television performers Jane Kean, who starred as Trixie on "the Honeymooners;" Kackie Kahane, Stewart Rose and Barbara Perry will be featured in "Catskills, Bagels and Shmears." The show, described as a song and dance laugh riot, is part of Evans Associates' Show of the Month Celebrity Series

Date: Sun., Jan. 19
Times: 3 and 7 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $22.50

January 13, 1997
New Center for Southern California Studies Opens at CSUN
College Program Will Sponsor Conferences, Support Faculty Research into Local Problems

A dministrators and faculty members in Cal State Northridge's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences take Southern California as a subject for academic study seriously-very seriously.

In fact, they are so committed to the subject that they have created a new center-the Center for Southern California Studies-devoted to researching and understanding of the region.

"One of my principle policies is to have the college research issues affecting the community we live in," said William Flores, the college's dean and the director of the new center. "The university has a responsibility to work closely with the community."

"We're hoping to arrive at some kind of solution to problems such as housing and jobs," added Tim Dagodag, coordinator of CSUN's Urban Studies program. As the center's co-director, Dagodag will oversee its day-to-day operations.

Goals of the center, which formally opened this month, are to promote study and understanding of the cultural, historical and ecological resources of the Southern California region and to promote interest and growth in studies of the region among faculty, students and the public.

To launch the center, Flores set aside $35,000 from the college's budget for grants and invited the faculty to submit proposals for funding research projects focusing on Southern California. The money is intended to help underwrite the various expenses of research projects.

The response was so enthusiastic that Flores said he wound up funding slightly more research than he had intended, and held off awarding several other grants until this fall. "I wanted to give a boost to the faculty," he said.

At present, the center is funded out of the college's regular budget. But both Flores and Dagodag said they hope to have the center become self-funding. "We're seeking funding," said Flores, who began planning the center shortly after his arrival from Fresno State last August.

Among other things, faculty members with the center's help are researching employment patterns in the San Fernando Valley and adjacent areas, health care, ultraviolet-B radiation in Northridge and local variations in weather phenomena.

Supported projects also are looking at the Southern California community landscape from 1890 to 1930, environmental policies, AIDS politics in Los Angeles, hate crimes in Los Angeles County, job satisfaction among African American managers and the academic success of Latino students in the social and behavioral sciences.

"I see this as a way of developing ties with the community," Flores said. "We need to apply our research to develop partnerships with public agencies, schools and businesses."

The largest chunk of grant money, $7,600, was awarded to geography professors James Allen and Eugene Turner, who will study the area's employment patterns with an eye toward recommending changes in job-training.

This spring, Allen and Turner will publish a book, "Racial and Ethnic Populations in Southern California," based on their investigation of the distribution of the 34 largest ethnic groups in Los Angeles. The book contains multi-color maps of each
The college, through the then-emerging center, sponsored a conference last September on the history of Southern California's landscape, climate and ecology. More than 400 people from 23 colleges and universities across the country attended the conference, and 200 research papers were presented there.

That event focused on 19th Century California, but the center now is already working on plans for a follow-up event looking at the 20th Century. Set for September 18-20, the upcoming event will be "Nature's Workshop: Environmental Changes in 20th Century Southern California."

Lorna Fenenbock, who began her job as projects coordinator for the center last week, spearheaded last fall's conference and is chairing the upcoming one. Flores said some of the research funded through the center will be presented at the conference.

Prior to its birth, considerable discussion was given to the center's name at faculty-staff planning meetings. The broader Southern California studies title won out over more narrow Northridge, Los Angeles or San Fernando Valley alternatives.

"We didn't want to place limits on our research," Flores said. "But, at the same time, we agreed the real focus would be in our own backyard."

Two other local studies centers already exist at universities in Southern California: the Southern California Studies Center at the University of Southern California, and the Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University.

But Flores said he sees no conflict among the three. "Each one is different in its focus," he said. "I see us working together. We can complement each other."

For example, the USC center, which opened last year, published in November the "Atlas of Southern California," a study that rated the region in the categories of crime and violence, economy, education, the environment and international links. The USC center hopes to publish a similar study annually.

Loyola Marymount's main project has been a survey asking Los Angeles County residents to rank 13 social issues by order of importance. (Having a professional football team ranked 13. Reducing air pollution, improving race relations, providing job opportunities and reducing traffic congestion were the top concerns, in that order.)

The CSUN center, for its part, will attempt to find solutions to problems through its research, Flores said. "I believe in community empowerment," he added.

For his part, Dagodag predicted CSUN's center will be a success.

"I see the center engaged in partnership activities with local government. We'll do research, studies and surveys. We have a lot of talent among our faculty," he said. "I'm confident and optimistic the center will be successful. It can only enhance the community."

Dagodag said the CSUN center will involve students in all of its activities and will be placing interns with different agencies, such as the Los Angeles city and county planning departments, the federal Department of the Interior and Housing and Urban Development Department and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Dagodag, himself, received a $3,714 grant this semester for his study on health care.

Flores said the center's work, in addition to research and staging conferences, will include investigation and analysis in the Southern California region and performing contract grant-funded studies.

It also will serve as an educational resource about Southern California for the public and conduct classes in the field, special courses, lectures, meetings and workshops.

To ensure that the work of CSUN's center reflects community concerns, Flores has asked several community and civic leaders to serve on an advisory board, which will hold its first meeting in February.

Those appointed include U.S. Rep. Anthony Beilenson, Los Angeles City Council member Richard Alarcon, former Los Angeles Councilwoman Joy Picus, Los Angeles Senior City Planner Frank Fielding, Caltech professor William Deverell, Sara Bauer, a member of the W.P. Whitsett Foundation, and Terry Bills, research director for the Southern California Association of

Governments (SCAG).

Current CSUN programs will be incorporated into the center's work. Those include the California studies interdisciplinary minor, established in 1995 to provide students an opportunity to develop a specialization integrating classroom instruction and supervised research.

An experimental topics course begun in 1995, "Los Angeles: Past, Present and Future," which introduces students to campus specialists focusing on the topic, also will become part of the center.

Flores said the center also will participate in the third annual conference on Los Angeles organized by the Historical Society of Southern California this Saturday, January 18, at the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum. The conference will focus on resources for Los Angeles history.

-Mayerene Barker
Freshman Orientation Course Arrives This Spring

One or Two Sections Scheduled, With Possible Expansion in the Fall

Cal State Northridge will launch its new freshman orientation course this semester with one or possibly two sections, aiming to improve students' performance and retention rates by helping them gain skills for university success.

Lynne Cook of Special Education and Carrie Saetermoe of Psychology will co-teach the one-unit course titled "The Learning Community: Freshman Experience," according to Robert Danes, director of undergraduate studies.

The university has been discussing the idea for some time, and the course was part of a General Education reform proposal aired on campus last semester. But complications and a lack of funds delayed a prior plan to make the course mandatory for all freshmen starting last fall.

Research at universities with similar courses indicates such efforts improve student retention rates. Northridge currently ranks 18th in the Cal State system in retaining first-time freshmen, according to documentation submitted in support of the CSUN course.

Because the course was approved too late to inform incoming students during advisement, prospective enrollees are being approached individually, Danes said. The focus is on first-time freshmen entering this spring, especially potential social and behavioral sciences majors.

Course organizers hope to enroll 20 students. If 30 enroll, the course would meet in two sections.

Course planners will sit in on the course, in some cases helping teach it, and meet in June to modify it. Current plans envision expanding the course in the fall 1997 semester to a larger group of freshmen, although not to the entire class because of funding limitations.

This semester, students taking the orientation course will enroll concurrently in a required Title V course, "American Political Institutions." By taking the two linked courses, students should develop a "learning community," studying together rather than in isolation and developing stronger ties to the university, Danes said.

The orientation course will "help students develop and refine the academic and personal skills necessary for completing their first semester," according to the course description.

It also will introduce students to "thinking about the nature of the intellectual pursuit and the role of the university in society" and to "university policies, support services, and resources, as well as the skills necessary to function in an information society."

Danes believes the course will be particularly useful for new students whose families lack a tradition of attending college, an increasing share of CSUN's enrollments. "It will help them understand the expectations they have to meet," he said.

The curriculum will begin with discussions about the purposes of learning, the benefits of higher education, self-assessment as the first step in effective problem solving, and the challenges and opportunities of living in a diverse community.

Then, students will participate in a series of classes on "learning how to learn"—understanding text, taking notes, understanding graphics, preparing for tests and doing library research. It will conclude with ethical topics (personal freedom and responsibility).
and pragmatic ones (academic advising and program planning).

Students also will take part in outside projects to introduce them to campus resources, such as the Oviatt Library, Career Center, Learning Resource Center, computer laboratories, Counseling Services, the Health Center and campus activities. And they may be required to take part in small group activities outside class such as service learning projects and supportive study groups.

The course committee includes Cook, Danes, Associate Dean Larry Littwin (Social and Behavioral Sciences), Acting Dean Dorothy Miller (Engineering and Computer Science), Roberta Madison (Health Science), Karen Robinette (Family Environmental Sciences), Shari Tarver-Behring (Educational Psychology), Jose Luis Vargas (Advising Resource Center/EOP), and Todd Wolfe (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

- John Kroll

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CSUN Map Library Tour Will Highlight Upcoming Meeting

California Map Society to Hold Semiannual, Open Meeting on Campus

Members of the Cal State Northridge community will have an opportunity later this month to get a guided tour of the university's extensive map library, a collection of more than 300,000 pieces that is the largest in the Cal State system.

The tour of the Geography Map Library and presentations by CSUN geography faculty members William Bowen and Eugene Turner will highlight the semiannual meeting of the California Map Society to be held on campus Saturday, Jan. 25.

The daylong event, which also is open to the public, will include Bowen's talk on the use of digital mapping to track and illustrate socioeconomic trends and Turner's presentation on available Internet resources relating to mapping.

"The map library here is the largest map collection within the CSU system," said Michael Swift, curator of the CSUN map collection. Swift said the university's collection also probably ranks among the top five for universities in the western United States.

Swift's library tour will include special emphasis on the university's collection of Sanborn fire insurance maps, which help chart the development of California cities down to individual parcel changes from as early as the late 1800s to as late as the 1960s.

CSUN, along with the Library of Congress and a Census Bureau repository in Indiana, has one of the three best collections of the Sanborn maps in the country, Swift said. The maps, accounting for about one-third of the library, are considered the jewel of CSUN's collection.

William Warren, president of the 165-member map society, said the event will be open to the public. But, he added, the society has agreed to waive the normal $10 registration fee for any CSUN faculty, staff or students.

Because of space limitations, university community members planning to attend were encouraged to advise the Geography Department at (818) 677-3532. The event will begin with an 8:30 a.m. registration in room 321 of Sierra Hall.

Turner's talk on Internet mapping resources will be the first at 9:20 a.m., followed by Bowen's 10 a.m. presentation on digital mapping. After a break, Swift at 11 a.m. will lead an hour-long tour of the university's map library, located in room 135 of Sierra Hall.

After lunch, other speakers will make presentations on the map collection of the San Diego Historical Society Research Archives, a NASA initiative to provide public access to earth science information, techniques for the production of maps, with the event ending about 4:30 p.m.

- John Chandler
Historian Catherine Mulholland Recalls the Valley's Past

About 150 Attend Author's Talk About Life in the Area's Early Days

Catherine Mulholland, author and historian, told a recent audience at Cal State Northridge that she regrets no literary voice emerged from the San Fernando Valley before World War II. "Without literature and anecdotes, the flavor of a place and its people is lost," she said.

Mulholland then proceeded to delight listeners by supplying those stories and anecdotes of life in the early days of the Valley, while unfolding the history of her family and her own experiences growing up on an isolated ranch in the northwest Valley.

About 150 community members, faculty and staff gathered in December to hear Mulholland's talk. Her presentation, "Valley Lives: A Memory of Grandfathers," was sponsored by the Friends of the Oviatt Library and held in the University Student Union's Grand Salon.

Mulholland spoke first of her maternal grandfather, John Haas, who came to Calabasas in 1888 when the population of the Valley "numbered only a few thousand." Beginning as a cowboy and a ranch hand, he often served as deputy sheriff "in the rowdy and sometimes violent little settlement of Calabasas," Mulholland said.

Eventually, he was appointed "county roadmaster-in charge of the construction of the north side of Topanga Canyon Drive, as well as the Old Topanga Road and Decker Canyon Road," she said. Haas met an untimely death at age 50 when he was killed in an accident with a horse.

Mulholland then spoke of her more famous grandfather, William Mulholland. Born in Ireland in 1855, William Mulholland "created a water system which enabled the city to grow. As builder of the Owens River Aqueduct, he also achieved great renown as an engineer, but also provoked controversies which persist to this day."

She also spoke of the anguish her grandfather felt in the aftermath of the collapse of the St. Francis Dam, which he built as part of the aqueduct northeast of Castaic. The March 1928 tragedy, which caused an avalanche of water to sweep 54 miles through the Santa Clarita Valley to the Pacific Ocean, killed about 450 people and demolished 12,000 houses.

Fondly remembered by Mulholland was her greatgrandfather, Isaac Clay Ijams. Mulholland said "on June 6, 1902, the Los Angeles Times announced that the millennium had occurred in its favorite Wild West settlement of Calabasas. Judge Ijams was retiring as justice of the peace, because, so he declared, it had become so peaceful that there was 'nothing to do.'"

Mulholland said that when Ijams died in 1938 at age 97, the local papers described him as the Valley's oldest resident. "He had lived in the Valley for 54 years, and when he'd first ridden through during the terrible drought of the 1860s, he said you could ride across the entire Valley on the bones of dead sheep and cattle," Mulholland said.

Ijams was a true pioneer, Mulholland said. She read from one of his journals about his arrival in Los Angeles in 1867. "I spread my blankets under the open canopy of heaven, and laid down for the first time feeling safe without my gun and saddle for a pillow," he wrote.

Mulholland also spoke of her own childhood, recalling growing up on the ranch, and her house at the intersection of Plummer Street and Corbin Avenue, where a Kmart now stands.
She later left the Valley for Berkeley, where she attended college, married and raised a family. Mulholland said she returned to a much different Valley years later and likened herself to Rip Van Winkle, finding herself in a place where little remained of the world she had known.

"I determined to write something about a place I had taken for granted and which had vanished in the face of overwhelming growth and change," Mulholland said. Two books, "Calabasas Girls" and "The Owensmouth Baby" were the result.

She also contributed a chapter to a book about the St. Francis Dam disaster. And Mulholland has just completed her third book, about William Mulholland, which is pending publication.

The friends group will sponsor another lecture Feb. 18 when Dr. Joseph McCormick, former head of the Center for Disease Control's "Hot Zone," is slated to speak on "Virus Hunters of the CDC." The talk will be at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center and is co-sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies' Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program. For more information, call (818) 677-2638.

-Cindy Ventuleth
PSI Merit Pay Awards Posted for University Staff Members

President Wilson Announces 333 Employees Will Get Retroactive Raises

Cal State Northridge President Blenda J. Wilson announced that 333 university staff members will receive special pay raises under the second year of a merit pay plan.

Those who earned the Performance Salary Increase awards, out of about 1,100 eligible employees, will receive increases in their base pay starting with the new year and back pay checks because the raises are retroactive to July 1.

"We are proud of these employees whose skills and work ethic contribute so significantly to the mission of the university," the president said.

The PSI program applies to eligible CSUN staff members represented by unions in eight covered bargaining units. This year, the several hundred thousand dollars in total PSI awards amounted to about 20 percent of the compensation funds for those groups.

Typical suggested raises under the program for the full year were $600, $1,200 or $1,800 based on three different levels of exemplary work performance. Academic support and public safety employees, however could get up to three extra salary schedule steps.

Although the exact procedures varied among different bargaining units, staff members typically were nominated by their supervisors in writing, with deans or other supervisors recommending the actual award levels to the vice presidents and president.

President Wilson requested publication of the following announcement listing 1996-97 staff Performance Salary Increase award recipients.

President's Area
Esquibel, Rayetta Public Relations
Griffith, Amy University Development
LaFreniere, Mariegale Governmental and Community Relations

Academic Affairs
Abramson, Laurel Family Environmental Sciences
Actis-Purtee, Christina Computing Services
Aghishian, Yervant College of Engineering and Computer Science
Aguayo, Rechelle Communication Disorders and Sciences
Anaya, Gloria Admissions and Records
Anderson, Kevin Admissions and Records
Arbino, Larry College of Arts, Media, and Communication
Auchterlonie, Margaret College of Extended Learning
Augustin, Frankline College of Science and Mathematics
Bahmanyar, Simin College of Extended Learning
Barno, Maria College of Education
Bernal, Josephine Admissions and Records
Binstein, Florence College of Humanities
Bishop, Sharyn Admissions and Records
Blake, Jennifer College of Health and Human Development
Bolton, Evangeline Undergraduate Studies
Bordwell, Donna College of Business Administration and Economics
Brown, Margaret College of Health and Human Development
Browne, Sandra Music
Bryant, Janis College of Arts, Media and Communication
Burroughs, Ann Art
Campos, Martha Educational Opportunity Program
Carlson, Kerry Admissions and Records
Carpenter, Hedy Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs
Carter, Brenda Admissions and Records
Castillo, Karin English
Castro, James Learning Resource Center
Chacon, Estela College of Education
Chew, Karol Anthropology
Chin, Collin Computing Services
Choo, Lee Office of Academic Technology
Chow, Leta Psychology
Conley, Maureen Admissions and Records
Craig, Janice Management Science
Crossley, Melody Admissions and Records
Cudiamat, Alicia Admissions and Records
Dabbour, Joseph Library Public Services and Special Collections and Urban Archives
Dacosta, James Computing Services
De La Fuente, Oralia Admissions and Records
Demuth, Cynthia Admissions and Records
Depew, Linda College of Education
Dibie, Daniele International Education (ESL)
Dixon, Phillip Sociology
Downes, Kathleen Admissions and Records
Evangelista, Amaury College of Engineering and Computer Science
Fabre, Guy Music
Faiman, Patricia Admissions and Records
Farzan, Fariba College of Humanities
Fleming, James Technology Support Group
Flores, Yanina Chicano/a Studies
Flores, Christine Health Science
Friedman, Judith Psychology
Gallardo, Sharon Graduate Studies, Research, and International Programs
Gamon, Sally Computer Science
Garcia, Claudia Accounting and Mgmt. Information Systems
Garcia, Claudia College of Business Administration and Economics
Gately, Reaven Admissions and Records
Geth, Yvonne Library Public Services and Special Collections and Urban Archives
Ghobani, Marivic Library Technical Services
Gilbert, Allan Library Public Services and Special Collections and Urban Archives
Gilbert, Colleen Library Technical Services
Goetze, Janice Admissions and Records
Goldsobel, David Geography
Gottlieb, Lori Admissions and Records
Green, Janet Accounting and Management Information Systems
Greenhalgh, Yolanda Library Public Services and Special Collections and Urban Archives
Harrigan, Mary Political Science
Hartung, Gail Kinesiology
Helms, Elaine Admissions and Records
Hendriks, Mary Mathematics
Henry, Emil College of Engineering and Computer Science
Hilmo, Lydia Admissions and Records
Hollenbeck, Patricia Office of Academic Technology
Hosch, Parthenia Biology
Houck, D. Brian Biology
Hughes, Lorna Chemistry
Iliff, Mary Admissions and Records
Jenkins, Shirley-Anne College of Business Administration and Economics
Johnson, Marilyn College of Business Administration and Economics
Johnson-McMillin, Geraldine Art
Jones, Linda Religious Studies
Kanno, Brenda Biology
Kaufman, Lawrence Technology Support Group
Kelley, Jennifer Technology Support Group
Kapous, Laiani Admissions and Records
Kouri, Carlene Library Administration
Kowta, Mayumi International Education (ESL)
Krohmer, William Biology
Kurihara, Donald Chemistry
Liberatore, Armine Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
Linton, Rita College of Humanities
Liu, Eric Technology Support Group
Lopez, Evelyn College of Science and Mathematics
MacKenzie, Sharon Admissions and Records
Marquardt, Laurel CSUN Ventura Campus
Martinovich, Nicola Journalism
Mazlumyan, Rafi College of Engineering and Computer Science
McArthur, Mary Office of Academic Technology
McIntyre, Jane Art
Milteer, Jamie Electrical and Computer Engineering
Miranda, Caroline College of Extended Learning
Mitchell, Charles Library Administration
Mitter, Narinder Library Public Services and Special Collections and Urban Archives
Miyagawa, Barbara Asian American Studies
Montemorra, Marc Technology Support Group
Moore, Diane Library Technical Services
Morton, Vicki Journalism
Nesti, Joann Admissions and Records
Nguyen, Anthony College of Education
Nguyen, Ronald Admissions and Records
Noar, Arlene Faculty President's Office
Oey, Prudence Sociology
Paragas, Susan College of Health and Human Development
Parsa, Shiva Advising Resource Center/EOP
Pena, Antonia Anthropology
Perez, Concepcion Business Student Equity Center
Petersen, Maryann Psychology
Peterson, Kerry KCSN Radio
Poehlmann, Thomas Office of Academic Technology
Prager, Peter ITR Administration
Primm, Karen Admissions and Records
Queen, Elizabeth Geological Sciences
Reed, Tina Office of Academic Technology
Reed, Jan Admissions and Records
Reniker, Josh Physics and Astronomy
Ridgeway, Janine Library Technical Services

Rienbolt, Janet Admissions and Records
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Robinson, Martha Library Public Services and Special Collections and Urban Archives
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Skowronski, Joann Library Technical Services
Slotten, Thomas Theatre
Smith, Anthony Technology Support Group
Sors, Jo Rene Admissions and Records
Spengel, Richard College of Science and Mathematics
Sprankling, Pamela Foreign Languages and Literatures
Stambolis, Nicolette Speech Communication
Stamper, Tina Special Education
Stockmon, Darla Admissions and Records
Sweet, Paula Secondary Education
Taylor, William Admissions and Records
Teare, Cynthia Admissions and Records
Thompson, David Computing Services
Toomey, Judith Library Public Services and Special Collections and Urban Archives
Trigg, Cindy Marketing
Vardaman, Jan Dee Graduate Studies, Research, and International Programs
Vargas, Frank College of Education
Ventuleth, Cindy Library Administration
Volbeda, Janice Biology
Wagoner, Loretta CSUN Ventura Campus
Walker, Barrington Network Communications
Walsh, Cydney Admissions and Records
Ward, Jacqueline College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Ward, Dianne Admissions and Records
Whitaker, Michelle Admissions and Records
Widelitz, Susan Secondary Education
Ye, Li Computing Services
Yonce, Corrine Biology
Yoshida, Brett College of Science and Mathematics
Zamora, Beatrice Admissions and Records

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Barker, Michelle Student Financial Services
Barron, Gerardo Physical Plant Management
Brezenensky, Chester Physical Plant Management
Brooks, Michael Physical Plant Management
Brown, Angela Campus Reconstruction Support Office
Byars, Gregory Physical Plant Management
Campbell, Raymond Physical Plant Management
Capdeville, Shirley Physical Plant Management
Caravaggio, Tommaso Physical Plant Management
Carrillo, Hector Physical Plant Management
Chen, Man Li Physical Plant Management
Citizen, Cecilea Physical Plant Management
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Davila, Edwin Physical Plant Management
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Dunlap, Alfred Physical Plant Management
Ekeren, Betty Physical Plant Management
Elisondo, Benjamin Physical Plant Management
Ellsworth, Vanessa Physical Plant Management
Elman, Deborah Systems and Technology
Emery, Philip Physical Plant Management
Espinosa, Cathryn Campus Reconstruction Support Office
Fair, Valerie Physical Plant Management
Flint, Patricia Budget Management
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Garcia, Eugene Systems and Technology
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Gonzalez, German Physical Plant Management
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Horton, John Systems and Technology
Johnson, Darryl Physical Plant Management
Johnson, Donetta Budget Management
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Lord, Timothy Physical Plant Management
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Mansoor, Roxanne Accounts Payable
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Mendoza, Jose Antonio Physical Plant Management
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Palley, Lisa Facilities Planning
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Slater, Paul Physical Plant Management
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Sullivan, William Physical Plant Management
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Unger, Myrajo Human Resource Services
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Zebelle, Theodore Physical Plant Management

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Alpert, Joan Public Safety
Anscombe, Floyd Student Health Center
Anthony, Douglas Residential Life and University Conference Services
Arany, John The Career Center
Archer, Dana Public Safety
Avila-Robison, Cecille Student Affairs
Banks, Alisa Student Outreach and Recruitment
Behnke, Kirk Center on Disabilities
Bowens, Shirley Student Development and International Programs
Brautman, Lee Student Health Center
Bumgarner, Desiree Public Safety
Buslon, Magdalena Student Health Center
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Castillo, Carlos Residential Life and University Conference Services
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Cralley, Mary Ann National Center on Deafness
Darden, Sandra Student Health Center
Duffy, Nancy Counseling and Testing
Dupre, Edwina Financial Aid Office
Duran, Armando Outreach and Recruitment
Edick, Stanley Student Health Center
Finney, Ryan Intercollegiate Athletics
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Fenwick Leaves Valley College to Head Football Program

Opting for a local favorite with a record of winning, Cal State Northridge announced Friday the hiring of Jim Fenwick, who has run Los Angeles Valley College's program for the past six years, as the university's new head football coach.

CSUN Athletic Director Paul Bubb introduced Fenwick, a 44-year-old Northridge resident, at a Friday press conference. The 23-year veteran coach was due to officially start work Monday, January 13, under a three-year contract with an initial $72,000 base salary.

"It's a truly happy moment for me," said Fenwick, who had been a running back coach at CSUN in 1986-87 and then Valley's head coach since 1991. "The Valley is my home, and I feel like it's going to be a long, rewarding future here," he said.

"Without a doubt, I think we have picked a real winner and a true champion who's going to direct our program into the future and keep us moving ahead in the Big Sky Conference," said Bubb, who said he wants the team to be a consistent conference winner within four years.

Fenwick inherits a team that went 7-4 overall this past season and 4-3 in conference, producing Northridge's first winning football season since 1990 and one of the biggest turnarounds in NCAA I-AA football. He becomes the ninth head coach in the program's 35-year history.

Fenwick's record has been 39-5 over the past four seasons at Valley College, including 10-1 overall and 6-0 conference records for the past two years. At CSUN, he replaces Coach Dave Baldwin, who doubled his salary by leaving in December to become the head coach at San Jose State.

Fenwick was chosen over two out-of-the-area finalists with more university experience: Chris Allen, the recent defensive coordinator at Wake Forest and a former USC assistant, and Skip Hall, associate coach at the University of Missouri and a former Boise State head coach.

But Fenwick also carried another advantage: he coached and had a close rapport with current Matadors quarterback Aaron Flowers during his time at Valley. Fenwick and his wife Gayle live in Northridge with their sons Tyler, 20, and Casey, 13.

Asked about the status of Northridge's plans for developing a new football stadium, Bubb said President Blenda J. Wilson is committed to the project. And Bubb said the university "would like to see something in the next three to four years in place for us."

-John Chandler
Central Plant Construction Schedule

Thursday, January 9 to Friday, January 17, 1997

1. Concrete pavement replacement throughout the Quad area and along Nordhoff Street.
2. Fire water trenching and pipe installation at the following locations: southwest corner of the Oviatt lawn to north side of Sierra Hall and the north and west sides of the Engineering building.
3. Flushing of underground distribution piping throughout the campus. This work will not affect campus operations.
4. Underground electrical work at the south side of Plummer Street across from the Central Plant site. This work will reduce traffic to one lane at times.
5. Interior vaults piping at all vaults throughout the campus.
6. Work within the following buildings: mechanical piping in the second floor of Sierra Tower; installation of new water heaters in Speech/Drama and Sierra Tower; plumbing and mechanical piping in the Engineering building.

For recorded information about construction work on this project, call (818) 677-5978. To leave a message or ask questions about the construction, call (818) 677-5979 and leave a voice, fax or e-mail address for return information.