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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 the May 26 issue, the last of the semester, is Mon., May 18.

We will strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the two-week period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis. Please submit items by emailing them to pubinfo@exec.csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4937.

Note: fmi—means for more information.

Public Meetings

CSU Board of Trustees

Meets 1 p.m. Tue., May 12, and 9 a.m. Wed., May 13, at CSU headquarters, 400 Golden Shore, Long Beach.

Educational Resources Committee

Meets 2 p.m. Tue., May 12, in President's Conference Room C.

Graduate Studies Committee

Meets 2 p.m. Tue., May 12, in President's Conference Room B.

Campus Wide Disabilities Issues Board

Meets 2:30-4:30 p.m. Thu., May 14, in President's Conference Room A. Members and guests are welcome to submit agenda items to Ralph McFarland, mail drop 8264, e-mail ralph.mcfarland@csun.edu, or call or fax (818) 677-2684.

Faculty Senate
Meets 2 p.m. Thu., May 14, in the Engineering Auditorium.

CSUN Alumni Assn.

Annual meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thu., May 21, in the University Club, Lamb's Lounge. fmi-x2137.

Notices

Special Education Grants

The special education department has two new grants for students that provide financial support, special learning opportunities and a way to earn credentials faster than the traditional program. They are:

- Project COMETS: includes starting a credential program in your senior year, beginning coursework and participating in fieldwork sites with mentor teachers. Participants can be part of a cohort of students who take courses together and meet in a seminar for problem-solving and support. After finishing a bachelor's degree, students will have just one year of graduate course work, including student teaching, to finish the credential. Stipends are available up to $5,000 for full-time students.
- Project CLAD-SE: provides an emphasis in cultural/linguistic diversity for students who have finished a bachelor's degree and are interested in full-time study. First-year students will take courses, participate in fieldwork sites and seminars, and complete an intensive practicum experience. During the second year, students may take jobs as interns or emergency credentialed teachers, receive continuing supervision and support to complete their credentials. Stipends are available up to $6,000 for full-time students.

Earn either a preliminary early childhood special education specialist credential (for children with disabilities ages birth, preschool and kindergarten) or a preliminary education specialist mild-moderate or moderate-severe disabilities credential (for children with disabilities grades K-12). For brochures and applications, call the project office at x2534.

Trauma Center Expansion

Cal State Northridge's Valley Trauma Center will expand to the Santa Clarita Valley and is scheduled to open Mon., May 18. The nonprofit center is staffed primarily by trained volunteers who assist assault victims and their families. The new branch will be located at 24359 Walnut St., Suite B, in Newhall. Donated items to help furnish the center will be appreciated. fmi or to make a donation, (805) 253-1772 or (818) 772-0196.

Volunteers Needed

The Career Center needs volunteers for the following events:

- LA Works Day '98, a help-a-thon to beautify the city, needs people to paint, remove graffiti and do planting from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat., May 16.
- Healthy Start Health Fair hosted by the Madison Community Collaborative needs individuals on Sat., May 16, to help members of the community get complimentary health screenings.
- Spend a Weekend Backpacking needs five volunteers to go backpacking with the Foundation for the Junior Blind, Fri.-Sun., May 22-24. All expenses are paid, but helpers must furnish their own sleeping bags.

fmi-x2871.
Summer Session Registration

The College of Extended Learning sponsors the summer session program at the Northridge and Ventura campuses, with hundreds of credit classes offered in three separate sessions beginning Mon., June 1. Mail-in registration is now underway. Other summer programs offered are certificate programs, test preparation classes and the master of public administration program. Catalogs are available at the College of Extended Learning office, Bookstore Complex room 100, at the main entrance of the bookstore.

Honor Society Inducts 62 Freshmen

Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society for college freshmen, inducted 62 new members into the Cal State Northridge chapter on May 6. Also inducted were two honorary members, William Watkins, assistant vice president for student life, and Carolyn Ellner, dean of the College of Education. The organization was founded in 1923 for freshmen who rank in the upper 20 percent of their class, earned a GPA of 3.5 or above and who are full-time students.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The campus extends its sympathy to the following:

- Jennifer Gausman (Student Financial Services) and her family on the loss of her father.
- Judy Schmidt-Levy (University Counseling Services), her husband Ari and their family on the loss of her father-in-law.
- Family and friends of Franklin Potter (professor emeritus, Geological Sciences), who died March 5.

Memorial Tree

Friends of Grace Olson, a former CSUN employee, will be planting a tree on campus in her memory. Those wishing to contribute should send checks, payable to "CSUN Foundation," to Rayetta Esquibel, mail drop 8242, by Fri., May 15. Please write "Grace Olson Tree Memorial" on the memo line.

Events

Nursing Lab Dedication

The department of health sciences nursing program will host a dedication for a nursing resource lab at 10:30 a.m. Mon., May 11, in the Engineering Building, room 2223. Kaiser Permanente has donated money to enable the nursing program to buy equipment for the laboratory. Kaiser representatives will be attending the dedication.

Estate Planning Seminar

The University Foundation will sponsor a seminar on estate planning for faculty, staff and retirees from 1-3 p.m. Tue., May 12, in the University Club, Lamb's Lounge. Guest speaker will be Philip Magaram, certified specialist in tax, probate, estate planning and trust law, California Board of Legal Specialization, and a member of the CSUN Foundation Board of Directors. Magaram will provide tips on maximizing an estate, including personal and family trusts, tax strategies and planned giving techniques.

Reception for Carolyn Ellner
President Blenda J. Wilson and Provost Louanne Kennedy invite the campus community to celebrate the retirement of Dean Carolyn Ellner, College of Education, after 16 years of service, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tue., May 12, in the University Club.

**Honored Faculty Reception**

This year's Honored Faculty Reception will be held Thu., May 14, in the USU Grand Salon. A buffet breakfast at 9 a.m. will be followed by the awards ceremony at 9:45 a.m. Honorees will be recognized for reaching emeritus status. Faculty celebrating 25 years of teaching in the CSU also will be honored. Additional honored faculty will receive awards for outstanding professor; distinguished teaching; creativity; advancement of teaching effectiveness and scholarly publications. For reservations, call the Faculty Senate office at x3263.

**Festival Educacional '98**

The North Los Angeles County Regional Center, La Nueva Esperanza Parent Support Group and CSUN's Family Focus Resource Center will host Festival Educacional '98, their 11th annual educational conference, entitled Retos y Logros/Challenges and Accomplishments, from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sat., May 16, in the USU's Northridge Room. fmi-(818) 756-6216.

**Goodwill Donation Drive**

As the spring semester ends, the time has come for packing, moving and recycling. The University Recycling Program, an Associated Students program, and Goodwill Industries will be collecting items at CSUN for the annual Check-Out Donation Drive from Sat., May 16, through Sun., May 31. The donation drive is geared to students "checking out" of the dorms and will give everyone a chance to recycle household items that are no longer needed. By allowing Goodwill to reuse donated items, funds raised will provide job training and vocational rehabilitation programs for participants with physical and developmental disabilities. Donations will be accepted at the northeast corner of Lindley Avenue and Lassen Street with an attendant on duty daily, from 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. to issue receipts for tax purposes. fmi-Cyndi Signett, x2477.

**MPA Open House**

The University Library is presenting an evening of classic The College of Extended Learning's Master of Public Administration program will host an open house from 5-7 p.m. Wed., May 20, in Sierra Hall room 202. Program directors will be available to answer questions about the MPA summer session offered at CSUN. The MPA is a graduate degree program aimed at individuals in the public and non-profit sectors who want to improve management or supervisory skills. An open house also will be held at CSUN's Ventura campus, 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 140, from 5-7 p.m. Thu., May 21. fmi-x5635.

**Backyard Composting Workshop**

CSUN will host a Los Angeles backyard composting workshop on campus from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., May 30, in Parking Lot C. The event will be an opportunity to provide positive outreach to the community as well as the campus. fmi-Cyndi Signett, x2477.

**Spiritual Care for Seriously Ill**

Issues of spiritual care for the seriously ill and dying persons will be examined during a four-session workshop, Thu., June 4; Tue., June 30; Mon., July 27, and Tue., Aug. 4, at the University Club. The sessions will run from 8-11 a.m. each day.

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Titled "Coming Alongside People: Helping Community Clergy Care for the Seriously Ill," the workshop is aimed primarily at community and hospital-based clergy, seminary students, health care students and health care providers. It is sponsored by the CSUN health sciences department, Kaiser Permanente's continuing care department, Encino/Tarzana Regional Medical Center, Northridge Hospital Medical Center, Providence Health Systems and the Valley Interfaith Council.

Cost (including continental breakfast) is $15 per session or $45 for all four sessions. To register, call x7175. The topics are as follows:

- Thu., June 4
  "We're Not in Kansas Anymore," exploring hospitals, nursing care facilities and the home as a medical setting.

- Tue., June 30
  "After the Prognosis-Finding Meaning, Defining Spiritual Care," examining spiritual assessments, what happens after medical procedures have been exhausted and the differences between spiritual and pastoral care.

- Mon., July 27
  "What Can I Do? Spiritual Foundations," about how the spiritual care provider can care for him/herself, common spiritual underpinnings helpful to people of different faiths and creating a safe space to ask the ultimate questions.

- Tue., Aug. 4
  "Black and White and Lots of Gray: Ethical Issues and Spiritual Care," examining what is an ethical dilemma, the role of the spiritual care provider and how medical decisions are made about continuing or discontinuing care.

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**Women's Center Board**

The Women's Center is searching for faculty and staff interested in serving on an advisory board. The organization presents many educational programs and offers various support groups, in addition to maintaining an extensive resource center and library. The operation is student-directed and has always relied on faculty and staff support. For the 1998-99 academic year, the center is interested in re-establishing the Women's Center Advisory Board. Deadline for sending inquiries to Vicki Allen, Student Development & International Programs, is Fri., May 15. fmi-x2393 or e-mail vicki.allen@csun.edu.

**Postsecondary Education Fund**

The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) invites the directors of innovative postsecondary education programs that became fully institutionalized between 1988 and 1997 to apply for funds to disseminate work by becoming mentors to institutions committed to adapting their models. FIPSE considers a project to be fully institutionalized if it is funded by the college or university, permanently integrated into the administrative structure of the institution, and expected to continue into the foreseeable future. The application deadline is Fri., June 5, and awards will be in the $100,000 range. fmi-Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2901.

**Faculty Summer Stipends**

The National Endowment for Humanities announces the availability of faculty summer stipends. NEH summer stipends support two months of full-time work on projects that will make a significant contribution to the humanities. The application deadline is Oct. 1. fmi-Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2901.
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Art

Admission is free unless otherwise specified.

Library Exhibitions

"Latinos in the Press: A Perspective Through the Eyes of Frank del Olmo"
Dates: Through the end of May
Times: During regular library hours
Place: Oviatt Library lobby

Annual Student Art Show

A juried exhibition of artwork in a wide variety of media by CSUN graduate and undergraduate students.
Dates: Through May 29
Times: Mon. & Sat., noon-4 p.m.; Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Place: Art Dome, located on the Music Lawn

Film

Visas and Virtue

The 1998 Academy Award-winning short film is based on the true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat credited with saving the lives of thousands of Jews during World War II. Presented by the University Honors Program.
Date & time: Wed., May 13, 7 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: Free

Music
Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $6.50 general, $5 faculty and staff, $3.50 students and seniors

CSUN Symphony

This special Monday evening concert featuring Maryam Pourmalek, a 1998 concerto competition winner, closes the May Music Festival. Conductor: David Aks
Date & time: Mon., May 11, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center

Opera Scenes

Students from the Opera Workshop perform scenes from a variety of popular operas. Director: David Scott
Dates & time: Tue., May 12, and Tue., May 19, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: Free

Evening of Chamber Music

Chamber music groups present a variety of classical and modern compositions. Director: William Calkins
Date & time: Wed., May 13, 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: Free

Piano Students of Jeanine Jacobson

Date & time: Sat., May 16, 7 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Admission: Free

Melodica Sinica

Popular community choral group in concert.
Date & time: Sat., May 16, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $10

Granada Hills High Ensembles

Student jazz and percussion ensembles from Granada Hills High School perform.
Date & time: Fri., May 29, 7:30 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: (818) 360-2361 x395
Community Services Center Proposed for Monterey Hall

Former Dormitory Mostly Closed Since 1994 Earthquake
About to Get a $3.5M Makeover

Cal State Northridge is moving closer to creating a planned Community Services/Wellness Center for San Fernando Valley residents as part of a $3.5 million reconstruction of Monterey Hall (left) that is scheduled to start this summer.

Along with becoming the new home of the department of communication disorders and sciences and its Language, Speech and Hearing Center, campus officials are hoping to create in the building a central contact and referral point for all CSUN community services.

Now, thousands of local residents regularly use a wide range of services offered on campus from fitness programs for the disabled to counseling to reading clinics to speech and audiology services—typically provided by CSUN students training under faculty supervision to become professionals in those fields.

But clients currently have no central access point for those many services, often dispersed around the campus. And the students training in those different fields can't always take the multidisciplinary approach to wellness that is becoming increasingly important in those fields.

"What we really envision is a single point of contact for the community. Right now they have to call each different program if they're looking for something. This is to increase community access to the campus," said Dianne Philibosian, associate dean of CSUN's College of Health and Human Development.

Campus officials targeted Monterey Hall, a three-story former dormitory building near Nordhoff Street and Zelzah Avenue, for the project because of its easy access and adjacent parking for visitors who might be unfamiliar with the sprawling 353-acre campus. The reconstruction of Monterey Hall is moving ahead, with major work set to begin in mid-July and occupancy by early 1999. Virtually the entire interior is being redone with new major systems as well. The move of communication disorders and sciences and its center there also is certain.

But Philibosian said the plan to create the community services center there, which has been under discussion for the past year, is still in a planning phase. However, Philibosian said the planning group is hopeful the concept can be launched with the 1999 reopening of the building.

As planned, the center would have a complete list of all community services offered on campus and be able to direct
residents, either in person or via telephone, to the right place or program. The center also could help evaluate which of CSUN's many services might aid a client.

Some of the planned observation and therapy rooms in the redone building also could be used by different service providers on campus as needed, working in teams if appropriate. But the plan does not envision trying to physically relocate all of CSUN's many services there.

Planning for the effort has been spearheaded by three CSUN colleges, health and human development, social and behavioral sciences, and education, along with other participants. By the fall, Philibosian said community, care agency and client groups should be formally involved.

The main occupant of the nearly 40,000-square-foot building will be CSUN's department of communication disorders and sciences, and its Language, Speech and Hearing Center, the latter already handling more than 12,000 patient visits annually in its current cramped quarters.

Both have been in small houses on Plummer Street for more than two decades and in "temporary" quarters for their entire history on campus. "The move will give us a permanent place on campus. It will be wonderful," said Ruth Harris, clinic coordinator for the department.

Harris said the move also should give the department an opportunity to expand its programs that train speech pathologists and audiologists, both high-demand professions currently, including plans to offer a new distance education master's degree in speech pathology starting spring 1999.

CSUN currently graduates about 15 percent of the speech language pathologists and about half of the audiologists who are educated and licensed in California, according to one estimate. Also, the number of nationally certified programs like CSUN's in the state has been declining.

Illustrating the kinds of low-cost community services available, Harris' center for years has offered hearing evaluations and hearing aid dispensing, help with stuttering and voice disorders, and an early intervention program for infants and toddlers facing developmental delays.

Seniors and graduate students training for those careers, supervised by licensed and credentialed faculty, provide services to clients who enroll in semester-long programs, typically coming for two 30-minute sessions each week. Each student must complete 375 total contact hours.

Harris said she's also excited about the prospect of Monterey Hall helping CSUN better coordinate its many services for community members. "We hope to be able to provide someone with a broad array of services. So it becomes sort of seamless case management," she said.

Monterey Hall, opened in 1959 but mostly closed since the 1994 earthquake, is one of the earliest buildings on campus. But only the shell of the original structure will remain once the project is done, said Maureen Shideh, CSUN's acting director of space planning and management.

Plans include building a metal canopy over the walkway to the building (right), noise blocking windows, three computer labs, a fenced children's play area, a new fire alarm system and a reception area for the planned services center, said Bill Fairchild, facilities planning project manager.

- John Chandler
Businessman-Educator Hired as First Chief Information Officer

David Liu Will Guide Campus Into Next Phase of the Information Age

By age 30, David Liu (right) had been manager of computer operations for a large division of an aerospace giant, served as president of a subsidiary of a quarter-billion dollar technology company and created his own consulting firm.

"After you've been hired as a chief executive and started your own company, you pretty much have done it all in business," said the Granada Hills resident, explaining why he then moved to a career in academe as a professor at Cal State Los Angeles.

Now at age 40, Liu on June 1 will undertake yet another challenge in the academic world, becoming Cal State Northridge's first chief information officer in charge of campus technology, reporting directly to CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson.

"The position of CIO is rapidly becoming the norm in universities as we realize how information technologies are impacting all campus operations," Wilson said recently in announcing Liu's appointment after a six-month nationwide search.

Wilson called Liu's private sector and Cal State experience "an interesting mix of backgrounds that made him a standout candidate for the CIO position." As CSUN's newest executive officer, Liu will earn $120,000 a year.

"I think the position is important. I'm honored by the appointment. I'm excited to be here," said Liu, who's currently serving as a professor and chair of the information systems department at Cal State Los Angeles.

The new Northridge CIO-who takes over the technology leadership role from Susan Curzon, dean of the university library-said his background is "tailor-made" to help guide CSUN into the next phase of the information age.

On the horizon at CSUN, Liu said he sees more teleconferencing, distance learning and other different modes of learning. The new CIO also said he wants to work with the faculty "to make this happen."

"As an end user of academic technology support, I have developed a keen awareness of the diverse needs of faculty and staff in the university setting," he said. "We must quickly assess where we are and redefine our expectations in terms of what services we can deliver."

Liu graduated from UCLA in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and computer science. He was then hired by Hughes Aircraft Co. as a member of the technical staff in the company's electro-optical and data systems group.

He then rose through the ranks to become manager of the division's computer integrated manufacturing department, which had an annual operating budget in excess of $6.5 million. He was the youngest person to head that department in its history.

During that time, Liu also earned a master's degree in business and management from Pepperdine University and a doctorate in engineering from UCLA. In 1988, he was hired as the president of a new subsidiary of Sierra Concepts Corp. that was disbanded two years later.
Liu then founded his own consulting firm, Liu and Associates, which provides support to technology-related companies, a venture he still runs. In 1991, he was hired as an associate professor of information systems at Cal State Los Angeles.

In addition to teaching, part of his job was to revamp the department's outdated curriculum. He ultimately became a full professor and last year was named chair of the Los Angeles campus' information systems department.

But Liu also turned to the academic world for another reason—a desire to work with young people. As a youth counselor at the First Evangelical Free Church of Glendale, he found that "I was making a difference in their lives."

Liu and his wife, Joy, also a computer scientist, have three children, Jennifer, 12; Joshua, 11, and Joseph, 6. "I love what I do," he said. "After teaching a while, you recognize the precious resources universities are."

-Mayerene Barker

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**CSUN Tech Facts**

- 153 campus employees directly related to technology support.
- Since fall 1996, more than 200 campus courses have used Internet resources (E-mail, News and Chat) for class discussion.
- 3,139,799 total campus e-mail messages for March 1998.
- 29,525 campus e-mail accounts: 26,115 student; 1,583 staff, 1,280 faculty, 547 other.
- 4,822 campus computers: 2,448 student, 1,138 staff, 857 faculty, 151 other.
- Tech tidbits: 1,000 voicemail boxes, 4,500 network nodes, 4,683 phone lines and 200 video-enabled classrooms.

Source: CSUN Information and Technology Resources

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Research Institute on Campus Seeks Faculty Collaboration

Group Affiliated With CSUN Exploring Services to Mentally Ill and Partnerships

A nationally known research institute, which became affiliated with Cal State Northridge recently, is offering faculty members the chance to collaborate on projects of mutual interest. The Human Interaction Research Institute (HIRI) conducts applied, community-focused projects in two related areas: knowledge utilization and change management, and health communication.

"Until recently, our work concentrated on national programs, but our board now wants us to become more responsive to the needs of Southern California," said HIRI's president, Thomas Backer. "As Cal State Northridge is also developing connections with community organizations, that made it an excellent fit for joint projects." Faculty members with expertise or interest in HIRI projects can take part in three ways: as co-investigators or partners, as conference speakers, or as technical consultants.

Management department chair Alan Glassman, a member of HIRI's board of directors and a former vice president of the group, noted, "HIRI has established solid relationships with foundations throughout California and the nation. As the campus seeks to bring in grant money for research, those connections can benefit faculty."

One of HIRI's chief objectives is to disseminate word of significant existing work so it can be used more widely. That objective is driving HIRI's initial on-campus projects.

In the first, Backer and Glassman, along with others, are focusing on improving the quality of services to mentally ill people who become involved with the criminal justice system.

The project will identify innovative programs and what makes them successful. It will culminate in a campus conference examining the programs and determining how they can be adapted for use in California.

A second HIRI project will focus on characteristics of effective partnerships, such as between universities and the community, or between private and public organizations. Glassman, management professor Gerry Rossy, assistant professor Terry Wolfe and urban studies professor Tim Dagodag are collaborating on the project. It also could lead to a campus conference of planners from universities, foundations, corporations, nonprofit groups and government agencies, groups that often don't talk to each other, Backer said.

Other HIRI projects have dealt with AIDS, mental health, drug abuse, disability, education, employment services and medical practices. Founded in 1961, HIRI draws on organizational development and change theory as well as psychology. Located in Business building 3225, HIRI can be reached at (818) 677-2550.
Faculty Honors

The following Cal State Northridge faculty members will be recognized at the 1998 Honored Faculty Awards reception, Thursday, May 14. A 9 a.m. breakfast will be followed by the 9:45 a.m. ceremony, both open to the campus community, in the University Student Union's Grand Salon.

Distinguished Teaching Award

Steven Loy, Kinesiology
Yolanda Rosas, Languages and Literatures
James Elias, Sociology

Outstanding Professor Award

Brennis Lucero-Wagoner, Psychology
Nancy Owens, Family Environmental Sciences

Advancement of Teaching Effectiveness Award

Jay Christensen, Office Systems
Manual: Web Links and Home Pages Used for Enrichment in Business Communication Courses

Julia Heinen, Music
Musicianship Course Manual (1 through 6) Creativity Award

Nate Thomas, Radio-TV-Film
Screenplay and Film: East of Hope Street

Scholarly Publication Award

James Allen and Eugene Turner,
Geography, Book: The Ethnic Quilt, Population Diversity in Southern California

25-Year Award Recipients

Herbert Adams, Geological Sciences
Kenon Breazeale, Art
Monica Burdex-Esposito, Reference & Instructional Services/Library
Antonio Gilman, Anthropology
Gordon Johnson, Management Science
Ivan Johnson, Economics
Brenda Lakin-Clapp, Elementary Education
Louise Lewis, Art
Gary Lobb, Geography
Joseph Morris, Psychology
Philip Morrison, Art
Ronald Purcell, Music
William Roberts, Economics
Thomas Shannon, Business Law
Jeffrey Sicha, Philosophy
Peter Weigand, Geological Sciences
Michele Wittig, Psychology
Morris Zaslavsky, Art
Joel Zeitlin, Mathematics
Reported CSUN Crime Declined in 1997 But Arrests Rose

Data Reflects National Trend Toward Fewer Reported Violent and Property Crimes

In a double dose of good news, broad categories of reported crimes at Cal State Northridge declined during 1997 compared to the prior year while arrests by campus police increased markedly, according to a new Cal State system report.

Total reported Part I violent crimes and Part I property crimes both declined significantly while there was a small decrease in lesser Part II offenses. But total arrests and citations rose from 65 in 1996 to 108 in 1997, including felony arrests increasing from 16 to 23.

"I think it means we're doing a good job," said Marc Hissong, CSUN's acting police chief. "I think we're making a due diligence effort in all the categories that are the most serious ones."

Among the various categories of reported crime incidents at CSUN showing increases, robberies rose from 1 to 6, simple assaults jumped from 11 to 24, drug abuse violations increased from 3 to 13 and liquor law violations rose from 0 to 6, according to the CSU report.

Reflecting how isolated incidents can markedly change campus crime statistics because the relative numbers are so small, campus police said most of the 1997 robberies were committed by one suspect on a spree. "A person can literally be a one-man crime wave," said Sgt. Steve Johnston.

Likewise, the campus' rates of reported crimes-the number of incidents per 1,000 students-also declined for violent, property and Part II offenses. Rates help provide a constant look at crime, adjusting for the campus' enrollment growth of more than 3,000 students since 1994.

The number of reported Part I violent crimes fell from 16 to 12 in 1997, a 25 percent decline, while the crime rate for those dropped from .58 to .43 incidents per thousand students. For 1997, the campus had no homicides, 1 rape, 6 robberies, and 5 aggravated assaults.

The number of reported Part I property crimes fell from 442 to 356, a 19.5 percent decline, while the crime rate for those dropped from 16.2 to 12.8 incidents per thousand students. Those included 32 burglaries, 288 thefts and 36 vehicle thefts, according to the report.

CSUN's generally declining crime incidents also looked good compared to the totals for the 22-campus CSU system, where reported rapes, weapons offenses, drug abuse violations, drunkenness and disorderly conduct offenses all showed double-digit percentage increases for 1997.

CSUN's numbers also tracked broader national reported crime data. The Federal Bureau of Investigation said in...
November that violent crime in the U.S. decreased by 5 percent and property crime fell by 4 percent nationally during the first half of 1997 compared to a year earlier.

--John Chandler

### Crime Statistics

Data for Cal State Northridge is compiled for legislatively mandated campus safety reports that must be published and made available to students and staff prior to Sept. 1 of each school year. Similar reports are available from the CSUN Public Safety Department in printed form and via the Internet at [www.csun.edu/police/statistics.html](http://www.csun.edu/police/statistics.html).

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Source: Cal State Chancellor's Office
Northridge Faculty Members Go Back to (Elementary) School

Two-Day Exchange Updates Professors on Needs of CSUN Students Headed Toward Teaching Careers

In a thought-provoking exchange for both sides, a large contingent of Cal State Northridge faculty and administrators recently spent two days huddling with local elementary school teachers on what CSUN can do to produce better trained teachers. The first annual Liberal Studies Faculty Conference on April 24-25 saw more than 40 CSUN representatives spend the first day observing classes at Roscoe Elementary School in Sun Valley followed by discussions the next day at CSUN with seven teachers from the school.

"The ultimate aim is for us to make sure we do our end-to provide the best education we can in training potential elementary school teachers," said Kenyon Chan, director of CSUN's Liberal Studies Program, which organized the event along with the College of Education.

The Cal State system graduated about 57 percent, or nearly 11,000, of last year's newly credentialed teachers in California, down from 70 percent in the past. But the CSU recently committed to increase both its output of teachers and the caliber of their training. At CSUN, liberal studies, one of the largest majors with more than 1,400 students enrolled last fall, is key to teacher training because about 80 percent of those undergraduates select an option intended to prepare them for elementary school teaching careers.

For many CSUN faculty, Chan said, the exchange was their first chance in years to observe elementary school teaching in action. He recounted one faculty member's reaction, "I can't believe what I'm seeing. School is nothing like what it was when I went to school." Chan said the exchange led CSUN faculty members to begin re-examining the relationship between what they teach future teachers in their university classes, and what those future teachers need to know and be able to teach students once working in elementary schools.

To facilitate that, Chan said the College of Education is seeking proposals for about $44,000 in grant funds available for CSUN faculty members, typically teaming with an elementary teacher and education faculty member, to refresh liberal studies courses. Part of the emerging discussion, Chan said, is whether CSUN liberal studies students, often headed for teaching careers, ought to be grouped into special university class sections with somewhat different academic content than that aimed at majors or general education students.

During the two-day exchange, Chan added, CSUN faculty members also noticed "a disconnection of knowledge" in some cases between what was being taught at the elementary school and what the university ultimately will expect its future students to know.

"This was a very unique experience for all of us," said Chan, who's also leaving CSUN as of June 1, and as chair of the university's Asian American studies department, to become a dean at Loyola Marymount University in Westchester.
"We're taking our commitment to training of elementary school teachers to a new level. We have a deep responsibility in this area," he said. "The challenge is K-12 obviously is in trouble in California and the number of untrained teachers is severe."

- John Chandler

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News and Features
Academy Award-Winning Short Film to Screen at CSUN

'Visas and Virtue' Tells of the Japanese Diplomat Who Saved Thousands from the Holocaust

Cal State Northridge theatre alumnus Lawrence Craig will return to his alma mater this week as a star of the Academy Award-winning film "Visas and Virtue" for a free campus screening and question-and-answer session.

Craig, one of four actors in the winner of this year's Oscar for best live-action short film, will attend the screening along with other key members of the cast and crew. The event is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Performing Arts Center.

"It's a film I'm very proud of, work I'm very proud of," said Craig, who graduated from CSUN in 1991 with a theatre degree. The 26-minute, Cedar Grove Productions film tells the true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat credited with saving as many as 6,000 lives by issuing some 1,600 visas to Polish and Lithuanian Jews during World War II.

Scheduled to participate with Craig in the post-screening discussion are executive producer Tim Toyama, who also wrote the one-act play on which the film is based; actor Chris Tashima, who plays Sugihara; Chris Donahue, one of the film's producers, and other crew members.

Craig, Tashima and their co-stars in the movie-Susan Fukuda and Diana Georger, who may also attend -also acted in the play, which premiered at the Road Theatre Company in North Hollywood in November 1995.

The film takes place during one afternoon and centers on the interaction between Sugihara and his wife Yukiko (Fukuda), and a Jewish couple, Nathan (Craig) and Helene (Georger) Rosen.

Craig said the low-budget film was shot in one week in the backyard of Tashima's parents' house in the Los Feliz area. He and the some 200 other professionals it took to produce the movie all volunteered their services because they believed in the project.

"It was such a sense of 'We're doing something important' on the set," Craig said.

Prior to winning the Academy Award, "Visas and Virtue" was screened around the world and continues to be shown. It also has won other awards, including the 1997 Humanitarian Award from the 1939 Club, a Holocaust survivors' association.

At CSUN, Craig appeared in plays that included "The Matchmaker," "The Winters Tale" and "Scapino." He was known then as Craig Harris, but later changed his name to Lawrence Craig because another Craig Harris already belonged to the Screen Actors Guild.
Craig said his CSUN training prepared him for the kind of ensemble acting "Visas and Virtue" required. "I learned some really great lessons at CSUN, like not to be jealous of other people's successes," he said. "We learned how to pull together as a group to make things work."

He added, "I got what I wanted and what I needed at CSUNŠ. I got some stage experience and an ensemble sense of theater." For his part, Craig would like to see "Visas and Virtue" become a feature film or television mini-series. On a personal level, he's aspiring to a career in film, but isn't yet giving up his day job as a production assistant at Viacom in Hollywood.

"It's like anything else. You work your way up. There's no such thing as overnight success," Craig said.

Ed O'Brien, coordinator of the CSUN Honors Program and a member of a playwrights group with Toyama, is responsible for bringing the film and its cast to the campus.

"'Visas and Virtue' is a remarkable film about a family whose compassion and bravery saved thousands of innocent lives. I encourage the university community to attend the screening and honor the Sugiharas," he said.

-Mayerene Barker

See Animation Festival in the Calendar section for a schedule of events.
Gearing Named CSUN's 1998 Staff Employee of the Year

Employee Benefits Coordinator Touches Many, Often With a Helping Smile

It's just two hours into the workday, and already Jean Gearing has
tallied a half-dozen visitors to her office, 17 phone messages and a
query from her director asking about the arrival of a new executive
officer. The onslaught is enough to drive anyone to distraction.

But through it all, Cal State Northridge's employee benefits coordinator
in the Office of Human Resource Services continues to flash a
consistently warming smile and briskly handle the rising mountain of
tasks before her, much as she's done for the past 24 years.

In recognition of that, CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson announced last week that Gearing-who interacts with
virtually every one of CSUN's several thousand employees at some point during their stay-has been named the
university's 1998 staff Employee of the Year.

"When I was informed that I was selected, I was kind of shocked," said Gearing, who arrived on campus in 1974.
"There are a lot of hard working staff employees around the campus who deserve this more than I do. I'm just honored
to be among them."

Gearing was selected from a dozen nominees this year by a 12-member campus committee headed by Joan Hall, an
analyst in equity and diversity. Wilson announced the annual award during a ceremony Thursday, May 7, in the
Satellite Student Union.

The award this year includes a personalized plaque and a $500 savings account with the Matadors Federal Credit
Union. Gearing was nominated by her supervisor, Marjorie Kantrowe, and by a petition from 11 staff members in the
Admissions and Records Office.

Said A&R clerical assistant Alicia Cudiamat in her written nomination, "I know how tough it must be to talk to people
with a smile every day. But I feel that's what Jean gives to me every time I call with a question. And I know she
extends her kindness to other staff members."

Gearing is CSUN's second recipient, following last year's award to Tim Boyle, the campus' weather observer. The
award is open to university and auxiliary staff members by nomination who have worked half-time or more for at least
two years with a satisfactory or better work record.

The award is given to university staff members-excluding faculty and administrators-who have provided outstanding
service to the campus through creativity and/or innovation, initiative, leadership, teamwork and other special
contributions.

Gearing was persuaded to come to California from Wisconsin by her cousin, campus police Sgt. Steve Johnston, who also worked here then. Within six weeks of arriving, Gearing had both married and taken a clerical assistant job in what was then a four-person benefits office.

She became benefits assistant in 1983 with the retirement of Dottie Hilliard, and for the past 15 years has served as virtually the sole point of contact for university employees on complex benefits matters including health and savings plans, and more recently, retirement counseling.

While other Cal State campuses often have two or three staff members dealing with benefits issues, Gearing said, she has become a sole practitioner with virtually no backup. After Gearing was off work for 2 1/2 days recently, she returned to find about 80 accumulated messages.

"I'm barely keeping my head above the surface right now. And that's only because I've been in the job so long that I'm very fast," Gearing said. "It does take a lot of" she said, tapping her head. "I've got 24 years up here, and it takes time to learn all that."

Even so, Gearing still greets employee-visitors each day with her familiar smile and cheerful willingness to help. "I enjoy the job because I deal with so many different employees," she said. "The people contact is really what keeps me here."

- John Chandler
Those Who Stayed: David Fuller, Geography Cartographer

His Plans to Become a Professor Veered Off-Course Into a Map-Making Career

Editor's Note: This is part of a continuing series of articles profiling Northridge students from the past who have stayed to become current administrators, faculty and staff members at the campus.

In 1969, David Fuller was a junior history major at the Northridge campus with every intention of ultimately obtaining a doctorate and teaching at a university. But his plans changed when he was offered a student-employee job in the geography department's then-new cartography unit.

"They asked several of us to work here when they first started," Fuller recalled in a recent interview. "My minor was geography and I had done map-making as a student. I liked doing that sort of stuff. The job gave me the opportunity to get paid for it."

Today, Fuller still hasn't earned his doctorate and he doesn't teach history. But 29 years later, he is still employed as a cartographer at Cal State Northridge, responsible for the graphics used in research documents published by the geography department's faculty.

"I find it fascinating. It's always interesting. There are always new challenges," said Fuller, who likes working in the academic world because of its "different, more relaxed pace."

Fuller did take time off after graduating from college to attend graduate school. "I was sort of tired," he said. "I needed a break. It took a couple of years before I developed my own style."

Fellow cartographer Robert Provin, who also still works at CSUN, was hired within three months of Fuller. They are considered two of California's most talented cartographers because of their accomplishments in atlas production and thematic mapping.

"I can't conceive of myself doing anything else," Fuller said. "You're by yourself. You're problem-solving. Someone has some information they want displayed and you have to solve how to do it."

Map-making, he said, is both art and science. "You have a foot in each world. Functional and aesthetic design go hand-in-hand. I like both worlds."

Fuller does teach seminar classes at CSUN in advanced cartographic design and is justifiably proud of much of his students' work. "A professional couldn't have done a better job," he said, displaying a map created by one of his students.

Fuller also has his own design studio, where he does freelance map-making and graphics. His first big freelance
project was a water atlas of California in the late 1970s for the state. More recently, Fuller created the maps for several books written by Naomi Bishop, chair of CSUN's anthropology department.

Through the years, though, Fuller has never strayed too far from CSUN. He enrolled in January 1967 as a 17-year-old straight out of Cleveland High School in Reseda. His family lived so close that he rode his bicycle to campus in those days. Today, Fuller still lives near the Northridge campus.

Although Fuller never earned his doctorate in history, he can point to one historian with a Ph.D. in his family. "My brother," he said. "He taught for a while. But now he's a historian for the Air Force. We're both happy with our jobs. That's what's important."

--Mayerene Barker
Panel Urges Tougher Repeat Policy, Higher TOEFL Scores

The Educational Policies Committee at Cal State Northridge has recommended tightening the general campus policy on course repeating and raising the TOEFL test score that foreign undergraduate students must achieve to gain admission.

In separate decisions, the Faculty Senate panel forwarded both proposed policy changes to the Faculty Executive Committee. Both also would require approval of the full Faculty Senate, which most likely would not consider them until sometime in the fall. Under the proposed repeat policy change, CSUN students would be limited to repeating no more than a total of 15 units, typically five classes, and could repeat no single course more than once. In such "forgiveness" cases, CSUN would not count the first grade toward their GPA.

Those same limits are in the current policy. But the panel proposed tightening that policy by abolishing a related practice that now lets students have unlimited course repeating if they don't want grades forgiven. In such cases now, those two or more grades are averaged for GPA purposes.

"We can't afford to continue what we're doing now," said committee member and geography professor Warren Bland, who helped spearhead the change. The committee heard reports that 10 to 20 percent of students in some CSUN classes, especially in business, are repeating.

The College of Business Administration and Economics, which broached the issue, argued that repeating classes often academically hurts rather than helps students and that excessive repeating by some students makes it difficult for others to get needed classes. In the other change, the committee unanimously endorsed a proposal from the Office of Admissions and Records to raise from 500 now to 525 starting in fall 1999 the minimum score required of incoming foreign students on the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

Associate Admissions Director Mary Baxton said the change is part of the campus' broader efforts to reduce the need for new students to take remedial classes. About 35 percent of last fall's applying international student undergraduates had scores below 525.

-John Chandler

Faculty Election Results Announced

Management science professor Al Kinderman has been elected by Cal State Northridge faculty members to a two-year term as faculty president, outpolling leisure studies and recreation professor Veda Ward in the recent faculty election.
In other results, Diane Schwartz (Computer Science) was chosen as vice president, Michael Barrett (Library) as secretary/treasurer, and Michael Reagan (Library) as statewide senator. Six faculty members also were elected as senators-at-large to the CSUN Faculty Senate.

They are Nancy Bishop (Biology), Lynne Cook (Special Education), Cynthia Desrochers (Elementary Education), Robert Lingard (Computer Science), Carrie Saetermoe (Psychology) and Barbara Swerkes (Kinesiology).

The faculty also elected a dozen people to fill positions on seven different standing faculty committees. Memos posted around campus or available in the Faculty Senate office include the complete list of appointees to those positions.

**CSUN Receives Nearly $400,000 in Federal Grants**

Cal State Northridge's biology department has received nearly $400,000 in grants from the Department of Defense to buy equipment for its research programs. The money was part of almost $8 million the federal government awarded to 42 historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions.

The goal was to enhance programs critical to the national security functions of the Defense Department, and to increase the numbers of underrepresented minority graduates in the fields of science, engineering and mathematics.

CSUN will receive a total of $399,392 from the U.S. Army to purchase items such as microscopes and other laboratory equipment for its biology and chemistry classes.

**Ventura Commencement Slated for CSUCI Site**

More than 400 students from Cal State Northridge's Ventura Campus will receive their diplomas Friday, May 22, in the first commencement ceremony at the future Cal State Channel Islands site in Camarillo.

The main speaker will be state Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-San Luis Obispo), a Cal State Fullerton graduate who has played a key role in the evolving creation of the CSU Channel Islands campus.

"We are pleased that this year's ceremony is taking place at the proposed site for the new Channel Islands campus," said CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson. "The students graduating from our Ventura campus have worked hard to earn their degrees and we are proud that they will be the ones to inaugurate what I am sure will be a great university."

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at 1878 S. Lewis Road. More than 20 percent of the graduates will be recognized for completing their degrees with honors, earning grade point averages of 3.5 to 4.0. Two students, Dolores Beahm of Ventura and Kirsten Rasmussen of Camarillo, will receive the university's Liberal Studies Outstanding Student Award for their academic performance.

Two other celebrations—both voluntary ones funded by private donations—will following in kicking off CSUN's 1998 spring commencement events.

Jesus Javier, news anchor for KMEX-TV Channel 34, will give the keynote address at a bilingual ceremony honoring about 125 Latino graduates 8 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at the University Club. The student-organized celebration has been held at CSUN for the past 25 years.

About 100 black students will celebrate their graduation with a ceremony titled "From Struggling to Striving," 3 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at the University Club. The speaker will be CSUN alumnus William Franklin, who later received a doctorate from Stanford University.

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Publications


Harry Stone (English, emeritus) authored a seven-page essay-review in the December 1997 issue of the "Dickens Quarterly" that surveys and analyzes a four-volume work, "Charles Dickens: Critical Assessments."

Oscar Marti (Philosophy) reviewed Kenton V. Stone's "Utopia Undone: The Fall of Uruguay in the Novels of Carlos Martinez Moreno" for "Utopian Studies" (Fall 1997, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 192-95).

Presentations

James Allen (Geography) presented selected findings from "The Ethnic Quilt" at the California Studies Assn. conference at USC. His presentation was part of a session investigating upward mobility among Mexican immigrant and Mexican American workers in greater Los Angeles. Marta Lopez-Garza (Chicano/a Studies-Women's Studies) presented "Ya Me Siento Millionaria: What It Takes to Feel Like a Millionaire" in the same session. Elizabeth Berry (Speech Communication) chaired a panel, "Teaching Communications Courses in Cyberspace: Is It Worth the Trouble?" at the Western State Communication Assn. conference in Denver. She also presented a paper, "How the Earthquake Changed Our Lives by Jolting Us Into Cyberspace." Ben Attias (Speech Communication) presented "Public Speaking on the Internet. A Contradiction of Terms?" and Alexander Lyon (Speech Communication) presented "Does Technology Really Work in Teaching Communication? An Assessment of the Basic Public Speaking Course." Richard Moore (Management) presented "I'm OK, How are You? Measuring the Performance of the Workplace Preparation System" at the Statewide Workforce Preparation Conference in Palm Springs on March 17.


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conducted two seminars, "To Illuminate Our Time" at the Film Society of Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theatre, New York City, Jan. 16-17, to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the television show "You Are There." The presentations were held in conjunction with the publication of his "You Are There Teleplays: The Critical Edition" (1997). Stephen Oppenheimer (Biology) presented an invited keynote address, "Biology and Prevention of Cancer," to the California Service Center's 34th annual Committee for Advanced Science Training's scientific meeting on Feb. 21 at the California Science Center.

Honors/Awards

The CSUN alumni relations program and its on-line community were honored for their innovative approach to alumni interactive communication on the World Wide Web at the recent CASE regional conference in Chicago. D.G. (Gray) Mounger (Alumni Relations) gave a presentation on the Alumni Track at the conference.

Rudy Acuna (Chicano Studies) received the Gustavus Myers Award for his book "Anything But Mexican: Chicanos in Contemporary Los Angeles."

Peter Grego (Theatre) was selected to participate in the "Festival of Scenes" sponsored by the Kennedy Center/ American College Theater Festival Region VIII on Feb. 10 at Chapman University. A scene from his production of "Angels in America: Part One: Millennium Approaches" was performed.

Ali Zakeri (Mathematics) was awarded the 1998 Distinguished Teaching Award at the spring meeting of the Mathematical Assn. of America, Southern California section. He also was nominated for the National Distinguished Teaching Award for 1999.

CSUN's chapter of Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, was selected as the "outstanding chapter" at the 12th annual conference at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico. John Charles (International Programs) was present to receive the award as the chapter's campus coordinator. Adele Juarez (retired, Office of International and Exchange Programs) and Jan Fish (Educational Psychology & Counseling) also were present.

Sembiam Rengarajan (Electrical and Computer Engineering) was appointed vice chair of the steering committee in charge of the technical program for the International Phased Array Systems and Technology Conference, Southern California, spring 2000. He also served on a Ph.D. dissertation committee at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.

Doris Small Helfer (Library) was elected a fellow of the Special Libraries Assn. Fellows are elected in recognition of their leadership in the field of special librarianship and for outstanding contributions and service to the association. The award will be presented at the Special Libraries Assn. annual conference in Indianapolis in June.

The National Assn. of Federal Credit Unions has named Bill Roberts (Business Administration and Economics), a long-time Matadors Federal Credit Union board member, as volunteer of the year for 1997. Roberts has dedicated more than 25 years of service to the MFCU, assisting CSUN and its students, especially with low-rate emergency loans after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Roberts also helped MFCU donate a classroom on campus named the Matadors Federal Credit Union Room.

Jim Lawrence (Radio-Television-Film) spent five months working as a volunteer docent at the Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site in Asheville, N.C. He led educational tours of the "Old Kentucky Home" boarding house where Wolfe grew up and which he made famous as "Dixieland" in his novel, "Look Homeward, Angel."

Nine Cal State Northridge students participated in the 12th annual Cal State Student Research Competition at Cal State Chico on May 1-2. The CSUN students were drawn from four colleges—Arts, Media and Communication (AMC), Engineering and Computer Science (E&CS), Science and Mathematics (S&M) and Social and Behavioral Sciences (S&BS). All nine students made outstanding presentations and four were selected as award winners. The CSUN participants were:
• AMC: Joy Pierce, journalism; and Monica Turner, communication studies (second place)
• E&CS: Pablo Santos, mechanical engineering (first place)
• S&M: Danielle Henderson, biology (second place); Kathy Herman, biology; and Sarkhadoun Yadegar, chemistry (second place)
• S&BS: Edwin Tucker, history; Alyssa Westmoreland, psychology; and Adrian Youhana, geography.
Future Field of Dreams Softball Stadium Site Relocated

Campus Officials Recommend Nearby Zelzah Court Area Instead of Current Softball Field

The Campus Planning Board has unanimously recommended relocating Cal State Northridge's planned Valley Field of Dreams softball stadium slightly eastward to the former Zelzah Court portable classrooms village along the edge of the main campus.

Although CSUN is still waiting for a promised major donation to permit construction of the $2 million project, the board's Wednesday, May 6, vote helps clear the way for the Cal State Board of Trustees this week to accept the site change as part of a campus master plan update.

Campus officials originally had planned to build the complex during the second half of this year—a down time for women's softball—on the site of the existing softball field a short distance west toward the interior of the campus. But a variety of factors drove a change in that plan.

One consideration, given the expected community usage of the stadium, was to make it more visible and accessible to the community. "It's really going to be a marque facility and provide the campus with additional visibility," said Director of Facilities Planning Tom Tindall.

Another factor was funding. With campus officials still waiting for a major donation and having committed to not start construction without it, time was running short to be able to complete the stadium on the current field location prior to the January start of spring practice.

Campus officials said Steve Soboroff, a senior advisor to Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and president of the city Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, still is coordinating major donor funding for the softball stadium. But they had no date for completion of that effort.

Although the new master plan shows the softball field at Halsted Street oriented to the northwest looking out from home plate, campus officials said that and other details of the project could change as it evolves. Parking, access, lighting and other issues also have to be addressed.

The softball stadium project itself does not involve any significant new parking. But the master plan does show a future new lot nearby just south of the University Park Apartments. And campus officials said they also expect to rely on Parking Lot C to the south along Zelzah Ave.

-John Chandler