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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 next issue of the newspaper will be in August prior to the start of classes. A publication schedule for the 1998-99 school year will be distributed to the campus community during the summer.

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

University Corporation

Board of Directors meets 11:30 a.m. Fri., May 29, University Club, Lamb's Lounge.

USU Board of Directors

Meets 5 p.m. Mon., June 8, in the Satellite Student Union, Pieza de Celis Room.

Foundation Board

Quarterly meeting 6 p.m. Thu., June 18, Jerome Richfield Hall, room 315.

Notices

Budget Advisory Board Meetings

The University Budget Advisory Board has two upcoming meetings scheduled on CSUN's 1998-99 budget: 2 p.m. Fri.,
May 29, and 3 p.m. Thu., June 25. Both are scheduled for President's Conference Room A.

Student Textbook Assistance

A memo has been sent to all departments and faculty members announcing the establishment of a $1,200 fund with the Financial Aid Office for students who need assistance purchasing their textbooks for the fall semester. The Matador Bookstore held a contest to increase the number of fall textbook adoptions received by the requested due date and offered to donate $1 for each adoption received. Of 4,900 courses, the bookstore received 1,199 adoptions. This compared to 969 adoptions received for the same period a year ago, an 11% increase. Lili Vidal of Financial Aid will distribute the money according to her established criteria. With increased awareness of this program-and an awareness of how early textbook ordering affects buyback and used book acquisition-it is hoped the fund will grow in the future.

fmi-Dean Goetz or Amy Berger, x2932.

LRC Move

The Learning Resource Center will move Tue., May 26, to Music Lawn 250. The phone number and mail drop code will remain the same.

Volunteers Needed

The Career Center needs volunteers for the American Cancer Society's fund-raiser walk, "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer." Sun., June 14, at Griffith Park.

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DIG LA Planning Meetings

DIG LA will hold two informational meetings to inform faculty members how fall events being planned can support their curriculum. 1-3 p.m. Wed., June 10, and 1-3 p.m., Wed., June 24, in the USU's Ventura Room. In the past, DIG LA has included theatrical events such as "Rent" and "Ragtime," tours to the Getty Center, Museum of Tolerance and the Japanese National Museum, visits to cultural centers and special programs.

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Our Deepest Sympathy

The campus extends its sympathy to La Juan Steels (Financial Aid) on the loss of her grandmother.

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 Mon., June 1. Please write "Grace Olson Tree Memorial" on the memo line.

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Events
CSUN Composting Event

The University Recycling Program, an Associated Students program, and the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation will host a compost bin and composting workshop from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., May 30, in Faculty Parking Lot C (use Zelzah Avenue entrance). A master composter will be on hand to teach basic composting principles from 10 a.m.-noon. The bureau will have compost bins available at discounted prices, with proof of L.A. residency (a valid driver's license or DWP bill).

fmi-Cyndi Signett, x2477. For composting bins, call the L.A. Resource Program at (213) 893-8251.

Asian Pacific Heritage Night

The CSUN China Institute and the San Fernando Valley Chinese Cultural Assn. will host Asian Pacific Heritage Night, a variety show featuring Asian Pacific performing arts, at 7:30 p.m. Sat., May 30, in the Performing Arts Center. Children under 6 will not be admitted. Cost is $10.

fmi and tickets-Angela Lew, x2600, Juliet Chiu (818) 709-3963 or Kwang-Nan Chow (818) 341-6166.

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 until 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. 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.

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, in the University Club. The sessions will run from 8-11 a.m. each day.

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/discontinuing care.

Matador Mania '98

The Board of Directors of the Matador Athletic Assn. invites the campus and community to Matador Mania '98, a benefit celebration for Matador athletics, at 6:30 p.m. Sat., June 6, in the Activity Center (new gym) in the Kinesiology Building. The event will include a sports bar and casino, jazz ensemble, dinner buffet, auction and Matador sports highlights. Cost is $30 per person or $250 for a table of 10. For tickets, call x3215.

Dave Reeves Reception

Art Elbert, vice president of administration and finance, and Hildo Hernandez, director of physical plant management, invite the campus community to a reception honoring Dave Reeves' retirement. 4-7 p.m. Thu., June 25, in the Sierra Quad, south of the Oviatt Lawn. Reeves, assistant director of building trades, is retiring June 30 after 24 years of service.

Class Schedule

Technology Training

Information and Technology Resources (ITR) offers a variety of free information and technology training workshops to faculty, staff and students. The June-July workshop schedule is accessible on the web at www.csun.edu/itr/tsg/training/schedule.html. Printed copies will be sent to campus offices.

Assistive Technology Training

The Center on Disabilities and the College of Extended Learning announce the formation of training classes for the Assistive Technology Training Certificate Program (ATACP) this summer. The program is designed for individuals who seek to enhance their professional development and skill level by earning a certificate in assistive technology applications. Classes will be offered July 13-24 in the Pasadena-Arcadia area and Aug. 10-21 in Washington D.C.

The 100-hour training will consist of lectures, demonstrations, discussions and field visit observations on practical applications of assistive technology. There will be 80 hours of live instruction over the two weeks, 12 hours of on-line instruction and eight hours credit toward a required project to be completed within 90 days of completion of the program. Participants must have access to the World Wide Web to participate in part of the course through on-line interactive instruction. Cost is $1,995 per person. The program results in a certificate in assistive technology and 10 continuing education units.

Ceramics Lab

The ceramics lab in the USU is offering summer classes in wheel throwing and hand building. These small, non-credit, eight-week sessions offer individual instruction plus additional time to work outside of class. Register early as space is limited.

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Admission is free unless otherwise specified.

**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

**Legends of Jazz**

Six decades of jazz history in an exhibition of the works of photographer Bob Douglas, co-sponsored by the CSUN Center for Photojournalism and Visual History. Dates: June 1 - July 31
Times: Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Reception: 3-6 p.m., Sun., May 31
Place: Watts Labor Community Action Committee, 10950 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles

**Music**

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

**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
CSUN Awards Diplomas to More Than 6,100 Graduates

Honors Convocation Launches Week of Commencement Ceremonies on Campus

Cal State Northridge is slated to award diplomas to 6,162 graduates during a week-long 1998 commencement celebration that begins with the Honors Convocation on Tuesday, May 26.

This year, 5,298 students are candidates for bachelor's degrees in a total of 50 fields. Another 864 are master's degree candidates. Among both groups, about 1,100 are graduating with honors and have been invited to the Honors Convocation, 6 p.m. outside the University Club.

"I'm extremely proud of our 1998 graduates. They have worked very hard to master new knowledge and skills, to overcome every obstacle and to prepare themselves for the challenges of the 21st century," said CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson.

"We also want to acknowledge their families and loved ones for the patience and sacrifice that enable these graduates to complete their education," the president said. "Commencement is a time of tradition, celebration and confidence in the future these graduates will create."

During two college ceremonies, the Cal State system will award honorary doctorates of humane letters to CSUN lecturer Abraham Polonsky, a television and film director who was banished from Hollywood for 16 years during the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in the early 1950s, and Harold Williams, president emeritus of the J. Paul Getty Trust, a charitable organization devoted to the arts and humanities with a $4.3 billion endowment.

Scheduled commencement speakers include a Los Angeles college president, another noted show business director, a prominent CSUN department chair, an electronics executive, a pioneering biology researcher, a 92-year-old doctor who still practices medicine and a biomedical entrepreneur. The ceremonies and speakers are:

- **Honors Convocation**: John Slaughter, president of Occidental College and a member of the committee involved in restructuring the Los Angeles Unified School District.
- **College of Arts, Media, and Communication**: Oz Scott, the movie, television and stage director responsible for taking to Broadway the widely acclaimed play "for colored girls who considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf."
- **College of Education**: Arlinda Eaton, chair of CSUN's elementary education department, director of CSUN's summer academic program for elementary school students and the University Reading Clinic.
- **College of Business Administration and Economics**: Charles Noski, president of Hughes Electronics Corp. and...
a CSUN alumnus.

- **College of Science and Mathematics:** Eric Davidson, the Norman Chandler Professor of Cell Biology at Caltech.
- **College of Health and Human Development:** Northridge physician Lillian Seitsive, 92, a founding member of Northridge Hospital Medical Center.
- **College of Engineering and Computer Science:** Alfred Mann, founder of MiniMed Inc. and Advanced Bionics Corp. who has announced plans to relocate his biomedical companies to CSUN's North Campus. Students Lloyd Ling and Nadia Dayao also will speak. The colleges of Humanities and of Social and Behavioral Sciences have no formal commencement speakers.

Parking will be free for the commencement ceremonies. For ceremonies on the Oviatt Lawn, enter the campus from Nordhoff Street at Darby Avenue and follow the signs to parking lot entrances. For ceremonies outside the University Club, enter the campus from Zelzah Avenue at Dearborn Street and follow the signs to the parking lot on the right after entering Dearborn.

Last week on May 22, more than 400 students from CSUN's Ventura Campus also received their diplomas in the first ceremony at the future Cal State Channel Islands campus. The speaker was state Sen. Jack O'Connell (D-San Luis Obispo), a Cal State Fullerton graduate.

Next year's CSUN commencement will climax a year of 40th anniversary events being planned by a campus committee headed by Bill Outhouse, vice president of university relations, and Don Cameron, former associate vice president of faculty affairs.

The committee is encouraging campus community participation in the upcoming events, including a kickoff Founders Day program in the fall, and soliciting event listings for the 1998-99 year. Comments and suggestions can be sent to the 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee at campus mail drop 8275.

-Mayerene Barker
Spring 1998 Commencement Schedule

Honors Convocation

Tuesday, May 26, 6 p.m., University Club
Speaker: John Slaughter, president, Occidental College

College of Arts, Media, and Communication

Wednesday, May 27, 8 a.m., Oviatt Lawn
Speaker: Oz Scott, television, film and stage director. Honorary degree: Director Abraham Polonsky. Degrees: 777 bachelor's, 59 master's

College of Education

Wednesday, May 27, 4 p.m., University Club.
Speaker: Arlinda Eaton, chair, CSUN Elementary Education Dept. Degrees: 71 bachelor's, 256 master's

College of Business Administration and Economics

Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., Oviatt Lawn.
Speaker: Charles Noski, president, Hughes Electronics Corp. Degrees: 1,268 bachelor's, 36 master's

College of Humanities

Thursday, May 28, 8 a.m., Oviatt Lawn
Honorary degree: Harold Williams, president emeritus, J. Paul Getty Trust Degrees: 718 bachelor's, 58 master's

College of Science and Mathematics

Thursday, May 28, 4 p.m., University Club.
Speaker: Eric Davidson, pioneer researcher in molecular biology. Degrees: 386 bachelor's, 60 master's

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Thursday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., Oviatt Lawn
Degrees: 1,006 bachelor's, 142 master's
College of Health and Human Development

Friday, May 29, 8 a.m., Oviatt Lawn
Speaker: Lillian Seitsive, distinguished local physician, Degrees: 858 bachelor's, 154 master's

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Friday, May 29, 4 p.m., University Club
Speakers: Alfred Mann, founder of MiniMed Inc. and Advanced Bionsics Inc., and students Lloyd Ling and Nadia Dayao. Degrees: 214 bachelor's, 99 master's
University Salutes Top Graduates at 1998 Honors Convocation

Seven Outstanding Students Receive $1,000 Awards for Excellence

Cal State Northridge will recognize its top academic graduates during the 16th annual Honors Convocation at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, outside the University Club.

About 1,100 graduating seniors and master's degree recipients have been invited to participate in the event, which kicks off CSUN's 1998 commencement celebrations.

The evening's speaker will be John Slaughter, president of Occidental College and an active participant in the discussion about minorities in higher education.

Seven $1,000 awards will be given to the university's individual outstanding graduates during the ceremony.

- **Emily Wargo**, 22, of Burbank is the 1998 Wolfson Scholar, an honor given each year to the university's graduating senior with the highest grade point average.

  Wargo, a child development major with a 3.97 average, has been on the dean's list every semester since she enrolled at CSUN as a freshman in fall 1994.

  "Emily's intellectual accomplishments and scholarly excellence rank her among the best undergraduates not only at CSUN, but also tops among students I have known at Stanford, Brown University and UC," said Nancy Page Fernandez, CSUN associate professor of history, in one of 11 letters supporting Wargo's nomination.

  A history minor, Wargo plans to complete her master's degree in early childhood education and, eventually, to obtain a doctorate in the history of early childhood education.

- **Steve Martinez** of Van Nuys is this year's recipient of the Mildred Z. Mininberg Memorial Fund Award, given each year to the outstanding graduating returning student.

  Martinez, 35, a music performance major who plays and teaches the clarinet, has a GPA of 3.68. He plans to attend graduate school at CSUN in the fall, pursuing a master's degree in music performance and education. Eventually, he hopes to obtain a doctorate of musical arts, audition for a position with a national orchestra and teach music at a college or university.

  Because college was not financially possible for his family after he graduated from high school in 1980, Martinez enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and trained as an accountant. After his discharge, he climbed the corporate ladder from accounting clerk at a local newspaper to assistant general manager of a
national trucking firm.

"However, something was missing in my life and I was not happy with my career," Martinez said. "In May 1993, I made what was probably the most important decision in my life at that time. I decided to resign from my position as assistant general manager to pursue my college degree in music performance and music education."

Martinez attended Valley College for two years before enrolling at CSUN in 1995, where he became a founding member of the Tres Vive Woodwind Trio.

- **Alisa Kramer** of West Hollywood, a history major, will receive this year's Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the President's Associates.

Kramer, 48, entered the master's degree program at CSUN in 1995 after working many years as an information specialist with the Los Angeles Police Department. Her GPA has been 4.0 both at CSUN and previously as an undergraduate in the 1970s at UC Berkeley. She will attend American University in Washington D.C. in the fall and plans to become a research historian.

CSUN history professor Ron Davis, who recommended Kramer for the award, said she is one of the top two or three students he's taught in his 30 years at the university.

At CSUN, Kramer undertook two research projects that have required her to deal with previously unexamined documents and sources, one on the entrepreneurial career of a late nineteenth century, small-town southern merchant, and the other on the political activities of the Los Angeles Jewish community in the 1930s and 1940s. The latter probably will become the basis of her Ph.D. dissertation.

- **Olympia LePoint**, 21, of Los Angeles, a statistical mathematics major, is the winner of the Karen, Leo and Rita Sauter Memorial Award, given in memory of the Sauter family.

LePoint, the first in her family to graduate from college, plans to attend graduate school to obtain a master's and doctorate in statistics. She has a 3.02 overall GPA and eventually wants to be a university professor.

Before LePoint began her CSUN education as a 16-year-old freshman in 1993, she said she feared she might become a statistic. "I read 'one in 1,000 African-American Los Angeles Unified School District students make it to a Cal State campus' and it continued, 'one in 31,000 African-American women will earn a Ph.D. in mathematics or the natural sciences,'" she said.

But LePoint, who beat the odds once by graduating here, said she is determined to beat the odds once again. "I will be that one in 31,000," she said.

- **Allan Aquino** of North Hills, a special major in Asian American historical studies, is the other recipient of an Outstanding Graduating Senior Award from the President's Associates. He came to CSUN in fall 1992 and has a 3.52 GPA.

Aquino, 23, plans to pursue a master's degree in Asian American studies this fall at UCLA and, eventually, obtain a doctorate in history. He later hopes to return to CSUN as a professor in history and Asian American studies.

His mother, an immigrant from the Philippines who died when he was 15, inspired him to attend college, Aquino said. "I realize that she strived every day to instill in me a distinct sense of values, knowledge of my family's history and a firm pride in my identity," he said.

He credits his first Asian American studies class with awakening in him a passion for learning about his culture and its history. In fall 1995, Aquino was granted permission to custom-design his own major.
Sonya Scott of Northridge, a health education major who wants to be a nurse practitioner and health educator, is this year's winner of the Outstanding Senior Award given by the Alumni Assn. Scott, 23, who has a 3.75 GPA, plans to work in the health sciences field for a year and then return to school in USC's nursing program or CSUN's master's degree program in public health.

But health education was not always her career goal. By her junior year of high school, Scott was an accomplished opera singer who had trained and performed with the Los Angeles Music Center and Berlin Opera companies.

"This career was lost when my throat constricted shut due to an extreme allergic reaction that risked my life," Scott said. "I was devastated, and it took three years to recover from this loss, to discover new dreams, and to look for a new direction in life." She started her undergraduate work at CSUN in fall 1992, but had first attended CSUN as a preschooler at the university's Lab School while her mother worked on campus.

Maria Hernandez of Los Angeles, a 24-year-old psychology and child development major, is the winner of one of two Outstanding Graduating Senior Awards from the President's Associates.

Hernandez, a native of El Salvador, has a grade point average of 3.47.

Beginning this fall, Hernandez will teach at Hoover Elementary School for a year. "I'm planning to teach kindergarten," Hernandez said. "That's my passion."

Then, she has been accepted into the doctoral program in education at the University of Michigan. Eventually, she said, she wants to organize and implement high-quality educational centers for children who live in poverty.

At CSUN, Hernandez has been a research assistant for 3 1/2 years in psychology associate professor Carrie Saetormoe's project examining the transition to adulthood of physically challenged adolescents.

As a Minority Access to Research Education fellow, she and a colleague have conducted independent research into parental protectiveness in Latino families.

-Mayerene Barker and Steve Gelhaus
Extraordinary Students Overcome Personal Obstacles to Graduate

Diplomas Represent a Reward for Their Dedication and Tenacity

When Cal State Northridge officials hand diplomas to more than 6,100 graduates this week, they will recognize more than academic achievement. They also will reward the tenacity and dedication of many students who overcame obstacles, many seemingly insurmountable, that could have kept them from reaching their goals.

"These individual stories are truly what CSUN is all about," said Ron Kopita, the university's vice president for student affairs. "We are providing an opportunity for individuals, even under the most adverse circumstances, to achieve their goals. These young people exemplify the university and its students."

Joseph Antunez of North Hills, an arts/theatre administration major, originally enrolled at CSUN 10 years ago, but financial difficulties forced him to drop out. He then re-enrolled in fall 1994, one semester after the Northridge earthquake ravaged the campus.

"I figured we could rebuild together," he said.

Returning to school has not been easy. As the sole support of his wife and two daughters, ages 1 and 4, Antunez, 40, has held two jobs. He works 40 hours a week as executive secretary to CSUN Provost Louanne Kennedy, and 15 to 20 hours a week at the Learning Tree University. Somehow, he managed to squeeze in a couple of classes each semester.

"It was important to us that my wife be able to stay home with our girls, so somehow we've made it work," he said. "It's amazing, but I do manage to get quality time with them because they are the priority of my life. I just have a lot of things on my mind all the time."

He said his family is looking forward to his graduation. "It's really our graduation," he said. "They worked just as hard as I did for it."

Gabriela Chavira of Sun Valley easily blended in with her college peers, but loved to see the shock on their faces when they found out that she also was their psychology teacher.

As an intern, she worked primarily with freshmen. Chavira, 25, said that teaching them psychology was one thing, but serving as a nurturing mentor and making sure they knew the fundamentals of studying was more important.

"I made sure that my students didn't become a statistic and drop out of school," she said.

Chavira, who is receiving a master's degree in general experimental psychology, said working as a teacher reinforced her desire to become a college professor. "It gives me a big thrill to see students learn and enjoy the class after I give a good lecture," she said. Chavira has accepted a fellowship that will fund her four-year postgraduate education at UC Santa Cruz this fall.

Bob Schuett of Camarillo, a speech communication major, was working as a carpenter when an on-
the-job accident nearly severed his leg in 1994.

Unsure how long he'd be off work, his wife suggested he go back to school. He started out at Oxnard College, but soon transferred to CSUN to pursue a degree in speech communication.

Though this was his last semester, Schuett, 36, did not take it easy. In addition to his CSUN classes, he decided to fulfill a lifelong dream to become a firefighter and enrolled in the fire academy at Ventura College. He also began the MBA program at California Lutheran University.

Throughout all this, Schuett has also been the primary care giver for his 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son while his wife works as a teacher.

"The key has been that I don't sleep," Schuett joked. "But I wouldn't have traded the time with my kids for anything. I'm the first in my family to even go to college, same with my wife. I hope we've started a new trend as far as our children are concerned."

- **Shawn Coupland** of Northridge saw no need for school as a teen-ager and dropped out during her sophomore year of high school. When her stepmother insisted that she re-enroll in school, Coupland refused to get out of the car. Coupland said she's grown up since then.

Immersing herself in school work, the 26-year-old psychology major managed to fund her own education by working on campus. "I feel that I was given a second chance and want to help other people love learning the way I do," she said. "I appreciate how I was mentored and want to be there for others."

Coupland will begin her graduate study research on gender ethnicity and attractiveness this spring at Michigan State University.

- When she enrolled at CSUN four years ago, **Heather Douglas** of Pacific Palisades hardly had any hair, could not walk and one of her vocal cords was paralyzed from a struggle with non-Hodgkin's lymphatic cancer.

Bored during her recovery, Douglas, 40, decided to finish a music degree she had started nearly 20 years ago. She had worked in construction and civil engineering, but had always sung on the side, sometimes with the Long Beach Opera.

"I was told I would never be able to sing again because of the tumor I had in my chest. But I didn't believe any of that," she said. She spent much of her time at CSUN working to restore her voice, and at her senior recital this year, "I really tapped into the power my original voice had. It was great," she said.

Her work here has inspired Douglas to also pursue a master's degree at CSUN, creating a new field of study in California that combines music classes such as voice with speech pathology.

- Every time **Marvin Villanueva** of Northridge catches a glimpse of the sun rising, he instantly remembers being 5 and preparing to leave El Salvador with his mother after the murder of his stepfather in 1980.

Now after six years, Villanueva, 23, a liberal studies/Chicano studies/child development major, is graduating from CSUN with a triple major and is confident he has found the career of his dreams: becoming an elementary school teacher.

"Elementary school children are like blank audio cassettes willing to listen to you and be molded," he said. "They hunger to be nurtured and just want somebody to listen to them."

Villanueva spent his last semester carrying 24 units and volunteering at several organizations tutoring elementary and high school students, and working with organizations such as Para Los Ninos.

Villanueva will take pre-credential courses at CSUN and then apply to UCLA for his master's degree and teaching credential.
Arthur Vuong of Rosemead, an international business major who wants to become a teacher, came to the United States at age 5 with his family as a Vietnamese refugee. They had no money and his parents didn't speak English.

It was a struggle to make ends meet, but when it came to their children's education, Vuong's parents made sure they had what they needed. "My dad would say, 'Education is always an investment, never a cost,'" Vuong said.

Vuong, 25, took his father's lessons to heart. When he enrolled at CSUN seven years ago, he was determined to get the most out of his education. So he took advantage of the university's study abroad programs.

As a result, Vuong has studied in Mexico, Spain, Puerto Rico, Brazil and Vietnam. He is now fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese, a language he lost after coming to the U.S.

"My travels are something I will take with me for the rest of my life," he said. "You travel to a country where you can't speak the language, don't know the culture. But once you've lived there for several months, it's like being born again. Overcoming all these barriers makes you feel very confident. It makes you open your eyes and see the world differently, and it makes you want to learn."

-Carmen Ramos Chandler and Cristina Arana
CSUN Summer/Fall 1998 Earthquake Reconstruction Outlook

Cal State Northridge will see a construction boom during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 academic years, as the earthquake reconstruction program concludes with the completion of the last major projects. This boom will commence with the rebuilding of the Oviatt Library wings and several smaller projects this summer:

1. **Oviatt Wings Reconstruction**: A contract award soon will be made for the reconstruction of the wings. While some contractor mobilization activities will begin soon thereafter, no major work is expected prior to commencement and no construction impacts are anticipated. This work will be in full swing during the fall semester and the areas to the sides and rear of the Oviatt will be off-limits.

2. **Student Services Center**: This project is the complete renovation of the former Administration Building's interior after the completion of structural repairs. Current site barricades and fencing will remain until project completion at the end of 1998-99 school year.

3. **Etiwanda Avenue Realignment**: Etiwanda will be realigned between Prairie and Vincennes streets, eliminating the jog to the west.

4. **Sierra Hall**: Earthquake repairs will continue this summer and during the fall. Most impacts will be internal to the building, although periodic congestion along Etiwanda Ave., west of Sierra Hall, can be expected when contractor equipment and supplies arrive.

5. **Monterey Hall**: Renovation will start this summer and conclude before the spring 1999 semester. The building will remain closed for the duration. Occasional, limited impacts to traffic on Zelzah Avenue at Dearborn and Prairie streets can be expected.

6. **Science 3 and 4**: Architectural repairs will start and be completed during the summer, with impacts to scheduling of some classrooms and disruptions to some offices.

7. **North Field (Lindley Field)**: Restoring the field to pre-earthquake conditions will begin just before summer break and conclude in the fall. The field will be unavailable during the summer and early fall semester.

8. **East Field (north end of Parking Lot C)**: This field will be restored in time for activities at the beginning of the fall semester, but will not be available for summer activities.

9. **Engineering Field**: All trailers in the Engineering Field will be removed this summer and their occupants relocated to Music Lawn. The work will be completed before the fall semester. The site will be fenced off, but the walkway that passes adjacent to the Oviatt wings construction barricade will be retained.

**University Tower Apts. (corner of Lassen and Zelzah)**: This project is underway with abatement of hazardous materials and interior demolition slated through May. The start of building demolition using a wrecking ball will be announced soon. Contractor access is from Lindley Avenue.

**Small Projects**: Also, many small projects will be completed this summer with relatively minor construction impacts to the campus. These include: Women's Center; Buildings O and S; Athletics Office Building; Bank Building; Art and Design Center; Communications Disorders Buildings; Speech Communications Modular; Team Room; Asian American House; Black House; Trust Fund Building; Archeology House; Nautilus Center; Weight Room; Chicano
House and Dialogue House.

Every effort is being made to minimize construction impacts, but some cannot be avoided. To offset these impacts, the university plans to provide timely, accurate information enabling students, faculty and staff to cope with them.

Different media sources will carry this information: The 1998-2000 university catalog will feature a map showing planned projects. The fall semester schedule of classes also has information. Future schedules will contain maps showing any changes in parking, pedestrian access and vehicle access. Temporary signs also will be used to provide advance warnings about local impacts.

Coverage also will be provided by @csun.edu and The Daily Sundial. Information will be available on the university's home web page at www.csun.edu via a link to the Earthquake Reconstruction Program. And information hotlines have been set up to provide general information and respond to specific questions:

- **For Information Only:** call (818) 677-5978 for descriptions and locations of work scheduled for the coming two weeks. (This line will not take messages.)

- **For Questions and Comments:** call (818) 677-5979 or e-mail to reconstruct@csun.edu.

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CSUN Biotech Project Headed for Late June Groundbreaking

CSU Trustees Also Approve Revised Campus Master Plan to Guide Future Development

Cal State Northridge is preparing to host a late June groundbreaking for the $18 million first phase of a North Campus biotechnology park, after Cal State trustees approved the project and a revised master plan with that and other changes for the 353-acre campus.

The trustees' unanimous May 13 vote clears the way for biotech pioneer Alfred Mann, chairman and CEO of Sylmar-based MiniMed Inc., to launch what officials touted as a unique public-private partnership project-pending only Los Angeles City Council action set for June 17.

Under the plan, CSUN would receive annual payments from Mann starting at $350,000 and rising to nearly $800,000 under a long-term ground lease for 28 acres of North Campus land south of Devonshire Street. Mann ultimately plans to develop a five-building, 720,000-square-foot biotech park.

The first phase approved by the trustees-one two-story, 150,000 to 170,000-square-foot building facing Zelzah Avenue, a 65,000-square-foot conference center/central utility plant and 432 parking spaces-is set to become the new home for Mann's company and open within a year.

"It's a win-win for everyone involved. He gets an ideal location and we get opportunities for internships and research for our students and faculty," said CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson. "It's an example of what can be accomplished when universities and the private sector work together."

"This will give us the opportunity to raise the activity at CSUN to a higher level" Mann told the trustees earlier this month. "We think it will be a tremendous new chapter in the way education will operate," he said, stressing the opportunities for cooperation with the university.

The biotech project has won widespread support from San Fernando Valley community and business groups, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan's office and from Los Angeles City Councilman Hal Bernson, who represents the Northridge area.

However, to head off a possible homeowners lawsuit that might have stalled the Mann project, Wilson announced shortly before the trustees' meeting she had removed from the revised campus master plan a future football stadium location north of the Kinesiology Building.

While some homeowners cheered that move and other groups complained about it, the president and other top campus officials said the location of the planned stadium was only being deferred-not canceled-to permit more consultation with community groups. The new campus master plan also includes plans for a 30-acre entertainment industry complex.

on the south end of the North Campus, three future main campus parking structures, realigning Etiwanda Avenue as part of a campus loop road and various design guidelines.

- John Chandler
Campus Plans to Continue Shuttle Buses for Next School Year

University Will Pay for Circulator System if FEMA Halts Funding After Four Years

Cal State Northridge plans to continue a free campus shuttle service for students and employees next fall, despite the potential loss of federal funding that has supported the system for more than four years since the 1994 Northridge earthquake, officials said.

Ed Ball, CSUN's associate director of public safety for transportation and parking services, said the planned service next semester should have the same hours and frequencies, although the route may be adjusted and mini-buses will replace the current full-sized ones.

"We're going to try and provide a convenient service," Ball said. "The shuttle is designed to get people from the parking lots to the academic core and then back to the parking lots."

CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson and other top campus officials agreed to pay for the buses out of university resources after the Federal Emergency Management Agency said it planned to discontinue funding the service that has operated since February 1994.

The current service, run via contract by California Sun Line, is slated to continue through June 30. Then, there will be a break in service until the scheduled start of the new campus service sometime prior to the August 31 start of classes.

Campus officials plan to issue a request for proposals during the summer seeking vendors to run the planned service. Campus officials said they hope to reach a contract that will cost somewhat less than the $400,000-a-year expense FEMA has been funding.

The planned service will continue to connect North Campus parking areas with the main campus. Hours should remain 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday.

Headways, the time between buses, should remain about 10-15 minutes. The current 52-passenger buses are slated to be replaced by 18-24 passenger models. And the exact route and stops will be announced prior to the start of the fall semester.

Campus officials said they still intend to formally seek continued FEMA funding, either in full or part, for the shuttle service, despite prior notification that June 30 would be the end.

Ball said CSUN plans to continue its current student parking permit rates for the coming school year-$63 per semester for general parking and a discounted $40 per semester permit for North Campus areas only. The number of available
spaces will not change for the fall. -John Chandler

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President Endorses Academic Affairs Budget Initiative

Help for Instructional Program to be Top Priority; Athletics Likely to Get Some Increase

Cal State Northridge President Blenda J. Wilson has endorsed a plan to bolster the Academic Affairs Division budget by nearly $2.3 million for the coming year, while predicting athletics also will get an increase but perhaps not as much as it had requested.

In a letter read at the May 14 Faculty Senate meeting, the president said the first year of a five-year academic affairs' plan to aid faculty hiring, staff support, instructional equipment, operating expense funds and library purchases will be her top budget priority for 1998-99.

"All of the increases requested in that plan, I believe, are needed to meet our increasing instructional demands. Consequently, funding that proposal is my first priority in the coming year's budget," Wilson said in her letter, also pledging support for future years of the plan.

In the same letter, Wilson said CSUN's athletics program probably will need more than the $2.6 million general fund budget recommended last year by a campus athletics task force. But she said the campus may not be able to afford the $3.1 million in general funds sought by athletics.

The president's letter responded to a prior call by the Faculty Senate that she support the academic affairs budget proposal and stay within the task force's budget for athletics. The Senate voted May 14 to commend Wilson for supporting the academic affairs proposal. Under that plan, CSUN would hire 20.5 extra full-time equivalent lecturers next year to support increasing enrollments and seven more equivalent positions to support academic program integrity, with plans to convert those into full-time positions in the next year.

The academic affairs budget proposal also includes four new staff support positions, nearly $165,000 in extra operating expenses for departments, and base budget augmentations of $400,000 for instructional equipment and $200,000 for library materials.

In a related move, the president also called a special May 29 meeting of the University Budget Advisory Board to make further recommendations on which of about $6.2 million in total university budget initiatives, including the academic affairs proposal, should be funded.

-John Chandler
Contractor Ready to Rebuild Oviatt Library Wings by Fall 1999

University Expected to Award FEMA-Funded $16.7 Million Construction Contract This Week

Armed with federal funding approvals, Cal State Northridge this week is expected to award a $16.7 million contract to rebuild the earthquake-demolished wings of the Oviatt Library in time for a scheduled fall 1999 reopening.

The project as planned will not only rebuild the four-story, 107,000-square-foot east and west wings to virtually the same exterior appearance as before, but also provide an opportunity to make improvements in the core library building that survived the 1994 earthquake.

"When the Oviatt is back again, I think it's going to be a great day for the university," said Susan Curzon, dean of the university library. "I believe the students and the faculty are going to really, really enjoy the library when it is rebuilt."

Campus officials said the contract is due to be awarded to Morse Diesel International Inc., a New York-based firm that has managed construction on or built a range of high-profile projects including airport terminals, stadiums, casinos and university buildings.

The award will follow mid-May funding approvals by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for $16.1 million-most of the government funding needed to complete the wings project, with several other lesser allocations still being processed.

The new wings should have about the same size and capacity as their predecessors. The total library seating capacity of the core and wings is expected to return to about 3,400. The library houses nearly 1.1 million volumes and more than 3 million microforms.

Curzon said she insisted-and was promised-that the core of the Oviatt Library will remain open with normal hours during construction of the wings. There will, however, be periodic construction noise until the project's scheduled September 30, 1999, completion.

In one major change, the main structural system in the new wings will be cast-in-place concrete with reinforced sheer walls similar to that in the 1973 library core, instead of the braced steel frame system of the prior 1991 wings that fared poorly in the Northridge earthquake.

Originally, campus officials had hoped to repair the damaged library wings with a multimillion dollar project. But campus officials ultimately concluded the wings could not effectively be repaired and both were demolished during the university's 1997 summer break.
One visible difference in the new wings will be the addition of curtain walls-vertical sections of glass and aluminum frame-on the east, west and south elevations of the wings. They will join the wings' original concrete exterior panels, many of which are being reused.

The wings project was designed to the post-earthquake 1994 California Building Code, and includes disability and fire/life safety upgrades for the library core. Campus officials also hope to find enough savings and other funds to repaint and re-carpet the library core.

According to Curzon, the wings project includes plans to consolidate the library's recent newspaper, periodical and microform holdings to a single location on the fourth floor of the east wing, add new exhibition space and provide more room for the Friends of the Library group.

The wings also will include a 180-space "collaboratory" workstation area on the third floor of the east wing to encourage group work, an absolute quiet study zone on the lower level of the west wing, and a nearby 158-seat presentation room for lectures and meetings.

--John Chandler
CSUN Housing Crew Offers Helping Hand to Cal State L.A.

Northridge Workers Whittle Down Backlog of Student Housing Repairs at Los Angeles Campus

Offering aid to a sister campus, members of Cal State Northridge's student housing maintenance staff spent two days last week at Cal State Los Angeles helping whittle down that campus' large backlog of student housing repairs.

Although Cal State campuses typically do not share workers, Roger Frichette, CSUN's director of residential life and university conference services, said Northridge housing was absolutely current in its work and the Los Angeles campus had more than 1,000 back work orders.

"I thought it would be kind of nice if we could be good neighbors and provide some help," said Frichette, who used to work at the Los Angeles campus. "We're up-to-date within a day for all our maintenance request forms. The guys here do an excellent job of keeping up."

As a result, five to six rotating members of CSUN's 10-member housing maintenance staff spent Monday and Tuesday, May 18-19, at the Los Angeles campus fixing light fixtures, bathroom fans, window screens, locks, drywall, stucco and other problems in its student housing.

John Pedretti, assistant director for operations in CSUN student housing, said his crew took a vote and agreed to make the trek in a van rented by CSLA. "You can always learn from seeing a different operation. I think it was eye-opening," Pedretti said. The CSUN participants, along with Pedretti, were painter Jay Carrigan, maintenance mechanic Gary Young, locksmith Steve Reeves, and building maintenance workers Joe Garcia, Darrin Livingston, and Gene Sima.

Pedretti, a 29-year veteran of the Northridge campus, said of his student housing counterpart at Cal State L.A., "I know he was very grateful and moved we extended this helping hand. His words were, 'It's like a dream come true.'"

-John Chandler
Briefs

President, Faculty Senate Endorse Diversity

Cal State Northridge President Blenda J. Wilson and the university's Faculty Senate have endorsed a statement on the importance of diversity in higher education that also has been backed by more than 50 higher education organizations.

The statement notes, "Many colleges and universities share a common belief, born of experience, that diversity in their student bodies, faculties, and staff is important for them to fulfill their primary mission: providing a quality education. The public is entitled to know why these institutions believe so strongly that racial and ethnic diversity should be one factor among the many considered in admissions and hiring."

The statement then cites and elaborates on the following reasons: diversity enriches the educational experience; it promotes personal growth and a healthy society; it strengthens communities and the workplace, and it enhances America's economic competitiveness.

The statement concludes: "Achieving diversity on college campuses does not require quotas. Nor does diversity warrant admission of unqualified applicants. However, the diversity we seek, and the future of the nation, do require that colleges and universities continue to be able to reach out and make a conscious effort to build healthy and diverse learning environments appropriate for their missions. The success of higher education and the strength of our democracy depend on it."

Valley Secession Discussed

Those considering secession of the San Fernando Valley from Los Angeles should focus on defining problems that led to the drive before concluding that secession is the answer, according to a CSUN professor.

"Public policy is a public response to perceived public problems. But if we jump into policy discussions without an understanding of the problem, we put the cart before the horse," said Matthew Cahn, director of Cal State Northridge's Center for Southern California Studies.

Cahn, an associate professor of political science, spoke at a forum sponsored by the SAGE Society, a learning in retirement group affiliated with CSUN's College of Extended Learning. Issues discussed included access to city services, public safety, education and representation.

Cahn presented data suggesting that the Valley's return on its tax payments to the city does not leave it shortchanged. However, that notion was not accepted by many of the 100 people at the forum, many retired professionals living in the Valley.
The Valley's 1.6 million residents make up about 35 percent of the city's population. To secede, proponents must gather 150,000 signatures in a petition drive, and after cost and feasibility studies, win majority votes on a secession ballot measure in the Valley and the city.
Achievements

Publications


**Steven Oppenheimer** (Biology) co-authored with his students three poster papers: "Positively Charged Molecules Block Sperm-Egg Interaction," "Involvement of Lectin Receptors in Sea Urchin Embryo Development," and "Classification of Cells Based on New Surface Markers Identified with Derivatized Beads in a Standardized Distilled Water Microdrop Assay." They were presented at the Experimental Biology '98 annual national meeting in San Francisco in April. He also had portions of his invited address to the California State Board of Education and California Academic Standards Commission published in the newspaper of the Berkeley PTA Council, March-April 1998.

Oppenheimer also co-authored with his students a paper, "Accessing the Embryo Interior Without Microinjection," published in the international journal Actahistochemica (1998 Vol. 100, pp. 193-200), describing work using a new $340,000 confocal microscope that demonstrates it is possible to insert molecules into the interior of millions of embryos at a time without microinjection.

**Richard Squires** (Geological Sciences) was senior author of "Additions of the Late Paleocene Molluscan Fauna from the Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles County, Southern California" in The Veliger (Vol. 41, pp. 157-171).


Presentations

The Italian section of Cal State Northridge's department of modern and classical languages and literatures, along with the Language Learning Resource Center, presented a workshop on current teaching methodologies and technology enhanced Italian language acquisition. The May 2 workshop-organized by CSUN Italian section head Anthony
Costantini, LLRC Director Patricia Miller and Italian Cultural Attaché Rubens Piovano-was attended by high school faculty from Italian programs in Los Angeles, San Diego and Santa Barbara counties and the Palm Springs area.

About 25 participants attended the workshop, arranged in conjunction with the Italian Cultural Institute and the first of its kind on the West Coast to establish a cooperative relationship between Italian faculty and the K-12 teaching community.

James Allen and Eugene Turner (Geography) presented "Patterns of Ethnic Diversity Change in U.S. Urban Places" at the annual meeting of the Assn. of American Geographers, March 25-29 in Boston. In this research, they measured the relative ethnic diversity of more than 2,500 American towns and cities as of 1990, compared their results with 1980 findings, and focused particularly on the places with the greatest increase in diversity during the decade.

At the same meeting, geography department faculty members Robert Gohstand presented "Land Value in Turn-of-the-Century Moscow;" William Bowen presented "Creating Digital Atlases of the United States and Its Cities;" Gong-Yuh Lin presented "Ozone Trends in the South Coast Air Basin of California;" Darrick Danta organized and chaired a paper session "The Balkans: Geographic Perspectives on a Turbulent Region," and Eugene Turner conducted a workshop on the Internet and cartography.

Jerry Shaw (Psychology) gave a series of invited lectures at the International Symposium on Social Cognition held at the University of Stockholm, Sweden, in April. He also chaired a paper session on information processing and presented "Gathering Information to Form Impressions: Attribute Categories and Information Valence" at the annual convention of the Western Psychological Assn. in April in Albuquerque.

Johnie Scott (Pan-African Studies) presented "Images of Power, or Not?: Considerations on the African American Screen Images in Rosewood, Independence Day and Amistad" at the fourth annual Multidisciplinary Conference on African American Scholarship and Creativity held at Towson State University in Baltimore on April 25.

Jill Quilici (Psychology) presented "What Expert Statisticians Know" at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Assn. on April 17 in San Diego.

Ileana Costea (Civil and Manufacturing Engineering) presented "Collaborative Engineering on the Web" at the CESA T98.

Evelyn McClave (English) presented "You Have a Head for Language: Linguistic Uses of the Head in Conversation Among Americans" at the May 8-9 Conference on Language, Interaction and Culture at UCLA.

Gary Sanderson (National Center on Deafness) presented "Growth Stages for Sign Language Interpreters" at the first Postsecondary Education Programs Network Conference in Orlando, FL. He also delivered the keynote address at the Ohio State Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Conference and presented three seminars for educational interpreters for the Pennsylvania Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Eugene Fritsche (Geological Sciences) presented an invited lecture "Miocene Paleogeography of Southwestern California and Its Implications Regarding Basin Terminology" at San Diego State University, the San Joaquin Geological Society in Bakersfield, the Los Angeles Basin Geological Society in Long Beach, UCLA, Cal State Los Angeles and the South Coast Geological Society in Santa Ana.

John Schroeder (Philosophy) spoke on "Teaching the Heart-Parable and Anecdote" at the invited symposium on "Integrating Chinese Philosophy Into Philosophy Courses." Jacob Hale (Philosophy) chaired a session of the Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy on "Being One, Being Two: Issues of Identity and Marriage." James Kellenberger (Philosophy) participated in the "Author Meets Critics" session on his book "Relationship Morality." And Ronald McIntyre (Philosophy) chaired an invited symposium on Kierkegaard at the Pacific Division meeting of the American Philosophical Assn., March 26-27.

John Schroeder also chaired a panel concerning the "I Ching" and spoke on "Four Aspects of Yijing Understanding and Their Implications" at the International Society for Chinese Philosophy, which also met during the session.
Harry Murphy and Kirk Behnke (Center on Disabilities) conducted a one-week, train the trainers program on assistive technology in Dublin, Ireland, April 6-10.

Ryoichi Seki (Physics and Astronomy) organized an international workshop on "Nuclear Physics with Effective Theory" and presented "Lattice Regularization and Nuclear Matter" at Caltech on Feb. 26-27.

Alexis Krasilovsky (Radio-TV-Film) spoke at the Smith College Media Festival in Northampton, Mass. The festival also screened her video "What Memphis Needs." Her film "Epicenter U." was screened at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis about the impact of the Northridge earthquake on the CSUN community.

Ileana Costea (Civil and Manufacturing Engineering) was a member of the international program committee and the general chairperson of the Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Conference/Symposium in Tunisia, April 1-4. At the conference, she was interviewed for Radio Tunisia and for the official presidential daily newspaper. She also organized two sessions at CESA T98 in Hammamet, Tunisia in April, " Concurrent Engineering" and "Control and Open Manufacturing Systems," and chaired "Description and Control of Manufacturing Systems" and "Control Problems II." Costea also participated in the Round Table on Engineering Higher Education on April 2.

Gagik Melikyan (Chemistry) gave an invited talk, "Novel Transition Metal Directed Radical Reactions," at Cal State Los Angeles in February.

Honors/Awards

Kim Karloff (Journalism) has been appointed a teaching fellow for the 1998 Freedom Forum Teaching Fellows Program at Indiana University this summer. The national journalism forum (and its predecessor, the Gannett Foundation) selects 15 promising journalism scholars/teachers as fellows each year.

Marvin Harden (Art emeritus) was included in an invitational exhibition "Works on Paper" at Gail Harvey Gallery, Bergamot Station, in Santa Monica, March 21-April 25.

Catherine Jeppson (Accounting and Management Information Systems) has received the Community Service Award from the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Assn. of Government Accountants for her years of service to the volunteer income tax programs at CSUN.

Mike Batesole (Athletics) has been named Division I Baseball Coach of the Year by Collegiate Baseball magazine.

Ileana Costea (Civil and Manufacturing Engineering) was re-elected to a second term as president of Phi Beta Delta, CSUN Omega Chapter, April 17.

I-Shou Wang (Geography) was elected vice chair of the China Specialty Group of the Assn. of American Geographers at the group's annual meeting in Boston, March 25-29.

Gary Sanderson (National Center on Deafness) was presented with the Distinguished Service Award at the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Region V Conference.

The CSUN Jazz "A" and Studio Jazz bands directed by Matt Harris and Gary Pratt (Music) brought back several awards and plaques from the Reno Jazz Festival and the Fullerton College Jazz Festival. CSUN students swept the Individual Outstanding Musicianship categories and the bands took top awards in the Four-Year College Big Band category.

Also, several music students have won individual honors. They are Sarah Kleeman, first place, voice, and Naoko Takada, first place, instrumentalist, in the Sigma Alpha Iota, Pasadena Alumnae Chapter Music Scholarship Awards, and Sarah Kleeman, top award, voice category, Women's Committee of Glendale Symphony Orchestra competitions. Robin Sharp and Nick Stoup have been accepted to perform in the Aspen Summer Music Festival. Stoup also has been accepted to the elite National Orchestral Institute this summer.