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New Solar Installation in Student Parking Lot E6 is Among the Largest at California Public Universities

Cal State Northridge has completed one of the largest solar electric installations among California public universities, more than 3,000 solar panels that provide shade for student cars while also expected to save the campus more than $50,000 annually in energy costs.

The $1.8 million photovoltaic project stems from a partnership between the university's Physical Plant Management Department, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), the Southern California Gas Co. and Camarillo-based Shell Solar Industries, a local subsidiary of global energy provider Shell Group.

During the campus dedication ceremony for the new facility on Wednesday, Feb. 26, officials from DWP and The Gas Co. presented the university with incentive checks totaling more than $1.6 million.

"For the past two decades, Northridge has been very active in seeking new and innovative technologies to reduce its energy bills," said Mo Qayoumi, CSUN's vice president of administration and finance. "This project is a good example of the university's commitment to promoting environmentally friendly technologies, supporting energy conservation and reducing its energy costs."
Qayoumi added, "The project also represents an excellent example of the collaborative work between the 
academic and administrative divisions of the university, namely our College of Engineering and Computer 
Science and Physical Plant Management, as well as a model partnership between DWP, the Southern 
California Gas Co., Shell Solar Industries and CSUN."

The 3,024 Shell solar modules are doubling as shading in student parking lot E6 at the north end of the 
main campus south of Halsted Street, just east of the Art and Design Center. The panels can generate 75 
watts of power each, producing a peak capacity of 225 kilowatts.

Photovoltaic cells in the panels absorb the sun's rays, creating direct current power that is directed to a 
substation and ultimately fed into a power grid that distributes electricity throughout the campus.

In addition to saving energy, the use of photovoltaic cells is easing the campus' impact on the 
environment. According to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, using 225 kilowatts of 
photovoltaic power reduces carbon emissions by an amount equal to an average passenger car driving 
722,181 miles.

Chester Farris, senior vice president of Shell Solar, said solar is a logical choice for Cal State Northridge. 
"Solar energy makes sense. Shell solar modules are warranted for 25 years of pollution-free power 
production and they are made right here in Los Angeles," Farris said.

Angelina Galiteva, DWP executive director of Green L.A. programs, said "The installation of this newest 
solar system marks another step toward a cleaner environment in Los AngelesŠ. The savings realized by 
the university will allow more funds to be directed to educational and student programs."

The project also provided a team of CSUN engineering students an opportunity to use the skills they 
learned in the classroom. "It's probably been the greatest opportunity I've had so far in school," said Josh 
Gallo, a junior electrical engineering major who served as the project manager.

"I was able to apply what I learned in the classroom to a real-world situation. In the classroom, you deal 
with numbers and a lot of math. But working on this project I really learned what it takes to get something 
built and how to deal with all sorts of people," Gallo said.

CSUN is considered a leader in energy conservation among universities across the country. The university 
was hailed two years ago by the Clean Air Coalition for its use of alternative energy. In 2001, the campus 
installed six micro turbines through a partnership with the South Coast Air Quality Management District 
and DWP as another energy-saving measure.
FYI

For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items generally is noon on Monday, one week before the issue appears.

The deadline for the April 7 issue is Tuesday, April 1. We 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. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi-mea ns for more information.

Events

Tuesday, March 25

Day of Diversity Forum

The Educational Equity Committee is hosting a daylong forum titled "Diversity Through the Disciplines" in the USU Northridge Center.

The schedule of events is:

- Street Poets United, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- CSUN marimba band and South Asian Student Association dance troupe, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
- Health science panel, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
- Viewing/discussion of PBS special "Muslims" Part I, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
- Viewing/discussion of PBS special "Muslims" Part II, 23:15 p.m.
- American Indian Studies panel: Innovative Curricular Ideas, 23:15 p.m.
- CSUN Positive Space Ally Training: Creating Safe, Supportive Environments for Gay, Lesbian and Transgender People, 24 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 25
The U.S. at War: How Did We Get Here?

The University Impact of War Committee is hosting a teach-in/campus forum on "The U.S. at War: How Did We Get Here?" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the USU Performing Arts Center. Cynthia Rawitch, associate dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, will moderate the discussion featuring faculty members including Amir Hussain (Religious Studies), Michael Meyer (History), Nayereh Tohidi (Women's Studies) and others. A question and answer session will follow.

Wednesday, March 26

Mollie Gregory Lecture


Thursday, March 27

Carswell Story Reading

The English Department is sponsoring a public reading by novelist, editor and publisher Sean Carswell, who will read from his new story collection titled "Glue and Ink Rebellion." 7 p.m. in Jerome Richfield Hall, room 304. fmix3431.

Friday, March 28

History Lecture

The History Department is hosting its annual W.P. Whitsett lecture at 8 p.m. in the USU Grand Salon. Leonard Pitt, professor emeritus of history, will present "The Quiet Revolution: The History of Neighborhood Empowerment in Los Angeles since 1850." The lecture will be preceded by a 5:30 p.m. reception and 6:30 p.m. dinner. fmix3566.

Wednesday, April 2

Philosophy Lecture

The Philosophy Department will present a public lecture titled "Regret and Unified Agency." 4 p.m. in Sierra Hall, Whitsett Room 451. Guest speaker is Ted Hinchman, assistant professor of philosophy at Claremont-McKenna College. fmix2757 or www.csun.edu/~philos33.

Thursday, April 3

Education Expo

The Career Center invites student teachers, graduate students, undergrads and alumni to its 2003 Education Expo from noon to 5 p.m. at the USU Northridge Center. University administrators will be present, so bring personal resumes, placement files and be prepared to be interviewed. fmix2878 or www.csun.edu/career.

Thursday, April 3

Rally with Ed Asner

The Northridge chapter of the California Faculty Association invites the campus to a rally featuring activist and former
Screen Actors Guild President Ed Asner. The rally with the Emmy Award-winning actor will address issues ranging from peace in the Middle East to the future of the California State University in light of the state budget. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on the Oviatt Library lawn. All campus and the community members are welcome. fmiCFA Northridge web site, library.csun.edu/calfac/

Saturday, April 5

Nutrition College Bowl

The Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics is sponsoring Nutrition College Bowl, a quiz show-style competition with teams from CSUN and several other Southern California universities. After the competition, Ann Coulsten, past president of the American Dietetic Association, will present a one-hour lecture on "Keeping Your Eye on the Ball: Applications of Leadership Theory." 8 a.m. to noon in Sequoia Hall 104. Free for students and $25 for professionals seeking continuing education units. fmix3102.

Wednesday, April 9

Nutrition Lecture

The Marilyn Magaram Center is sponsoring a lecture by nutrition professor Dr. Carol Koprowski titled "Diet and Breast Cancer: Does What a Woman Eats Make a Difference?" 45 p.m. in the Marilyn Magaram Center, Sequoia Hall room 103. fmiKristen Rumsey, x3102.

Wednesday, April 9

Faculty Literary Symposium

The Chicano/a Studies Department invites the public to "A Faculty Literary Symposium II: Words Unmasked." Faculty members Diana Contreras, Lorenzo Flores, Ramon Garcia, Mark Joslin, Gerry Meraz and Roberta Orona-Cordova will read their works and Margarita Nieto will moderate. 7 p.m. in the Oviatt Library presentation room. Refreshments will be served. fmix2734.

Friday, April 18

Professors Golf Tournament

The Professors Golf Association will celebrate spring break with a golf tournament starting at 10 a.m. at the Simi Hills Golf Course. The tournament fee is $48, which includes cart, green fees and prizes. All ability levels are welcome. fmileland.gassert@csun.edu.

Saturday, April 26

5K Run, Walk & Roll

The Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled and its support group invite the public to the second annual CSUN Run, Walk and Roll fundraiser to help equip its new aquatic therapy center. Registration and packet pick-up begins at 6:30 a.m. and races start at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration fees are $20 for entries before April 20 and $25 for entries the day of the race. Register online or by mail. fmix3462.

Public Meetings
Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Meets 1:155 p.m. Wed., March 26 and Wed., April 2
University Hall 277

Senate Executive Committee

Meets 15 p.m. Thu., March 27
University Hall 277

University Park-North Campus Development Corp. Board

Meets 9 a.m. Mon., April 7
University Hall 250

Christian Faculty & Staff Association

Meets noon every 2nd and 4th Thursday
USU Thousand Oaks Room

A.S. Senate

Meets 2 p.m. every Tuesday
USU Grand Salon

Notices

Chemistry Department Appointment

Provost Louanne Kennedy has announced the appointment of K. Omar Zahir as chair of the Chemistry Department for a three-year term effective August 20, 2003. The appointment was based on the recommendation of Dean Edward Carroll of the College of Science and Mathematics.

Summer Session Catalogs

Summer Session catalogs will be available starting Wed., March 26. The first of three summer sessions starts June 2. Professional and personal development classes for continuing education will be offered. Catalogs are available from the College of Extended Learning in the Matador Bookstore Complex, room 100. fmix2786 or www.csun.edu/exl.

Emergency Phone Changes

Starting Sat., March 29, those seeking emergency assistance from any campus phone or pay phone should call 911 instead of 9-911. Those using student housing phones will continue to call 9-911. For non-emergency campus issues, call x2111 from all campus phones. When calling from a cell phone, the emergency assistance number is (818) 677-2111.

Israeli-Palestinian Presentations

Professors Jody Myers (Religious Studies) and Mehran Kamrava (Political Science) are offering two presentations on
the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and recent peace negotiations. The program includes a PowerPoint presentation followed by a question and answer session. Available times are Tuesdays, April 8 & 29, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The professors are seeking instructors who want their classes to participate. To schedule a presentation, contact Jody Myers, x3007 or jody.myers@csun.edu.

Work-Study Meeting

All departments, programs and research directors interested in hiring federal work-study students in 2003-2004 must send at least one representative to one of the following meetings:

- Wed., April 16, 14 p.m. (newcomers)
- Tue., May 6, 14 p.m.
- Wed., May 7, 9 a.m. to noon (newcomers)
- Tue., May 13, 9 a.m. to noon

All work-study supervisors are encouraged to attend. Newcomer sessions are appropriate for supervisors who have not participated in the work-study program or have participated for less than three years. All meetings will be in the Oviatt Library presentation room. For reservations, call Josie Carbajal, x3875 or e-mail work.study@csun.edu.

Classes

ITR Computer Workshops

ITR is offering the following workshops in the Oviatt Library, garden level, room 30, Windows 2000 Lab (except as noted):

- Fireworks 4 Basics: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tue., March 25.
- Dreamweaver 4 Formatting Features: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tue., March 25, Oviatt Library room 33.
- PowerPoint Basics: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Thu., March 27. To enroll in classes, call x2204 or e-mail training@csun.edu.

Faculty CELT Program

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching is offering the following program to faculty members: Teaching for Peace and Justice from 12:30-2 p.m. Thu., March 27, in Sierra Hall, CELT conference room 439. Space is limited. For reservations, contact Kelly Kroeker, x6536 or kelly.kroeker@csun.edu. fmi www.csun.edu/~celtact.

Health/Safety Workshop

The Office of Environmental Health and Occupational Safety offers a variety of health and safety workshops. For reservations and location, call x2401. The following class is upcoming: Fire Extinguisher Training, 10-11:30 a.m. Thu., March 27.

Professional Development

The Office of Human Resource Services is offering a series of professional development workshops. The programs are open to faculty, staff, student assistants, Associated Students, Student Union and Foundation employees but not to employees of the University Corporation. The workshops will be held in the Oviatt Library, garden level, HR training room 16. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms are available at the Human Resources office. Completed forms should be returned to the Office of Human Resource Services, mail drop 8229 or faxed to
Managing Exceptional Customer Service: 8:30 a.m. to noon, Tue., March 25.
Tax Sheltered Annuities: 1011:30 a.m. Wed., April 2.

Faculty Computer Workshops

The offices of Undergraduate Studies and Online Instruction are sponsoring faculty computer workshops to facilitate online teaching and learning. All workshops will be held in Sierra Hall, fourth floor, room 422. Any of the workshops may be taken individually and assume no prior knowledge. Before taking a workshop, you must sign up for a WebCT, Blackboard or Flashlight account on that particular topic at www.csun.edu/~webteach/account.html. For reservations, call x6558. The following courses are upcoming:

- Flashlight: 23 p.m. Thu., March 27.
- HyperNews: 23 p.m. Thu., April 3.
- PowerPoint: 23 p.m. Fri., April 4.

Deadlines

Human Subjects Research Approval

All faculty and students performing research including the use of human subjects must complete a Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. An original form and nine copies should be submitted to the Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. The next deadline for submissions is Tue., March 25. The next committee meeting is Tue., April 8. Protocol submission forms are available at the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265 or can be downloaded from www.csun.edu/research. x5956.

Sigma Xi Award Nominations

Sigma Xi, the scientific research society, is accepting nominations for the following awards in recognition of outstanding contributions in furthering the cause of science:

- The George Lefevre Outstanding Researcher to a CSUN faculty member for outstanding contributions in the areas of research and related teaching.
- Outstanding Support Staff for technical or clerical staff members.
- Pre-College Science/Math Teacher Recognition for achievements by a high school or middle school teacher in science or math.

Nominations must be received by Fri., April 4 in the Kinesiology building, room 3205 by mail drop 8287. fmiBill Whiting, x4917.

Graduating Seniors Award

The 2003 Graduating Seniors Award will recognize four graduating seniors with $1,000 awards for academic excellence, service to the community and campus, and exceptional achievements or having overcome personal life circumstances. Winners will be presented at the university's Honors Convocation on Tue., May 27. Applications are available at the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, University Hall, room 310. The submission deadline is Mon., April 7. x5956.
Recorded Campus Information Lines

As part of its preparedness program, the university has established the following recorded information lines to provide updates on campus status as circumstances warrant. Please save these for future use:

Faculty-Staff Info Line
1-(800) 926-4826

Student-Community Info Line
1-(877) 671-CSUN (2786)
The Associated Students Ticket Office is in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, excepted for some held by outside groups. The ticket office is open from 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. Mon.-Fri.. For prices not given, call (818) 677-3093, or x2488.

Art

Admission is free unless otherwise specified.

Polar Exploration and Scientific Expeditions

An exhibit featuring books, photographs, scientific papers and memorabilia from the Arnold Court Collection. Court was a professor in CSUN's Geography Department and a meteorologist with Admiral Byrd's 1939 Antarctic expedition. Peter Brueggeman, director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Library at UC San Diego, will speak and show slides titled "Diving Under Antarctic Ice" at the exhibit's opening.
Opening reception: Wed., March 12, 6 p.m.
Through Fri., April 11
Oviatt Library Exhibition Area

Masks: The Spirit of Michoacan

Mask exhibit at the Anaheim Museum, 241 S. Anaheim Blvd., features the art of Juan Horta Castillo. The artist's innovative work fuses ancient Michoacan and contemporary styles with international influences. CSUN journalism chair Kent Kirkton is curator of the exhibit. For more information and admission prices, call (714) 778-3301. Through Sun., April 13, 2003.

Spiritual Expressions: Rassouli-Jenik-Mozafarian

Surrealist works by three American-Iranian artists from Southern California that share their rich symbolism of Persian mystic poetry.
Extended through May 2003.
Performing Arts Center Gallery

L.A. Stories: The Power of One
The photography of CSUN students and faculty, featuring dramatic black and white portraits of people who have made tough choices that have impacted their communities, is featured in this exhibit. Though Sun., May 4 L.A. Central Library, Fifth and Flower streets in downtown L.A.

Earth, Wind and Solar

An exhibit featuring international ecology posters that demonstrates how international artists have utilized the political poster during the past four decades to strengthen the impact of global ecology movements. Opening reception: Sat., March 22, 24 p.m. Sat., March 22 through Sat., April 26 Main Art Gallery

Athletics (home games)

Men's Baseball

3/25 Pepperdine 2 p.m. 4/11 Cal State Fullerton 3 p.m. 
4/12 Cal State Fullerton 1 p.m. 
4/13 Cal State Fullerton 1 p.m.

Women's Softball

4/5 Cal State Fullerton (DH) Noon 
4/6 Cal State Fullerton Noon 
4/12 Utah State (DH) Noon 
4/13 Utah State Noon

Women's Tennis

3/26 UC Santa Barbara 2 p.m. 
4/10 UC Irvine 2 p.m.

Men's Volleyball

3/27 UCLA 7 p.m. 
4/4 La Verne 7 p.m. 
4/11 UC San Diego 7 p.m.

Women's Water Polo

3/25 Cal State Hayward 4 p.m. 
4/6 UC Santa Cruz 11 a.m.

Dance
Taylor 2

Part of the CSUNDance series, Taylor 2 is comprised of six professionals who perform Taylor's repertory.
Sat., March 29, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$30 front orchestra; $20 rear orchestra

State Street Ballet

Part of the CSUNDance Series, the State Street Ballet performs Shakespeare's classic "Romeo and Juliet."
Sat., April 26, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$30 front orchestra; $20 rear orchestra

Film

Cinematheque's 'Film Noir'

CSUN's Department of Cinema and Television Arts presents its Cinematheque spring series "Film Noir" featuring cinema and television classics. The screenings are free and take place every Wednesday and Thursday in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.csuncinematheque.com.

Noir Hollywood

Featuring "In a Lonely Place," "Sunset Boulevard" and Johnny Staccato episode "Solomon."
Wed., March 26, 711 p.m.

Noir Hollywood and Bourgeois Crime

Featuring "The Big Knife" and "The Big Clock."
Thu., March 27, 711 p.m.

French Film Noir

Featuring "Ascenseur pour l'enchaufaud (Elevator to the Gallows)" and "Le Doulos."
Wed., April 2, 711 p.m.

French Film Noir

Featuring "Le Trou (The Night Watch)" and "Monsieur Hire."
Thu., April 3, 711 p.m.

Black Noir

Featuring "One False Move" and "Deep Cover."
Wed., April 9, 711 p.m.
T.V. Noir

Featuring "The Fugitive" and "The Untouchables."
Thu., April 10, 7:11 p.m.

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $5 students.

American Guitar Society International Concert Series

Guitarist Carles Pons I Altés from Spain performs. Sat., March 29, 8 p.m. $12 general; $10 AGS members; $8 seniors and students

Faculty Artist Series

Karen Ervin Pershing performs works by Sifler, Bach, Kessner, Shostakovich, Soloman and Britten. Wed., April 2, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

Inti-Illimani

Part of the Stars at the PAC series, the Chilean group Inti-Illimani performs music of the 1973 coup d'état martyr, Victor Jara.
Fri.Sat., April 45, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$25 front orchestra; $20 rear orchestra, $15 students

From the Studio of Julia Heinen

Clarinet students perform varied works.
Mon., April 7, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

The Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra

A part of the Jazz @ Night series. The Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra is an all-star lineup of Los Angeles-based musicians.
Sat., April 12, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$30 front orchestra; $20 rear orchestra

The Diamonds and The Coasters: Forever Doo-Wop

Part of the Show of the Month in the PAC series, doo-wop groups The Diamonds and Billy Richards¹ The Coasters perform their greatest hits.
Sun., April 13, 2 and 6 p.m.
Performing Arts Center $30

St. Petersburg String Quartet
A part of the Music Guild Series. The St. Petersburg String Quartet was formed in 1985 by graduates of the Leningrad Conservatory.

Mon., April 14, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$26 front orchestra; $23 rear orchestra

Theater/Performance

The Medium and The Face on the Bar Room Floor

A double-bill of modern American one-act operas. Stage direction by Eli Villanueva and musical direction by David Aks.

Fri., March 28, 8 p.m.
Sat., March 29, 8 p.m.
Sun., March 30, 3 p.m.
Fri., April 4, 8 p.m.
Sat., April 5, 8 p.m.
Sun., April 6, 3 p.m.
Little Theater
$15 general; $10 faculty, staff, students and seniors

Planetarium Sky Tours

The Donald E. Bianchi Planetarium at CSUN hosts Sky Tour star talks exploring the splendors of the night sky. Recommended for ages 8 and above. Tickets can be ordered in advance by calling (818) 677-2488 or be purchased at the door before show time.

7 p.m. Saturday, April 5
April 19 No show due to spring break
Donald E. Bianchi Planetarium on the west side of Science 3 Building.
Recommended parking is Lot G4 along Zelzah Ave.
$5 adults and $3 children