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Dorothea "Granny" Heitz, alumna whose "spirit squad" members were campus ambassadors in the 1960s, is pictured above at Volunteer Service Awards event with President Jolene Koester and attorney I. Allan Oberman.

University Honors Top Volunteers at Annual Awards Event

Attorney I. Allan Oberman, Journalist Robert Rawitch Receive Heitz Awards for Outstanding Leadership

Fifteen of Cal State Northridge's most active alumni, faculty and community friends received Volunteer Service Awards, the university's highest tribute to volunteers, at a campus luncheon and ceremony in November. Five major individual volunteer leadership awards also were presented at the event.

"Service and volunteerism are at the heart of our great university," said President Jolene Koester, who delivered greetings at the Alumni Association's second annual event honoring volunteers. "Our volunteers help shape the future of our institution, contribute to its vitality, and enhance the lives of thousands of students."

"The Service Award event," added Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations D. G. "Gray" Mounger, "provides a way to recognize and thank those who selflessly give their time and resources to help fulfill Cal State Northridge's mission."

The Dorothea "Granny" Heitz Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership, named for the alumna whose self-styled "spirit squad" members became unofficial campus ambassadors in the 1960s, were presented to two longtime...
friends of the university, attorney I. Allan Oberman and Robert Rawitch, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist (right).

During his tenure as Alumni Association president, Oberman helped launch the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Emeriti Merit Award. He was instrumental in negotiating partnership agreements guaranteeing funding of nearly $1.5 million in private support of university programs and scholarships.

Rawitch, who earned a Pulitzer Prize for his Los Angeles Times coverage of the 1994 Northridge earthquake, has served on the boards of the Journalism Alumni Association, the University Corporation and the Cal State Northridge Foundation.

Receiving Emeriti Merit Awards were Gwen Brewer, English professor emeritus, and medical historian Vern Bullough, history professor emeritus. Brewer, whose 28-year CSUN career included her work with the Department of Secondary Education and a term as director of composition in the English Department, recently completed her term as president of the Association of Retired Faculty.

Bullough, an international authority on the history of sexual practices and the history of nursing, founded and directed Northridge's Center for Sex Research. He and Brewer, married five years ago, are active university supporters.

The Alumni Association Service to Society Recognition went to alumna and Teacher Curriculum Center librarian Karin Duran. For nearly 30 years, Duran has taught a Chicano/a Studies class training students in research methods and information processes. Nearly every student majoring in Chicano/a Studies has been taught and mentored by the librarian.

Recipients of Volunteer Service Awards were:

Milton Valera, veteran journalist and alumnus who is president of the National Notary Association, past president of the Journalism Alumni Association and member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Deborah Feldman, attorney who serves as advisory board member of the Dean's Council, the Family Business Center and the Center for Real Estate.

Deborah Leidner, Los Angeles Unified School District A Superintendent, who assists with the university's Teachers for a New Era Initiative and helps design course curricula and class lectures. Brigid Baty of the Metropolitan Water District, the alumna who helped develop a civil engineering design course that has become a program model.

Sam Sokolow, retired economist and active Gerontology Program volunteer, a founding member of Study, Activity, Growth and Enrichment (SAGE), the College of Extended Learning's learning-in-retirement organization.

Susan Tartakoff, a client of the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled, who helped raise more than $100,000 for the Abbott and Linda Brown Western Center for Adaptive Aquatic Therapy.

Hermine Mahseredjian, faculty member and a key figure in the establishment of the Armenian Student Association and the Association of Armenian Alumni.

Jeffrey Holt of the Mountain Geology, Inc., consulting firm of professional engineering geologists, who advises the Geological Sciences Department on "real world" geologic services issues.
Wendy Machlovitz, a history alumna central to the creation and coordination of the Natchez Project—a research effort led by history professor Ronald Davis that is focused on antebellum courthouse records in Natchez, Miss.—as well as its related student internship program and the Biennial Historic Natchez Conference.

Tina Fitzpatrick, longtime member of the Matador Athletic Association Board of Directors and volunteer chairperson for "Matador Mania," a major fundraiser for Intercollegiate Athletics.

David Honda, former race car driver, president of D.S. Honda Construction Inc. and an active alumnus who has chaired the Foundation Board of Directors and served on the North Campus-University Park Development Corporation Committee and the President's Associates.


Earl Weiss, attorney, certified public accountant, chair of the Accounting and Information Systems Department and committed supporter of the Accounting and Information Systems Alumni Chapter.

Carole Shepherd, entrepreneur and immediate past president of the new Health Administration Alumni Chapter, who increased the chapter's membership and hosted events in support of the Health Administration Program.

Nolan Stewart, recreation therapy advocate, educator and alumnus who helped create the Recreation Alumni Chapter, and whose psychosocial rehabilitation programs have contributed to the discipline at Northridge.
During a tour of the university's "Rising Above Jim Crow" exhibit, Arts Council for CSUN docent Carol Dondick of Northridge discusses with schoolchildren details of a Johnnie Lee Gray work. Gray's paintings depict African-American life under the shadow of segregation.

Young Minds, Hearts Experience ÔRising Above Jim Crow'

New York Life Insurance Company Brings Hundreds of Schoolchildren to View Artist's Vision of Jim Crow Era

Cultural dividends from Cal State Northridge's exhibition of "Rising Above Jim Crow: The Paintings of Johnnie Lee Gray" were paid to crowds of "deeply interested" schoolchildren treated to tours during the last four days of the show's five-week exclusive West Coast run in the university's Art Galleries.

Sponsored by New York Life Insurance Company, the exhibition which concluded on November 15 offered self-taught South Carolina artist Johnnie Lee Gray's personal vision of African-American life in the segregated South.

"Schoolchildren always respond well to seeing actual art," said Art Gallery Director Louise Lewis. "It is as revealing to adults and teachers as it is to the students, to hear their comments and the way they see the images."

Bus transportation for the student tours was underwritten by New York Life, and Art Galleries exhibitions coordinator Michelle Giacopuzzi worked directly with area schools on tour arrangements, scheduling each on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participating elementary schools included Germain, Coldwater, Chatsworth Park, Calabash, Knollwood, Castlebay Lane and the Multicultural Learning Center. Contingents from James Monroe High School also attended.
Arts Council for CSUN docents and Northridge art history graduate students helped the nearly 440 Los Angeles Unified School District students gain insight into the 35 Gray paintings on view, and answered their many enthusiastic questions.

"Why did the artist use so much blue?" asked several students. Tour leaders explained that Gray, a textile mill worker and carpenter who died in 2000, bought what art supplies he could afford; blue simply was the cheapest color available.

Docents said the students were especially drawn to the humor and perspective of paintings such as "Colored Night at the Fair" and "Matinee at the Ritz," and to the drama of "Cloud of Witnesses," the exhibition's panoramic view of African American life. These and other paintings from the "Rising Above Jim Crow" exhibit can be viewed online at www.jimcrowhistory.org, the New York Life-sponsored educational Web site for which Northridge history professor Ronald Davis was principal historical coordinator.

"A number of the teachers had pulled up the lesson plans from the Web site about Jim Crow," Giacopuzzi said. "As a result, many of the students came well prepared on the Jim Crow subject matter."

Some of the teachers attending the exhibition had lived in the South at the time that Jim Crow segregation laws were in effect. "The exhibit had a great deal of meaning for them," Giacopuzzi observed. "They wanted their students to learn about this period of American history."

For information about future gallery exhibitions or to book a docent-led tour, call Giacopuzzi at (818) 677-2156.
Carrie Saetermoe Earns Excellence in Mentoring Award

Psychology Professor Runs Mentoring Program for Latino Youth at Educational Risk

As a child, psychology professor Carrie Saetermoe watched tanks roll down the streets of Detroit. The sight of war machines in ordinary neighborhoods was shocking, but for Saetermoe, the lasting mental imprint came from the conditions that led to the spectacle.

"The street riots represented frustration with poverty," she said. "After years of reading and thinking, I concluded that the most significant conduit for social change might be college—helping young people identify and realize their dreams through education."

Northridge's Faculty Mentor Program in November acknowledged Saetermoe's dedication, naming her winner of the university's 2002-2003 Don Dorsey Excellence in Mentoring Award.

The annual award recognizes exceptional faculty mentors who take a personal as well as an academic approach to mentoring, and who support the university's commitment to the success of students who represent diverse backgrounds and communities. Established in 1998, it is named after Donald Dorsey, the professor of educational psychology and counseling who helped develop Northridge's first mentor training program.

Representative of Saetermoe's mentoring work is Life Chances for L.A. Youth, a program that targets Latino youth because, Saetermoe says, they are at greatest educational risk, and Los Angeles' many ethnically homogeneous schools offer a natural "laboratory" for her work.

In the program, more than 45 Northridge students mentor roughly 70 high schoolers, primarily from Monroe High School. Together with their families, the youngsters regularly visit the university for education and support. In turn, mentors pay weekly visits to Monroe for talks with students in detention about goals, study habits and issues that influence academic achievement. A major tutoring component is being added, Saetermoe said.

"Our awards selection committee was impressed by the breadth and depth of Professor Saetermoe's mentoring contributions to CSUN," said Glenn Omatsu, Faculty Mentor Program coordinator. "We were especially moved by the nomination letters written by her current students."

"It has always been my dream to generate social change by training scholars," Saetermoe said. "Now that some of my students are professors, I can see how mentoring can spread as they, themselves, mentor..."
students."

The Faculty Mentor Program, whose Web site is www.csun.edu/eop/htdocs/fmp.html, provides mentoring services, training and resources for Northridge faculty, staff and students.
News Briefs

Parking Lot Solar Panels to Provide Power, Shade

A Physical Plant Management (PPM) project installing more than 2900 solar modules in the B2 faculty/staff parking lot, located between Darby Avenue and West University Drive/Etiwanda Avenue in the campus' southwestern sector, is expected to reduce Cal State Northridge's electrical energy cost by $100,000 per year.

In addition to the hefty savings, the broad photovoltaic panels will provide faculty and staff with abundant shade during warm weather, along with an environmental bonus: a reduction in carbon emissions by an amount equal to what an average passenger car produces on a 1.48 million-mile drive.

Northridge's College of Engineering and Computer Science is working with PPM on the project, which will feed solar energy directly to the high voltage infrastructure that powers many campus buildings, said Thomas Brown, PPM director. The college has committed a complement of engineering student majors for portions of the construction and for internship assignments.

Up to 50 percent of the projected $3.4 million cost will be handled by the Southern California Gas Company through a rebate from the California Public Utilities Commission, Brown said.

With each solar panel producing 160 watts of power, the project's peak 467,000-watt generating capacity is about twice that of the student parking Lot E6 photovoltaic project at the northern end of campus.

Final touches on the shade-giving project should be complete by summer 2004, Brown said. Upon completion, the only difference in access to the lot will be a maximum height limitation of eight feet two inches, to ensure that a vehicle taller than the shade structure does not enter the lot. Brown noted that even with the height limit, most large passenger vehicles and pick-up trucks should have no trouble using the lot.

The same number of parking spaces—508—will be available for use as before the project began, Brown added. While construction is underway, spaces will remain accessible except for those in the row where panels are being installed, resulting in a parking space loss of less than 20 percent at a time.

Since the bulk of the work will take place during the semester break, noted PPM administrative analyst/specialist James Valiensi, any inconvenience will be held to a minimum.

For more information, call PPM at (818) 677-2325.
Scholars, Artists Pay Tribute to Music Professor Emeritus

Acclaimed Hispanic artists and academics from around the world pay tribute to Cal State Northridge music professor emeritus Aurelio de la Vega in the latest issue of Encuentro, an international magazine that celebrates Cuban culture.

Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana, a Madrid-based international association dedicated to Cuban culture, devoted much of its spring/summer 2003 magazine to the life and contributions of the celebrated composer, essayist and lecturer.

"It's a big, big honor," said de la Vega, whose frequently performed body of work ranges from symphonic pieces to electronic music. "What they have written has moved me deeply."

Cuban-American pianist Martha Marchena—who performs on a recently released recording of de la Vega's "Complete Piano Works"—will play selections from the recording in a campus Music Recital Hall performance set for 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Encuentro essayists examine de la Vega's contributions to music, the historical importance of his creative output and his extensive activities as a composer.

Contributors included historian Rafael Rojas, a member of Mexico's Institute of Economic and Educational Investigations; poet and essayist Enrico Mario Sant’, professor of Latin American literature at the University of Kentucky; Carlos Luis, art historian and painter; Angel Marrero, painter and graphic designer; Nivaria Tejera, novelist and poet; poet Laura Ymayo Tartakoff, professor of jurisprudence at Case Western Reserve University; and painter/essayist Ramón Alejandro.

An interview with de la Vega by poet/essayist Néstor Diaz de Villegas, columnist for the Miami Herald, also is part of the tribute.

Havana-born de la Vega was dean of Cuba's School of Music at Universidad de Oriente and music advisor to its National Institute of Culture. In 1959, he became a music professor at San Fernando Valley State College, now Cal State Northridge.

De la Vega retired from the university in 1993 but continues to compose, write and travel the world, lecturing.

Sam Britten, or "Dr. Sam," is joined by Interim Provost Linda Bain (far left), College of Health and Human Development Dean Helen Castillo, and Kinesiology Department chair Carole Oglesby (far right), at a retirement tribute to Britten's 45 years at Northridge. Britten founded and directed the Abbott and Linda Brown Western Center for Adaptive Aquatic Therapy and the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled.
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 Feb. 2 issue is Monday, Jan. 26. 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—means for more information.

Events

Friday, Dec. 12

Professors Golf Association Tournament

The Cal State Northridge Professors Golf Association sponsors a golf tournament at 10 a.m. at Vista Valencia Golf Course, 24700 W. Trevino, Valencia. Faculty and staff, regardless of skill level, are invited. The $46 fee includes greens fees, prize money and cart. Registration and fmi—Lee Gassert, (818) 998-3021, or leland.gassert@csun.edu.

Public Meetings

Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2Ð4 p.m. Tue., Dec. 9
University Hall 211

Christian Faculty & Staff Association

Meets noon Thu., Dec. 11
University Student Union
Thousand Oaks Room

**Personnel Planning and Review Committee**

Meets 1:15Ð5 p.m. Wed., Feb. 4
University Hall 277

**Educational Policies Committee**

Meets 2Ð4 p.m. Wed., Dec. 17 and Feb. 4
University Hall 211

**Senate Executive Committee**

Meets 1Ð5 p.m. Thu., Feb. 5
University Hall 277

**Academic Technology Committee**

Meets 2Ð4 p.m. Fri., Feb. 6
University Hall 211

**University Planning & Budget Group**

Meets 10 a.m. to noon Fri., Feb. 6
University Hall 277

**Educational Equity Committee**

Meets 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon., Feb. 9
University Hall 211

**Notices**

**Research and Grants Awards Competition**

The Research and Grants Committee announces the 2004Ð2005 Competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards, providing faculty with the opportunity to receive up to $5,000 for scholarly and creative pursuits. Faculty may apply for three units of released time and/or funds for project expenses. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Fri., Feb. 27, 2004. Application materials are available in college and department offices or in Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265. Faculty may also download applications from [www.csun.edu/research/1Research/Competition.htm](http://www.csun.edu/research/1Research/Competition.htm).

**Winter Term Registration**

Winter term registration has begun. Classes will run from Mon., Jan. 5 through Fri., Jan. 30. Students may register online, by mail or in person at the College of Extended Learning registration area, Matador Bookstore Complex, room 100. More than 100 university credit courses will be available. The College of Extended Learning also offers...
professional development and certificate programs for the community, a master of public administration program and test preparation classes. fmiDx2786, or www.csun.edu/exl.

Library West Wing Remodeling Project

The Oviatt Library's second floor West Wing will be closed until the end of January 2004, during completion of a remodeling project that will accommodate the Tseng collection of Chinese antiquities. Entrepreneur Roland Tseng recently pledged to the university a collection valued at up to $38 million for public display and academic study. For the duration of the remodeling project, Special Collections & Archives will relocate to Oviatt, room 314. fmiDSusan Parker, x2272.

University E-Mail Storage Quota Policy

The Academic Technology Committee of the Faculty Senate has developed a university e-mail quota policy to ensure that enough disk space for e-mail storage is available for all campus e-mail users, and to manage use of the e-mail resource.

Approved university policy, available for review at www.csun.edu/policy/quotas.html, defines the default maximum e-mail storage limit as 30 megabytes per faculty or staff member. As the campus moves closer to the projected date when the 30 megabyte limit will be fully enforced June 1, 2004, maximum e-mail storage limits will be phased in as follows:

- 300 megabytes by February 1, 2004
- 200 megabytes by March 1, 2004
- 100 megabytes by April 1, 2004

Users can reduce the amount of e-mail they have stored on the campus e-mail server by purging deleted e-mail messages, deleting unnecessary copies of old e-mail, storing needed attachments or by copying old e-mail messages onto their personal computers. fmiDUniversity Help Desk, x1400 or at helpdesk@csun.edu.

China Institute Scholarship

Undergraduate and graduate students in all fields of study may apply for up to two awards from the China Scholarship Council to support a full year of study during the 2004Ð2005 academic year at a selected institute of higher learning in China. The deadline is Feb. 14, 2004. fmiDx2138, or zsu@csun.edu.

China Institute 2004Ð2005 Faculty Development Grant

Cal State Northridge faculty with an interest in China have an opportunity to obtain $1,000 grants from the China Institute to start a project or study in their discipline to advance the field of China Studies. Applicants should submit written proposals and resumes, in Word file form, to China Institute Director Justine Su via e-mail: zsu@csun.edu. The deadline is Feb. 14, 2004. fmiDx2138, or zsu@csun.edu.

University Student Union Renovation

The University Student Union is undergoing major renovation. Although some services are being relocated within the existing facility, all services will be open throughout the two years of the project. Maps showing building access points are being sent via campus mail and posted at USU entrances. The Satellite Student Union will not be affected by the renovation. fmiDx2491, or usu.csun.edu.

Section 600 and 700 Manuals

All full-time faculty members should have received a copy of the academic year 2003Ð2004 edition of the Section
600 manual. All part-time faculty should have received a copy of the academic year 2003Ð2004 edition of the Section 700 manual. Those who have not received their copies should contact their department secretary. The manuals are also available at www.csun.edu/~facacct/policies.

Examinations and Religious Observances

The Office of Faculty Affairs announces that in administering any test or examination, campus policy states that any student who is eligible to undergo the test or examination will be permitted to do so, without penalty, at a time when the activity would not violate the student's religious creed. The policy requires that faculty provide accommodation to students when an exam conflicts with a religious observance. In addition, faculty are asked to be sensitive to this matter and refrain from scheduling examinations on days that would affect many students' religious observances. For assistance in evaluating a student's request to re-schedule an examination for purposes of religious observances, contact the Office of Faculty Affairs, x2962.

Toastmasters Club

Toastmasters Club has begun on campus, to develop speaking, presentation and leadership skills. Meets twice a month, noon–1 p.m. Location to be announced. fmiÐSabrina Rife, x5700, or sabrina.rife@csun.edu.

Eating Disorder Program

Joint Advocates on Disordered Eating (JADE), a peer education and prevention project sponsored by University Counseling Services, offers campus presentations on eating disorder awareness. fmiÐx7500, or jade@csun.edu.

Classes

Faculty SOLAR Grading Training

Cal State Northridge faculty will use the Student On-line Administrative Resources (SOLAR) grading module to enter class grades beginning in fall 2003. Presentation/demo-style training and hands-on training workshops will be available for faculty from Mon., Dec. 8 through Fri., Dec. 12, and lab hours to supplement training will be available from Mon., Dec. 15 through Fri., Dec. 19. Review the training schedule and sign up at www.csun.edu/ITR/SOLAR. Enrollment is required for classes but not for the lab sessions. Participants must have a CSUN e-mail account and password. fmiÐx7267, or solarsupport@csun.edu.

Deadlines

Human Subjects Research Approval

Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete a Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to the Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next committee meeting: Tue., Dec. 9. Next deadline: Tue., Jan. 27. Protocol submission forms are in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or can be downloaded from www.csun.edu/research. fmiÐx2901.
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 and Exhibits

For more info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat. 12Ð4 p.m. Admission is free unless specified.

Seventh Annual High School Invitational

San Fernando Valley high school students showcase their artwork through a variety of media including painting, sculpture, video and graphic design. Runs through Sat., Jan. 10, 2004. Exhibit will be closed Wed., Dec. 24 through Sat., Jan. 3.

Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

Donald E. Bianchi Planetarium

"Winter Sky Tour."
Sat., Dec. 13
"The Search for Life in the Universe."
Sat., Dec. 20
All shows begin at 7 p.m.; no late seating.
For ticket and schedule info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium

Laserium Show

Donald E. Bianchi Planetarium
Runs Thu.-DSun. through December.
For ticket and schedule info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.laserium.com
Athletics (home games)

Men’s Basketball

12/22 Portland State 7:05 p.m.
12/30 Lafayette 7:05 p.m.

Theater/Performance

Pacific Dance Academy Nutcracker Performance

Sat., Dec 13 and Sun., Dec. 14, 4 and 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Media Center Ballet

"Christmas Carol."
Fri., Dec. 19, 8 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 20 and Sun., Dec. 21, 2 and 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center