CSUN Celebrates Its History, First-Ever Founders Day

Induction of Alumni Into 50 Year Club Among Activities Planned for Historic Day

Frank St. Denis says it’s hard to believe it’s been 50 years since he walked among the eucalyptus trees and attended classes in wooden one-story buildings as a student at the then “Valley State” college. The 76-year-old Rancho Mirage resident has fond memories of serving the campus as the second Associated Student Body president and in a year marked by firsts: picking the school mascot, colors and helping to write the constitution and bylaws.

“There were so many ground-breaking things happening at that time,” recalled St. Denis, ’58 (Business). “It was a very exciting time.”

St. Denis remained involved on the campus after graduation and returned as a part-time faculty in the health department. He said he is “proud to be a part of history.”

He will be among more than 50 alumni, faculty and staff inducted into the 50 Year Club on Monday, Sept. 22. The university will induct alumni who earned degrees at the San Fernando Valley campus of Los Angeles State College and alumni who earned degrees from San Fernando Valley State College in the 1958-59 school year. Members of the faculty and staff who began their association with the university during those same years also will be inducted.

Those inducted will participate in a ceremony that pays tribute to the past. St. Denis, the third president of the Alumni Association, will present and bear the great mace of California State University, Northridge, the symbol of the civil and academic authority of the university. The alma mater, which was arranged by Richard Kaufman, ’77 (Art, Media, and Communications), will be sung, and President Jolene Koester will present a 50 Year Club pin to

CSUN Rallies to Support Victims of Metrolink Crash

CSUN’s Eric Forbes Is One of the Civilian Heroes

Eric Forbes is the type of person who doesn’t mind rolling up his sleeves, getting dirty and helping out.

The 56-year-old director of admissions and records at Cal State Northridge helped rescue his neighbors after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. He was part of the team that put in long hours to help rebuild CSUN.

So it’s no surprise Forbes overlooked his own injuries and joined the civilian heroes who rallied to help others after a devastating hit in the Metrolink train accident on Sept. 12. He helped co-worker Beatrice Watts, administrative support in admissions and records, off the train and stayed with her until her husband arrived. Then Forbes returned several times to the burning train to help get others out.

“I was just trying to comfort people,” said Forbes, who was interviewed while recovering at home from injuries to his leg and neck. Reluctant to call himself a hero, Forbes said “there were many bright and brave people helping out.”

Forbes was among the 135 people injured after the Metrolink passenger train collided with a Union Pacific freight train in Chatsworth. As of Sept. 19, 25 people have died including CSUN student Aida Magdaleno and alumna, Beverly Mosley, ’99 (Speech Communication). CSUN freshman Antonio Martinez was also injured in the crash. Both Martinez and Watts are recovering from their injuries.

When campus officials found out about the crash, they responded immediately. President Jolene Koester coordinated the campus response. Working with CSUN’s Public Safety Department and a host of other campus units, senior campus administrators worked all weekend to gather news and information about victims. Two CSUN officers helped patrol the crash site.

University Counseling Services staff were made available.

President Koester has expressed her condolences to the victims and their families.

“I am confident that we can come together in this difficult time to provide support and reassurance to one another,” she said in a statement.

On Friday, Sept. 19, the Office of Human Resource Services requested catastrophic leave donations on behalf of Watts. She is currently out on medical leave due to the accident and has exhausted her leave credits. The pledge form can be accessed at

http://www-admn.csun.edu/obs/ aicoforms.htm

In addition to Forbes, there are reports that others from CSUN stepped up to help. CSUN graphic designer Tatsuo Kumagai, who took a shuttle to the train station just minutes before the accident, said an unidentified CSUN employee gave stranded passengers a ride to the Moorpark train station.

University Counseling Services will continue to assist the CSUN community, call (818) 677-2111 for assistance.

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CSUN Fulbright Awardee Journeys to Vietnam
Management Professor Fascinated by Southeast Asia

Thirty years ago, when Richard (Denny) Kernochan was a student, the country of Vietnam was associated with war and protest. Today, the 64-year-old Cal State Northridge associate professor is looking forward to exploring other aspects of the country’s history.

Kernochan has received a Fulbright grant to teach at the Hue University of Economics in Hue, Vietnam, for the 2009 spring semester.

“I grew up during the days when Vietnam and the Vietnam War were part of our vocabulary,” said Kernochan, associate professor of management.

“Now, I get to visit under better circumstances.”

Kernochan said he was asked to select three countries and Vietnam was at the top of his list. He said he has always had a fascination with the Southeast Asian country.

“Vietnam is an ancient country, and I look forward to learning more about it,” said Kernochan, who will make his first visit to the country next year. He said he is preparing for his trip by taking a tutorial to learn the country’s language.

“This will be as much of a learning experience for me as the students I will be teaching,” added Kernochan, who is scheduled to return to CSUN in fall 2009.

His duties in Vietnam will include teaching several courses, mentoring research efforts and lecturing at other universities.

Kernochan is one of 47 CSUN faculty to have received the prestigious Fulbright award since 1980. The Fulbright Program, the U.S. government’s flagship program in international educational exchange, was approved by Congress and signed into law in 1946. The goal of the program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is to promote “mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world.”

Fulbright grants are made to U.S. citizens and nationals of other countries for a variety of educational activities, primarily university lecturing, advanced research, graduate study and teaching in elementary and secondary schools.

CSUN’s Men’s Basketball Team Picked by Magazine to Win
Matadors Gathering Frequent Flier Miles, Busy Season Ahead

The 2008-09 Cal State Northridge men’s basketball team, favored to repeat as Big West regular season champions, will be gathering thousands of frequent flier miles during the early portion of the upcoming season.

Inside’s College Basketball magazine, the first pre-season publication to hit the newstands, picked the Matadors to win the league title and advance to the NCAA Tournament. Cal State Northridge is favored to win the conference followed by UC Irvine, Cal Poly and UC Davis.

Following a Nov. 14 regular season home opener against Cal Lutheran at The Matadome, the Matadors embark on a highly competitive six-game road trek that begins at one of the toughest venues in the Pac-10, Maples Pavilion on the campus of Stanford University.

For the past several years, the Cardinals have been one of the top teams in the country.

From Palo Alto, the Matadors head south to the home court of Cal State Bakersfield for a non-league encounter. Then the six game road trip kicks into high gear when the team travels to The Pit in Albuquerque to face another high profile national program, the New Mexico Lobos.

From there, the Matadors travel to relatively uncharted territory with two games in the East. Only four other times in the previous 50 years of Matador basketball has the team ventured this far from home. First, there is a stop at Rider College which is located in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Two days later, the Matadors will take a 45-minute bus trip to Philadelphia to play Drexel University.

On Dec. 7, the six-game road trip ends with a highly anticipated contest at Pauley Pavilion to face the powerful UCLA Bruins. The Bruins, who have played in three straight Final Fours, are again expected to dominate the Pac-10 in 2008-09, and are again contenders to make the Final Four in 2009. The last time these two teams collided, the Matadors upset the nationally-ranked Bruins, 78-74, at Pauley Pavilion on Nov. 21, 2000.

The Matadors finally return home for two games in December: one against Denver and then Pepperdine. Then they get back on the road, this time with trips to San Diego State and to open the Big West season at Cal State Fullerton.

Cal State Northridge will have 12 regular season home games including nine Big West contests. The conference home opener is Jan. 2, against another league favorite: the Pacific Tigers.

There is the possibility that another home game will be added to the existing schedule.

For more information, visit www.gomatadors.com.

Flashbacks—CSUN’s Golden Fifty
The Past and Present of Cal State Northridge

Hail to the Chiefs (Part I)

Officially, Cal State Northridge has witnessed four presidential inaugurations. There have been several acting presidents. Each occasion was uniquely marked by the individuals and their circumstances.

Monday, Sept. 19, 1977: Ralph Prator became the first president of San Fernando Valley State College. The ceremony was held in the southwest corner of the football field and attended by 197 delegates from other colleges.

Seeking to restore unity and stability to a divided and strife-torn campus, our second president, James Cleary, eliminated much of the pomp and ceremony that usually marks an academic inauguration. Opting for business attire instead of the usual academic gowns and insisting on brevity, his inauguration in 1969 lasted half an hour.

The university’s third president, Blenda J. Wilson, was inaugurated on April 30, 1993. Her stirring speech, “If We Believe in Ourselves,” called on those present to create a campus environment where “the bonds of community are stronger than the habits of cultural ignorance.” She spoke presciently. Months later, the inauguration of President Jolene Koester was a weeklong public salute to the wonders of the university culminating in her April 19, 2001, inauguration. She stressed the extraordinary qualities that characterize CSUN and lauded the campus community for the successful completion of earthquake reconstruction. Then as now, President Koester called for a celebration of who we are, stating unequivocally, “our best days still lie before us.”

—Julia Venkateswaran
Events

Monday, Sept. 22
Wellness Power Hour
Members of the Kinesthesiology Department, the Klotz Student Health Center and the Office of Human Resources will discuss how to establish a personal wellness program and free, ongoing activities on campus, services you may access at reduced rates as a faculty/staff employee. As a special incentive, staff and faculty attending this session will be able to participate in a semester-long membership for the Northridge Fitness Centre for $50. The event takes place 12 p.m.–1 p.m., Redwood Hall, Room 159. Contact Don Leny, x3240, steven.loy@csun.edu.

Wednesday, Sept. 24
Genji Millennium Festival
Los Angeles
The Genji Millennium Festival Los Angeles will present a multimedia commemoration of “The Tale of Genji,” reputed to be the world’s oldest psychological novel. Hiroaki Sera of Shikoku University and Aki Hirota (Modern & Classical Languages) will present a lecture and recitation. Twelve kinomo instructors will demonstrate 10th century aristocratic costumes as well as a performance by CSUN students. The festival is funded in part by the Northeast Asia Council of Association for Asian Studies and will take place 1 p.m.–4 p.m., Grand Salon. fm1-Aki Hirota, ahrotai@csun.edu.

Friday, Sept. 26
Center for Sex and Gender Research
The Center for Sex and Gender Research presents “Academic Drive Needs Assessment: Establishing Competent Health Care for Transgender People” by Eli Bartle (Social Work), 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Jerome Richfield Hall 519, English Reading Room. fm1-Jacob Hale, jacob.bale@csun.edu, x7202.

Wednesday, Oct. 1
Center for Sex and Gender Research
The Center for Sex and Gender Research and Center for Ethics and Values presents a screening of “The Wedding Banquet”, followed by a discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance, the Liberal Studies Program, the Queer Studies Program, the Student Organization for Art and Politics, and the Vern and Bonnie Bullough Endowment for Sex and Gender Studies at the Oviatt Library. The event will be 7:30 p.m.–10 p.m., Oviatt Library, Presentation Room. fm1-Jacob Hale, jacob.bale@csun.edu, x7202.

Monday, Oct. 6
Retired Faculty Golf Group
The CSUN retired faculty golf group invites any active CSUN faculty and staff, at any skill level, to participate in the next golf tournament, 12 p.m., Sterling Hills in Camarillo. fm1-Don Cameron, tournament director, dcameron@csun.edu.

Public Meetings

Associated Students Senate
Meet 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6 Associated Students Office

Associated Students Finance Committee
Meets 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 29, 30 USU Grand Salon

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 University Hall 277

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 29, 30 USU Grand Salon

University Planning and Budget Group
Meets 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 University Hall 277

Board of Directors
Meets 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26 University Hall 250

Faculty Senate
Meet 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 Oviatt Library Presentation Room

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 University Hall 211

For Your Information

The deadline for the October 6 issue is Monday, September 29. We strive to include all items and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue. The deadline for your curriculm vitae/resume stating their interests and experience no later than Oct. 31. fm1-Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), x2077.

Assistive Equipment/ Auxiliary Assistance Program
The Assistive Equipment/Auxiliary Assistance Program is designed to provide limited funding to defray costs for reasonable accommodations in the form of assistive technology and auxiliary aid for qualified employees with physical or mental disabilities. Requests for program participation are due in the Office of Equity and Diversity, mail code–8208, Tuesday, Sept. 30. fm1-Patty Murray, x2077.

Emergency Desk Reference for Staff
The Department of Public Safety has developed the Emergency Operations Desk Reference for Staff Members, available at http://www.adms.csun.edu/publicsafety/emergency/. It may be accessed by clicking a link located on the information bar near the top of the page. The desk reference provides a quick guide for what to do during some of the most common emergency situations that might occur on a university campus. Also, general information on emergency preparedness, staff responsibilities and emergency phone numbers is provided.

2009 Faculty Retreat
The 2009 Faculty Retreat, “Fifty and Fabulous: Foundations for the Future,” will be held Jan. 12 and 13, 2009, at the Ventura Beach Marriott. Proposals for presentations and poster sessions are due Friday, Oct. 24. Information and proposal forms are available at http://www.csun.edu/senate/retreat.html; fm1-Heidi Wollbauer, x2365, heidiw@csun.edu.

Leadership Forum
The Professional Development Program will launch the first in a series of leadership forums on women’s issues. College of Humanities Dean Elizabeth Say will discuss the topic, “Ambition Isn’t a Dirty Word—Debunking Myths about Women’s Success,” Sept. 24 and 25 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Oviatt Library, HR Training Room 16, garden level. fm1-visit http://www-adms.csun.edu/obrs/talent/womenleadershipforum.html.

Emergency Preparedness
The Department of Public Safety will present a class for first time faculty members. Citizens—the Basics for Pepper Spray,” led by University Police. Materials fee: faculty, staff, students $10, non-CSUN participants $20. The class will be 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, Public Safety Dept., second floor training room, corner of Darby Avenue and Prairie Street. fm1-Rudy Quintanino, x2401, or rudy.quintanino@csun.edu.

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Deadline

Sabbatical Leave Applications
Faculty members who intend to apply for sabbatical leaves for the 2009–10 academic year should file their applications with their department chair no later than Friday, Oct. 26. Application forms and information about the application process are available in department offices, or at the Faculty Affairs Web site: www.csun.edu/facultyaffairs. fm1-Faculty Affairs, x2062 or Ron Medlin, x4953.

Human Subjects Research
All faculty and students performing research that uses the involvement of human subjects must submit their projects to the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Submit a completed Human Subjects Approval Form, available at http://www.csun.edu/research/03_Research/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html, and nine copies to the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects. For the Oct. 28 committee meeting date, the deadline for submission of protocols is Oct. 14. fm1-Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2001.

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In Brief

Associate Dean Appointed
Diane Schwartz has accepted the position of associate dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. For nearly three decades, Schwartz has had a distinguished record of service and leadership in various levels at Cal State Northridge, including chair of the Computer Science Department, CSUN faculty president and most recently as interim associate dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Purchasing and Contract Administration Wins Procurement Award
Cal State Northridge’s Purchasing and Contract Administration unit has earned the annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2008. In a letter to University Controller and Associate Vice President of Financial and Accounting Services Robert Barler and unit manager Mary Rueda (Purchasing and Contract Administration), the National Purchasing Institute Inc., noted that CSUN has received the award—designed “to recognize organizational excellence in procurement”—for four consecutive years. One of only six California universities to receive the national award, CSUN received high scores for innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function.

College of Engineering and Computer Science Programs Accredited
Six bachelor’s degree programs in Cal State Northridge’s College of Engineering and Computer Science were recently reviewed for accreditation by the appropriate commissions of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology Inc. (ABET). Following the summer 2008 commission meetings, the college was informed that all six programs have been accredited.

Programs that were reaccredited include civil engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, manufacturing systems engineering and mechanical engineering. Also receiving accreditation was the computer engineering program that was being reviewed for the first time. All six programs will be reviewed for reaccreditation during the fall 2013 semester. ABET accreditation demonstrates a program’s commitment to providing its students with a quality education.

COBAE’s Professor of a Day
Harry Safarian, ’86 (Business Management and Finance), senior litigation attorney at Grant, Genovese & Baratta, LLP (right), lectures a class during the College of Business and Economics Professor for a Day event as part of CSUN’s 50th anniversary celebration. Forty-five business leaders from industries ranging from insurance to dentistry taught classes on Sept. 16 to provide students an opportunity to learn about current issues and careers in the business world.

Calendar
The A.S. Ticket Office in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The Ticket Office is open from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-2488. To park on campus for performances, athletic events, lectures and other activities, guests must purchase a $5 parking permit.

Art and Exhibits
For gallery info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat., 12-4 p.m. and Thursdays noon–8 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2285.

Athletics (home games):

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Cinematheque
Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater on the first floor of Marscena Hall at the southwest corner of campus. Seating not guaranteed. For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.cinematheque.csun.edu.

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

Faculty Artist Series
Dmitry Rachmanov, piano soloist.
SAT., SEPT. 27, 7 P.M.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
$36-$45

Ronan Tynan
Solo recital.
SUN., SEPT. 28, 2 P.M.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
$36-$45

CSUN Symphony
Lawrence Stoffel, guest conductor.
FRI., OCT. 3, 8 P.M.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

Smothers Brothers
The Yo Yo Man, special guest.
SAT., OCT. 4, 8 P.M.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
Sold out.

Faculty Composer’s Recital
Featuring works by Daniel Hosken, Daniel Kessner, Liviu Marinescu, Elizabeth Sellers and William Toutant.
SUN., OCT. 5, 8 P.M.
Music Recital Hall

Theater/Performance

El Estudio del Maestro
A story of AIDS colliding with machismo in contemporary Mexico. Inspired by oral histories collected by CSUN journalism students. Directed by Anamaria Dwyer. Written by David Tittle. Tue., Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 26, 8 p.m.
SAT., SEPT. 27, 2 P.M. & 8 P.M.
SUN., SEPT. 28, 2 P.M.
Studio Theatre Lab, Northhoff Hall 113
$8-$16