During a March 31 all-campus budget summit, representatives of Cal State Northridge’s administration, Faculty Senate, Associated Students and employee unions spoke out against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed cuts of nearly $386 million from the California State University system’s 2008-09 budget.

The governor’s recommendations, a response to the state’s fiscal crisis, would reduce the CSU system’s budget by $312.6 million, and fail to fund a $97.2 million request to prevent a 10 percent hike in student fees.

His numbers worry CSU leaders, who have scheduled budget forums at all 23 campuses. At CSUN, a standing-room-only crowd in excess of 500 faculty, staff, students and administrators attended the lunchtime session in the Grand Salon of the University Student Union.

After President Jolene Koester addressed “the potential harm to our budget and our ability to fulfill our mission,” a student asked how the university would respond to a budget cut.

“We always protect instruction over other parts of the university,” the president said, citing experience from the deep cut for the 2003–2004 academic year.

“If, if, if it occurs” for 2008–2009, Koester said, “we have some traditional ways in which we handle a budget cut.” She described reduced spending on equipment, technology, supplies, maintenance, minor capital projects and the possible cancellation of classes with low enrollments.

But before the proposed state budget cut—which requires approval by the legislature—becomes a done deal in Sacramento and a reality at CSUN, the president asked “the constituencies of the university, from the Faculty Senate to the Associated Students, to the university-wide administration to the many unions that represent so ably our employees,” to advocate for the future of Northridge and all CSU campuses.

An information folder on every chair contained a sample letter to legislators with a list of elected officials and their addresses as well as charts showing the CSU’s contributions to the state’s educated workforce and fact sheets.

Speaking after the president, representatives of the university’s constituencies also opposed the governor’s figures. They predicted burdensome fees, fewer courses, larger classes, less financial aid, increased student debt and limited room for newcomers. Hardest hit, many said, would be those least able to afford college.

“Ten thousand students will be turned away next year” from the CSU system, explained Theresa Montaño, president of the California Faculty Association, CSUN chapter, and an assistant professor of Chicana/o Studies.

Helen Nguyen, a third-year student studying business marketing, represented the Northridge chapter of Students for a Quality Education. Fewer courses would prevent students from getting the classes they need, she said, and could lengthen the time it takes to graduate from a CSU campus.

“We’re here because we love this university,” said President Koester, ending the summit. “Today, we pledge the common goal of protecting the financial health of California State University, Northridge.”

Braswell Earns Coach of the Year Nod for Stellar Season

Men’s Basketball Team Has Strong Big West Conference Season with 20–10 Overall Record

In tribute to a season when the Cal State Northridge men’s basketball team soared to its first-ever Big West Conference regular season title—shared or outright—the national team’s peers have named him 2007–08 Coach of the Year.

Braswell’s achievement was burnished by the selection of senior forward Jonathan Heard as first-team All-Big West Conference, of junior forward/center Tremaine Townsend and junior guard Deon Tresvantas as honorable-mention All-Big West, and of senior forward Calvin Cheitwod and junior guard Josh Jenkins as honorable-mentions.

“I’m extremely humbled and blessed with this award,” said Braswell, adding he was “thankful to God for blessing me with the opportunity to coach this group of young men.”

The coach also thanked assistant coaches Louis Wilson, Stan Johnson and James Blake, and Ryan Dodd, director of basketball operations.

After fighting their way to a three-way tie with UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Fullerton for the Big West title, the Matadors fell to Fullerton in the contest for an NCAA playoffs berth.

But Braswell and the 2007–08 team left an indelible mark on the season, achieving a 20–10 overall record and dominating at first place all the way to the Big West title.

Braswell earned the winning fever, the CSUN men’s volleyball team last week tied with Penn State for the top rung in the CBs College Sports Network/ American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 15 Poll, earning seven first-place votes for the highest ranking in CSUN history.

The volleyball team brings an 11-game winning streak to its 7 p.m. match with Hawaii Tuesday, March 25, in the Matadome.
Events

Monday, March 24–Thursday, May 8
Book Groups: Nickle and Dimed
Faculty and staff who would like to read “Nickle and Dimed,” the book chosen for the 2008-09 Freshman Common Reading program, may participate in book groups at the Center for Innovative & Engaged Learning Opportunities (CIELO), Sierra Hall 439.

- Monday group: March 24 and April 7, 2–3 p.m., facilitator Ruth Kalin (Women’s Studies)
- Wednesday group: March 26, April 9, April 24 and May 8, 12:30–1:30 p.m., facilitator Kiren Dosanjh Zucker (Business Law)
- Thursday group: March 27, April 10, April 24 and May 8, 12:30–1:30 p.m., facilitator Cheryl Spector (Academic First Year Experiences)

The Man Who Discovered Eris, aka Xena
The Office of Graduate Studies, Distinguished Speakers Program and the Physics and Astronomy Department present Caltech professor Mike Brown in his entertaining, non-technical lecture, “How I Killed Pluto and...” followed by a Q&A session. Lamb’s Lounge, University Center. 4:00 p.m.

International Education Council
The International Education Council meets for a full board meeting. University Hall 211. All IEC department representatives are welcome to attend. fmit-x2775.

Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 1:15–5 p.m. Wed., March 26
University Hall 227

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., March 26
University Hall 211

Senate Executive Committee
Meets 1–4:30 p.m. Thu., March 27
University Hall 277

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 1–3 p.m. Fri., April 4
University Hall 211

For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, all items and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

The deadline for the April 7 issue is Tuesday, April 1. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-6900. Email is preferred method of submitting.

Notes

Summer Jobs for Students
The Student Housing and Conference Services Office is hiring students for summer staff positions during summer 2008. Free housing is provided for most positions. Job applications are available at Student Housing or Residential Life, 17950 Lassen Street, Building 6, or at http://housing.csun.edu/summerjobs.

Application deadline: April 7, 5 p.m. fmit-x2100 or fax 898.

Experts Directory Update
The Office of Intellectual Engagement and Strategic Communications is updating the university’s Experts Directory, designed to help news media locate CSUN faculty whose expertise enhances coverage of a variety of subjects. To be included in the directory, obtain a form from the Office of Public Relations at x2130. Deadline for new submissions or for changes to existing entries: April 25.

Catastrophic Leave Donations
Monica Escontrias (Human Resources)
Steve Jordan (PPM) and Eagle Moon (Educational Psychology and Counseling) are currently out on medical leave of absence. They have exhausted their leave credits and are requesting catastrophic leave donations on their behalf. To make voluntary donations of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward completed catastrophic leave donation forms to Payroll Administration, mail drop 8220. Access forms at http://www.adm.csun.edu/bhrs/forms/benefitsforms.html.

Free Meditation Workshops
The International Sahaja Students Meditation Association offers free Sahaja Yoga meditation and stress reduction workshops Tuesdays, 4 p.m., room 305, USU Sol Center, 3rd floor.

Sabbatical Leaves for 2008-09
President Jolene Koester is pleased to announce the awarding of the following 47 regular sabbatical leaves and 2 difference-in-pay leaves to be taken during the 2008-09 academic year.

College of Business and Economics
Darla Davis (Accounting) 9
Richard Kernochan (Management) 9
Mary Curen (Marketing) 9
Tina Kiesler (Marketing) 7

Mike D. Eisner
College of Education
Carole Jeffries Maeder (Educ. Psych. & Counseling) 7
Alberto Restori (Educ. Psych. & Counseling) 6
Shari Tarver-Behling (Educ. Psych. & Counseling) 6
Lynn Gordon (Elementary Education) 6
Malcom D. Strover (Elementary Education) 9
Nancy Prosenjak (Elementary Education) 9
David Mogad (Secondary Education) 8

College of Engineering and Computer Science
Richard Ebygott (Civil Eng. & Applied Mechanics) 4
Jack Alalen (Computer Science) 6
Steven Stepanek (Computer Science) 6
Ahmad Safarz (Manuf. Sys. Eng. & Management) 7

College of Health and Human Development
Christine Strike (Comm. Disorders & Sciences) 9
Claudia Fajardo-Lira (Family & Consumer Sciences) 7
Hooshang Bagheri (Kinesiology) 20
Janna Belling (Physical Therapy) 10
Margaret R Bolier (Physical Therapy) 10
Alan Wright (Recreation & Tourism Management) 8

College of Humanities
Edith Chen (Asian Amer. Studies) 7
Douglas Carranza (Chicano/Studied) 7
Guillermo Bartell (English) 7
Irene Clark (English) 8
Anthony Donawitz (French) 6
Fredric Field (English) 8
Katharine Haake (English) 7
Scott Kleinman (English) 9

College of Science and Mathematics
Jeff Charmonat (Chemistry & Biochemistry) 6
Richard Squires (Geological Sciences) 11
David Klein (Mathematics) 6
Jacek Poleczak (Mathematics) 7
Mark Schilling (Mathematics) 7
Katherine Stevenson (Mathematics) 7

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Michael Loe (Anthropology) 7
Judith Marti (Anthropology) 11
Edward Jackson (Archaeology) 8
Susan Fitzpatrick-Behrens (History) 6
Matthew Cahn (Political Science) 7
Alexandra Cole (Political Science) 7
Luciana Lagana (Psychology) 8
Laura Desfor-Edles (Sociology) 6

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Standard—Meritorious
Italic—Difference-in-Pay Leave
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Staff Service and Excellence Recognition Event is June 26

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he 42nd Annual Cal State Northridge Staff Service and Excellence Recognition Event will be held from 8:30–11 a.m. Thursday, June 26 in the Northridge Center Conference Union, to recognize employees’ dedicated service to the university. The awards are given in five-year service increments. Please review the following list of recipients. If you believe your years of service should be recognized and your name does not appear on the list, or if your name is not correctly listed, please contact Sue Talavera at sue.talavera@csun.edu, Office of Human Resources, by Monday, April 21. Thank you for your service!

5-Year Recipients
Karen Abramowitz, Learning Resource Center Laila Asgari, CAMC/Dean’s Office
Sue Atchley, Human Resources Joseph Borkert, Library’s Enhanced Online Features
Mary Ann Bragg, Public Relations

9-Year Recipients
Janice Woolsey, Cultural Events Coordinator
Sue Atchley, Human Resources
Mary Ann Bragg, Library Circulation

10-Year Recipients
Karen Ziegler, Arts/Northridge

30-Year Recipients
Kathryn Anthony, Arts/Northridge

50-Year Recipients
Janis Bryant, Arts/Northridge
Hedy Carpenter, Grad Stu, Res & Int Prog

Estela Chacon, Education/Credenntial Offc
Wayne Cohen, Rel & Instructional Svcs
Felicia Cousin, Interlibrary Loan

John Deraksh, IRIS/Proc & Applied Mech

Jody Holcomb, University Cash Services
Jeffrey Barrow, Public Safety/Parking

Joy Bartley, CSBS Dean’s Office

Elmira Naulta, The University Corporation
Tanya Bermudez, Grad Stu, Res & Int Prog

Gailya Brown, Major Gifts and Campaigns
Sherrill Bunce, Office of Human Resources
Joseph Borkert, Library’s Enhanced Online Features
Mya Castillo, Student Services Cn/EOP
Lucille Castilo, Education/Credenntial Offc
Pedro Casaneso, SSBRS/Ed Equity
Vincent Chavez, Academic Res and Planning

Mindy Chi, Office of Human Resources
Charity Chiu, Stu Outreach & Recruit

Ted Citizen, Faculty Services

Teaya Cuington, The University Corporation
Nyla Dalferes, The Career Center
Shally Driman, Undergraduate Studies

Kari Dom, Office of Human Resources
Jo Ann Fielder, Equity & Diversity
Jeffrey Fischer, MTS Telecomm Svcs
Marlene Gale, Provost & VP of Acad Affairs

Noreen Gahin, Humanitites/Dean

Steven Gelhaus, The University Corporation
Karla Giron, University Cash Services
Darlene Goldberger, Foundation/State
Lashonna Goodman, The University Corporation

Catherine Gottlieb, IT VP

Laura Gratting-Kelly, Radio Station KCSC
Ilene Greenspan, Admissions and Records

John Griffin, The University Corporation
Rita Jorgensen, AS Children’s Center
Francisco Gudari, Public Safety/Admin/Operators
Paul Guerrero, USS Desktop Support
Mirza Guzman, Educational Opportunity Prog

William Hardy, IT VP

Lincoln Harrison, Department of Journalism
Mark Ho, Financial Services
Jody Holcomb, SunCal

Lara Kehedjian, Acad Svcs for St Athletics
Richard Kennedy, Public Safety/Admin/Operators

Armena Khachyanian, Financial Aid

Alicia Kimmick, Faculty Affairs

Manuel Konrdzhanzy, Biology

Allen Le, Financial Systems

Rogelo Ledaiza, The University Corporation

Marline Lirik, Student Health Ctr/Admin

Candice Liu, Education/Credenntial Offc

Sue Lira, Library’s Enhanced Online Features
Norma Loera, AS Children’s Center

Ronii Lopez, PPM/Director

Salvador Lopez, Faculty Services

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Timothy Mallow, Automotive Shop

Carmelita Mapile, Health Sciences
Isabelle Martin, The University Corporation

Mehshel Machanechakian, Radio Station KCSC

Jose Menjivar, Faculty Services

Peggy Milovich, Public Safety/Parking

Valerie Myers, Office of Human Resources

Amira Nagandar, Academic Res and Planning

William Naumann, The University Corporation

To Nguyen, Admissions and Records

Ericka Nosy, Alumni Relations/Dean

Beccky O’Brien, Center of Achievement

Michelle O’Neill, ADS Database & Syst Mgmt

Pedro Palatif, The University Corporation

Esther Payton, The University Corporation

Elva Pena, The University Corporation

Dawood Panfali, Advancement Services

Beatriz Palma, Graduates, Student/Scholarships/Dean

Nicole Pyles, Academic Res and Planning

Marianne Quiruo, Stu Outreach & Recruit

Anita Rajan, Student Health Ctr/Admin

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Nels Samuelson, ADS SOLAR HR

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Kenneth Swanson, USS Help Desk

Ken Swisher, University Advancement

Matthew Terhune, The University Corporation

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Susie Torres, Department of Journalism

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Tom Van Arsdale, AS Aquatic Center

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Kristina Wall, Adv Univercity Adv Svc

Cathy West, Education/Credenntial Offc

Nathanial Watson, Facilities Planning

Janice Woollacott, Comm Disorders

Michael Zeigler, Department of Theatre

Library’s Enhanced Online Features
Details on the Oviatt Library’s new, enhanced online catalog features are now available at http://library.csun.edu/

http://library.csun.edu/About_the_Library/libnews.html

Enhancements include the ability to search WorldCat, the world’s largest network of library content and services with more than 1 billion items in worldwide libraries.

http://library.csun.edu/About_the_Library/libnews.html

New E-Learning Program
CSUN’s Professional Development Programs offer a new e-Learning program recently launched by CSU Office of Professional Development.

The program contains more than 300 courses organized into series.

http://www.csun.edu/portal/academic/development/feewafer_enrollment.html

If an e-mail confirmation is not received one week after the deadline, contact fee waiver coordinator Sue Talavera, 21373 or

Faculty Affairs

Jim Barnett, Interlibrary Loan

Les Dredick, Student Services

Patricia Fauman, Admissions and Records

Jose Garcia, Confer & Customer Service

Yvonne Gath, Tech Src/Banlals

Deborah Gladstone, Community Learning

German Gonzalez, Faculty Services

Mack Johnson, Grad Stu, Res & Int Prog

Betty Cohn, CSBS Dean’s Office

Lani Kiapos, Grad Stu, Res & Int Prog

Donald Kurfurth, Chemistry/BioChem/Admin

Brian McDevill, Faculty Services

Diane Neves, Admissions and Records

Karen Pimm, Admissions and Records

Stacey Schauf, IT Finance & Admin Svcs

Antonio Jimenez, Psychological Support

Emilia Tayabuu, Student Health Ctr/Admin

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25-Year Recipients
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Cecilia Avila-Robinson, Off VP Student Affairs

Kate Bergren, Cr Inov and Engin Team

Sharlene Chacon, Confer & Customer Service

Collin Chin, ADS Database & Syst Mgmt

Jennifer De La Torre, AS Children’s Center

Lourdes Espana, Student Affairs Ctr/Adm

Leroy Geter, Off VP Student Affairs

Kristal Gordon, Stu Health Ctr/Pharmacy

David Hahn, The University Corporation

Ronald Heib, ADS Database & Syst Mgmt

Deborah Hellman, MTS Media Svcs

Michelle Jackson, Faculty Services

Mark Loomis, Faculty Services

Satli Marvi, Student Health Ctr/Admin

Angela McHugh, Accounts Receivable

Edward O’Brien, Off of the President

Richard Pickman, Lock Shop

Jane Santoro, Student Health Ctr/Admin

Kristine Tascik, Geography

Donovan Tucker, Landscape & Grounds Svcs

Michael Whitten, PPM/Director

35-Year Recipients
Guy Fabre, Department of Music

Judith Friedman, Psychology

William Kromher, Biology

Cynthia Rawtich, Undergraduate Studies

40-Year Recipients

Linda Newcomb, Admissions and Records

Gregory Truex, CSBS Dean’s Office

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Accounting Students

‘Ace Region’

The CSUN chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an honor organization for accounting students, won two first place awards during a regional competition held recently in downtown Los Angeles.

According to Bernice Zorilla, Northridge’s Epsilon Chi chapter president, one team from the chapter took the “Best Practices” prize for novel approaches to promoting, financial literacy to college students, outranking competing teams from USC and Cal State East Bay. In fliers passed out on campus and online through the chapter’s Web site, the winning accounting students explained checking and savings accounts, compared terms and interest rates on credit cards and student loans, and counseled students to avoid overextending themselves.

Another Epsilon Chi team won the long-range strategy category for their futuristic vision of the national organization, a decade from now. In the form of a skit, instead of what Zorilla called a “boring PowerPoint” presentation, the team described an international Facebook-type network to connect more students and alumni; professionals using video-conferencing to address students during weekly meetings; and a significant increase in international chapters as accounting standards go global.

In the strategy category, the CSUN chapter beat CSU Fresno, the University of Hawaii and San Francisco State.

The Northridge team will represent the Western region and compete nationally at the Beta Alpha Psi annual convention, scheduled to meet during August in Anaheim.

‘Careers in Entertainment’

Event Set for March 29

Experts from the region’s major entertainment organizations will explain career opportunities at a “Careers in Entertainment” event for Cal State Northridge cinema and television arts majors, set for 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 29 in the CBS Studio Center communal.

Sponsored by Nielsen Media Research and the Cinema and Television Arts Department’s Media Management option, the event also will showcase the program’s scholarships to CSUN students. One of the presenters, NRCi’s weatherman/comedian and Emmy award winner Fritz Coleman, has established a named scholarship for students interested in pursuing careers in local television.

Also representing the Cinema and Television Arts department will be one of its students, Alia Ward, which is in its second year.

‘Wish You Were Here’


Curator: Tony Gardner, CSUN special collections curator. Runs through August 1. C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery, Oviatt Library, west wing

Bianchi Planetarium

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium. Telescope viewing follows second show.

Spring Sky Show” and “Finding Planets Around Other Stars” Fr., March 28, 7:30 p.m.

In Brief

Cairns said University Licensing offers no monetary compensation for participation in the program. Compensation is arranged between the extra or production assistant and the production company.

It will be the responsibility of the casting office within the production company to select appropriate extras and production assistants for participation.

For more information, visit www.csun.edu/licensing/extras.php

—Ashley Hunter