Housing Community for Faculty, Staff to Become Reality

University Expects to Break Ground in Fall 2006 on First Phase of North Campus Project

An important part of the California dream soon will be realized for many faculty and staff at Cal State Northridge: the ability to live close to where they work, in an environment that is “safe, pleasant and family-friendly.”

In fall 2006, CSUN expects to break ground on the North Campus development project’s $60 million Phase I, a 14-acre configuration consisting of 250 high quality, below market price dwelling units, 150 of them for purchase and 100 rentals.

Based on the current schedule, units will become available in 2008, according to Tom McCarron, executive director of both the North Campus-University Park Development Corporation and The University Corporation.

“Envision ... a Cal State Northridge campus where numerous faculty and staff are able to live on the campus, ... creating a different kind of campus climate and character,” said President Jolene Koester about the project, whose first phase will begin at the corner of Lassen Street and Lindley Avenue.

At present, the only faculty/staff dwellings available at CSUN are 31 units in the College Court Townhomes complex on Plummer Street, just west of campus.

When all six phases of the project are complete, at least 550 dwelling units will be in place on 30 acres of the North Campus, and another 50 will have been erected on a four-acre Halsted Street site.

“We are in the early developmental stages now, setting timelines and hiring our architectural team,” said McCarron, assisted in the process by the Valeo consulting group, a firm involved with similar projects dating back to a UC Irvine project in the early 1980s.

An architectural team is being finalized, McCarron said. Four architectural firms will be retained for the job: one to be responsible for both the rental unit design and the overall project master plan, one to design the for-sale housing, and two landscape architects.

The dwellings will be attached townhouse units, primarily three-story. Given “skyrocketing” construction costs and the superheated Southern California housing market, it is premature at this point to predict or set sale and rental prices for the dwellings, noted McCarron.

CSUN’s vision for the project is to:
1) foster a sense of community and collegiality among faculty and staff,
2) help recruit candidates put off by the area’s high housing costs,
3) help CSUN maintain a diverse faculty by preserving its ability to draw faculty from all over the U.S. and abroad,
4) provide consistently affordable housing “using a system that is fair in the allocation process and that allows homeowners to build equity.”

Other goals are to provide high quality, below market price homes for the short and long term, to strengthen relationships with the surrounding community, to improve air quality and to reduce university area traffic.

A feasibility study already has been completed for the project, and an environmental impact report is being prepared as part of the campus’ Envision 2035 master plan process. For more information, go to www.csun.edu/universitycorporation.

Cal State Northridge Responds with Spirit to Hurricane Crisis

Campus Employees Launch Campaign to Raise Funds for Victims of Devastating Storm

A five-day campaign to raise money in support of Hurricane Katrina victims was launched September 8 by Cal State Northridge students, faculty and staff eager to help others as the campus was aided recently by Cal State Northridge students, faculty and staff eager to help others as the campus was aided recently by President Koester, People and businesses across the country responded with an outpouring of support and assistance. Now it is our turn to repay that generosity.”

President Koester also directed that the campus’ United States flag be flown at half staff over the Oviatt Library until sunset on Tuesday, Sept. 20, in accordance with orders from President George Bush and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Aiming to collect $500,000 for the American Red Cross by campaign’s end at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, the fundraising effort was launched at the annual welcome picnic for students. Volunteers are accepting donations at tables in the University Student Union, in the quad area between the colleges of business and education, in the Sierra Quad and near the Matador Bookstore. Hours for all collection stations are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chaired by University Student Union Executive Director Debra Hammond and Vicki Allen, assistant director of student development and international programs at the Matador Involvement Center, the effort involves a corps of student, staff and faculty volunteers coordinated by Beatriz Trejo, activities coordinator for the involvement center.

The Office of Student Affairs joined with other CSU campuses in offering admission opportunities to hurricane-impacted students. By the end of last week, the office had received inquiries from about 40 students, though it was not clear how many ultimately would choose to enroll.

Vice President for Student Affairs Terry Piper called the admissions assistance effort by CSUN staff “a wonderful example of inter-divisional collaboration and putting students first.”
With development of a “strong, competitive, and well-supported” Division I athletics program at Cal State Northridge as its goal, President Jolene Koester has asked the newly-formed Blue Ribbon Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics to prepare a comprehensive strategic plan for the program—a “roadmap for excellence” for the next five years.

Chaired by Mo Qayoumi, vice president for Administration and Finance and CFO, the commission will be made up from the recommendations to be submitted to the president by mid-December. Cedric Dempsey, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) president emeritus, will serve as commission consultant.

President Koester, who announced formation of the commission during her annual convocation address in August, said it will address elements of organization, resources and personal commitment needed for a successful NCAA Division I program within the Big West Conference. The president recently was reappointed to lead the conference for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 seasons.

Topics the commission will review include the Athletics Department’s competitiveness as a Division I/Big West sports program; financial controls and accountability, including appropriate funding levels and other concerns; student athlete’s academic performance and graduation rates; and compliance with the Cal-Now gender equity consent agreement and the policies of the NCAA, Big West and CSUN. Commission members also will examine the size and condition of CSUN’s sports facilities; its marketing and fundraising efforts; the interest and involvement of the entire campus community and neighbors; and performance improvement.

The commission will develop indicators to assess the program’s progress in meeting its goals, President Koester said.

Key intercollegiate athletics stakeholders are represented on the commission (in alphabetical order): Travis Bluenling of CSUN’s Student Athletic Athletic Council, Bill Boldt, UC Riverside vice chancellor for advancement, Chad Chariton, CSUN Associated Students president; Ron Clouse, CSUN director of budget planning and management, Dan Guerrero, UCLA director of athletics; and Akiko Hirota, professor, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department and CSUN faculty athletics representative.

Also serving are CSUN Faculty President Ron McIntyre; Michael Neubauer, mathematics professor and chair of CSUN’s Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council; Pierre Tada, CSUN Foundation Board of Directors member, a CSUN alumnus and principal with Granite Peak Partners, Inc., a real estate investment company; Gary Victor, head coach of women’s tennis at CSUN; Associate Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students William Watkins, and CSUN Interim Athletics Director Janet Lucas.

New Administrators Fill Out Northridge Leadership Ranks
Library, Business College, Career Center, Financial Aid and Counseling Gain New Leaders

Cal State Northridge’s fall 2005 leadership ranks include new associate deans for the Oviatt Library and the College of Business and Economics, as well as new directors for three vital university services.

Marianne Affili, who will begin her work as the Oviatt Library’s associate dean on October 17, currently is director of electronic resources and special projects development at USC’s Information Services Division. She participated in USC’s Web development, in online learning projects and in digital library activities. Affili has published locally and nationally and is active in the library and information science community. She holds an M.B.A. from USC and an M.L.S. from UCLA.

Earl Weiss, who has served as interim associate dean for the College of Business and Economics as chair of the Accounting and Information Systems Department, was appointed associate dean in August. Weiss also was special assistant to the president under CSUN presidents James Cleary and Blenda Wilson. An attorney and CPA for more than 25 years, he formerly was with the Ernst & Young accounting firm.

Ann Morey, director of the Career Center, began her CSUN career in 1983 as a member of the University Student Union staff. She later was an administrator on the Foundation’s Employment Training Project and was Career Center associate director for five years. Morey received her master’s degree in educational psychology at CSUN and her bachelor’s degree in psychology at Western Michigan University.

Diane Ryan, director of the Financial Aid and Scholarships Department, previously held the director’s post from 1994–2001, helping to restore enrollments after the Northridge earthquake. In spring 2005, she returned to CSUN as interim director, having worked on special projects with a variety of campuses and the Chancellor’s Office. Ryan, who earned her doctorate at UCLA, also has served as director of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo’s Financial Aid Office.

Mark Stevens, director of University Counseling Services, previously was coordinator of training, staff psychologist and assistant director of Student Counseling Services at USC. An adjunct full professor in psychology at USC, the CSUN alumnus received his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Northridge and his doctorate in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego. Earlier, he was senior staff psychologist for Counseling and Consultation Services at Ohio State University.

Program for Youths on Probation Faces Funding Crisis
Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s Office Provides Support, but More Dollars are Needed

A Cal State Northridge program that has opened new worlds to San Fernando Valley low-income youths on probation or at risk is itself at risk of shutting down after fall 2005. Since 1999, the Youth Services Specialist Program (YSS) annually has brought about 30–40 Valley high school students (ages 13–18) to Northridge for a spring semester of after-school enrichment work in theater and other arts. During fall semesters, participating CSUN sociology students have assisted county probation officers at 11 Valley high schools.

A four-year, $175,000 Probation Department grant supported YSS and, on the strength of the program’s record in reducing juvenile delinquency and improving academic performance, sociology professor and YSS founder/director Herman DeBose three years ago sought and received funding help from County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. “The supervisor has been a tremendous friend to the program,” said DeBose.

“Our Probation Department speaks highly of YSS programs in general and CSUN workers in particular,” said Yaroslavsky’s policy deputy Wendy Aron. “CSUN students do incredible work.”

Aron visited CSUN to see more elements of YSS and was impressed with the work of theater lecturer Doug Kaback, assistant art professor Paula DiMarco and others who were introducing students to theater, graphic design, photography, even lifeguarding.

By the end of spring 2005, though, funding had dried up and all arts except for theater had been cut. Yaroslavsky’s office again came to YSS’ rescue for the fall 2005 program. Support for the “transformative” spring theater project, however, remains a question mark.

Kaback’s high energy theater workshops are considered crucial to YSS. The youths write frank plays about personal issues such as teen pregnancy, drug/alcohol additions and sexuality. With the help of their peers and trained CSUN students, they arrive at alternative life strategies.

“The kids learn that they’re not alone with their problems,” Kaback said.

DeBose leafed through a program booklet filled with animated faces from Poly Tech, Taft, Cleveland, El Camino, Van Nuys, Mid Valley CDH, Chatsworth, San Fernando and the CSUN-located Valley New High School No. 1 (whose student participants were not on probation, just percepturate about theater). “We hope there’s a program here for the next group in the spring,” he said. “If resources are not in place by mid-October, program termination will be started.”

For more information about the YSS program, call DeBose at (818) 677-3290.
For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

Educational Policies Committee
Meetings 2–4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 21
University Hall 211

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meetings 2–5 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 21
University Hall 277

Foundation Board
Meet 6 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 21
fmi-Judy Landy, x4197

Guitar School Book Exhibit Reception
The opening reception for The Oviatt Library's International Guitar Research Archives (IRGA) exhibit, "Historical Vibrations: The Oviatt Library Celebrates the Guitar," will begin with a live guitar concert at 6 p.m. on the library lawn, followed by hors d'oeuvres in The C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery: Historical guitars, manuscripts, correspondence, music scores, recording and other materials will be featured in the exhibit, set for September 12–November 11. RSVP by September 25 to Joyclyn Dunham, x2638.

Sabbatical Leaves
Faculty members who intend to apply for sabbatical leaves for the 2006–07 academic year should file their applications with their department chairs no later than Friday, Sept. 30. Application forms and information are available in each department, or at www.csun.edu/facultyaffairs/.

Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program
The Office of Graduate Studies is accepting applications for the 2005–2006 Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program (DVSP). Category I applications (up to $500) offer the greatest support for classroom visits or department seminars by a guest lecturer. Category II applications (up to $1,500) request funds for individuals or small groups of scholars—widely known to the academic community—to participate in artistic performances, public lectures, or topical conferences. To download an application, visit www.csun.edu/graduatestudies. The deadline is October 6. fmi–Hedy Carpenter, x2138.

Public Meetings

Events

Sundays, Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27
“Ask a Dietitian”
The Marilyn Magaram Center, along with Los Angeles County and One Generation, sponsors an “Ask a Dietitian” booth from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Encino Farmers Market, 17400 Victory Blvd., Encino. CSUN interns will prepare healthy recipes for sampling and will answer health-related questions. fmi–x3102.

Wednesday, Sept. 28
EOP Month Celebration
CSUN’s “September EOP Month Celebration” is set for noon–2 p.m. on the Student Services Lawn. An opportunity to bring together on- and off-campus communities to promote higher education and diversity awareness, the event will feature special guests, prizes and performances by acclaimed hip-hop group The Grego-Royales. fmi–Mesan Richardson, x4151 or www.csun.edu/eop.

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Public Meetings

Senate Executive Committee
Meetings 1–2 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 15
University Hall 211

North Campus-University Park Development Corporation
Meetings 9 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 16
University Hall 250

USU Board
Meets 1 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 19
Flinttridge Room

University Planning and Budget Group
Meets 8–9:30 a.m.
Tue., Sept. 20
Business Building 3107

Educational Resources Committee
Meetings 2–4 p.m.
Tue., Sept. 20
University Hall 320

Notices

Faculty Book Group
The Faculty Development Center (formerly called CELT) presents the fall 2005 Faculty Book Group program, meeting from 1–2 p.m. Thursdays on October 6 and 20, and November 3 and 17, in Sierra Hall 439. Business law associate professor Bruce Zucker will facilitate discussion of “The Courage to Teach,” by Parker Palmer. Registration is limited to 10 participants, who will receive free copies of the book. RSVP or fmi–Kelly Kroeker, x6536 or kelly.kroeker@csun.edu.

2006 Faculty Retreat
The CSUN Faculty Retreat 2006, “Creating a Collegial Community: Survival, Support, Scholarship, Social Relationships and Success,” will take place from January 25–26, 2006, at the Embassy Suites Resort, Oxnard. A call for proposals for presentations and poster sessions will go out soon, and more information on the retreat will be sent to all faculty in October.

Examinations and Religious Observances
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry Hellenbrand reminds faculty and students that university policy requires them to accommodate students when examinations conflict with religious observances. The provost urges faculty to refrain from scheduling exams on days likely to affect many students’ observances. For help in evaluating requests to re-schedule exams for such purposes, call the Office of Faculty Affairs, x2962.

Classes

Professional Development Staff Training
Professional Development Programs provides free training workshops for CSUN staff members in the Oviatt Library, Room 16, garden level, unless otherwise noted. Enroll by the day preceding the workshop by visiting www.admn.csun.edu/hr/training/courses/index.htm and completing the online registration form for each workshop. fmi–Melissa Billiter, x8820.

Workshops:
“Goal Setting for Performance”
Susan Leahy, workshop leader
Thu., Sept. 15, 9 a.m.–noon

“Impression Management”
Janice Evelyn, workshop leader
Wed., Sept. 21, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

“Social Security Benefits Overview”
Maya Debus, workshop leader
Thu., Sept. 22, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

“Family Members Who Care:”
Diane Liberman, workshop leader
Wed., Sept. 28, noon–1 p.m.

“Handling Customer Criticism & Complaints”
Kandise Taylor Sherwood, workshop leader
Thu. Sept. 29, 9 a.m.–noon

Desktop Software Workshops
Information Technology Resources (ITR) provides free training workshops for CSUN faculty and staff. To sign up x2204, or training@csun.edu. The training labs are located in the Oviatt Library, garden level.

SOLAR
Wed. Sept. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., OV 35
Thu. Sept. 15, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., OV 33
Mon. Sept. 19, 9–11 a.m. OV 33
Tue. Sept. 20, 9:30–11:30 a.m. OV 33
Access
Wed., Sept. 14, 2–4 p.m., OV 33
Meeting Maker
Thu., Sept. 15, 2–4 p.m., OV 32
Microsoft Power Point
Thu., Sept. 22, 2–4 p.m., OV 30
Windows XP
Thu., Sept. 22, 2–4 p.m., OV 33

Foot and Ankle Pathologies
The Physical Therapy Department and the Physical Therapy Alumni Association will offer on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16–17, sponsor a special course open to physical therapists, “An Integrated Approach to Evaluation and Treatment of Common Foot and Ankle Pathologies,” in the department’s new Jacaranda Hall facilities. Cost: $150 for Alumni Association members, $190 for non-members. Course faculty include Beth Phillips (Physical Therapy), orthopedic surgeon Dr. Tye Ouzounian; and physical therapist Dr. Steve Rieschl. For more information, visit www.csunalumni.com/pt. or call Hadvina, x2137.

Sigma Xi Award Nominations
The CSUN chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, is seeking nominations for (1) the George Lefevre Outstanding Researcher Award honoring a CSUN faculty member’s exceptional achievement in research and teaching, (2) the Outstanding Support Staff Award recognizing an outstanding technical or clerical staff member, and (3) the Pre-College Science/Math Teacher Recognition Award for notable achievements by a high school or middle school teacher in science and math. Nominations deadline: Monday, Sept 26. fmi–Ali Zakeri, mail drop 8515, or ali.zakeri@csun.edu.

The Faculty Development Center (formerly called CELT) will offer “Moving Your Course Online,” facilitated by Randal Cummings (Online Instruction) from 12:30–2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27, Whitsett Room, Sierra Hall 451. RSVP or fmi–Kelly Kroeker, x6536 or kelly.kroeker@csun.edu.

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Human Subjects Research Approval
Artists See Korean Calligraphy Through 21st Century Lens

Ancient Meets Contemporary in 'Crossover' Exhibit at CSUN Art Galleries

At a growing up in Korea, Art Department chair Dave Moon knew calligraphy everywhere. Later in life, Moon began not only to see but to appreciate the true meaning of the art form, and to love its “communicative power, stylism and spontaneity.”

In “Crossover: Contemporary Korean Calligraphy,” a CSUN Art Galleries exhibition curated by Moon and CSUN librarian Jina Wakimoto, the role of Korean calligraphy and contemporary graphics as abstract art is explored in the works of three contemporary Korean artists: 

- “Hanong” Kim Soo-Hyoung, from the “Crossover” exhibit at CSUN, illustrates how “communication becomes a work of art.”
- “Manhodang” Kim Soo-Hyoung, “Manhodang” Kim Sun-Wuk and Choi In-Young.

Calligraphy has long been considered the highest form of art in Korea as well as in China, said Wakimoto, daughter of artist “Manhodang.”

“I thought it would be interesting to showcase (its) development from traditional to contemporary.”

“Manhodang” works with grass script in traditional calligraphy and “Hanong” perceives contemporary calligraphy as performance art, “not necessarily reliant on the textual meaning.” Both, said Moon, “push the boundaries of traditional calligraphy, using it not just on a scroll, but with other media and with fabric that traditional calligraphers would not have used.”

“Choi,” Moon said, “has been able to break down the core of the language to its essential components in simple geometric forms, and have it still understood.” The award-winning artist served as temporary artist-in-residence for a two-week workshop hosted in August by the Art Department for CSUN students and 14 students from Hanyang University in Seoul.

Together, the three artists ‘showcase a unique blending of the old and the new, the triangular effect of the east coast, the west coast and Korea,” Moon said. “We hope the public understands that different cultures have different ways of communicating, that communication becomes a work of art, that the written language bears with it a tremendous historical point of view.”

Funded in part by the Korean Cultural Center, “Crossover” features the most recent works of the artists, including experimental pieces created specifically for the exhibition, which ends October 1.

For more information, call Michelle Giaconuzzi at (818) 677-2156.

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