A former San Fernando High School art teacher who graduated from Cal State Northridge and her husband have donated their entire $7.3 million estate as a bequest to the university for expanding student scholarships, marking the largest cash and alumni gift in the university’s history.

The endowment created by longtime San Fernando Valley residents Mary and Jack Bayramian—who passed away in November 2002 and January 2005, respectively—will fund two major new university scholarship programs, including a $2.3 million portion to launch student scholarships for the future Valley Performing Arts Center project on the campus.

“This remarkable gift from Mary and Jack Bayramian will empower the university to support outstanding students,” said Cal State Northridge President Jolene Koester. “The Bayramians, who were devoted to each other during more than 60 years of marriage, now have extended that caring to improve the lives of hundreds of our students.”

To honor the gift, the California State University Board of Trustees in July approved renaming the university’s Student Services Building as Bayramian Hall. President Koester called the dedication a fitting tribute, because the building houses the university’s student services offices.

The president and members of the campus community will gather at the Student Services building at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, for the official dedication ceremony for Bayramian Hall and the creation of the Bayramian Family Scholarship Fund. A reception in celebration of the Bayramians’ “generosity and vision” will follow.

Because Aunt Mary graduated from Cal State Northridge, she had a great feeling for the university,” said Don Barsumian, Mary Bayramian’s nephew, who is the couple’s trustee. “I think she had a real love for young people and for education. Mary believed in education and she wanted to help. This was her way of helping,” Barsumian said.

Mary and Jack Bayramian each had Armenian parents from Aintab, Turkey, who came to the United States to escape persecution. The two lived near each other as teenagers and graduated together from Hamilton High School in West Los Angeles in 1939, marrying in 1942. After Navy service during World War II, Jack had a 20-year career as a Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. technician.

After the war, the couple first lived in Reseda and later bought a Northridge house several blocks west of today’s university campus. A homemaker who returned to college in her late 30s, Mary Bayramian attended from 1960 to 1963, earning a bachelor’s degree in art and a teaching credential from San Fernando Valley State College, which later became Cal State Northridge.

After graduating, Mary Bayramian went on to teach art at nearby San Fernando High School, where she was affectionately known as “Mrs. B,” until the couple retired in 1971. At age 50, they moved to Laguna Beach in Orange County and lived.

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Alumna and Husband Give Northridge Record $7.3 Million

Largest Cash Gift Will Expand Student Scholarships, Aid Valley Performing Arts Center

Commitment to Students at Heart of Convocation Address

President Koester Discusses Efforts Reflecting University’s Mission to Serve Students Well
Cal State Northridge's Founding President Dies at 97
Ralph Prator's Ten Years as Leader of San Fernando Valley State College Capped Eventful Career

Longtime college administrator Ralph Prator—the founding president of the institution that became California State University, Northridge, now one of California's largest public universities—died Monday, July 25, in his Ventura County retirement hometown of Camarillo. Prator was 97.

A lifelong athlete and avid golfer who briefly played baseball as a young man with pitching great “Dizzy” Dean, Prator amassed a 30-year career as a college and university administrator. That was capped by Prator's 10 years as president of San Fernando Valley State College from its founding in July 1958 until his retirement in September 1968. In 1972, the college became a university and was renamed California State University, Northridge.

During that first decade of explosive growth in the San Fernando Valley, Prator oversaw the construction of the campus' original core of permanent buildings (most of which remain today), quadrupled the college's 3,500 original students to more than 16,000 by his retirement, and spearheaded major land acquisitions that assembled most of today's 356-acre university campus.

Prior to that, Prator had served eight years as president of Bakersfield College in Kern County from 1950 to 1958, similarly helping that college develop a new campus. Recalling his retirement from San Fernando Valley State in later years, Prator once said, “I felt as an administrator I was best able to start and push something to its maximum possibilities. But to settle down and run it was not my cup of tea.”

After retiring, Prator became a professor emeritus in what became Cal State Northridge’s Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies and later was named President Emeritus. “Cal State Northridge would not be the strong institution it is today without Ralph Prator’s leadership and vision. As the founding president, he gave us a solid foundation upon which to build the university’s excellence,” Koester said.

Born of a ranching family in La Veta, Colorado on Nov. 16, 1907, Prator attended the University of Colorado, earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1929 and a master's in the same field in 1931. After serving in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945, Prator earned his doctorate in educational administration from the University of California at Berkeley in 1947.

His tenure at San Fernando Valley State, which became the only four-year public college and later university in its region, included recruiting most of the faculty hired in the early years and setting the academic direction for the institution.

Prator is survived by his sister Elizabeth Bryan in Oklahoma; three adult children: eldest Bruce in Oregon, Lewis in Fountain Valley and Roxanna (Prator) Gottsacker, a CSUN education alumnus, in New Hampshire, and four adult grandchildren. Prator’s wife of nearly 60 years, Lois, who was a schoolteacher, died in 1996.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the CSUN University Women’s Club Lois and Ralph Prator Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made payable to the Cal State Northridge Foundation, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91300-8275.

Bayramians...

continued from page 1...there another 30 years, investing, improving and managing real estate; and settling in an ocean-front home.

The Bayramians led an extraordinarily active life. Mary was an active cook and author of published cookbooks, designed and created her own jewelry, painted and played golf well into her 70s. Barsaman described Jack as the unofficial greeter of Laguna Beach and a “firecracker” who in his younger years was an avid handyman skilled in electrical, carpentry and concrete work.

The couple’s $7.3 million endowment will create the Bayramian Family Scholarship Fund at Cal State Northridge and support two major new programs. The earnings from $5 million of the endowment will fund the newly named Mary and Jack Bayramian Presidential Scholars and related scholarships within the university’s premier Northridge Scholars Program.

The Bayramian Presidential Scholar will partner with faculty members on scholarly projects. The scholarships include a $5,000 award, bookstore discount, priority registration and other perks.

Earnings from the other $2.3 million will fund the Bayramian Arts Scholars and become the largest gift yet toward Imagine the Arts, the fundraising campaign for the 1,600-seat Valley Performing Arts Center planned for the campus. These scholarships will support upper division and graduate students involved in the project through their courses, internships or related activities.

“Mary Bayramian was an art student at Cal State Northridge, an arts teacher at San Fernando High School, and an artist herself,” said Judy C. Knudson, CSUN’s vice president for university advancement. “She was deeply engaged in the arts, and especially in opening the world of art to others, a goal that will be advanced by the Performing Arts Center project.”

CSUN in July launched the campaign for private funds to match the state dollars that will build/operate the Valley Performing Arts Center, due to open within the next five years. Planned as a signature facility, the center will be the largest venue of its kind in the San Fernando Valley and open the region to high-caliber performances not currently able to perform here.

The university learned only recently that the couple had given CSUN’s largest-ever cash gift after the husband’s passing in January 2005. The university’s prior largest cash gift came from The Eisner Foundation in 2002 when Disney CEO Michael D. Eisner and his wife, Jane gave $7 million to create a new teacher-training program at the campus.

Lili Vidal, the associate director of CSUN’s Financial Aid and Scholarship Department, said the Bayramians' gift will provide a major boost to the university’s scholarship programs, which last year aided about 1,600 CSUN students based on their talent and achievements.

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for 2005-06, including eligibility for salary increases from a 3.5 percent compensation pool and marginal cost funding for a budgeted increase of 590 full time equivalent student (FTES) enrollment.

In addition, Provost Harry Hellenbrand has approved the recruitment of 35 new faculty for 2006-07, and the President allocated an additional $1 million from the budget reserve to support hiring 12 new faculty members for the same period. While the faculty searches are underway, the $1 million will be used this year to update campus lab computers and to add about 20 “smart” classrooms.

The president also announced that ground will be broken in late 2006 on Phase I of a North Campus development project to include about 250 faculty/staff for-sale and rental dwelling units. During the next 10 years, the campus also plans to increase student housing by 2,000 beds, nearly doubling the number of students living on campus.

Noting the university's success in fundraising and establishing new endowed chairs, the president announced that last July 1, the silent phase of the Imagine the Arts Campaign was launched in support of the 50-year dream of campus and community visionaries for a world-class performing arts center at CSUN for the San Fernando Valley and region at large.

The text to the address will be available shortly at the following Web site: www.csun.edu/~presofc/speeches/speeches.html.
Dick Dull and Janet Lucas Accept New Roles at CSUN

Dull to Spearhead Fundraising for Key Athletic Venues; Janet Lucas Named Interim Athletic Director

Dick Dull has accepted a new position to spearhead private fundraising for improvements to key campus athletic venues. After six years as athletic director, Dull on August 1 became the university’s executive director of development for athletic facilities.

Cal State Northridge has an excellent athletic program and I am proud of our accomplishments, including our move to the Big West Conference in mid-2001,” said Dull. “But to enable this department to reach its full potential, we need to enlist significant private financial support for upgrading our campus athletic facilities.”

Janet Lucas, the program’s senior associate athletic director/senior woman administrator, will serve as interim athletic director pending completion of a national search. Lucas is former intercollegiate sports administrator at James Madison University in Virginia, where she oversaw the intercollegiate sports programs and coaching staff for 11 years.

In recent months, Dull and other campus officials have crated a more user-friendly campus, the project just south of University Hall produces a net parking increase for the campus of about 1,350 spaces.

President Jolene Koester and Mo Qayoumi, vice president for administration and finance and CFO, will welcome faculty, staff and students to the official grand opening at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the structure’s entrance on Prairie Street and Biwanda Avenue/West University Drive.

Leading the ribbon-cutting for the structure—most of whose spaces are dedicated for student use—will be Associated Students President Chad Clanton and Vice President Safa Sajadi.

“The addition of new parking spaces will mean a lot to our students,” said Vice President Qayoumi. “We’ve been working hard to make access to a CSUN education as convenient as possible for them.”

Dick Dull

Janet Lucas

In his new position, Dull will report to Vice President for University Advancement Judy C. Knudson. “I am so pleased to have Dick Dull spearhead this important athletics fundraising initiative,” Knudson said. “This will greatly enhance our ability to support the needs of athletics and move the entire program forward.”

Starting in September, the university will launch an overview of its athletics program by a soon-to-be-formed blue ribbon commission. It will review the athletic program’s organization, resources and focus, and help the department prepare a “roadmap” for the coming five years.

President Koester to Repeat as Big West Conference Leader

Reappointment Comes at ‘Pivotal’ Time for Athletics Conference

President Jolene Koester in August was reappointed chair of the Big West Conference, a rare honor that comes during a “pivotal” time for the athletics conference as it makes a transition from multi-state to single-state membership.

The president will lead the conference in its first year as a conference whose membership is composed solely of California universities, including Northridge, Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara and the University of the Pacific.

“I am pleased to be chairing the board of directors during this pivotal time in the conference’s history,” said President Koester, whose second term will continue through June 30, 2006.

As chair, the president is responsible for facilitating meetings of the board, composed of the presidents and chancellors of member universities. She appoints committees and subcommittees and works with the Big West commissioner to set the conference agenda.

The board directs conference policy, ratifies conference legislation, provides strategic planning and develops the conference position on national issues, among other responsibilities.

The Big West Conference is a Division I National Collegiate Athletics Association entity whose members compete in 17 sports.
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In two key leadership appointments at Cal State Northridge, Gordon Nakagawa on June 1 became associate dean of the College of Humanities, and cinema and television arts professor Karen Kearns became interim associate dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication on August 1.

College of Humanities Dean Elizabeth Say cited Nakagawa’s “wealth of experience,” including about 22 years of service at CSUN and one—the 2004–05 academic year—as the college’s interim associate dean.

Interim chair of Asian American Studies before he joined the dean’s office in 2004, Nakagawa was CSUN’s director of Equity and Diversity from 2001-2003, and prior to that served as coordinator of the Faculty Mentor Program unit of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). Nakagawa recently was honored by the National Communication Association, which featured his scholarly and research contributions in a Spotlight Panel on Scholarship. Recipient of the 2001 Don Dorsey Excellence in Mentoring Award, sponsored by EOP and the Faculty Mentor Program, Nakagawa also earned the university’s 1991 Distinguished Teaching Award.

The new associate dean earned a Ph.D. in communications studies from Southern Illinois University, and master’s and undergraduate degrees in interpersonal communication from Ohio University.

Kearns joined the Cinema and Television Arts Department faculty in 1985, after working for National Public Radio (NPR) as associate director of education services, and as a newscaster and writer for NPR’s “All Things Considered” news magazine.

College of Arts, Media, and Communication Dean William Toutant said Kearns has “considerable curriculum experience at CSUN,” having served as chair of the CTVA Curriculum Committee, the college’s Academic Council and the Faculty Senate’s Educational Policies Committee.

Kearns has won the CSUN Creativity Award and the Distinguished Teaching Award as well as the International Radio and Television Society Foundation’s Stephen H. Cotrin Award for Communications Excellence.

Professionally active as a freelance producer, writer and narrator, Kearns holds a B.A. in theatre/mass communication and a master’s degree in communication studies from Southern Illinois University, and a master’s degree in communication arts/journalism from the University of Wisconsin.

Drama Students are Fully Funded for Study in China

Chinese Government Scholarship Council Provides Scholarships for Two CSUN Students

Drama students Sean Hill and Patric McInnis will spend the 2005–06 academic year in China, courtesy of full scholarships from the Chinese Government Scholarship Council. Hill and McInnis, selected by the council for the quality of their academic performances and their interest in Chinese culture, will study at the Central Academy of Theatre Arts in Beijing.

Hill will study directing and McInnis will pursue performance arts at the academy, among the top theatre performing arts institutions in China and the alma mater of Zhang Ziyi, the Oscar-winning actress from “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.”

Both students will serve as ambassadors of friendship for CSUN and for the United States. “The goal of the scholarship is to further promote exchange, friendship, understanding and collaboration between the U.S. and China,” said Justine Su, director of CSUN’s China Institute.

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In Brief

Dercle Joins Pasadena Transportation Panel

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The nine-member commission advises the City Council on matters concerning Pasadena’s transportation system.

A Pasadena resident, Dercle also is vice president of the Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood Association. As a member of the city’s Historic Preservation Commission, she represents the more than 1,100 households in Bungalow Heaven, Pasadena’s first landmark historic district.

Dercle is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the national professional arm of the American Planning Association. In the Urban Studies and Planning Department, she specializes in urban design and planning practice. Director of CSUN’s Center for Community Service-Learning, Dercle has been an advocate of community-based learning and civic engagement.

PPM and Kinesiology Win Governor’s Safety Award

An employee wellness project initiated by Physical Plant Management (PPM) and the Department of Kinesiology has won the Governor’s Safety Award. Seventeen of the 23 PPM “stretch leaders” involved in the ‘PPM Wellness Program Stretch Leaders’ project attended the August 26 awards ceremony at CSU Sacramento.

Presented by the Department of General Services’ Office of Insurance and Risk Management, the award recognized the efforts of PPM stretch leaders to strengthen safe ergonomic practices, enhancing the well being of CSUN employees.

The project was conceived and implemented by PPM Director Tom Brown, kinesiology professor Steven Loy, PPM project coordinator Margaret Steiner, Benjamin Elsonido, PPM manager of operations, safety and training, and a cadre of Kinesiology Department students in the College of Health and Human Development.

“I believe the program is a valuable demonstration of the synergy we can develop with an on-campus wellness program,” said Loy, stressing that students helped design and run the program, which will be further developed and introduced to the entire faculty and staff in Fall 2005.

In the ongoing program, “stretch leaders” lead their work peers in ten minutes of stretching exercises at the start of each work day. Graduate student Shilo Nelson, who trained the leaders, follows up to make sure the exercises are properly led and executed.

Each PPM employee group selected its own stretch leader and alternate, said Steiner, who currently is seeking 20 portable radio/CD players to provide music for the exercises. “We are all excited about the way this program is going,” she said.

Brown, a confirmed cyclist and fitness advocate who encourages managers and staff to bike to and from campus work sites, agreed. Healthier, happier employees are more productive and less prone to accidents, injuries and associated lost work time, he said. Just as important, they “develop a sense of belonging within the department and within their respective work groups.”

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Events

Thursday, Sept. 8
TIAA-CREF Counseling
The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) will conduct a financial education seminar and one-on-one personal financial counseling sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sierra Center Conference Room, third floor. To sign up, visit www.tiaa-cref.org/moc.

Wednesday, Sept. 14
Retention, Tenure and Promotion
President Jolene Koester, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Harry Hellenbrand and Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs, Penelope Jennings will be available to meet with interested candidates for an informal discussion on retention, tenure, and promotion from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Flintridge Room of the University Student Union.

Saturday, Sept. 17
Constitution Day Celebration
The Tseng College of Extended Learning sponsors a Constitution Day celebration at the Sierra Center. Breakfast is at 8 a.m., followed by a panel discussion from 9 a.m.–noon on Constitutional rights and provisions, and the Supreme Court’s interpretation of the Constitution. Free admission; pre-registration required by September 9. fmi–x7131.

Wednesday, Sept. 28
EOP Month Celebration
Cal State Northridge’s “September EOP Month Celebration” is set for noon–2 p.m. on the Student Services Lawn. An opportunity to bring together the campus’ 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 Groovalooos. The Chancellor’s Office has named September EOP Month throughout the CSU system. fmi–Mesan Richardson, x1511 or www.csun.edu/eop.

Public Meetings

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 1 p.m. Fri., Sept. 2
University Hall 211

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., Sept. 7
University Hall 211

Personal Planning and Review Committee
Meets 2–5 p.m. Wed., Sept. 7
University Hall 277

For Educational Equity Committee
Meets 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Mon., Sept. 12
University Hall 211

Senate Executive Committee
Meets 1–4:50 p.m. Thu., Sept. 15
University Hall 211

Notices

With Deepest Sympathy
Deepest condolences are extended to the family of professor Emeritus Marin Pundeff (History) who passed away July 25 in San Diego, at the age of 83. Pundeff began teaching at CSUN (then San Fernando Valley State College) in 1959. He is survived by his son Michael Pundeff of San Diego and daughter Christina Dimitoff of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The campus community offers deepest sympathy to the family of professor Emeritus Elizabeth “Betty” Hone (Elementary Education), who died May 7 at the age of 95. In 1948 Hone joined the faculty of Los Angeles State College for Applied Arts and Sciences, as a professor of science education. She retired in 1972 and moved to Portola Valley.

Physical Plant Management and the campus community offer deepest condolences to Janet Shannon (Logistical Services) on the passing of her brother.

Physical Plant Management offers its deepest condolences to Paul Haberlorn (Electric Shop), on the death of his mother.

The university expresses condolences to Belinda Stillwell (Kinesiology), on the passing of her mother.

Catastrophic Leave Donation
Ed Kropwski (Biology), currently out on a medical leave of absence, has exhausted his leave credits and is requesting catastrophic leave donations. To make a voluntary donation of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward a completed Catastrophic Leave Donation form to Renee Venezia, manager, Payroll Administration, mail drop 8282. The form may be accessed at www.admin.csun.edu/bsr/forms/benefitsforms.html.

Disaster Preparedness
Firefighters from the Los Angeles Fire Department’s Disaster Preparedness Unit will present a seven-week Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) disaster preparedness course open to CSUN faculty and staff, from 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, October 18—November 29 in the Oviatt Library’s Presentation Room. Participants will learn basic emergency response skills and practical strategies. The sessions are sponsored by CSUN’s Public Safety, Business Continuity Services and Environmental Health and Safety units. Register by October 1 at x2204.

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Faculty Promotions
President Jolene Koester has announced the following promotions effective August 24, 2005:

To Professor
Janet Adams Physical Therapy
Bernardo Atius Communication Studies
Katherine Baker Music
Deborah Cours Marketing
Anthony Dawahare English
Ronald Fishbach Health Sciences
Doris Jones Ed. Psych. & Counseling
Marlyn Joshua-Shearer Elementary Education
Ah-Jeong Kim Theatre
Jennifer Matos Biology
Nancy Prostak Elementary Education
Luis Rubalcava Ed. Psych. & Counseling
Nate Thomas Cinema & Television Arts
Wen Wang Sociology

To Associate Professor
Jeffrey Auerbach History
James Ballard Sociology
Lisa Banner Biology
Patricia Born Finance, Real Estate, & Insurance
Yrinea Cervantes Chicana/o Studies
Beatriz Cortez Chicana/o Studies
James Dow Finance, Real Estate, & Insurance
Judy Downs-Lombardi Secondary Education
Eric Edson Cinema & Television Arts
Samantha Fields Art
Ramron Garcia Chicana/o Studies
Monica Her Finance, Real Estate, & Insurance
Phyllis Herman Religious Studies
Richard Horowitz History
Daniel Hosken Music
Donald Jacobs Physics & Astronomy
Virginia Kennedy Special Education
Scott Kleinman English
Paul Lazarroney Accounting & IS
Gary Lannon Theatre
David Lopez Sociology
Wendy Murawski Special Education
Dar-dee Nguyen Accounting & IS
Merry Ovnick History
Martin Satz Political Science
Tovah Sands Ed. Psych. & Counseling
Merril Simon Ed. Psych. & Counseling
Beth Simpson Physical Therapy
Jackie Stallcup English
Yifei Sun Geography
Mary Ann Trujillo Art
Frank Vata History
Glen Whitman Economics
John Yule Geol/Glacial Geosciences

New Theatre Department Chair
Theatre professor Peter Grego has been appointed chair of the Theatre Department for a three-year term which began July 1.

Approved Policy Items
President Jolene Koester has approved the following policy items recommended to her by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee: a new policy on graduating senior registration priority, revision of the policy on periodic review of college and department personnel procedures, and the 2005–06 calendar of personnel procedures.

Classes

Lower Back Exercises
The Wellness Program at CSUN will offer a series of lower back exercise classes for reduction of tension and pain, posture improvement, flexibility and function. The four-week series, scheduled for 7–7:45 a.m. or 5:15–6:00 a.m., starts on Tuesday, October 4 and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday throughout October 27, location TBA. The free classes are sponsored by the Departments of Kinesiology and Physical Therapy. fmi–Aerin Alexander, (310) 248-0630 or aerin@filomedeical.com.

Deadlines

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 on the Faculty Affairs Web site: www.csun.edu/facultyfairs.

Human Subjects Research Approval
Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete Human Subjects Protocol Approval forms. Original and nine copies must be submitted to the Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline: Tues., Sept. 6 for a meeting to be held on Tue., Sept. 20. Download protocol submission forms from www.csun.edu/~proprac/03_Research/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html.

Campus Visitors Parking
The Public Safety Department reminds the campus community that all visitors must purchase day passes, available at all information booths or at the various permit dispensers located throughout campus parking lots. Parking regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Parking and Transportation Office also is open on weekends, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. fmi–x2157.

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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 $4 parking permit.