Northridge Rises in Ranks as Host for International Students
Sixth in Last Year’s Poll, CSUN Now is Second Among Top U.S. Master’s Level Institutions

Cal State Northridge raised its international profile even higher with the release in November of results from a national annual survey. Open Doors 2006, an annual report on international educational exchange, records CSU’s climb from sixth to second place among U.S. master’s level institutions hosting students from foreign countries.

Issued by the Institute of International Education (IIE), the survey ranks CSU—with 1,693 international students enrolled—in a poll of the top 40 campuses in the master’s level category for the 2005–06 academic year.

During the 2004–05 academic year, CSUN was sixth in the national ranking, with 1,343 international students enrolled. In that survey, the second spot was held by San Jose State University, followed by Cal State Fullerton, Hawaii Pacific University and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Open Doors 2006 data shows that total national enrollments of foreign students stabilized in 2005–06, on the heels of a slight overall decline attributed to “real and perceived difficulties” in obtaining student visas, U.S. tuition hikes and competition from students coming from other English-speaking nations.

Inside Higher Ed, a national education publication, suggested that “a rebound is on the way,” citing changes in recruitment practices and visa policies.

“I anticipate continuing modest increases in the number of international students enrolling at CSUN in the coming years, and at other CSU campuses as well,” said Mack Johnson, associate vice president for Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs. “Northridge has an outstanding academic reputation in many foreign countries, and in Asian countries in particular.”

Of the 40 schools indicated in the Open Doors report, ten are sister campuses in the California State University system. Along with Northridge and San Francisco State, those numbered among the top ten include Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Fullerton, and San Jose State.

CSU East Bay, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal Poly Pomona, Fresno State and CSU San Bernardino recorded foreign student enrollments from 546 to 1,056.

Of CSU’s 87 countries of origin for international students in fall 2006, Japan contributes the largest number, followed by South Korea, India and Taiwan.

Dedicated Volunteers Saluted at University’s Annual Tribute
Civic Activist David Fleming, Kinesiology’s Sam Britten Singled Out for Highest Honors

Cal State Northridge bestowed its highest volunteer honors on philanthropist/civic activist David Fleming and kinesiology professor emeritus Sam Britten at its November 17 Volunteer Service Awards ceremony. Co-sponsored by the CSUN Alumni Association and the University Advancement Division, the annual tribute also honored 29 dedicated volunteers from all segments of the campus community.

Attorney David Fleming received the Dorothea “Granny” Heitz Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership, recognizing volunteers who serve the university as outstanding role models. Ninety-one year-old “Granny” Heitz, the volunteer for whom the award was named, attended in person to honor Fleming. Fleming joined the Cal State Northridge Foundation’s Board of Directors in September 1995. Vice chairman of the university’s “Imagine the Arts” campaign for a regional performing arts center at CSUN, he is active on numerous important campus panels. As chairman of the board for the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, Fleming helped create the San Fernando Valley Economic Summit, which is co-sponsored by CSUN’s College of Business and Economics.

The busy executive chaired the City of Los Angeles’ recent charter reform effort, and serves on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. He is former president of the city’s Board of Fire Commissioners.

David Fleming
Sam Britten

Northridge now is second among top U.S. master’s level institutions for international student enrollment. (Graphic by David Schreiber, CSUN Marketing and Communications)
Alumnus Has ‘Handel’ on Success as Top-Rated Radio Host

KFI’s Bill Handel Has Longstanding Ties to University: His Father Helped Build Northridge Campus

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Bill Handel occupies the top berth of America’s morning drive-time radio market, beaming his ballyhoo blend of controversy, news and comedy to Southland devotees of KFI AM 640’s “Handel Yourself in the Morning.”

As the number one local talk show host in the country—this year he helped KFI become the first AM station since 1987 to earn the top rating in Los Angeles’ competitive market—Handel has to be selective about which speaking engagements to accept.

For one thing, he already packs more into one day than the law should allow. In addition to his morning show, the Whittier Law School graduate can be heard on “Handel on the Law” on weekends, appears regularly on CNN Headline News and serves as director of the Center for Surrogate Parenting, Inc. in Encino. His calendar also includes legal counseling for third parties in paternity cases.

For another thing, such engagements necessarily cut out time he could spend with wife Marjorie and twin daughters Pamela and Barbara. Somehow, he manages to be there for after-school pickup duty.

Still, he made time recently to launch Cal State Northridge’s College of Business and Economics Partners Speaker Series, discussing his strategies for success and his much-publicized stand against illegal immigration. His week night appearance attracted a packed audience of 100 students and guests at the University Club, and included a lively question and answer session as a finale.

A graduate of CSUN’s political science program, Handel’s ties to the university actually pre-date his admittedly raucous years as an undergraduate. “I had an emotional connection to the school,” he said, explaining what attracted him to CSUN. “My dad was involved in the construction of CSUN, when what then was San Fernando Valley State College was going up.”

The senior Handel was one of the electricians who, under a subcontractor, worked on electrical piping and control systems in the campus’ early days.

Though the university his father helped build occupies a special place in Handel’s world, the Brazilian-born radio personality was “not what you consider one of your all-time great students… I did not take advantage of the opportunities at Northridge.”

Now, he singles out for special praise CSUN’s audiology and music programs as well as its National Center on Deafness, whose “work in hearing loss is known all over the world.”

The irreverent radio personality said he was involved with campus demonstrations during the seventies and plunged headlong into the world of “working, drugs and women.”

During his last year, however, he realized he had to “buckle down and get serious” about his education, an attitude that sustained him during law school.

Right out of Whittier, Handel began doing legal work for an endocrinologist. “He asked me to write a surrogate mother contract, and out of that developed a surrogate practice.”

Handel’s work in the field led to the formation of the Center for Surrogate Parenting and his frequent lectures at medical conferences around the globe.

Duane Doty Wins 2005–06 Excellence in Mentoring Award

‘Professors…Have a Lot to Learn from Their Students,’ Says Veteran of 40 Years at CSUN

Duane Doty began teaching physics at Cal State Northridge 40 years ago, and he’s just getting started.

“His classes are virtuoso performances in which the theoretical and mathematical descriptions are given color by original demonstrations and applications of the theory to everyday phenomena,” said colleague Ana Cristina Cadavid, chair of the Physics and Astronomy Department.

In short, Doty is a master of the art of communicating complicated ideas to his students. His receipt of the 2005–2006 Don Dorsey Excellence in Mentoring Award is a tribute not only to that talent, but to the larger role he sees for himself and his peers.

“Professors do not just teach, but have a lot to learn from their students,” said Doty, who received the award at a November 14 campus reception. “We wear ‘several hats,’ and once a faculty mentor program coordinator. The senior Handel was one of the teachers who can lure a student into a conversation, there usually develops a one-to-one relationship.

“Topics such as religion, crises at home and views in general always abound… Hopefully, you have a bit of experience or advice to pass on, and if not, just good old concern makes a difference sometimes,” said the honoree. “I have never seen a good teacher who at the same time did not show and express concern for his or her students.”

Presented by the Faculty Mentor Program, the Dorsey award recognizes faculty and staff who 1) have made exceptional contributions to mentoring students, 2) take a holistic approach to mentoring, including academic and personal support, and 3) who support the university’s commitment to the success of students of diverse backgrounds and communities.

After earning his doctorate in experimental nuclear physics at UCLA, Doty joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 1966. Since then, a number of his publications have involved the participation of his CSUN students. Weekly, he meets with undergraduate and graduate students working on topics such as the measurement of cosmic rays and radiation in the CSUN campus environment.

“His continuous enthusiasm is contagious,” said Cadavid, acknowledging that the honoree “has achieved with the students what many of us struggle with—that purpose is to learn, that the point is the process and not the grade.”

The Dorsey mentoring awards were established in 1998 by the Faculty Mentor Program and the Educational Opportunity Program, in honor of educational psychology and counseling professor Don Dorsey, who helped develop CSUN’s first mentor training program.

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Sam Britten, affectionately known as “Dr. Sam,” was awarded the 2006 Emeriti Merit Award, reserved for emeriti or retired faculty or staff whose records reflect strong support for the welfare and intellectual progress of CSUN students.

Under Britten’s guidance, CSUN in 2003 opened the $6 million Abbott and Linda Brown Western Center for Adaptive Aquatic Therapy, which provides services for people with chronic physical disabilities in a caring, motivating environment. The center offers adaptive aquatic therapy that improves fitness, range of motion, cardiovascular and muscular strength, and quality of life.

Britten—who taught at CSUN for 44 years—also was founder and director of the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled, a renowned teaching facility for university students and a worldwide model for similar programs. The center evolved from a rehabilitation and physical education center, established by Britten in 1959, where he worked with injured athletes and disabled Korean War veterans.

By 2000, Britten was overseeing services to 600 clients at the Center of Achievement, having helped thousands live more independently through transitional exercise therapy.
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.

The deadline for the December 18 issue is Monday, December 11. 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) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting. Note: fmi—means for more information.

School Re-Named for Alumnus Frank del Olmo
Magdalena Beltran-del Olmo, widow of CSUN alumnus and Los Angeles Times editor Frank del Olmo, addresses a gathering at a November 1 ceremony changing the name of Belmont New Elementary School #6 to Frank del Olmo Elementary School. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa joined CSUN’s Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations Frank del Olmo and CSUN’s Alumni Relations Director Frank del Olmo to celebrate the renaming.

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Events

Monday, December 4 and 11, and Thursday, December 7 and 14
Candidates for dean of the College of Business and Economics will be available for questions from the campus community at a series of forums in Juniper Hall 4117 (formerly Business and Economics Building). fmi—x2242.

Forum schedule:
- William Jennings, interim dean, College of Business and Economics
  Mon., Dec. 4
  Business college faculty/staff: 5–6 p.m. Open forum: 4–4:50 p.m.
- Santiago Ibarraeche, professor of management, University of Texas at El Paso
  Thu., Dec 7
  Business college faculty/staff: 3–3:50 p.m. Open forum: 4–4:50 p.m.
- Janet Wagner, assistant special assistant to the provost and assessor, professor of management science and information systems, University of Massachusetts Boston
  Mon., Dec. 11
  Business college faculty/staff: 3–3:50 p.m. Open forum: 4–4:50 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5
The Richard W. Smith Lecture
The Richard W. Smith Lecture in Cultural Studies brings author Monique El-Faizy to campus, to discuss “How Evangelicals Have Become America’s New Mainstream,” in the Whitsett Room, Sierra Hall 451 at 7 p.m. The lecture is supported by the Richard W. Smith Endowment for Cultural Studies. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences hosts this free event. fmi—x3317.

Wednesday, December 6
‘Speak Your Mind’ Lecture
Anti-war activist Candy Sheehan will address a campus-only audience as part of CSUN’s “Speak Your Mind” series, at 2:30 p.m. in the Plaza del Sol Performance Hall (formerly the Performing Arts Center). Sheehan became vocal in her opposition to the war in Iraq after her son, Army Spec. Casey Sheehan, was killed there in 2004. For tickets, x2488. fmi—Kevin Lizarraga, x2875.

Friday and Saturday, December 8–9
Annual Student Art Sale
The CSUN Art Department and Student Ceramics Guild will host the annual Student Art Sale at the Art and Design Center, Friday from 6–8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Design Center quad. The sale will be held in conjunction with the annual High School Art Invitational opening at the CSUN Art Gallery. fmi—x2242.

Saturday, December 9
Genetic Disorders Conference
The CSUN Genetic Counseling Program presents a conference on Genetic Disorders in the Ashkenazi Jewish Population from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., USU San Fernando Valley Hall. Diagnosis, etiology and treatment of genetic disorders will be discussed, along with other information. A patient panel discussion on coping with chronic disease is planned. Registration: $40, free for students. Reservations required, at x3611 or genetic.counseling@csun.edu.

Thursday, December 14
Lecture on Natural Disasters
The Humanities Interdisciplinary Program, English Department, English Honors Option and Theatre Department offer the last entry in a series on “Natural Disaster: California, New Orleans, the World,” exploring cultural and political implications of disasters. A staged reading of English professor Rick Mitchell’s play, “Through the Roof: A Natural History,” is set for 7:30 p.m., Whitsett Room, Sierra Hall 451. fmi—Stacia Black, x3414.

Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 2–5 p.m. Wed., Dec. 6 University Hall 277

Educational Equity Committee
Meets 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 11 University Hall 211

USU Board
Meets 1 p.m. Mon., Dec. 11 USU Grand Salon

Educational Resources Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Tue., Dec. 12 University Hall 211

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., Dec. 13 University Hall 211

Notices

New Department Chair
Phylis Herman (Religious Studies) has been appointed chair of the Religious Studies Department for a three-year term effective August 20, 2007, and expiring at the conclusion of the 2009–2010 academic year.

Winter Term Registration
Online registration for winter term, administered by the Tseng College, is underway until Jan. 1. Students also may register by mail, Dec. 11–18, or in person, Dec. 11–21. Registration information and class schedules are available at the Tseng College in the Matador Bookstore Complex, room 100 (main entrance of the Bookstore). Dozens of classes will be offered during winter term, Jan. 2–26. fmi—x2504 and http://tsengcollege.csun.edu.

Human Subjects Research
Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete Human Subject Protocol Approval forms. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next meeting date: Dec. 12. Download protocol submission forms at www.csun.edu/research/03_Research/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html.

China Institute Grants
CSUN faculty may apply to the China Institute for funding of projects or studies that advance the field of China Studies. Up to three grants of $1000 each will be available. By March 5, 2007, applicants should submit written proposals and a one-page resume in a Word file to Justine Su, China Institute director, via e-mail at zsu@csun.edu. Award decisions will be announced April 15, 2007. fmi—x2298 or zsu@csun.edu.

China Scholarship Council Student Awards
Undergraduate and graduate students may apply for up to two awards from the China Scholarship Council, to support a year of study at an institution of higher learning in China, for the 2007–2008 academic year. Scholarships cover all tuition and living expenses. Written proposals, two faculty recommendation letters and resumes should be submitted in a Word file to Justine Su, China Institute director, at zsu@csun.edu by March 5, 2007. Award decisions will be announced by May 30, 2007. fmi—x2298 or zsu@csun.edu.

Classes

Professional Development
Professional Development Programs provide free training workshops for CSUN staff members in the Ovasti Library, room 16, Garden Level, unless otherwise noted. Enroll by the day preceding the workshop by visiting www.admn.csun.edu/brs/training/index.html and completing the online registration form for each workshop. fmi—Janette Munoz, x3620.

Workshops
- “Managing Stress in the Workplace”
  Craig Finney (Leisure Studies and Recreation), presenter: Tue., Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.
- “TIAA-CREF One-on-One Counselling”
  Thu., Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

University Corporation Administration Offices
Sierra Center Conference Room, third floor

University Orientation
Wed., Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. to noon
**In Brief**

**Music Society Honors Northridge Composers**

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) has honored two composers from Cal State Northridge’s Music Department: one well established and the other in the early stages of his musical career. Music professor Liviu Marinescu and Kentaro Sato, a graduate music student, received separate recognitions from the organization. Marinescu’s ASCAP Award was granted in fall 2006 by an independent panel of experts including Judith Clurman, director of choral activities at The Juilliard School; University of Michigan professor emeritus H. Robert Reynolds; and classical music editor Steve Smith.

The ASCAP Award is based on “the unique prestige value of each writer’s catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the society.”

Honored three times previously by ASCAP, Marinescu has composed works recognized in major new music festivals in the U.S., Canada, Europe and South Africa. World class orchestras—among them the Cleveland Chamber Symphony and Bucharest’s National Radio and Music Academy orchestras—have performed his music.

Sato in summer 2006 was selected as a participant in the annual ASCAP Television and Film Scoring Workshop, an intensive month-long workshop program known as a “major educational and networking opportunity for aspiring composers.”

**Economic Research Center Receives National Honors**

Cal State Northridge’s acclaimed San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center has received national recognition for its annual San Fernando Valley Economic Report.

The Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER) has selected the center’s eighth annual economic report forecasting the state of the Valley’s 2005–2006 economy for its annual Award of Excellence for data publications.

“We are thrilled with this national recognition of our center’s annual report,” said economics professor Daniel Blake, director of the center, who noted critical support from the College of Business and Economics, the university, the business community, Valley officials and interested citizens.

The award-winning 100-page report, released in fall 2005, documented economic conditions and trends in the San Fernando Valley.

AUBER is a professional association of business and economic research organizations at public and private universities throughout the United States.

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**Calendar**

**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.

**Important Impressions**

Legacy of great illustrators on display, including prints by William Hogarth, Kate Greenaway and more. From Oviatt Library’s collections. Exhibition runs through Dec. 22. Tserng Gallery, Oviatt Library.

**10th Annual High School Invitational**

Forty-two San Fernando Valley high schools exhibit selected works in various media, from painting to graphic design. Exhibition runs Dec. 8–Jan. 13 (Gallery closed Dec. 24–Jan. 1). Opening reception: Fri., Dec. 8, 7–9 p.m. Gallery talk: Mon., Dec. 11, 10 a.m. Main Art Gallery

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**Theatre Performance**

**You Can’t Take It With You**

- America’s Favorite Comedy, In time for the holidays.
- Wed., Dec. 6, 7 p.m.
- Thu., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 9, 8 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 10, 3 p.m.
- Campus Theatre

**Music**

**Music Recital Hall**

- **Violin Class of Michael Ferril**
  - Mon., Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
  - Music Recital Hall

- **Vocal Jazz Ensemble**
  - Matt Falkner, director.
  - Wed., Dec. 6, 8 p.m.
  - Music Recital Hall