Did You Know…

Attorney and civic leader David Fleming and his wife, Jean, have pledged $1 million toward the construction of a new Center for Performing Arts at California State University, Northridge. The contribution is one of the largest for Northridge’s proposed 1,700-seat, $125 million performing arts center project due to begin construction in 2008 and be completed by 2010.

Hoping to help address a national shortage of accessible health care professionals, Cal State Northridge has created SHP-PEP (Student Health Professionals Pre-Entry Program) to prepare students for graduate study, ultimately to become health professionals such as doctors, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists, ophthalmologists, nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, and public and environmental health practitioners.

The CHIME Institute’s Arnold Schwarzenegger Charter Elementary School, which has extensive ties to Cal State Northridge, received international honors when The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps awarded the school its inaugural “Breakthroughs in Inclusive Education” award for demonstrating an “understanding that the education for all students, regardless of disability, should be grounded in the general education curriculum” in which the students are in the same classrooms.

CSUN ranked ninth in the nation for the number of master’s degrees in engineering management it awarded in the academic year 2006–2007. The ranking is based on data collected by the American Society of Engineering and was published in the 2007 edition of Profiles of Engineering & Engineering Technology Colleges.