Journalist, Attorney, Astronaut to Receive Highest Alumni Honor

Northridge to Salute Barbara Fairchild, Larry Feldman and Scott Horowitz at Alumni Dinner

Cal State Northridge’s 2005 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented on May 14 to three luminaries in the fields of journalism, law and aerospace.

The Renaissance Hollywood Hotel will set an elegant stage for the dinner and presentation of awards to Bon Appétit editor-in-chief Barbara Fairchild (Journalism, ’72), trial attorney Larry Feldman (Business, ’66) and former astronaut Scott Horowitz (Engineering, ’78), director of space transportation and exploration for weapon and space systems company ATK Thiokol.

President Jolene Koester will join more than 400 university alumni, faculty and friends in according Fairchild, Feldman and Horowitz the CSUN Alumni Association’s highest honor.

“The positive imprint of Cal State Northridge is visible in virtually every walk of life,” said President Koester. “This year’s honorees are a case in point, they have brought creativity and courage to widely varying fields, and honor to our university.”

As editor-in-chief of Bon Appétit, honoree Barbara Fairchild is considered one of the most influential figures in the world of cuisine. She was promoted to editor-in-chief of Bon Appétit in June 2000, a month after her induction into the James Beard Foundation’s “Who’s Who in American Food and Beverage.” Last summer, she celebrated her 25th year anniversary at the magazine.

“It still amazes me to a certain extent that I find myself using almost daily the journalism tools that I learned at CSUN,” said Fairchild. “The basics—writing headlines, captions to fit subheads that help ‘sell’ a story—all that came from my training there.”

A fierce litigator, Larry Feldman’s string of high-profile courtroom victories include a $156 million verdict on behalf of 700 physicians who alleged fraud against an insurance company and a $28 million wrongful termination verdict.

Who in American Food and Beverage.”

The attorney has attracted the media spotlight in numerous cases involving figures of national celebrity. He won a settlement for the plaintiff in a molestation lawsuit against singer Michael Jackson, represented the late attorney Johnnie Cochran in recent court proceedings, and litigated on behalf of the Oakland Raiders in a $1.2 billion suit against the National Football League.

As an American astronaut, Scott “Doc” Horowitz logged nearly 1,200 hours and 16 million space miles during four shuttle missions. As an executive with ATK Thiokol, the world’s leading provider of hypersonic scramjet engines, Horowitz has brought space transportation and its benefits closer to average, earthbound citizens.

Selected as a NASA pilot in 1992, Horowitz later piloted a shuttle mission performing microgravity and tethered satellite science. He flew as pilot of a maintenance mission to the Hubble Space Telescope, followed by an International Space Station assembly mission. In August 2001, he was commander of a Space Station crew exchange and assembly mission. For tickets, table purchases or sponsorship information, call (818) 677-2137 or visit www.csunalumni.com.

New Cal State Northridge Degree Programs Waiting in Wings

Anticipated Offerings Cover Wide Range of Disciplines, from Social Work to Screenwriting

New degree programs are in the works at Cal State Northridge, ranging from social work to screenwriting. Most are awaiting expected approval from the California State University Board of Trustees in early summer, followed by the California Postsecondary Education Commission’s endorsement.

Though a new bachelor’s degree in modern Jewish studies is anticipated for 2005, the majority of the new degrees are for graduate programs, said Associate Vice President Mack Johnson of the Office of Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs.

Of these, a new master’s degree in social work, set for fall 2005 will be one of the first out of the gate, said Johnson. Students already are signing a waiting list for the approved program.

A professional social worker needs a master’s degree in his/her field, said sociology professor Jean Daniels, who has overseen establishment of the two-year master’s program curriculum.

In what Daniels calls the “foundation year,” students will be assigned individual caseloads, working with families or doing community work. The second year will focus on issues faced by urban, multicultural families, from immigration to mental health.

Answering an acute need for librarians, researchers and other information managers, the Oviatt Library and the Tseng College of Extended Learning plan to offer master’s degrees through their new program in information management.

The program offers two separate degrees: a master’s in information and knowledge management for students who wish to become knowledge management professionals in corporate or public settings, and a master’s in information and library management for those seeking careers as librarians in academic, public or corporate libraries. It also offers a library media teacher services credential.

First to be available—in the 2005/06 academic year—will be the information and knowledge management degree. The two-year program will be offered by the Tseng College on a pilot basis.

University Library Dean Susan Curzon said the national shortage of librarians is expected to reach crisis proportions in five years, when nearly 50 percent of the profession will be retiring.

Currently, only San Jose State and UCLA offer American Library Association-accredited master’s degrees in library science programs in California.

A master’s degree in screenwriting, a conversion of CSUN’s existing option in mass communication, is proposed New Degree Programs continued on page 2.
Southern California Gas Company and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) officials presented Cal State Northridge with incentive checks totaling more than $2.1 million during an April ceremony dedicating the university’s second solar electric system.

The more than 2,800 165-watt solar panels on the southwest side of the campus, together with more than 3,000 75-watt panels on CSUN’s north side, are expected to save the university in excess of $140,000 in annual energy costs and to help create a cleaner environment. Together, the installations constitute one of the largest solar electric systems at a public university in California.

Working with The Gas Company and LADWP, CSUN’s Physical Plant summer developed the $3.5 million project.

Cal State Northridge is continually seeking new and innovative technologies to reduce its energy bills, said Mohammad Qayoumi, vice president of administration and finance.

The Gas Company, said the project at CSUN is “one of many we’re involved with that promotes renewable energy and helps customers gain more control over the cost and reliability of their electricity.”

Lillian Kawasaki, LADWP assistant general manager for environmental affairs and economic development, called CSUN’s newest solar electric system “another step toward a cleaner environment in Los Angeles.”

The project’s 2,852 solar modules double as shading in faculty parking lot B2, near North Hollywood Drive and Darby Avenue. Each module can generate up to 165 watts of power, producing a peak generating capacity of 467 kilowatts. Much of this power will be generated exactly when it is needed most, between 1 and 5 p.m. during summer months, thus saving the most energy dollars.

Installation of the project was overseen by a team of CSUN engineering students who even redesigned some of the installation equipment to make the process more user-friendly.

Campus Launches Second Energy-Wise Solar Electric System

Gas Company, LADWP Present University with Incentive Checks Topping $2.1 Million

Spotlight is on Young Science Wizards at May Symposium

K–12 Researchers Probe Secret Lives of Moon Jellies, Get ‘Inside Story’ on Eyeless Hexapods

New Degree Programs…

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for 2005 or 2006. The curriculum for the screenwriting master’s program already exists, but with the change of name, the degree actually will reflect its subject matter.

CSUN’s master’s in engineering option in mechanical engineering will convert to a new mechanical engineering master’s degree. The Department of Mechanical Engineering is awaiting approval to launch the new degree, possibly in 2005.

Mechanical Engineering Department chair Sidney Schwartz said the program is expected to increase CSUN’s visibility with potential students, and to boost its graduates’ marketability in the aerospace, entertainment and communications industries as well as with electronic manufacturing firms, public utilities, oil companies and others.

A new materials engineering master’s degree program recently was approved for 2005–06, the conversion of an existing option in materials engineering in the master of science in engineering program.

The program’s students, primarily employed in technical professions, will enhance their knowledge of fundamental materials engineering principles, nontraditional materials such as composites and semiconductors, and materials failures mechanisms.

Recognizing that California’s biochemical/biotechnology industry has become one of the major sectors of the state’s economy, CSUN’s Chemistry and Biochemistry Department has designed a master of science program in biochemistry. The new degree is anticipated for the next academic year.

“An exciting trend in the chemical/biochemical industry is to hire more master’s level chemists because they have training in conducting research,” said Omar Zahir, department chair.

“At the same time, they are less costly, compared with Ph.D. chemists.”

The Jewish Studies Program expects to introduce its degree in Modern Jewish Studies in 2005, reportedly the first such undergraduate major in either the CSU or UC systems.

The CSUN program will join a CSU-wide consortium including CSU Chico, San Diego State University, San Francisco State University and CSU Long Beach.

Each consortium partner will accept courses for credit toward the Modern Jewish Studies degree from any of the consortium campuses, an option that works especially well for online courses.

Your basic _Zanoides latipennis_—or longspine combfish—will be hard pressed to attract attention in this crowd.

Even the somewhat flashier _Rhinobatos productus_—a.k.a. showel-nose guitarfish—will have to compete for its moment of fame at Cal State Northridge’s annual K–12 Student Science Poster Symposium, at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, in the University Student Union’s Grand Salon.

The exotically named creatures, subjects of scientific investigation by K–12 students who have spent many hours researching and conducting experiments for publication in the 2005 Journal of Student Research Abstracts, Vol. X, won’t be present to bask in the symposium spotlight. But the students will, nearly 100 of them, from both public and private Southern California schools.

“Some of the work prepared by the students this year is of national level presentation quality,” said symposium director Steven Oppenheimer, director of CSUN’s Center for Cancer and Developmental Biology. Oppenheimer edits the journal in conjunction with the symposium as an opportunity for the young researchers to break into print.

Open to the public, the event will feature posters detailing the research of the students, who will be available to answer questions about their work on issues as great as the deadliness of strokes or as small as a penny’s rust rate in salt or fresh water.

The gut of a mold-eating, leaf litter-loving, eyeless critter called _Pseudosinella violenta_ was an irresistible scientific mystery to student Monique Chavez of Holmes International Middle School in Northridge. Are the innards of the microscopic hexapod, she wondered, acidic or no?

A practical-minded Chatsworth student investigated whether certain brands of gasoline improve gas mileage. A pair of intrepid researchers from La Crescenta collected data from the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the Aquarium of the Pacific to uncover the truth about captive moon jellies.

All these experiments can be examined at the symposium and in the journal.

Working with the Los Angeles Unified School District, symposium co-sponsors are the Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program, the National Science Foundation, the California Science Project, the Joseph Drown Foundation, CSUN’s Center for Cancer and Developmental Biology, as well as its Department of Biology and the College of Science and Mathematics.

For more information, call Oppenheimer at (818) 677-3356.

Richard Morrow (far left), vice president of customer services-major markets for The Gas Company, and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power energy conservation executive Gary Gero (far right) join Vice President of Administration and Finance Mohammad Qayoumi (center) and CSUN participants at the campus’ solar system dedication and check presentation.

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Events

Tuesday, May 3

Chan Buddhism Lecture
Weimin Sun, assistant philosophy professor, will lecture on “The Early Development of Chan Buddhism” from 10 a.m. to noon in University Hall, conference room 211. Sponsors are The China Institute, the Office of Graduate Studies, Research, and International Programs, and the Philosophy Department. fmi–Justina Su, x2138 or su@csun.edu.

Wednesday, May 4

Philosophy Lecture
The Philosophy Department hosts “Does Schoenberg Solve the Problem of Tragedy?” at 4 p.m. in the Whitsett Room, Sierra Hall 451. Philosophy professor Sandy Shapay of the University of Indiana at Bloomington, will speak fmi–x2757 or visit www.csun.edu/~philos33.

Wednesday, May 4

Auschwitz Survivor Speaks at CSUN
Erika Jacoby, an Auschwitz survivor, will discuss ‘Persistence in the Face of Evil’ at noon in the Thousand Oaks Room, University Student Union. Sponsored by CSUN Counseling Services and the Jewish Studies Program, the free event is part of Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is open to the public. fmi–Jody Myers, x3007.

Wednesday, May 4

Holocaust Documentary
The Chippath: The Wedding of Two Ghetto Survivors,” Sascha Schneider’s documentary about his parents, is set for 7:15 p.m., followed by a Q&A session at the Fallbrook Laemmle Theatre in West Hills. Sponsored by CSUN Counseling Services and the Jewish Studies Program, the free event is part of Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is open to the public. No RSVP is necessary, but seating is limited. fmi–Jody Myers, x3007.

Tuesday, May 10–Thursday, May 12

IT Open Forums
Faculty, staff and students are invited to learn how technology can better support their work at the upcoming Information Technology Open Forums from noon–1 p.m. on May 10 in Sequoia Hall 250A, from 11 a.m.–noon on May 11 in Music 101 and from 2–5 p.m. on May 12 in the Business and Economics Building 4117. Share your comments, suggestions, and questions with members of the Information Technology Resources management team. fmi–Sabrina Rife, x5700.

Friday, May 13

Book Signing
Matthew Radmanesh, professor of electrical and computer engineering, will discuss and sign his book, “The Gateway to Understanding: Electrons to Waves and Beyond” from 1:30–2 p.m. in the Grand Salon, University Student Union. If interested in attending, contact Radmanesh at matt@csun.edu.

Friday, May 20

CSUN Professors Golf Association
The Cal State Northridge Professors Golf Association has scheduled its final tournament of the academic year at the Camarillo Springs Golf Course starting at 9:30 a.m. Registration is $40, includes cart and eligibility for prizes. Faculty and staff of all skill levels are invited to participate. fmi–Don Cameron, cameronout@ucla.com or (805) 480-9845.

Friday, May 20

Honored Faculty Reception
The annual General Faculty Meeting and Honored Faculty Reception, set for 1 p.m. in the Grand Salon, University Student Union, will salute emeritus professors, 25-year faculty, 25-year lecturers, and recipients of the Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award, the Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award, the Exceptional Creative Accomplishment Award, the Extraordinary Service Award, the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Visionary Community Service-Learning Award. Senator officers for 2005–06 will be installed. RSVP by May 15 at x3263 or sandy.borowitz@csun.edu.

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 May 16 issue is Monday, May 9. 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) 677-6000. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting. Note: fmi–means for more information.

Senate Executive Committee
Meets 1–4:30 p.m. Thu., May 12 University Hall 277

USU Board
Meets 1 p.m. Mon., May 16

USU Grand Salon

Notices

Our Deepest Condolesences
The university community extends deepest condolences to the family and friends of A. Ewing Konold (Educational Leadership and Policy Studies). CSUN professor Emeritus who served from 1958 to 1963 as chair of the Education Department and as special assistant to the president at San Fernando Valley State College, later re-named Cal State Northridge. Memorial donations may be made to the Konold Scholarship Fund (SAF). c/o Samohi Alumni Association, 527 21st Place, Santa Monica, CA 90402.

Catastrophic Leave Donations
Andrea Fleming (College of Social and Behavioral Sciences) is currently out on a medical leave of absence. Fleming has exhausted her leave credits and is requesting catastrophic leave donations on her behalf. Catastrophic leave donation forms may be accessed at www-admn.csun.edu/brs/forms/benefitsforms.html. To make donations of sick and/or vacation leave for Fleming, forward completed forms to Renee Venezia, manager, Payroll Administration, mail code 9228.

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Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 1:15–5 p.m. Wed., May 4 and 11 University Hall 277

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Fri., May 6 University Hall 211

Educational Resources Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Tue., May 10 University Hall 211

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., May 11 University Hall 211

I TR Faculty/Staff Training
Information Technology Resources (ITR) provides free training workshops for CSUN faculty and staff. The training labs are located on the garden level of the Oviatt Library unless otherwise noted:

□ Outlook
Mon., May 2, 1:30–4 p.m. OV 30
□ Windows
Thu., May 5, 2–4 p.m. OV 35
□ Intermediate Word
Fri., May 6, 1:30–4 p.m. OV 35
□ PowerPoint
Tue., May 10, 2–4 p.m. OV 30
□ Beginning Publisher
Thu., May 12, 9–11:30 a.m. OV 33
□ Netscape Composer
Thu., May 12, 2–4:30 p.m. OV 32
□ Access
Thu., May 12, 2–4 p.m. OV 35

Deadlines

Human Subjects Research Approval
Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete a Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms 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: Tue., May 31. Next meetings Tue., May 10 and June 14. Protocol submission forms are in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or download from www.csun.edu/research.

Classes

Professional Development Staff Training
Professional Development Programs provides free training workshops for CSUN staff members on the garden level of the Oviatt Library, room 16, unless otherwise noted. To enroll, e-mail melissa.billeter@csun.edu. Include name, department, extension, e-mail address, class name and date. All training enrollments should be discussed with management. fmi–Melissa Billeter, x3620, or www-admn.csun.edu/brs/training/index.html.

Workshops:
□ Half Dome Final Details (CSUN & You @ Half Dome)
Thu., May 5, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
□ New Hire Orientation
Wed., May 11, 8:30–11:30 a.m.
□ What Hinders Good Service?
Thu., May 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon
□ Emotional Wellness Strategies for Busy Professionals
Tue., May 17, 11:00 a.m. to noon
□ Receiving Feedback Constructively
Thu., May 19, 10:00 a.m. to noon

Envision 2035
Attend Open Forum on Campus Master Plan
Help Identify Environmental Issues for the upcoming Environmental Impact Report
Thursday, May 19
Morning session: 9 a.m. to noon
Evening session: 6–9 p.m.
CSUN Oviatt Library Presentation Room
To attend either session, please RSVP to Community Relations Director Judy Nutter, (818) 677-2123 or judith.nutter@csun.edu.
Visit the Envision 2035 Web site via a link on the University’s home page, www.csun.edu
Sinbad, Darren Grant Slated for Showcase

Actor/comedian Sinbad will be honored for his "family friendly" portrayals at Cal State Northridge's Student Film Showcase on Wednesday, May 4. The star of the popular HBO comedy specials also will serve as master of ceremonies.

Free and open to the public, the showcase is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, 5200 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. It represents the culmination of studies for the university's senior-level film students.

CSUN Film alum Darren Grant, whose first feature film was the box office hit "Diary of a Mad Black Woman," also will be honored. Grant graduated from Northridge's film program in 1995 and directed music videos for recording artists Destiny's Child, Ludacris and Ja Rule before moving on to the silver screen.

The student films will include "Here and Then," a tale of love and loss by Michelle Tung, director, Nancy Berni and Marc Lennard, producers; "Eagle Spirit," about a white woman who grows up with American Indians, by Kevin North, director, Annie Weichert and Beverly Abbott, producers; "The Wounded Man," a web film by Heather Hillstrom, director, Hillstrom and Joe Shanahan, producers; and "Street 16," about a runaway teen, by Patrea Patrick, director, Bethany Besler and Valerie Plimpion, producers.

CSUN's Cinema and Television Arts Department also will recognize the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for its longtime support of the university's film program.

For more information, call the Cinema and Television Arts Department at (818) 677-3192.

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