Record Number of Students Set for 2005 Commencement

Disney Chief Eisner, Congressman Sherman Among Notables to Take Part in Ceremonies

The hard work of Cal State Northridge’s record-breaking 2005 graduating class will be rewarded during May 31–June 3 ceremonies, which, for the first time in its history, have been honored with a Presidential Award and an honorary degree award for Walt Disney Company CEO Michael D. Eisner, and commencement speeches by Congressman Brad Sherman and alumnum/gubernatorial Cabinet Secretary Terry Tamminen.

Biomedical industry leader Robert Behl will address engineering and computer science students, and alumni Rick Katz and Denise Vega Middleton, both prominent health industry executives, will receive College of Health and Human Development honors.

“Commencement is an exciting time at Cal State Northridge,” said President Jolene Koester of ceremonies in which a record 8,847 students—nearly 7,290 bachelor’s and 1,558 master’s degree candidates in 61 fields—are eligible to participate. “It gives us an opportunity to celebrate all that our graduates have accomplished and the wonderful possibilities that await them in the future,” Koester said.

The celebration begins with the Honors Convocation at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, on the University Club lawn. Theatre alumnus Terry Tamminen, cabinet secretary for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will speak. Chief liaison between the governor and the state, Tamminen attended CSUN in 1973.

Robert Behl, CEO and board chair of Percutaneous Systems, Inc., will address the College of Engineering and Computer Science’s graduating students. The founder of RadioTherapeutics Corp. and InnerDyne Medical, Behl holds 21 U.S. patents for medical devices.

Michael Lewinski, scientific director of infectious diseases at Quest Diagnostics’ Nichols Institute, will speak at ceremonies for the College of Science and Mathematics. The institute is a world leader in highly specialized laboratory testing. U.S. Representative Brad Sherman of the 27th Congressional District will speak at the College of Arts, Media, and Communication’s celebration. Sherman is a former member of California’s Board of Equalization.

The College of Health and Human Development will honor Rick Katz (Kinesiology ’85), president of the multi-state Adient Health physical therapy clinics and hospital facilities, and Denise Vega Middleton (Communication Disorders and Sciences ’86), president and owner of Miller & Standel Speech Pathology Services in Sherman Oaks.

An honorary doctor of fine arts will be awarded to Walt Disney Company CEO Michael D. Eisner at ceremonies for the Michael D. Eisner College of Education. The Eisner Foundation, created by Eisner and his wife, Jane, gave CSUN $7 million for the establishment of the Center for Teaching and Learning, a national leader in preparing teachers to support the educational and emotional needs of all children in the classroom.

First Presidential Award Presented at Staff Recognition Event

University Advancement’s Veronica Grant is Honoree; Merit Award and Team Winners Also Saluted

Veronica Grant made campus history on Friday, becoming the first recipient of the Cal State Northridge Presidential Award, the university’s top merit honor. President Jolene Koester presented the award to Grant, executive assistant to University Advancement Vice President Judy C. Knudson, at the annual Staff Service and Excellence Recognition Event.

The new Presidential Award, which replaces the previous Employee of the Year recognition, is reserved for the CSUN staff member or administrator who “demonstrates consistently outstanding performance and who serves as a role model for other people by living the values of the university.”

Grant was recognized for routinely hearing big projects onto her regular workload. When her division was charged with leading the improvement of CSUN’s Web presence, Grant took on the staffing of the Web committee and, to a great degree, coordinated the May 2000 launch of the university’s redesigned Web site. Until others were able to maintain them, she published several Web pages herself, including the 2001 President’s Inaugural Web site, the 2001 and 2002 final exam schedule, and the 2001 and 2002 commencement Web sites. Grant took Web classes to deepen her expertise, earning a certificate in Web design and management.

A seven-year University Advancement employee, Grant has overseen several major office relocations. While Presidential Award continued on page 3.
Teachers for a New Era Team Breaking Ground on Reform
University’s Progress Impress Visitors from Carnegie Corporation of New York

The Teachers for a New Era (TNE) initiative at Cal State Northridge is moving rapidly toward achieving goals set out in July 2001, when the Carnegie Corporation of New York announced an ambitious initiative to radically change the way K-12 teachers are prepared in the United States.

In spring 2002, CSUN was selected as one of four initial grantees in the initiative to radically change the way K-12 teachers are prepared in the United States. The Carnegie team met with TNE’s Evidence of Pupil Learning team, whose pilot study on what K-12 students actually learn from CSUN teaching graduates is considered crucial to the initiative. “No one else has yet accumulated evidence of pupil learning data,” noted Philip Handler, vice provost for academic affairs and TNE project director. “This is brand new in the nation.”

Carnegie’s recent site visit to CSUN sparked a positive assessment of that progress. “Carnegie Corporation of New York is very pleased with the progress on a number of fronts. Carnegie’s team also met with faculty and credential candidates at three clinical sites CSUN established during the current academic year—at Langdon Elementary, Sepulveda Middle School and Monroe High School—and went away impressed. “We’re working with these school sites, along with Valley New High School No. 1—located on the CSUN campus—and the CHIME Charter School,” said the vice provost, “to engage the faculty and administrators at the schools to be partners with us in preparing new teachers.”

The idea is to break a pattern in which only one master teacher helps prepare a new teacher, and to pull more members of a school’s faculty into the process. At the Sepulveda site, a cohort has been established that emulates the medical school model of residents-in-training. “Our teachers-in-training are getting all of their credential preparation, all of their course work, at the school site rather than here at CSUN,” Handler said.

Northridge is the first university in the country to set up a clinical site in this way. The goal we’ve set for ourselves at CSUN is to capture what we can learn from the experience of these students, and to see how we can create that experience for all of the students in our credential program.” A Monroe High School student cohort like that at Sepulveda will begin next year, and Langdon Elementary will follow.

The Carnegie team also met with Northridge’s six new TNE faculty fellows, hired this academic year in a variety of disciplines: Thomas Andrews and Flannery Burke, history; Ian Barnard, English; Michael DeGesare, sociology; Steven Graves, geography and Elizabeth Nagy-Shadman, geological sciences.

The TNE faculty fellows are teaching and doing research in their own disciplines, but they also are collaborating extensively across disciplines with university colleagues and with K-12 school partners.

Their goal is to “help the arts and sciences faculty understand what K-12 teachers need to know in order to help their pupils achieve at the highest levels,” Handler said. “In this way, arts and science faculty will become full partners in teacher education programs.”

CSUN’s TNE participants also are building a virtual warehouse of data at the university, collecting pupil learning data on teachers prepared at CSUN. “This is a huge undertaking,” said Handler. But it has been an infrastructure like it.”

Bland is in Demand for Research on Best Retirement Locales
Geography Department’s Warren Bland Logs Miles, Reaps Media Mileage for Bestseller

Except for a cameraman, Warren Bland was alone in the KCET television studio, staring into the camera and trying to give sensible answers to the “disembodied” voice coming through his earphone during a satellite link with a Philadelphia cable station. It was the first in a heady round of national media interviews for the geography professor, the man in demand for information on America’s best retirement venues.

Bland’s bestselling book—Retire in Style: 60 Outstanding Places Across the USA and Canada—has literally brought the world to his door. CNN’s “American Morning” interview with him in April was taped right in his small Sierra Hall office. “We had to put up ‘Quiet Please’ and ‘TV Taping in Progress’ signs all over the place,” he said. “It was quite an event.”

Since the book’s January debut, Bland has been interviewed on The Comcast Network’s Money Matters Today, the Bloomberg Channel, CBS MarketWatch, Fox News, MSNbc, the WB2 Morning News in Denver, on USA radio stations including WGN News at Noon, CLTV and WLS TV 7, and on more than 25 radio programs from San Antonio to London, including public radio’s “All Things Considered,” Los Angeles’ KNX 1070 AM and Voice of America.

The Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, the Los Angeles Daily News, the New York Daily News, the Seattle Times and magazines are among the print media of national and local media with stories on Bland, who also is featured on prominent Web sites.

“The book has been getting enor-
mously positive feedback,” said the geographer, who brought to bear more than 30 years of travel experience across the U.S. and Canada with his wife and “silent” partner, Sarah.

Bland had to be wheeled into writing his first book on best retirement locations, “Retire in Style: 50 Affordable Places Across America.” After hearing him criticize other tomes on the subject, Sarah chimed in: “If you’re so smart, why don’t you write one?” Bland laughed it off but gave in when a graduate student urged him to “leave something important behind.”

Writing the first book was “drudgery,” but the second was fun, Bland said, and much more lucrative. To date, the current book is selling at four times the rate of the first. His ability to bring a trained geographer’s sensibility to the subject sets both books apart from others in the genre. He faults some of these for paying mere lip service to considerations as important as climate—“getting facts wrong and misleading people on things like precipitation, highs, lows”—or for relying too heavily on anecdotal information.

One author interviewed a couple in St. Augustine, Florida, who claimed to feel safer in St. Augustine than anywhere else. “But when I checked my FBI source,” Bland said, “I found that city to be one of the most crime-ridden in the U.S.A. You have to cross check.”

Bland organized his book on a place-by-place basis across 11 regions, providing information under the 12 criteria that resonate with his targeted middle-income and well educated audience: landscape, climate, quality of life, cost of living, transportation, retail services, health care, community services, cultural and educational activities, recreational activities, work and volunteer activities, crime rates and public safety.

He urges those contemplating retirement to follow the pattern of investigation he and his wife used successfully in more than 100 locations. “We’d drive into town, get a room and a good map, then visit the downtown area, the malls, the residential areas, the parks. We’d talk to people, not for anecdotal material but for basic information.”

“Sometimes a place can sound good on paper, but you get there and find litter, the homeless on benches, higging in a virtual warehouse of data at the university, collecting pupil learning data on teachers prepared at CSUN. “This is a huge undertaking,” said Handler. But it has been an infrastructure like it.”
A decisive vote by the Faculty Senate in April upheld the two decades of general education requirements at Cal State Northridge, ushering in a new policy expected to improve the quality of education at CSUN and increase the number of students who graduate in a timely manner.

Initiated and developed by CSUN's Faculty Senate, the proposal was ratified by the full Faculty Senate in a 48-8 vote. The action capped 18 months of work by a task force composed of faculty members from the Educational Policies Committee, each of the university's colleges and representatives of Associated Students and the university advising staff.

Set to take effect in fall 2006, the overhauled requirements will more closely align the university's general education requirements with those of community colleges and other CSU campuses. As currently written, Northridge's requirements are viewed as so complicated that students, faculty and even academic advisors have been hard pressed to decipher them. The task force produced a detangled, simplified set.

"Often in education, we forget that less is more," said Provost Harry Hellenbrand. "When the less—in this case, a streamlined general education program—is well designed with clear goals, students can learn more."

A major provision of CSUN's reform package requires both freshmen and transfer students to complete 48 units of general education course work as part of their 120-plus semester unit requirement total. Previously, freshmen were asked to complete 58 to 60 units of general education work, but students transferring from community colleges and other universities needed only to complete 48.

Besides bringing the university closer to the division of work historically prescribed in U.S. institutions of higher learning—one-third each for general education, the academic major and electives—the change will allow students to explore more courses outside their academic majors.

Without changing the total number of units required for graduation, the change also will boost students' chances to pursue a minor or, importantly, to do better in scheduling the correct courses needed for graduation in their chosen fields. General Education Task Force committee members included Timothy Belfield, representing Associated Students; Alyce Aker, Educational Policies Committee; Norm Fuller, College of Arts, Media, and Communication; Hillary Hertzog, Michael D. Eisner College of Education; Doris Johnson, advising staff; Lynn Lampert, Oviatt Library; Jennifer Matos, Educational Policies Committee (chair); Michael Meyer, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; David Rodriguez, College of Humanities; Shane Frehlich, College of Health and Human Development; Mehran Kamrava, Educational Policies Committee; Vicki Pedone, College of Science and Mathematics; Steven Stepanek, College of Engineering and Computer Sciences; and Glen Whitman, College of Business and Economics.

For details on the reform package, visit www.csun.edu/~geef/home.htm.

Northridge Tops in Awarding Master’s Degrees to Hispanics

Cal State Northridge ranks among the nation’s top 25 universities for awarding master’s degrees to Hispanic students, according to Hispanic Outlook for Higher Education.

In its April 11 edition, the magazine also said Northridge is among the top 25 universities in the nation for the size of its graduate enrollment of Hispanic students.

"We are honored to be recognized for our continuing efforts to provide a quality educational experience to a diverse community," said President Jolene Koester.

According to the Hispanic Outlook list, about 17 percent of the master's degrees conferred by Cal State Northridge in the year 2002-2003 were to Hispanics, or 178 master's degrees out of 1,069. That figure placed CSUN 19th on the list for master's degrees awarded.

Hispanics made up approximately 19 percent, or 1,416 students, of Northridge's total graduate enrollment of 7,361 students in fall 2003, making CSUN seventh in the nation for the size of its graduate enrollment of Hispanic students.

For master’s degrees conferred, California schools again led the top 25 list with nine schools. Florida was second with five, and Texas placed third with four schools.

In Fall 2004, Hispanic Outlook also included CSUN as one of its "Publisher’s Picks" an annual national list of colleges and universities that maintain solid records in recruiting, enabling and graduating Hispanic students. The list was based on formal and informal inquiries, and on data from the National Center for Education Statistics.

President Jolene Koester (far left) congratulates winners of the Awards of Merit at Friday's Staff Service and Excellence Recognition Event. Honorees are (from left) Vicki Morton, Journalism Department; Kelly Kroeker, College of Science and Mathematics; Steven Stepanek, College of Arts, Media, and Communication; and Kelly Kroeker, administrative support assistant II for the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT).

Chi created a time-saving system of queries, collaborated with the Systech network communications devices company in developing PeopleSoft usage at CSUN, coordinated the clean-up of thousands of rows of PeopleSoft and other data, and developed the Human Resources data warehouse.

With a fragility that has saved her department thousands of dollars over the years, Ali Sadri, manager of advancement staff, the project manager, has worked thousands of hours of PeopleSoft queries, and on data from the National Center for Education Statistics. She completed four re- accreditation self-studies and onsite visits, and created an electronic and manual journalism alumni file, carefully tracking nearly 2,000 alumni.

Sadri worked many weekends and nights insuring that PeopleSoft interacted appropriately with the university's donor database and developing a plan for the conversion of Cal State Northridge Foundation accounting to PeopleSoft. When a director-level position was vacated, Sadri added to his workload the post of CFO for the foundation.

Kroeker has been described as the de facto assistant director of CELT, which she has helped manage for the past five years. Taking the lead on many CELT projects, she has worked on the design of nine issues of the center’s newsletter. Kroeker, who

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Irene Clark (English) presented a paper titled "What? When Graduate Students Write Thesis Proposals," at the Western States Literary Conference in Phoenix. In January, she served on a panel at the AP English Literature Conference in San Francisco. In March, she presented a workshop on writing assignments as part of the Strategic Thinking for the Advancement and Retention of Students series.

Carole Oglesby (Kinesiology) was invited to participate in the International Congress, "Sport, Women & Leadership," last December in Berlin. World experts presented research from national and international projects.

Mehammad Qayoumi (Administration and Finance) spoke on "What is outcomes-based learning? How is it outcomes-based learning so important to quality in higher education?" at the Quality in Higher Education Conference 2005 in Dubai.

Merrill Simon (Educational Psychology and Counseling) , Cheryl Spector (English) and educational psychology graduate student Toni Aho in February presented "Powers of Two: Grad Student Mentors in the Freshman Seminar" at the First Year Experience conference in Arizona.

Jackie Stallcup (English) chaired a panel titled "The Child and the Book: Curriculum and Identity Construction" at the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies conference in Las Vegas.

Michael Summers (Biology) gave a colloquium talk at CSU Long Beach titled "Sphoe formation in cyanobacteria; a molecular genetic approach," and addressed the American Society for Microbiology, Southern California Branch, on "Surviving hard times: The lowdown on cyanobacterial akinetes." Summers also served as poster judge at the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science 2004 national conference.

Joseph Thomas (English) presented a paper titled "Multiple Poetics" at the 2004 National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE) conference in Indianapolis. Thomas was appointed affiliate editor of the online journal Reconstruction. Studies in Contemporary Culture, and presented a paper titled "Will the Real Whiskered Wit Please Stand Up? Playboy, Shel Silverstein, and Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back" at the Sixth Biennial conference on Multicultural Critical Approaches to Children's Literature, in Nashville.

Gregory Velazco y Tryanoski (Philosophy) is scheduled to lead a workshop on "Ethics Today: On Campus and in the World" at the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education in June.

Nicole Warwick (English) presented two papers, "More Than an Anecdote: Helping New Teachers Learn to Deliver Reading-Writing Connections" at the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages convention in San Antonio.

Brian Leung (English) read at Bowling Green State University as part of The Asian American Writers Workshop Literary Caravan, in January.

Richard Mitchell (English) presented "Caribbean Touristic Performances: In Literature and Everyday Life" as part of the 24th Annual West Indian Literature Conference at the University of Puerto Rico. Mitchell's new play, "Celestial Flesh," was presented as a staged reading in April at Libros Revolucion Bookstore in Los Angeles. He presented a paper on "Anna in the Tropics" at the American Literature Association Western Conference in San Francisco, and one titled "Breachcram Mamet" at the David Mamet Society International Conference in London.

Robert Chiensie (English) moderated a panel of scholars and photographers at the Ventura County Museum of History and Art in October, discussing the relationships between art, documentary photography and politics.

Tony Arthur (History) and John Broesamle (History) have had their book, "Clashes of Will: Great Confrontations that Have Shaped Modern Mexico," published by the Pearson Longman firm.

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Wendy Birdy (Anthropology) has had a co-authored paper, "Temporal variation in adult interaction patterns in wild Macaca cyclopis," accepted for publication in the International Journal of Primatology.

Warren Bland (Geography) had his book, "Retire in Style—60 Outstanding Places Across the USA and Canada," published by Next Decade. The book rates cities and towns on the 12 criteria considered most important to retirees, including health care.

Gwen Brewer (English) had her article, "Women, Biography, and Proliferation in Eighteenth-Century Britain," published in the winter 2005 issue of Sexuality and Culture.

Ranita Chatterjee (English) had her article, "Sapphic Subjectivity and Gothic Desires in Eliza Fenwicks's Secret," published in a special issue on the female Gothic in Gothic Studies Vol. 6 No. 1.

Dorothy Clark (English) has had the seventh edition of her text, "Basic Grammar and Usage," published.

Irene Clark (English) had her article, "A Genre Approach To Writing Assignments," published in Composition Forum Vol. 14.4.

Robert Espinoza (Biology) had his co-authored article, "Recurrent evolution of herbivory in small, cold-climate lizards: breaking the ecophysiological rules," published on the cover of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Fred Field (English) had his article "Second language acquisition in Creole genesis" published in the volume, "Creeoles, Contact, and Language Change," John Benjamins Publishing Co.


Fritz Hertel (Biography) co-presented "Lizard population densities and habitat use in northern Mexico based on roadside surveys" at the Raptor Research meetings, at which CSUN student Nigo Sustaita won the best student paper prize for his talk on North American hawks and falcons.

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James Aldrich (Sociology), Don Bethe (Kinesiology), Jim Dole (Biological), Kiren Dosanjh Zucker (Business Law), Eric Edson (Cinema and Television Arts), William Jennings (Finance, Real Estate and Insurance), Jerry Leuders (Procors’s Office), Margarita Olivas (Chican@ Studies), Glenn Omatu (Asian American Studies), Steven Oppenheimer (Biological), Mark Schilling (Mathematics), Dee Shepherd-look (Psychology), Richard Smith (Physiology), Jon Stahl (Cinema and Television Arts), Richard Strayer (Accounting and Information Systems) and William Whiting (Kinesiology) were honored in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 2004.

Larry Allen (Biological) has been appointed to the California State Scientific Advisory Panel overseeing the white sea urchin management plan of California’s Department of Fish and Game.

Larry Baresi (Biological) was elected member-at-large for the Southern California branch of the American Society for Microbiology.

G. Jay Christensen (Management) won the Business Forms Management Association’s Jo Warner Award for lifetime achievement. Among other contributions, Christensen served as education chair of the group’s national organizing committee and co-taught its 15-week Forms Management Seminar for five years. The award ceremony was at the President’s Banquet in Orlando, Fla., at the national BFMA convention in May.

Steven Dudgeon (Biological) served as a judge for the International Physiological Society’s Christenson Prize, awarded to the best paper during 2003/04 for the journal, Physiologia.

Fred Field (English) was nominated for vice president of the Society for Pulgen and Creole Linguistics.

Brett Grunert, a student in the Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics Department, was awarded the top scholarship of $2,000 at the Student Night of American Society of Civil Engineers Los Angeles Section Younger Member Forum in April.

Matt Harris (Music) led the CSUN Jazz “A” Band to a first place win at the 36th annual University of Nevada, Reno Jazz Festival in April. The CSUN Combo, directed by Gary Pratt (Music), won first place in the four-year College Combo competition. Matt Falker (Music), Vocal Jazz Ensemble director, led his group to third place honors in its division. The event is one of the oldest and largest educational festivals in the West.

Brian Leung (English) was a finalist for his short story collection, “World Famous Love Acts,” for the Lambda Literary Awards. Leung was nominated in two categories: gay men’s debut fiction and gay men’s fiction.

Steven Oppenheimer (Biological) was invited to be editor for Canada, South America and the United States for Acta Histochemia, an international journal of structural biochemistry.

John Motil (Computer Science), Ahmad Sarfaraz (Manufacturing Systems Engineering), Jeffrey Wiegley (Computer Science) and Robert Ryan (Mechanical Engineering) were among six winners of the First Individual Development Grant from the California State Board of Education. The CSUN nominees for this year’s First Individual Development Grant included: Nathaniel Anderson (Business), Frank Arrowsmith (Electrical and Computer Engineering), and Seung-sun Park (Chemical Engineering).

Carole Oglesby (Kinesiology) is the subject of a biography published in The Pioneer Feminists Project, a reference work featuring feminist contributions up to the year 1975. Oglesby was selected for inclusion based on her groundbreaking work in women’s sports, exercise and recreation.

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Scott Kleinman (English) had his entry, “The Normans in Britain and Ireland,” published in The International Encyclopedia for the Middle Ages Online, a supplement to the Lexicon des Mittelalters.

Sharron Kollmeyer (English) had her poetry published by the Avocet, A Journal of Nature Poems, edited by her colleagues Pat Swenson and Nancy Taylor (English).

Brian Leung (English) had his short story, “Six Ways to Jump Off a Bridge,” selected for publication in the anthology, “Fiction From the Crossroads of America.”

Jacqueline Meisel (English) had her poem, “Exile,” accepted for publication by Hip Mama #33: The Outcast Issue.


Steven Oppenheimer (Biological) and Edward Carroll (Biochemistry) had a fourth edition of their book, “Introduction to Embryonic Development,” published by Pearson Education. Oppenheimer’s “Cancer: A Biological and Clinical Introduction with Cancer Prevention Guide” also came out in a fourth edition.

Ronald Purell (Music) was the subject of “An Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Purell” about his musical activities at CSUN, in the February 2005 Gendai Guitar Journal, no. 483, February 2005, Tokyo.


Stephanie Satie (English) prepared a review for “The Art of Being Human,” a humanities text by Richard Janaro and Thelma Alshuler.

Mary Shannon (English) had her essay, “Uncle Jerry,” printed in Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul IV: More Lessons on Love, Life, and Learning,” which came out November 2.

Jack Solomon (English) had his article, “Popular Cultural Semiotics and Why It Matters,” appear in the current issue of SEMIOTIX, an international online semiotics newsletter.

Mary Lee Sparring (Biography) had her paper, “Echimoderm genetics make PAP, and sperm activation by external PAP bypasses calcium channels regulated by ZAPB unlike jelly activation of sperm,” published in the Journal of the Chinese Chemical Society.

Jon Stahl (Cinema and Television Arts) has had his article, “Character, Action, Image: Discovering the Intrinsic Connections,” published in the March 2005 issue of Feedback, the online journal of the Broadcast Education Association.


George Uba (English) had his book of poetry, “Disorient Balloon” published by Turning Point Press. The book was a runner up in the 2003 Tales: A Poetry Series Contest. The book’s cover features artwork by CSUN alumna Maria Mami Turremeyer.
Research and Sponsored Projects

Ann Bisco (Special Education) has received $40,000 from the California Department of Education, in continuing support of a project titled “Family Empowerment Center.”

Donald Bleich (Finance, Real Estate, and Insurance) has received $5,000 from the CSU Real Estate Education Endowment Program, in continuing support of a project titled “Real Estate Program Improvement Grant.”

David Boyns (Sociology) has received $40,000 from UC Riverside, in support of a project titled “Copernicus Project Evaluation.”

Nancy Burstein and Sue Sears (Special Education) have received $161,675 from the Los Angeles County Office of Education, as supplemental support of a project titled “California State University, Northridge Special Education Intern Program.”

Larry Cageto (Mechanical Engineering) has received $16,000 from the Air Resources Board, in support of a project titled “ICAT Proposal Review.”

Robert Carpenter (Biology) has received $120,000 from the National Science Foundation, in support of a project titled “UTER: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem.” Carpenter and Peter Edmunds (Biology) have added an additional $1.4 million from the Moore Foundation to the Long Term Ecological Research grant for their South Pacific coral reef research project.

Gary Chapman (Physics) received $86,689 from NASA, in continuing support of a project titled “A Study of Solar Variability Using Precise Ground-Based Photometry from Full-Disk Images.”

Sonnnath Chattopadhyay (Electrical and Computer Engineering) has received $499,728 from U.S. Army Research, in support of a project titled “The Innovative Development of Avalanch Photodetector/OPFET Photodetectors for Optical Modulator/ Optical Interconnects Application.”

Deborah Chen (Special Education) has received $84,181 from the Oregon Health and Science University, in continuing support of a project titled “Validation of Evidence-Based Assessment Strategies to Promote Achievement in Children Who Are Deafblind.”

Irene Cota (Elementary Education) has received $699,977 from the Los Angeles Unified School District, in continuing support of a project titled “Multiple Subject Intern Program.”

Robert Danes (Undergraduate Studies) has received $250,019 from Glendale Community College, in continuing support of a project titled “Improving Student Outcomes through Cooperative Effort.”

James Dennis (Debbs-Hamer Institute) has received $11,250 from the Department of Children and Family Services, in support of a project titled “Black Family Specialist Certification Program.”

Jan Eckmier (Secondary Education) has received $900,274 from the Los Angeles Unified School District, in continuing support of a project titled “Single Subject Intern Program.”

Peter Edmunds (Biology) has received $100,000 from the National Science Foundation, in support of a project titled “Coral Reefs in Moorea, French Polynesia.”

Alan Glassman (Management) has received $45,000 from the Department of Youth Authority, in continuing support of a project titled “YACA Strategic Planning.” Glassman also received $1,399,878 from the State of California, Department of General Services, in continuing support of a project titled “California Procurement and Contracting Agency.”

Steve Oppenheimer (Biology) received $100,156 from the National Science Foundation, in continuing support of a project titled “Ab initio Molecular Approaches.” Kioussis also received $17,000 from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in support of a project titled “Ab initio Molecular Dynamics Calculation of Transient Behavior of Defects in K2P04 Following Laser Irradiation.”

Victor Liu (Environmental and Occupational Health) has received $19,000 from UCLA in continuing support of a project titled “Occupational Safety and Ergonomics Training and Intervention Program in the Maquiladora Industry.”

Michael Summers (Biology) has received $100,156 from the National Science Foundation, in continuing support of a project titled “Single Subject Intern Program.”

Werner Horn (Psychology) received $48,360 from the Los Angeles Unified School District, in continuing support of a project titled “MARC Student Outreach and Recruitment Services.”

Ben Yaspelkis (Kinesiology) has received $48,360 from the Los Angeles Unified School District, in continuing support of a project titled “MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (USTAR) Program.” She also received $576,170 from the National Institutes of Health, in continuing support of a project titled “MBRS SCORE at California State University Northridge.”

Ronald Purcell (Music) and Tony Gardner (University Library) were the main authors on a grant proposal that brought $23,200 from the Augustine Foundation for the Oviatt Library’s International Guitar Research Archive.

Ramin Roosta (Electrical and Computer Engineering) has received $15,000 from Boeing, in support of a project titled “A Survey of RAD-HARD/RAD Tolerant FPGA’s for Military and Space Applications and Their Trade-Offs.”

Maureen Rubin and Julie Dercle (Community Service-Learning) have received $21,352 from Sonoma State University, in support of a project titled “California’s Promise Americorp Program.” Rubin also received $10,000 from Temple University, in support of a project titled “Project SHINE-Metlife Health Literacy Initiative.”

Carrie Saetermoe (Psychology) has received $7,052 from the National Institute of Mental Health, as supplemental support for a project titled “Center for the Psychological Study of Urban Diversity Life Changes of Low Income Latino Youth.”

Ryoichi Seci (Physics and Astronomy) has received $69,000 from the Department of Energy, in continuing support of a project titled “Nuclear Lattice Calculation.”

Deborah Sheets (Health Science) has received $57,526 from UCLA, in continuing support of a project titled “California GEC Mental/Behavioral Health Supplement.”

Gerry Simula (Geological Sciences), Steve Oppenheimer and Virginia Vandergron (Biology), have received $52,700 from the Regents of the University of California, in continuing support of a project titled “San Fernando Valley Science Project.”

Christine Smith (Secondary Education) has received $900,274 from the Los Angeles Unified School District, in continuing support of a project titled “Routes and Regulation of Cytopathic Carbon Catabolism.”

Chris Villa (Student Outreach and Recruitment Services) has received $14,900 from the Los Angeles Unified School District, in continuing support of a project titled “MARC Development & Enhancement (RISE).”

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Family and Consumer Sciences students (from left) Erin Gibbs, Jennifer Webb, Nicole Fratelli and Nancy Navarro won second place in the annual Nutrition College Bowl sponsored by CSUNs Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, at the California Dietetic Association meeting in Riverside.
Events

Wednesday, May 18

American Indian Film Festival

The CSUN American Indian Student Association, in conjunction with Red Nation Celebration and Spirit World Productions, will screen “Broken Rainbow” and “American Holocaust: When It’s All Over It’ll Still Be Indian” at 6:30 p.m. in the Northridge Center Theatre. A Q&A session with filmmakers Victoria Mutild and Joannelle Romero will follow the screenings. There is no fee, but donations will benefit the Red Nation Scholarship Fund.

Friday, May 20

CSUN Professors Golf Tournament

The CSUN Foundation Professors Golf Association has scheduled its final tournament of the academic year at the Camarillo Springs Golf Course starting at 9:30 a.m. $40 registration includes cart and eligibility for prizes. Faculty and staff of all skill levels are invited to participate. fmi-Don Cameron, cameronstru@csu.edu or (818) 677-4905.

Friday, May 20

Honored Faculty Reception

The annual General Faculty Meeting and Honored Faculty Reception will take place from 1–3 p.m. in the Grand Salon, University Student Union. Outstanding faculty members will be honored and musical entertainment will be provided by the CSUN Student String Quartet fmi-Sandy Horwitz or the Faculty Senate Office, x 3263, or sandy.horwitz@csun.edu.

Saturday, May 21

“Mow Down Air Pollution”

Associated Students Recycling Services will host “Mow Down Air Pollution,” a new local government program in conjunction with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, from 8 a.m. to noon in Lot F10, corner of Lassen Street and Lindley Avenue. The public is invited to exchange gas-powered lawn mowers for new cordless electric mowers, valued at $399, for only $100. Qualified residents must pre-register and turn in their old operable gas mowers at the time of exchange. fmi-Sandy Horwitz or the Faculty Senate Office, x 3263, or sandy.horwitz@csun.edu.

Wednesday, May 25–Friday, May 27

Goodwill Donation Drive

The Associated Students Recycling Program will sponsor a Goodwill donation drive at the University Park Apartments from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to donate all types of items in working condition. Tax receipts will be available. fmi-Kevin Moharaj, x 2477.

Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Meets 1-15 p.m. Wed., May 18
University Hall 277

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 31 issue is Monday, May 23.
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) 677-9909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi-means for more information.

Approved Policy Items

President Jolene Koester has approved the following Faculty Senate policy items:

- Proposed modifications of the general education program
- Policy regarding Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) faculty on personnel committees
- Policy regarding lecturers’ role in department and college elections.

fmi-Faculty Senate Office, x5265.

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, x3820, or www.admn.csun.edu/bhrs/training/index.html.

Summer Travel Courses

The Tseng College of Extended Learning will offer two travel study courses this summer—”Understanding China’s Health Care System” with health sciences professor Louis Rubino and “Urban Development in Brazil” with urban studies and planning professor Eupedres De Oliveira. fmi—Rubino, x7257, or De Oliveira, x2804.

Teaching the Holocaust

The Tseng College of Extended Learning will offer a course on “Teaching the Holocaust and Genocide” from Tuesday, May 31–Thursday, July 7, 4:30–8:30 p.m. on campus and online. The class, designed for secondary school and adult educators, covers the historical and social factors leading to the Holocaust and ethnic slaughters. fmi—Jody Myers, jody.myers@csun.edu or http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/ and click on Spring Special Session.

Envision 2035

Attend Open Forum on Campus Master Plan and Help Identify Environmental Issues for the Upcoming Environmental Impact Report

Thursday, May 19
Morning session: 9 a.m. to noon or 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.

Deadlines

Sigma Xi Award Nominations

The CSUN Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, is seeking nominations for the following three awards: the George Lefevre Outstanding Researcher Award, honoring a CSUN faculty member who has made outstanding contributions in the areas of research and related teaching, the Outstanding Support Staff Award, recognizing the outstanding contributions of either a technical or clerical staff member, and the Pre-College Science/Math Teacher Recognition Award, honoring notable achievements by a high school or middle school teacher in science or math. Nominations must be received by Friday, May 20.

fmi—Ali Zakert, Sigma Xi awards chair, mail code 8913 or ali.zakert@csun.edu.

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 meeting: Tue., June 14. Protocol submission forms are in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or download from www.csun.edu/research/fmi-x2901.

Enrollment

Enrollment Guide

The Office of the Registrar will be closed from Thursday, May 19 to Friday, May 27.

The Office of the Registrar will be open on the following days:

- Monday, May 23: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 24: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 25: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 26: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 27: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Weekend hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The registration deadline for courses starting on or before May 31 is Tuesday, May 24.

For assistance, please call (818) 677-4909 or visit the Office of the Registrar, Northridge Center, room 268, or the University Center, room 110.

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'Heart and Soul' of Faculty Senate Office to Retire

When I leave CSUN, it will be time for me to get on with Part II of my life,” said Sandra “Sandy” Horwitz, administrative analyst/specialist and acknowledged heart and soul of the Faculty Senate Office.

Part II is fast approaching for Horwitz, who will retire on May 31 after 25 years at the university. For years a passionate student of theatre arts in CSUN’s Theatre Department and a volunteer usher for the Performing Arts Center, her second act may well have the scent of greasepaint and the glow of spotlights in it.

If one were to evaluate my credits earned at CSUN,” she said, “it would appear that I was a theatre major.”

Upon retirement, her announced plans are simply to “exercise many life options, which include obtaining a degree.”

Horwitz started her career at Northridge on July 1, 1982, in the dean’s office of what was then called the School of the Arts. In 1991, after she began working as a clerical support staffer for the EOP and Educational Equity advisors, her work space at one point was the garage of the Engineering Annex. “Students literally lined up outside the garage to wait for advisement,” Horwitz recalled.

The 1994 earthquake left the garage unsafe and Horwitz’s life devastated. She left Los Angeles for a time but returned to an “earthquake shower” hosted by her CSUN friends, complete with items needed to begin life again.

Horwitz’s first “retirement” was in late 1996, but she returned as a retained annuitant, helping out in the Faculty Senate Office. When her current position—her “dream job”—opened up, what she calls the “most fulfilling” part of her career began.

In addition to the demanding job of coordinating the annual Faculty Awards event and the Faculty Retreat, Horwitz develops the official notes and records of the Faculty Senate meetings, and conducts a variety of other activities involved with faculty governance at CSUN.

Her responsibilities have brought her in contact with most campus faculty on a regular basis. “The Faculty Senate changes from year to year, but Sandy has given it a continuing identity,” said Faculty President Ronald McIntyre. “She’s been the heart of the Senate, constant and true.”

**Family and Consumer Science Students Win Big**

Cal State Northridge’s Family and Consumer Sciences Department students took second and third place honors in the Southern California Institute of Food Technologists 2005 annual student product development competition this spring at Chapman University.

The assignment for this year’s competitors was to develop a food product that contained one or more “functional” ingredients. The product had to be highly nutritious, safe, flavorful and conducive to good health.

Competing against five teams, CSUN’s Jami King and Tamara Harker won a $1,500 second place award by preparing a fortified, low carbohydrate caramel candy.

A pomegranate pumpkin bread concocted by students Jessica Zalbutan, Moigan Ghods and Sandra Orsini won the $1000 third place award.

The CSUN winners—all nutrition, dietetics and food science majors—are committed to the well-being of individuals and families, said Claudia Fajardo-Ara, advisor and assistant family consumer science professor.

The competition prepares them to work in the food industry where they can apply the principles learned in this process.

“In their senior year, students work on a product development project that involves creativity, taste, safety and science,” she said. “They also learn about packaging, budgeting and marketing campaigns.”

Food science encompasses the study of advanced nutrition, food preparation, handling, processing, production and safety.