New Science Building Gets Go-Ahead from CSU Trustees
Architecturally Dramatic Project to Bring Science, Math Faculty Together Under One Roof for First Time

A nearly 90,000 square foot science building set for completion in January 2009 will provide a modern new home for interdisciplinary scholarship on campus, as well as room for hundreds of new students to pursue science and math studies at Cal State Northridge.

The project received an important go-ahead on February 1, when the CSU’s Board of Trustees approved schematics for the state-of-the-art structure, whose exterior will make a “dramatic architectural statement” in the university’s southeast sector, adding to a surge of new construction and vitality in that area.

Construction on the four-story project, to include relocation of the existing stellar observatory, is set to start in January 2007. The current science buildings were erected in the late 1950s.

Funded through the Proposition 55 state capital construction measure approved by voters in 2004, the $46 million-plus building will be located on East University Drive/Lindley Avenue, south of the Botanic Garden. The building’s main entry will open up to East University Drive and Sierra Walk, a major campus pedestrian promenade.

The modern new science building planned for CSUN’s southeast sector will feature 33 laboratories and 13 “smart” lecture rooms to accommodate more students.

College of Science and Mathematics Dean Jerry Stinner said the building’s innovative design will promote interdisciplinary research between CSUN biology and math faculty, who for the first time will be housed under the same roof.

“We hear a lot today about the importance of interdisciplinary research and that the real advances are occurring at the margins,” said Dean Stinner. “The increased interaction between the biology and math faculty will, I predict, result in increased collaborations in both teaching and scholarship.”

The math faculty, he noted, has for many years not been physically present in the science buildings. Interdisciplinary collaboration will be fostered not only through the physical location of work areas, but by providing common gathering areas for students and faculty. “We recognize that, increasingly, science and mathematics are a communal affair,” Stinner said.

The structure’s “smart” lecture rooms—seating a total of 770 science and math students at a time in 11,580 square feet of space—will help fill a critical need for more room.

“These relatively large classrooms are absolutely necessary to our growth,” said Dean Stinner. The College of Science and Mathematics’ rapidly growing student population—currently 2,872 full time equivalent students is up more than 20 percent from the 2000–01 academic year enrollment.

For the two larger lecture rooms, accommodating 150 and 120 students, tiered seating has been planned.

Dubbed “smart” because of their technological advantages, all the rooms provide for Internet hookup and multimedia presentations.

A time when media headlines, think tanks and school districts are warning that California will be short roughly 100,000 teachers within the next 10 years, Cal State Northridge has been identified second highest in the state in its enrollment of teaching candidates.

In its December 2005 report to the state Legislature, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing identified Cal State Northridge as a national leader in contributing new lifeblood to the ranks of teachers.

Through its programs, CSUN is working to ease the growing gap caused by attrition, an expanding student population, fewer college students entering teacher preparation programs and reduced class sizes.

Among California’s 88 public and private institutions with programs preparing students for teaching careers, CSUN placed just behind National University in its 2003–04 teacher preparation enrollment.

Of the 67,595 students enrolled statewide for 2003–04, CSUN produced 4,354 who completed one or more courses in a program including supervised student teaching or internship teaching.

“I am pleased there are so many students who want to study with us,” said Philip Rusche, dean of the Michael D. Eisner College of Education. “I think this reflects well on the confidence that aspiring teachers have in us. We’re teaching the future, and that’s exciting.”

Northridge Second in State’s Teacher Candidate Enrollment
Amid Warnings about Looming Teacher Shortage, CSUN Offers Many Pathways to a Credential

Approximate number of state’s teachers: 306,000
Approximate number of state’s teachers: 97,000

Dean Philip Rusche, Michael D. Eisner College of Education
**FYI…**

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 February 27 issue is Monday, February 20. 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) 773-3199. Email is the preferred method of submitting.

**Health Center Services**

Services now available to faculty/staff at the Klotz Student Health Center include low cost chiropractic services, basic dental services, eye exams and contact lens fittings, and competitively priced frames and lenses. February dental “specials”: $59 for exam, X-rays and cleaning; $99 tooth whitening kits, $299. Crowns by appointment only, x3666.

**Classes**

Professional Development Programs

Professional Development Programs provides free training workshops for CSUN staff members. Visit www.calstate.edu/ovlii/training/courses/index.htm and completing the online registration form for each workshop

**Events**

**Wednesday, February 15**

Matador Dollar Day

Financial Aid and Scholarships, Student Outreach, EDFUND and S.P.A.C.E sponsor a financial awareness information fair for students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bayramian Hall (formerly Student Services) Courtyard. fmi–Gregorio Alcantar, x4148.

**Wednesday, February 22**

Meet the Author


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Majors Fair 2006

Students can explore undergraduate majors, minors and campus resources at the annual Majors Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., USU Grand Salon. Sponsors: EOR Undergraduate Studies, Associated Students and the California Cancer Center Development Association, CSUN student chapter. fmi–Advising Resource Center/EOR x2108, or e-mail belene.berg@csun.edu.

**Wednesday, February 22**

Architecture of Fear

Environmental psychology professor Setha Low of The City University of New York will discuss the “Architecture of Fear: Gated Communities in Urban and Suburban United States” from 11 a.m. to noon, Lakeview Terrace Room, USU. Sponsors: The Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Anthropology Department, Chicano/a Studies and the Institute of Gender, Globalization, and Democracy. fmi–Suzanne Scheld, x4955 or suzanne.scheld@csun.edu.

**Wednesday, February 22**

Scientific Theories Lecture

Mathematics professor Jacek Polewczak, winner of this year’s Sigma Xi George Lefever Award for excellence in faculty research, speaks on “The Arrow of Time, the Boltzmann Equation, and Beyond” at 4 p.m., Live Oak Hall 1231 (formerly Science 1). fmi–Ali Zakeri, Sigma Xi The Research Scientific Society, CSUN Chapter, Math Dept. mail code 8313, ali.zakeri@csun.edu.

**Thursday, February 23**

Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Joint Advocates on Disordered Eating (JADE) observes Eating Disorders Awareness Week with “Take a Real Look,” a health issues information fair in Sierra Quad and on Matador Walk, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ACT (Advocates for Cultural Talk), the Blues Project suicide prevention group and the DATE sexual assault prevention group will participate. fmi–x5111.

**Wednesday, March 1**

Breakfast Seminar

The Tseng College of Extended Learning sponsors a free seminar, “Conflict Resolution in an Organization,” for managers and directors in the business and nonprofit community, 7:30–9 a.m., University Club. Communication Studies Department chair Peter Nwosu will lead the presentation. Reservations are necessary: fmi–x7151, or terti.cream@csun.edu.

**Wednesday, March 1**

Clubs and Organizations Fair

The Clubs and Organizations Spring Fair gives clubs and organizations a chance to promote and recruit, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Magnolia Walk West and University Hall Courtyard. fmi–Alexandra Barahin, x5111 or sdtpclub@csun.edu.

**Saturday, March 11**

Chinese New Year’s Banquet

The China Institute hosts the annual Chinese New Year’s Banquet at 6 p.m., USU Grand Salon. To attend, membership and reservation forms must be mailed before Fri., March 3. fmi–Justine Su, x9099.

**Public Meetings**

**Associated Students Senate**

Meets 2 p.m. Wed., Feb. 14 and 21
University Student Union, Grand Salon

**Personnel Planning and Review Committee**

Meets 1:15–5 p.m. Wed., Feb. 15
University Hall 277

**Faculty Senate**

Meets 2–4:30 p.m. Thu., Feb. 16
Oviatt Library, Presentation Room 81

**USU Board**

Meets 1 p.m. Mon., Feb. 20
University Student Union, Grand Salon

**Educational Resources Committee**

Meets 2–4 p.m. Tue., Feb. 21
University Hall 320

**Educational Policies Committee**

Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., Feb. 22
University Hall 211

**Senate Executive Committee**

Meets 1–1:30 p.m. Thu., Feb. 23
University Hall 277

**Notice**

**Deepest Condolences**

The Kinesiology Department and the campus community offer deepest condolences to the family and friends of Sallie Whalen-Ruiz (Kinesiology), who passed away in December. In lieu of gifts, donations can be made in her name to the CSUN Foundation, with a reference to the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled. fmi–Becky O’Brien, x2182.

**2006 Faculty Awards**

Nominations are invited for the Outstanding Faculty Award, the Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Scholarship Award, the Senator Publication(s) Award, the Creative Accomplishment(s) Award, the Extraordinary Service Award, and the Visionary Service-Learning Award. Nominations forms and criteria are at www.csun.edu/awards/nominations.html. Nominations are due in the Faculty Senate Office by March 2, and supporting materials by March 30. fmi–x3203.

**Faculty Development Directors**

Elizabeth Berry and Christie Logan (Communications Studies) have been respectively appointed as acting director and acting associate director of Faculty Development (formerly called CELT).

**Faculty, Committee and Board Service**

Faculty interested in selection for faculty governance positions, Faculty Senate standing or advisory committees or all-university committees and boards may complete the University Service Form at www.csun.edu/senate/volunteer.edu. Return the form to the Faculty Senate Office by Feb. 15. fmi–x3203.

**Pre-Doctoral Program Awards**

The California Pre-Doctoral Program provides travel funds and research internship opportunities for CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. Applications, due March 30, are at www.calstate.edu/predoc. fmi–Hedy Carpenter, x2158.

**Excellence Awards**

Nominations are open for CSUN’s Presidential Award, Award of Merit, and Team Excellence Awards for outstanding support of the university’s mission and students. Winners are saluted at the annual Staff Service and Excellence Recognition event. Click on the Recognition of Excellence Awards link at www.adms.csun.edu/hr/. for criteria. Nominations are due by June 7 in Professional Development Programs, Office of Human Resources, mail drop 9229, or at University Hall, Room 185. fmi–x3820.

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**Workshops:**

Dementia Caregiving Issues

Wed., Feb. 15, 12–1 p.m.

Time Mastery Profile: How to Manage Your Time More Effectively

Bob Martin, presenter.

Thu., Feb. 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Surfing the Web for Medical Information

Louis Rubini (Health Sciences), presenter.

Tue., Feb. 21, 12–1 p.m.

What is an Effective Question?

Kandise Taylor-Sherwood, presenter.

Wed., Feb. 22, 9–11:30 a.m.

Communicating with Your Teenager

Scott Plunkett (Family Consumer Sciences), presenter.

Thu., Feb. 23, 1–2 p.m.

Tax Sheltered Annuities

Derek Giacomuzzi, AXA Advisors, LLC, presenter.

Tue., Feb. 28, 10–11 a.m.

Mind, Body, Spirit Week

JADE (Joint Advocates on Disordered Eating) invites faculty and classes to Mind, Body and Spirit Week workshops. RSVP to jade@csun.edu.

**Workshops:**

“Let’s Talk about Men’s (and Women’s) Bodies”

Author Leigh Cohen, facilitator.

Wed., Feb. 22, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sierra Center Meeting Room

“Food, Fat, and Fear—Understanding Eating Disorders in Today’s Culture”

Psychologist Dena Cabrera, speaker.

Mon., Feb. 27, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Grand Salon, USU

“Fat Brain, Skinny Body”

Comedian Michelle Garib, speaker.

Tue., Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Lakeview Terrace Room, USU

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Real Estate Investor Creates Music Endowment at Northridge
Barbera Family Endowment to Underwrite Music Ensemble Performances

Real estate investor and philanthropist Robert Barbera has created a $52,000 endowment to support performances by music students in Cal State Northridge’s College of Arts, Media, and Communication.

The Barbera Family Endowment in Music Performance will be used to underwrite performances by the college’s major music ensembles, including the Symphony Orchestra, the Wind Ensemble, the Jazz “A” Band and the Northridge Singers, as well as student opera presentations.

CSUN will celebrate the endowment’s creation at a performance of the university’s symphony orchestra, set for March 18 in Glendale’s Alex Theatre.

A longtime university supporter, Barbera last year established the Robert Barbera Scholarship in Voice, in the Music Department. He also gives strong support to the College of Humanities’ Italian program, and serves on the development committee of the Imagine the Arts Campaign for the university’s new performing arts center.

“Cal State Northridge is a working man’s college,” said Barbera, himself a college scholarship recipient. “It’s hard to keep up your studies while you’re holding down a job.

“When you know that someone who doesn’t even know you is willing to support your college education, that makes your college education even more valuable. And describing the Barbera Family Endowment in Music Performance as a kind of loan, ‘The students are paying us back with their performances. The world is always a better place with educated, trained performers in it.’

Barbera has been active in a number of Italian-American organizations, promoting a series of philanthropic ventures to encourage the study of Italian at CSUN and other universities. His wife, Jo, is a former employee of Northridge’s Michael D. Eisner College of Education.

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The CSU Board of Trustees this month appointed Gary Reichard executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer for the California State University system.

Reichard formerly was provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Cal State Long Beach.

Affiliated with Long Beach since 1994, Reichard had held the chief academic officer post since 2002. He also served as associate vice president for academic personnel, planning and assessment.

Reichard’s career has included service as chair of Florida Atlantic University’s Council of Arts and Humanities, as acting associate dean at the Schmidt College of Arts and Humanities, as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Maryland, and as director of the University of Delaware’s university honors program.

The CSU executive vice chancellor serves as a principal policy and executive management advisor to the chancellor. He acts for CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, in the chancellor’s absence.

CSUN Soccer Stars Drafted

Two CSUN men’s soccer stars were headed for the professional stage after being drafted by Major League Soccer (MLS).

Cal State Northridge soccer star Willie Sims—the highest CSUN draft pick to come out of CSUN—on Jan. 20 was selected as the 24th overall pick in the MLS 2006 Super Draft. Just one week later, Daniel Paladini was selected as the 24th overall pick in the MLS Supplemental Draft.

Sims was selected by the New England Revolution at the draft held in Philadelphia. Paladini was picked by the Los Angeles Galaxy in the second round of the supplemental draft, which was conducted by phone.

Sims and Paladini both had shining careers at CSUN, with Paladini earning Big West Midfielder of the Year and Sims earning his second Big West Conference Player of the Year award.

The two players’ selection brings the number of Matador soccer players drafted by major league soccer to five in the last five years.

‘radKIDS’ Safety Skills Course is Set for March

CSUN’s Public Safety Department in March will roll out a new “personal empowerment” safety education program for the five to 11-year old children of CSUN faculty and staff.

The radKIDS (Resist Aggression Defensively) nationwide non-profit program will teach lifesaving skills to children in a series of five two-hour sessions.

Among other skills, children will learn responses to bullying, gun and bike safety, avoidance of predators, good and bad touching, “stranger danger,” Internet safety and planning for natural disaster emergencies.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to register their children promptly, as the class is limited to 20, to be taught by specially trained CSUN police officers April Saucedo and Anthony Vargas.

“Parents can’t be with their children 24 hours a day,” said Officer Saucedo, who initiated the program at CSUN. “We hope to give them skills to handle things in case they’re ever in a dangerous situation.”

Though it is an offshoot of the campus’ successful RAD for Women program—which focuses on providing women with techniques for dealing with aggressive assaults—radKIDS is not a martial arts program. Children do receive hands-on training in physical defense, said Saucedo.

“They also learn how to dial 911,” she said, a skill not to be taken for granted. “Some kids just freeze. We use a toy phone and ask them questions just like a dispatcher would. We train them to be calm.

The cost is $10 per child, but each participant who completes the course can take it again, free of cost, any number of times up to the age of 12 years. Manual copies are given to parents, who are encouraged to attend.

Classes are set for March 6, 7, 13, 14, and 15 from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. For registration, contact CSUN’s Crime Prevention and Community Relations office at (818) 677-7922.

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Gary Reichard was selected to be the 13th president of the University of California at Santa Barbara by the UC Board of Regents.

In that capacity, he serves as a key member of the university’s senior management team, and is a principal policy and executive management advisor to the chancellor. He acts for UC President Jack Peltason, in the chancellor’s absence.

The appointment being made was announced by UC President Jack Peltason. It is effective immediately.

Reichard previously served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer for the University of California at Santa Barbara, and a similar role for the University of California at San Diego.

Robert J. Birgeneau, who is president of the California Institute of Technology, had been interim president of the University of California at Santa Barbara since December 1995, when he succeeded Roderick J. McDavis, who became chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley.

Reichard joins the CSU system from the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he has served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer since 1995.

He holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley, and a B.S. in physical sciences from the California Institute of Technology.

He began his career at the California Institute of Technology, where he was a faculty member in the physics department from 1984 to 1987, and served as associate dean of the college of natural sciences from 1989 to 1995.

In 1995, he moved to the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer.

The University of California at Santa Barbara is a public research university with an enrollment of approximately 25,000 students.

Reichard has authored or co-authored over 120 scientific articles, and has received numerous awards and honors, including the Presidential Young Investigator Award and the National Science Foundation CAREER Award.

His research has focused on the study of low-dimensional physical systems, and he has been a leader in the development of new techniques for the study of quantum systems.

He is a member of the American Physical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the National Academy of Sciences.

Reichard’s appointment as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer at the University of California at Santa Barbara is effective immediately.

He will assume his new responsibilities on March 1, 2006.

California State University, Fullerton

The university is a comprehensive, multidisciplinary institution with approximately 47,000 students and 3,400 faculty members.

The university offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the arts, sciences, business, health professions, education, social sciences, humanities, and public affairs.

The university is a member of the California State University system, which serves over 400,000 students at 23 campuses.

Gary Reichard is a native of San Francisco, and received his B.S. degree in physics from Stanford University.

He received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California at Berkeley, and has held appointments at the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of California at Berkeley, and the California Institute of Technology.

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