Proposition 55 Funds New Science Building for Campus

Measure Also Will Provide Research Equipment to Complete Engineering Building Renovation

California voters’ approval last month of Proposition 55 has paved the way for construction of a $46.2 million science building to replace the university’s 43-year-old Science 1 Complex.

Proposition 55, the Kindergarten–University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, also provides $3.4 million in funding for equipment to complete Northridge’s Engineering Building renovation project. Teaching, research, testing and communications equipment will be purchased for the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the College of Health and Human Development, along with computers and furniture.

The design process for the new 115,000-square foot science structure should begin before January 1, 2005, said Bill Fairchild, manager of capital projects for Northridge’s Facilities Planning, Design and Construction office. Designs should be complete by expected to follow in fall 2006. Approximately 60 faculty offices are planned for the new building, enough to house nearly 120 full-time College of Science and Mathematics faculty under one roof for the first time in campus history.

Among other features, the three-story facility will have eight lecture rooms, a new vivarium for the Biology Department and 27,000 square feet of research and instructional laboratory space, including nine planned teaching laboratories.

Fairchild said crews could begin removing the aging 80,000-square foot Science 1 building, located between the Sierra Quad and East University Drive/Lindley Avenue, over the 2006/07 winter break. Conservative estimates slate November 2008 for completion of construction.

Facilities Planning already has begun drafting a long list of architects for possible consideration, Fairchild said. The architect selection process may even start this semester, he added.

“The new structure will have a larger footprint than the existing building,” said Fairchild. “Representing a significant increase in space for instruction and research in science and mathematics.”

Culture Clash Collection Comes to Northridge’s Library

Archives Hold Scripts, Playbills, Posters Marking Chicano/Latino Comedy Troupe’s 20-Year Career

Culture Clash, the nationally acclaimed Chicano/Latino comedy/performance troupe, has donated to Cal State Northridge the papers and art work that chronicle the group’s 20-year history.

Drafts of scripts—including some that never have been performed—are included in the collection along with the notes, posters, playbills and artwork of troupe members Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Sigüenza. The items will become part of the Urban Archives in the university’s Oviatt Library.

Highlights of the collection will be stephony planned in a small exhibition scheduled to open in the main lobby of the library on Wednesday, May 5.

Formerly called Comedy Fiesta, the group began performing 20 years ago in the Mission District of San Francisco. Montoya, a spoken-word poet, Salinas, a break dancer and bilingual rapper, and Sigüenza, who had trained as a visual artist, introduced a unique brand of Latino comedic theater combining humor with social criticism.

The original troupe also included Marga Gomez, Monica Palacios and Jose Antonio Bucigia.

Sigüenza said the trio chose Northridge as the home of its archives because of the university’s strong Chicano and Central American studies programs, and singled out Chicano/a Studies professor Rodolfo Acuña for special praise.

“We respect the university,” Sigüenza said. “We think a lot of Rudy Acuña and the Chicano Studies Department. CSUN was one of the first universities to have Central American studies. We have a good rapport there.”

Acuña, who has taught at the university for more than 30 years, helped found Northridge’s Chicano/a Studies Department, believed to be one of the oldest such programs in the nation.

Susan Carzon, dean of the university’s library, said the library was honored to receive the archives.

“Culture Clash,” she said, “is a California treasure.”

Fair trio’s collection is being inventoried, processed and preserved under the auspices of a five-year

The third annual Run, Walk & Roll event is just around the corner and I thought that many of you may be interested in participating this year.

The Run, Walk & Roll is a 5K and 10K race that will be held on Saturday, May 1, on the Cal State Northridge campus. It’s a fun and healthy way to spend a few hours on a Saturday morning with family, friends and neighbors.

There’s a category to fit every age group, from small children to the elderly. The fast, flat course runs through and around the perimeter of the campus, starting at the corner of Lindley and Plummer.

Proceeds from the Run, Walk and Roll go to support Cal State Northridge’s Center for the Physically Disabled. Since 1971, the Center of Achievement has provided long-term, low-cost therapeutic exercise programs for thousands of people dealing with disorders such as stroke, multiple

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KCSN’s Student Journalists Take Top Honors in Competition
For the Second Time in 2004, Campus Radio Station Wins Big in Arena with Professional Broadcasters

Competing against broadcast journalism professionals, the news division of Cal State Northridge’s KCSN 88.5 FM campus radio station has earned four first place statewide awards from the Associated Press Television Radio Association (APTRA). Broadcast journalism majors Josephine Ontiveros of Sunland, Matthew Areosa of Burbank, Matthew Workman of Santa Monica and KCSN news director Keith Goldstein of Northridge will claim their awards at the APTRA convention at Disney’s Paradise Pier Hotel in Anaheim on Saturday, April 3.

KCSN competes in APTRA’s Division Two, said Goldstein, the newsroom’s sole full-time employee. That places his student journalists in direct competition with broadcast professionals in Ventura, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, Palm Springs, San Luis Obispo, Thousand Oaks, Napa and many cities throughout the state of Nevada.

“We’ve had good success over the years,” Goldstein said. As recently as January, the station won two “Golden Mikes” and a Special Merit Award from the Radio Television News Association of Southern California. The achievement brought to 52 the number of “Golden Mikes” earned since the station was launched in 1963.

KCSN’s news teams have snared more than 400 top honors—including nine Edward R. Murrow Awards from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Radio-Television News Directors Association—in national and state competitions against professionals and other students. Areosa and Ontiveros tied for first place in APTRA’s “Best Radio Documentary or Special Programming” category.

Ontiveros’ timely “Immigrant Driver’s License” report aired a week before Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger took office and announced an agreement with the Legislature to rescind a bill authorizing drivers’ licenses for undocumented immigrants.

“I know people who are in that situation,” Ontiveros said, referring to undocumented workers. “I wanted to capture what they were going through in my report and tried to put it in both sides of the story.”

For his report, “The Southern California Wildfire Aftermath,” Areosa traveled to fire-ravaged sites in San Bernardino and interviewed fire victims, Red Cross officials, psychiatrists, firefighters and homeowners insurance company spokesmen.

Workman’s “Best Investigative Reporting” award follows a “Golden Mike” earned in January for the same story, “Immigration Processing Delays.” He reported on what had become a downtown fixture: a nightmarishly long queue of people waiting for service outside the offices of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Goldstein’s “Best Radio Series” award, for his six-part series called “Domestic Violence: The Cycle of Abuse,” followed a Special Merit Award from the Radio Television News Association of Southern California in January. The series covered the victims of domestic violence, its vicious cycles, police response, prosecutions, women who remain with their abusers, and the effect of domestic violence on children.

Northridge Alumnae Tapped for State Board of Education
Ruth Bloom, Ruth Green Have Histories of Educational Advocacy, Activism

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed two Cal State Northridge alumnae to the state Board of Education, subject to confirmation by the state Senate. Ruth Bloom of Marina del Rey was appointed to a three-year term, and Ruth Green of Santa Barbara to a four-year term.

“I am confident these members will work tirelessly to guarantee our children have every opportunity to be successful,” said the governor.

Bloom, who received her master’s degree in educational psychology at Northridge in 1977, is a longtime advocate for the arts and the public schools.

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Nursing Students Win Encino-Tarzana Foundation Awards
Scholarship Winners are in University’s Baccalaureate Program for Registered Nurses

The Encino-Tarzana Hospital Charitable Foundation has awarded $1,200 scholarships to five exceptional nursing students in the Department of Health Sciences’ Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) Program, located within Northridge’s College of Health and Human Development.

Helen Castillo (far left), dean of the College of Health and Human Development, and RN to BSN acting director Martha Highfield (far right), with scholars (from left) Laura Castro, Sandra Holguin, Mona Munoz and Tatiana Balas. Not shown is Debra Mireles.

Cal State Northridge’s Knowledge is Tops in College Bowl
CSUN Team Posts Highest Scores in Five-Hour Statewide Competition

Cal State Northridge’s team of nutrition, dietetics and food science students were the first place winners in the Nutrition College Bowl sponsored on campus by the Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics in early March.

Northridge’s students outscored teams from UC Berkeley, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU San Bernardino, San Diego State and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the five-hour marathon, attended by 150 guests and participants.

The College Bowl was designed to encourage an enthusiasm for learning, a spirit of teamwork and a sense of community among students enrolled in nutrition programs at California colleges and universities.

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$1.6 million grant from the federal Title V Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. Awarded by the Department of Education, the grant is aimed at bolstering student success by strengthening the Oviatt Library’s outreach to the Latino community.

The collection will be open to researchers next year. Parts of it will be included in the library’s Latino Cultural Heritage Digital Archives.

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Davita’s Harp
Based on the book by Chaim Potok.
Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall
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Athletics (home games):

Men’s Baseball
3/30 Pepperdine 2 p.m.
4/3 UC Riverside 1 p.m.
4/8 Long Beach State 3 p.m.
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4/10 Long Beach State 1 p.m.
4/20 Cal Poly Pomona 3 p.m.
4/30 UC Irvine 3 p.m.

Women’s Softball
3/28 San Jose State noon
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4/3 USCBS noon
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4/24 USC Riverside noon
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4/25 USC Riverside noon

Women’s Tennis
3/26/2 Long Beach State 2 p.m.
4/4 St. Mary’s 11 a.m.

Men’s Volleyball
4/2 Stanford 7 p.m.
4/3 Pacific 7 p.m.

Women’s Water Polo
4/9 USCBS 4 p.m.
4/10 Cal State San Bernardino TBA

Art and Exhibits

Bianchi Planetarium
“Spring Sky Show” and “Voyager Encounters”
Fri., April 2, 6 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and Galileo’s “Odyssey: The Worlds of Jupiter”
Fri., April 9, 6 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “In the Heat of the Night: Exploring the Invisible Universe”
Fri., April 16, 6 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “The Search for Life in the Universe”
Fri., April 23, 6 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “What’s New on Mars”
Fri., April 30, 6 p.m.
For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium

Cinematheque
Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Amor Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.csuncinematheque.com.

Music
Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $5 students.

American Guitar Society
Int’l Concert Series
Featuring Canadian music professor Steve Thachuk.
Sat., April 24, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Show of the Month
Choral performs.
Sun., April 18, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$45

Giomi String Quartet
Produced by The Music Guild.
Mon., April 19, 7 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$5–$26

An Evening of Chamber Music
Directed by music professor Julia Heimer.
Wed., April 21, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

American Guitar Society
Int’l Concert Series
Featuring Canadian music professor Steve Thachuk.
Sat., April 24, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

An Evening of Chamber Music
Directed by music professor Mary Kim.
Mon., April 26, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Cal State Northridge World Music Ensembles
Directed by music professor Ric Alviso.
Sun., April 25, 3 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Jazz Legend
Diane Schuur performs.
Sat., March 27, 27 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$45–$70

Guest Artist Series
Featuring cellist Ovidiu Marinescu and pianist Kenneth Bouton.
Sun., March 28, 7 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

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Sat., April 24, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

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Directed by music professor Mary Kim.
Mon., April 26, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Cal State Northridge Master Chorale
Conducted by music professor Paul Smith.
Tue., April 27, 8, p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Guitar Studio Recital
Directed by music professor Steve Thachuk and Ronald Borzon.
Thu., April 29, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Invitational Large Choir Festival
Fri., April 30, 1 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

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