Northridge Brings NCAA Regional Track Meet to Valley

Cal State Northridge will host the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) West Regional Men’s and Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Friday and Saturday May 28 and 29, the first time in university history that it will serve as host for the major track event.

Some 800 student-athletes and 400 coaches, athletic trainers and administrators are expected for the meet, said Northridge Athletics Department sports information director Ryan Finney.

As many as 35 different universities from eight states—Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington—are eligible to send competitors to the event, to be staged at the Matador Track and Field Complex off Lindley Avenue/East University Drive south of Lassen Street.

“Cal State Northridge is excellent and indispensable to the San Fernando Valley region for so many reasons, including hosting cultural and athletic events like this,” said President Jolene Koester.

The track meet will mark only the second NCAA regional competition Northridge has hosted in nine years, said Finney, recalling the 1995 NCAA No. 4 Regional for softball. In CSUN’s history as a Division I regional host, softball has been the sport on each occasion: in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

“We are honored to have the opportunity to host this event,” said Dick Dull, CSUN athletic director. “We join a select group of universities who will be hosting the NCAA Regional Championships that weekend.”

That group will include the University of Florida, hosting the East Regional; Louisiana State University, hosting the Mid-East Regional, and Texas A&M University, hosting the Midwest Regional.

The meet will provide Northridge’s student-athletes with a “tremendous opportunity” to compete in front of a home crowd in the NCAA’s first round, said head men’s and women’s track and field coach Don Strametz.

CSUN’s Matadors won the 2004 Cal-Nevada Championship team title for men’s track and field in April at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, with junior sprinter Rashaud Allen finishing first in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Allen earned the 2004 Cal-Nevada Championships Male Track Athlete of the Meet honors, and Coach Strametz was named Men’s Coach of the Meet.

Prominent alumni of Northridge’s track and field program include 18 Olympians, among them Valene Briscoe-Hooles, the first ever to win the 200- and 400-meter races in the same Olympics, the late Florence Griffith-Joyner, world record-setter in the women’s 100- and 200-meter dashes, javelin thrower Dave Stephens and three-time Olympian high jumper Pant Spencer-Maquez.

For schedule and ticket information, call the Matador ticket office at (818) 677-2488. Tickets will go on sale May 1. For NCAA West Regional Meet information, visit www.GoMatadors.com.
President Receives Pioneer Women Award

Acting jointly with the Los Angeles City Council, the City of Los Angeles' Commission on the Status of Women honored President Jolene Koester with its 2004 Pioneer Women Award in March, the national Women's History Month.

Koester, one of 15 women selected by the commission and the City Council, was cited for her "exemplary record of commitment and numerous significant contributions to the support, protection and awareness of the valuable accomplishments of women in our society."

District 12 Councilmember Greig Smith nominated the president for the award, accepted in Council chambers by Chief of Staff Claire Cavalaro on behalf of President Koester, who was away on university business.

Among the other honorees were CSUN alumnus Tyree Wiedert, president of Los Angeles Valley College, and former California First Lady Sharon Davis.

"It is a privilege to join the roll call of women who have received this very special tribute," said President Koester. "I am grateful to the Commission and to Councilmember Smith for their recognition of my work, which reflects the inspiration and support of the entire community of dedicated educators and staff at Cal State Northridge."

The Tseng Collection

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Tseng made headlines last September with a pledge to donate to the university $38 million in Chinese antiquities over four years. Now, less than a year later, the university and Tseng reported that his gifts thus far have already totaled nearly $24 million.

"The university and I are working wonderfully together and we've made wonderful progress," said Tseng, who ranked as the nation's 25th largest donor in 2003 because of the pledge.

An exhibit highlight is an ornate, 3,000-year-old gold and bronze ritual vessel considered to be unique. The gifted items also include a bronze bull with inlaid gold and silver dated to between the 11th and 6th centuries B.C.E., a glass water buffalo weight from between 400 and 221 B.C.E., and a Stone Age axe blade from 1.5-2 million years old.

"It's very rare to see this many items of ancient Chinese art displayed together at one time, especially art of this quality," Tseng said. "One of the goals of the exhibit, the first of three planned yearly showings at Cal State to improve health and well-being is to begin to reconstruct the original cultural context of these objects, the important roles they played in ancient Chinese culture."

The exhibit includes items dating from the Neolithic Era, as much as 3,500 years B.C.E. or nearly 6,000 years ago, to the late Han Dynasty, 221 C.E. Objects include those used for decoration, ritual/religious and utilitarian purposes.

Tony Gardner, the university's curator of the exhibit, said visitors will be struck by the level of craftsmanship of the ancient artisans. "Their imaginative decorations, made thousands of years ago, are still greatly admired today."

Behzad Bavarian, a Northridge professor who has analyzed the material composition of some of the objects, said "they are very sophisticated in the way they were manufactured. It's amazing the way they made them. It shows a greater depth of knowledge was available at that time than we might previously have expected."

Within the library, the university has created a state-of-the-art gallery to house the exhibit that has been named the C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery, after Roland Tseng's parents.

Tseng's $38 million pledge was the largest gift ever for Cal State Northridge and for the entire 23-campus California State University (CSU) system. In January 2004, the CSU Board of Trustees approved a pair of campus recognitions honoring Tseng and his family for their gifts.

For more information about the exhibit, call the library at (818) 677-2638.

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Each year, the Collaborative Art and Theatre Project enrolls approximately 40 probationary high school students in the YSS Program. The students are brought to campus once a week for four hours after school to participate in classes in their chosen discipline. At the end of the 14-week period, the program culminates in a multimedia event which incorporates elements from each discipline including a theatrical presentation, as well as graphic/Web design art and photography exhibits.

YSS has added aquatic arts to the program. This spring, 15 students are engaged in weekly swim classes that are intended to support their health and wellness.

And you experience it, I hope you'll take the opportunity to reflect on the culture that produced it," he said.

"Having traveled back to China months ago, I said Tseng, a Northern California resident who grew up near Cal State Northridge, "I still find the San Fernando Valley to be the heart of my culture. So it gives me great pleasure to provide to CSUN the resources that my family and I have developed over the years."

Among the dignitaries at the opening were County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Calabasas City Councilmember Dennis Washburn, and representatives of Congressman Brad Sherman, State Senator Richard Alarcon, Assembly Member Carol Liu, Assembly Member Frans Pavley, Mayor James Hahn, City Council President Alex Padilla and City Council Member Greig Smith.

If you would like more information about supporting the Youth Service Specialist Program, please give me a call at 677-2123 or e-mail your questions to me at judith.mayer @csun.edu. Until next month...
For the first time in the 18-year history of the event, Cal State Northridge will host the California State University Student Research Competition on April 30 and May 1, drawing to campus some 200 students from all 23 CSU institutions. University administrators and Chancellor’s Office representatives also will attend.

The event is designed to showcase the high caliber of research conducted by CSU undergraduate and graduate students in the full complement of academic programs offered by the CSU system, according to campus coordinator Hedy Carpenter, associate director of Graduate Programs, in the office of graduate studies, Research and International Programs.

“It’s a great way to highlight our students’ accomplishments,” said Carpenter, who added that presenters are encouraged to attend as many sessions as possible, both within and outside of their own fields. “This is an academic experience; we want students to absorb as much as they can about the research others are conducting in a range of disciplines.”

Their choices will include topics as varied as “Political conflict and brain drain in Sri Lanka,” “Gender warfare and feminine retribution in “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner,”” and “Behavioral responses to dehydration in the California and Pacific tree frogs.”

Students will make oral presentations to peers as well as to faculty judges from surrounding universities and professional experts from major corporations, foundations and public agencies. Traditionally, judges have been drawn from outside the CSU system to assure impartial evaluations and to broaden awareness of CSU student achievement.

“The judges are always impressed with the caliber of the work,” Carpenter said. “The students who compete at this level are always polished and professional. Many have given talks at professional academic conferences, and the vast majority give PowerPoint presentations.”

Twenty panels are planned, each with three judges to review student research in categories ranging from creative arts and design to the physical and mathematical sciences. All the judges must be strong in their fields, Carpenter said, to pose stimulating questions to the presenters.

“It is heartening to see judges dedicate their time to this important event,” she added, noting that excellent judges are critical to the success of the competition.

First and second place awards for each category will be presented at a Saturday, May 1 awards luncheon, with $400 awards for first place winners and $200 for second place. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, on the portico of the Oviatt Library. Presentations will begin at noon in the College of Business and Economics. On Saturday, sessions will be held in the Mamantik Hall starting at 8 a.m. and ending at noon.

The talks are open to the campus community. For more information about the event, visit the competition Web site at www.csun.edu/graduate/studnetresearch.htm, or click the “CSU Student Research Competition” link on the campus Web site home page.
May Calendar

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Art and Exhibits

Admission is free unless specified. For more info, call (818) 677-2156.
Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat. 12—4 p.m.

Annual Juried Art
Student Exhibition
Madaris art students display their best work in this popular annual exhibition. Art professionals choose pieces to be honored during a special reception.
Fri., May 7—Fri., June 4
Reception: Fri., May 7, 7—9 p.m.
Gallery Talk: Mon., May 10, 10 a.m. in Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

Chinese Antiquities on Exhibit
Chinese antiquities from The Tseng Collection are on display, providing new insights into the exceptional craftsmanship of ancient Chinese artisans. The exhibit, “Possessing the Past: Mysteries of Ancient Chinese Art” features more than 100 rare pieces spanning 6,000 years. Runs through Fri., Aug 27
C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery
Exhibit info, (818) 677-2638

Bianchi Planetarium
“Spring Sky Show” and “What’s New on Mars”
Fri., April 30, 6 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “From New Stars to Black Holes: The Infrared View of the Universe from NASA’s Spitzer Space Telescope”
Fri., May 7, 6 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “The Search for Life in the Universe”
Fri., May 21, 6 p.m.
“Spring Sky Show” and “Tour of Our Solar System”
Fri., May 28, 6 p.m.
For ticket info. (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium

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Athletics (home games):

Men’s Baseball
4/30 UC Irvine 3 p.m.
5/1 UC Irvine 1 p.m.
5/2 UC Irvine 1 p.m.
5/4 Cal Lutheran 3 p.m.
5/14 Cal Poly SLO 3 p.m.
5/15 Cal Poly SLO 1 p.m.
5/16 Cal Poly SLO 1 p.m.
5/18 Loyola Marymount 3 p.m.

Women’s Softball
5/14 Long Beach State noon
5/14 Long Beach State 2 p.m.
5/15 Long Beach State noon

Track & Field
5/7 Northridge Open 3 p.m.
5/8 Northridge Open 9 a.m.
5/28 NCAA West Regionals TBA
5/29 NCAA West Regionals TBA

Dance

Eastern European Song and Dance
“The Tamburitza’s”
Sun., May 16, 2 p.m.
Performing Arts Center $35

Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Ameur 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

War Dramas
“Conspiracy”
Directed by Frank Pierson.
Wed., April 28, 7 p.m.

“The Witness”
Directed by Chris Geromo.
Guest speaker, Maria Elena de las Carreras.
Mon., May 10, 7 p.m.

From the Violin
Studio of Mary Kim
Kim plays the violin.
Mon., May 3, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Cal State Northridge

Media Showcase
Directed by Elizabeth Sellars.
Tue., May 4, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Cal State Northridge Vocal Jazz
Directed by Matt Falker.
Wed., May 5, 8:00 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Cal State Northridge Wind Ensemble
Conducted by William Bing.
Sun., May 9, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Cal State Northridge Wind Symphony
Conducted by Timothy Howard.
Mon., May 10, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Cal State Northridge Steel Drum Band
Directed by Gino Rube.
Tue., May 11, 8, p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Women’s Chorale and the University Choir
Conducted by Katherine Ramos Baker and Elmer Heerema.
Wed., May 12, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Jazz “A” Band Performs Steely Dan
Directed by Matt Harris.
Fred Steim, guest artist.
Concert features chronology of Steely Dan.
Thu., May 13, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Cal State Northridge Symphony Orchestra
Conducted by John Roscigno.
Featuring Wagner’s “Prelude to Lohengrin.”
Regisphia’s “Pines of Rome”
Fri., May 14, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Northridge Singers
Conducted by Paul Smith.
Featuring CSUN Symphony John Roscigno, conductor
Sat., May 15, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Cal State Northridge Percussion Ensemble
Directed by John Magnusson.
Tue., May 18, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Music

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

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“Electra” and “Iphigenia in Taurus”
Directed by Kevin Wetmore and James DePaul.
Fri., April 30, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 1, 8 p.m.
Sun., May 2, 3 p.m.
Thu., May 6, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 8, 8 p.m.
Sun., May 9, 3 p.m.
Wed., May 12, 7 p.m.
Sat., May 15, 8 p.m.
Sun., May 16, 3 p.m.

Campus Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 100
General $15, seniors $13, faculty/staff $12, students $10.
Marathon Saturday admissions: general $48.80, seniors $44.80, faculty/staff $42.80, students $39.80.
Prices include buffet dinner.

Davita’s Harp
Based on the book by Katherine Haddon.
Directed by Christine Adaire.
Fri., April 30, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 1, 8 p.m.
Sun., May 2, 3 p.m. matinee with interpreters for the hard of hearing.
Wed., May 5, 7 p.m.
with post show discussion.
Thu., May 6, 8 p.m.
Fri., May 7, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 8, 8 p.m.
Sun., May 9, 3 p.m.
Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 121
General $15, seniors $13, faculty/staff $12, students $10.

Theater Performance

The Greeks
“iPhigenia in Aulis” and “The Trojan Women”
Directed by Jan Morrison and James DePaul.
Wed., May 7, 8 p.m.
Fri., May 7, 8 p.m.
Sat., May 8, 3 p.m.
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Carnegie Hall, A.S. Student Center

Additional Performance

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