The Northridge Singers, Cal State Northridge's acclaimed choral group, won "Choir of the World" honors in July, taking the top prize at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales, one of the world's premier choral competitions.

Led by conductor Paul Smith, the choir made a sensational debut appearance at the invitation-only festival, winning not only the ultimate honor but several honors for individual singers as well.

Northridge students Shira Thomas and Sara Murphy took first and second place respectively in the solo vocals competition, and Vanessa Douglas and Delaney Gibson took first and third respectively in the songs from shows division.

"I am enormously proud of the singers and of their director, professor Paul Smith," said William Touissant, dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication. "The Northridge Singers have always been one of our premier ensembles. We were honored when we were invited to take part in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod."

"I am delighted that I work in an environment with talented students and colleagues," said Smith. "In this setting, there are many opportunities for achievement, and winning this event was but one of them. We worked hard to earn this prize, and share it as a reflection of the work of our talented faculty."

Singers from nearly 40 nations jammed the streets of Llangollen, a town of 3,000 in northeastern Wales' picturesque Dee Valley, for the week-long festival that culminated in the "Choir of the World" competition.

Among the countries taking part in this year's competition were Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Britany, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Holland, India, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Nepal, Northern Ireland, Poland, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Sardinia, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine and Wales.

At the competition, the choir performed a diverse musical program, ranging from works by Renaissance master Orlando di Lasso to a spectacular New Zealand Maori war chant by Japanese composer Shinichiro Ikebe.

University Ranked Among Best Colleges for Minorities
Selection Based on U.S. Department of Education Tally of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded in 2001–2002

Cal State Northridge has been rated 14th in the nation in "Black Issues in Higher Education's" annual ranking of the top 100 colleges for minority students.

The magazine's June 5 issue is dedicated to ranking the nation's colleges and universities on how well they serve students of color based on data provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

Business in area/ethnic studies, the university ranked 14th in the nation in the total baccalaureate degrees conferred to minorities in the academic year 2001–2002. Northridge awarded a total of 1,958 bachelor's degrees to students of color, 732 to men and 1,226 to women.

That accounted for 41 percent of the university's undergraduate degrees that year.

"Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education" recently ranked Cal State Northridge 10th in a national list of colleges and universities that conferred the most bachelor's degrees upon Hispanics, using information provided by the National Center for Education Statistics.

According to "Black Issues," Northridge was eighth in the nation in bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics, 28th in degrees awarded to Asian Americans, 73rd in degrees awarded to American Indians, and 90th in degrees awarded to African Americans.

In area/ethnic studies, the university is seventh in the nation in bachelor's degrees awarded to African Americans, fifth in the nation in bachelor's degrees awarded to Hispanics, and fifth in the nation in bachelor's degrees to minorities overall.

CSUN was seventh in the nation in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded to minorities in education, 12th in degrees awarded minorities in the social sciences and history, 25th in degrees awarded to minorities in business, and 26th in degrees awarded to minorities in mathematics.

Community Connection
By Judy Nutter, Director of Community Relations

For many, the past summer was a time to relax, but there was no summer respite for the Cal State Northridge campus. Here's a quick look at highlights of campus improvements that took place during the summer months:

Major road work on East University Drive (Lindley Avenue) and West University Drive (Huwanda Avenue) was completed between Nordhoff Street and North University Drive (Plummer Street), including landscaped medians. North University Drive has been completely re-paved and is nearing completion.

Several campus walkways were

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Celebration of Spanish Culture, Arts to Highlight Fall Season

Works of Poet-Dramatist García Lorca Inspire Interdisciplinary Festival of Plays, Music, Dance, Film, Lectures

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University to Oversee Small Business Development Centers
Cal State Northridge is Lead Center in Effort to Help Small Business Owners in Tri-County Region
The appointment of Cal State Northridge alumnus Daniel Weinstein of Los Angeles to the California State University Board of Trustees was announced August 8 by Governor Gray Davis.

Weinstein earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Northridge in 1984. He will join fellow Northridge graduate Debra Farar, Board of Trustees chair, on the panel.

“I very much enjoyed my college experience at Cal State Northridge,” Weinstein said. “It is for that reason that I’ve had such positive feelings about the CSU system. My education at Cal State Northridge gave me the chance to pursue my own dreams.”

The new trustee said he is acutely aware of the importance of CSU’s role in providing higher education opportunities for Californians. “It’s one of the greatest systems in the country,” he said.

In 1995, Weinstein formed Wetherly Capital Group, which he has served as managing partner since 1999. The firm specializes in raising capital from institutional sources.

Prior to joining Wetherly Capital Group, Weinstein was a senior advisor to then State Treasurer Kathleen Brown, and also served as political director of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), Region 8.

Active in community affairs, Weinstein has been a member of the California Coastal Commission and the boards of the Los Angeles Sports Academy, the Hope is Helping Foundation and Children Uniting Nations.

Weinstein’s trustee position requires Senate confirmation. Also appointed to the Board of Trustees was Kathleen Kaiser, professor of sociology at California State University, Chico.

Shannon Starr Enters Graduate School, Plans to Teach Deaf Studies, Sign Language at University Level

Shannon Starr, Hearst/CSU Trustees scholar

Cal State Northridge graduate student Shannon Starr is one of six California State University students who received the prestigious William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustees Award Scholarship at the CSU Board of Trustees’ meeting in July. Funded by an endowment from the Hearst Foundation and individual contributions from the CSU Board of Trustees, the awards provide $3,000 scholarships to students with financial need who demonstrate superior academic performance, community service and personal accomplishments.

The scholarship meant Starr could attain a lifelong dream: to enter graduate school. When she received the letter informing her about the award, the Temecula resident was stunned. “I was in shock,” she said. “I couldn’t speak.”

Starr’s educational journey has not been easy.

On a church mission to the Philippines in 1996, she was exposed to a potentially deadly virus that gave her flu-like symptoms, seizures, amnesia, stomach pains, blurry vision and organ failure.

After returning from the Philippines, she attended Palomar College near San Diego to learn sign language, complete her general education and receive interpreter training. But the illness haunted her.

At the start of her first semester at Cal State Northridge in spring 2002, she was told she had four months to live because parasites were attacking her heart.

Ultimately, Starr triumphed over her health problems. In May, she earned her bachelor’s degree in deaf studies, with a 3.98 cumulative grade point average.

A liaison for Northridge’s deaf students, she is an on-campus professional sign language interpreter for the National Center on Deafness.

After completing the graduate program in linguistics, Starr plans to teach deaf studies and sign language at the university level.

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re-paved and equipped with upgraded lighting. A new lighted walkway is being constructed across the green space between Magnolia Walk and Matador Walk.

To the delight of students, faculty and staff, the new and very attractive four-level parking structure at the corner of West University Drive (Etiwanda Avenue) and Vincennes Street was completed and landscaped. It opened for parking on the first day of the semester, providing nearly 1,300 parking spaces. The entrance and exit to this new structure is from Darby Avenue, which was re-designed and extended to Plummer Street.

Parking Lot G3 on Zelzah Avenue between Prairie and Dearborn Streets was also open for business on the first day of the semester. This newly paved and landscaped lot now provides parking for 977 cars. I’ve received positive comments on this newly developed area from a few neighbors who have expressed how pleased they are with the new landscaping.

There’s one more new building on campus that you may wish to visit when it opens on Wednesday, Oct. 1. The beautiful new three-story Sierra Center, located on West University Drive adjacent to Jerome Richfield Hall, houses four new food outlets for the on-campus and off-campus community. Attractive and comfortable indoor and outdoor seating is available on the first and second floors, with offices on the third floor.

I recently had the opportunity to tour Sierra Center and was very impressed with the open design of the building and the variety of food choices that will be available beginning October 1. I know that many of you enjoy morning walks on the campus. Perhaps you will stop in the Freudian Sip to enjoy one of its coffee specialties and a tasty bakery product. Or a bit later in the day, you might try the sushi bar or other Asian fare at Bamboo Terrace, fresh deli sandwiches at Checkers or ever-popular pizza and pasta dishes at Pizzazz.

As always, I urge you to take advantage of having the Cal State Northridge campus in your neighborhood. Use the campus grounds for your daily exercise or get connected as a volunteer in your area of interest. Just for pleasure, visit the Botanic Garden on East University Drive or the Art Gallery on North University Drive. And don’t forget the free screenings provided by Cinematheque.

If you have any questions about events and opportunities available to the community, just give me a call at (818) 677-2123 or e-mail me at judith.martin@cson.edu.

Until next month…
October Calendar

**Art and Exhibits**

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

- **Free Range: Experimental Art**
  - Artists Kim Ables, Patty Cox, Paula DiMarco, Samantha Fields, Lesley Krane, John O’Brien, Mark Taylor and Mary Ann Trujillo, all members of the Art Department faculty, have been given “free range” in creating new portfolios.
  - Free to students and public. Runs through Sat., Sept. 27.
  - Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

- **Rising Above Jim Crow:**
  - The Paintings of Johnnie Lee Gray
  - Self-taught South Carolina artist Johnnie Lee Gray’s powerful paintings capture segregation’s last years.
  - Opens Sat., Oct. 11, and runs through Sat., Nov. 15.
  - Gallery talk: Mon., Oct. 13, 10 a.m.
  - Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

**Athletics (home games):**

- **Men’s Soccer**
  - 9/20 Alumni 4 p.m.
  - 10/7 San Diego 2:30 p.m.
  - 10/10 San Jose State 1 p.m.
  - 10/22 UC Riverside 2:30 p.m.
  - 10/25 Cal Poly 1 p.m.
  - 10/29 Cal State Fullerton 1 p.m.

- **Women’s Soccer**
  - 10/10 UC Irvine 3:30 p.m.
  - 10/12 Long Beach 2:30 p.m.
  - 10/24 Cal Poly 2:30 p.m.
  - 10/26 UCSB 2:30 p.m.
  - 10/31 San Diego 2:30 p.m.

- **Swimming & Diving**
  - 10/18 Alumni Noon

- **Women’s Volleyball**
  - 9/18 Utah State 7 p.m.
  - 9/20 Idaho 7 p.m.
  - 10/2 Cal Poly 7 p.m.
  - 10/4 Biola 7 p.m.
  - 10/14 Pacific 7 p.m.
  - 10/23 Long Beach 7 p.m.
  - 10/25 Irvine 7 p.m.
  - 10/28 UCLA 7 p.m.

**Film**

- The Department of Cinema and Television Arts presents its Cinematheque fall series, “Seven Artistic Cultures,” embracing the seven departments of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication and including special tribute evenings. Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer 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.

- **Spanish Arts and Culture Festival Screenings**
  - Department of Cinema and Television Arts celebrates the culture and arts of poet-dramatist Frederico Garcia Lorca’s Spain. Screenings will be in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater, Manzanita Hall. Free admission.

- **Short Films and Comedies**
  - Works by director Segundo de Chomón and comedian Buster Keaton.
  - Mon., Sept. 29, 7–10 p.m.
  - “Trip to the Moon” and “Blood Wedding” Frederic Amat and Carlos Saura, directors.
  - Mon., Oct. 6, 7–10 p.m.
  - “An Andalusian Dog” Directed by Luis Buñuel.
  - Mon., Oct. 13, 7–10 p.m.
  - “Belle Époque” Directed by Fernando Trueba.
  - Mon., Oct. 20, 7–10 p.m.
  - “The Girl of Your Dreams” Directed by Fernando Trueba.
  - Mon., Oct. 27, 7–10 p.m.

- **Music**
  - Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $5 students. For all ticket info, call (818) 677-2488.

- **AMC Salutes Music Department**
  - “The Magic Flute.”
  - Guest: Jerry Luedders, chair, Department of Music.
  - Tue., Sept. 23, 7–10 p.m.

- **Music Noir**
  - “Cabaret” and “All That Jazz.”
  - Wed., Sept. 24, 7–11 p.m.

- **Rhetoric of World War II**
  - “Address Unknown” Frederic Amat and Carlos Saura, directors.
  - Fri., Oct. 3, 8 p.m.
  - “The Court Jester.”
  - Directed by Peggy Johnson.
  - Fri., Oct. 10, 8 p.m.
  - “An Americanization of Emily” Directed by Matt Harris.
  - Wed., Oct. 22, 7–10 p.m.
  - “Singin’in the Rain” and “Network.”
  - Tue., Oct. 21, 7–10 p.m.
  - Screenwriter Michael Hauge lectures.
  - Wed., Oct. 22, 7–10 p.m.

- **AMC Salutes Theatre Department**
  - “The Court Jester.”
  - Guest speaker: James DePaual, chair, Department of Theatre.
  - Tue., Oct. 7, 7–10 p.m.
  - “The Band Wagon” and “Noises Off.”
  - Wed., Oct. 8, 7–11 p.m.

- **AMC Salutes CTVA Department**
  - “F is for Fake.”
  - Guest speakers: Department of Cinema and Television Arts faculty.
  - Sat., Oct. 11, 7–10 p.m.

- **Foreign Film**
  - “*L’Atalante.*”
  - Tue., Oct. 14, 12:30–5 p.m.

- **AMC Salutes Radio**
  - “Talk Radio” and “Play Misty for Me.”
  - Wed., Oct. 15, 7–11 p.m.

- **Screenwriting Structure**
  - Screenwriter Michael Hauge lectures.
  - Tue., Oct. 21, 7–10 p.m.

- **Award Winners**
  - “Singing in the Rain” and “Network.”
  - Wed., Oct. 22, 7–11 p.m.

- **An Evening with Fay Kanin**
  - Program features writer/producer Kanin.
  - Thu., Oct. 23, 7–10 p.m.

- **Vintage Films**
  - “Teacher’s Pet” and “Sweet Smell of Success.”
  - Wed., Oct. 23, 7–11 p.m.

**Dance**

- **Martha Graham Dance Company**
  - Tue., Oct. 28, 8 p.m.
  - Wed., Oct. 29, 8 p.m.
  - Thu., Oct. 30, 8 p.m.
  - Performing Arts Center
  - $75 general, $20 students

**Lectures**

- **Spanish Arts and Culture Festival Lectures**
  - All lectures take place at 7 p.m. in the Whitsett Room (room 451).
  - Sierra Hall, unless otherwise noted.

- **Orca and Spanish Theatre**
  - UC Berkeley professor Dru Dougherty.
  - Thu., Oct. 9.

- **Cultural Politics During Spain’s Second Republic**
  - Associate history professor Sandie Holgum of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

- **Theatre for the People**
  - Theatre professor Heinrich Falk.
  - Tue., Oct. 21

- **Artistic Cultures**
  - Embracing the Cinematheque fall series, “Seven Artistic Cultures.”
  - Lectures take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer theater.
  - Through the Getty reservation line: (310) 440-7300 or on the Web site at www.getty.edu. The TTY line for the deaf or hearing impaired callers is (310) 440-7305.
  - Four ticket limit. Getty parking $5.

- **The Elixir of Love**
  - Italian opera by Donizetti.
  - Sat., Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
  - Sun., Oct. 26, 3 p.m.
  - Sat., Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
  - Sun., Nov. 2, 3 p.m.
  - Campus Theatre, Northdrop Hall
  - $19 general, $15 seniors, faculty/staff $13, students $10

- **National Coming Out Day**
  - Gay political comedian Kate Clinton.
  - Sat., Oct. 11, 8 p.m.
  - Performing Arts Center
  - Prices vary.

- **The Laramie Project**
  - Fri., Oct. 17–Sun., Oct. 26
  - Weekdays and Sat., 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.
  - Directed by Linda Stone.
  - Fri., Oct. 17, Sun., Oct. 26, 8 p.m.
  - Sun., Oct. 19 matinee will have interpreters for the hearing impaired.
  - Wed., Oct. 22, 7 p.m.; features post-show discussion.
  - Little Theatre, Northdrop Hall
  - $19 general, $15 seniors, $12 faculty/staff, $10 students

- **The National Theatre of the Deaf**
  - On “Figaro!”
  - Wed., Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
  - Performing Arts Center
  - $55 to $36

- **Shim Ch’ong:**
  - A Korean Folk Tale
  - Fri., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.
  - Sat., Oct. 25, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
  - Getty Museum
  - Through the Getty reservation line: (310) 440-7300 or on the Web site at www.getty.edu. The TTY line for the deaf or hearing impaired callers is (310) 440-7305.
  - Four ticket limit. Getty parking $5.

**Theatre Performance**

- **A Short Evening of Beckett**
  - Fri., Oct. 3–Sun., Oct. 19

- **Cal State Northridge Jazz Band**
  - Fri., Oct. 3, 8 p.m.
  - Performing Arts Center

- **Cal State Northridge Symphony**
  - Conducted by John Rososigno.
  - Sat., Oct. 11, 8 p.m.
  - Performing Arts Center

- **Cal State Northridge Wind Ensemble**
  - Conductor William Bing’s debut performance.
  - Fri., Oct. 10, 8 p.m.
  - Performing Arts Center

- **Vocal Arts Showcase of Talent**
  - Directed by Linda Stone.
  - Sat., Oct. 11, 8 p.m.
  - Music Recital Hall

- **The Little Theatre of the Deaf**
  - “Shel Silverstein’s “The Giving Tree.””
  - Thu., Oct. 23, 11 a.m.
  - Performing Arts Center
  - $15