The Golden Globe and Academy Awards have come and gone, but Cal State L.A. continues the spirit of awards presentations on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 by honoring those who have brought distinction and service to the community and the University. The 27th Annual Alumni Awards Gala will pay tribute to the Alumnus of the Year, six distinguished alumni, an active supporter of the University and a faculty alumnus. The Gala will also recognize an outstanding senior and graduate student, and award 15 student scholarships. The University’s Alumni Association will host the ceremony, starting with a dinner reception at 6:30 p.m. at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex (see pages 6 and 7).
Harold Goldwhite Reappointed to CSU Board of Trustees

Chemistry Professor Wins CSU Excellence in Teaching Award

Harold Goldwhite, an honored member of the Cal State L.A. Chemistry faculty for 38 years, was reappointed this past March to the Board of Trustees of the California State University (CSU) by Governor Gray Davis. "I am very pleased that Governor Davis has allowed me to continue to bring a faculty perspective to the Board," said Goldwhite.

The CSU Board of Trustees establishes policy for the CSU and manages and administers all colleges within the system. Goldwhite's original term began April 1998.

Goldwhite is the second Cal State L.A. faculty member to be reappointed to the Board of Trustees. In 1997, Robert D. Kully, Cal State L.A. professor of Speech Communication, was selected by Governor Davis and California State Legislature, he is a stellar example of just how high we should set the bar for excellence and achievement."

Goldwhite was one of the first individuals named by the President of the United States to receive the then-newly-established annual Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. This past December, he was selected to receive another national award—the Year 2000 MSE Giants in Science Award from the QEM/MSE (Quality Education for Minorities in Mathemat- ics, Science and Engineering) Network.

Gutiérrez is director of the University's National Institutes of Health Minority Access to Research Careers and Minority Biomedical Research Support Programs. In his 20+ years at Cal State L.A., he has had a significant impact on minority student education, mentoring more than 180 students through NIH-funded programs or as a faculty participant in programs such as the National Science Foundation-sponsored Research Improvement in Minority Institutions and Research Experiences for Under- graduates. In a nomination letter, he pointed to the CSU, the Wang Family Excellence Award for administrative leadership. According to the CSU, the Wang Family Excellence Award is designed to reward outstanding faculty and admin- istrators who through extraordinary commitment and dedication have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievements in their academic disciplines and areas of assignment.

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Better Learning Through Service Learning
Students Receive Potent Education with Curriculum Focused on Community Service and Self-Reflection

When Cal State L.A. student volunteers visit the Alhambra Retirement Community, flying beach balls and run-away wheelchairs are not uncommon.

“Some students borrow wheelchairs and pop wheels to make people laugh,” says 22-year-old broadcasting major Robert Costantino, who volunteered with the wheelchair-bound at the retirement community's Lutheran Health Facility.

“We helped to create a fun atmosphere.”

Current volunteers at the facility include nursing sophomores Cherry Vasquez and Wilhelmina Owusu, who are using this opportunity to explore the health-care field. Costantino, Vasquez and Owusu opted for service learning when they were presented with the opportunity in professor Nancy Cobb’s introductory psychology course.

Encompassing more than just volunteering at a social service agency, service learning integrates volunteer work with the type of education and reflection typical of the best academic classes. At Cal State L.A., service learning has been adopted in majors as wide-ranging as Political Science, Art, Marketing, History, Social Work, Liberal Studies, Theatre Arts and Dance, and Education.

“Typically, a service learning course requires students to reflect on the relationship between theory and practice, and then document their reflection in journals or final reports. The experience as a whole enhances a student’s understanding of the course content,” says Ed Forde, professor of art and the University’s faculty coordinator of service learning. Nancy Cobb concurs: “The process humanizes the presentation of course material in a way that helps students relate concepts to how people live in the real world.

“For example, students could read about dementia in the elderly, but once you volunteer at a nursing home and you see the same 80-year-old resident every week who keeps forgetting your name—that really drives it home,” explains Cobb, who teaches human development.

Service learning has been a familiar teaching approach among faculty at Cal State L.A. for more than three decades. Performances at community centers and schools are part of the degree requirement for a B.A. and M.A. in Theatre Arts and Dance at Cal State L.A. It’s not a new concept in the School of Business and Economics, says Management Professor Mohammad Ala, who has been incorporating service learning into his classes for the past 15 years.

A survey by the California State University based on data gathered last year shows that approximately 40 percent of all CSU students volunteer 33.6 million hours annually. But it’s only recently that service learning has become a national and state priority. Last July, Governor Gray Davis addressed the need for additional public service when he called for a community service requirement for all state university and college students. In response, the CSU Board of Trustees in March voted unanimously to approve a resolution that ensures all CSU students receive the opportunity to participate in service learning.

Ed Forde works closely with professors and the University’s EPIC (Educational Participation In Communities) office to develop service learning-based curriculum. Staff members at EPIC, which has served as a conduit to service in the community, assists in the placement and coordination of student volunteers.

“The tradition of our students serving in the community is a long-standing one,” said Jorge Uranga, EPIC director. “The new service learning is different from the traditional community volunteering that EPIC has been arranging and coordinating. In service learning, students work more directly with facility.”

Although community service projects have been incorporated for years, the University’s Strategic Plan, adopted in 1997, formalized the development of more courses based on active learning principles. Within five years, says Forde, the University will have reached its goal of increasing the amount of service learning course work by 50 percent.

For some students, this exposure to community service is their first. Those initially hesitant about spending extra hours outside the classroom have reported positive experiences and a sense of accomplishment.

“You get to know the people,” said Criminal Justice major Anthony To, who gave as an example his developing friendship with a retirement home resident who told him stories of fighting in the Pacific during World War II.

The service learning curriculum provides many advantages for students: they learn about the lives of others in the community, learn about themselves, develop friendships and learn about new career possibilities. Those interested in community-based service learning are not limited to non-profit organizations. Ala teaches two management courses that offer the option of developing projects for small businesses, large corporations or government agencies, in addition to non-profit charities.

Ryan Kert, a Winter 2000 graduate with a degree in Business Administration, took both of Ala’s classes while working part time at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

“We had to attend lectures and spend additional hours interviewing people, meeting with team members, discussing our progress…now we have something to show for it,” he said, referring to two 40-50 page case studies he and a team of Engineering students created for the JPL Mars Pathfinder and Cal State L.A. Solar Eagle.

“Service learning is different from an internship because many times, internships are related to a professional credential. With service learning, the teacher bases grades on what the student has learned, not the number of hours they served,” said Forde.

Though it remains an option, most students opt for community service in lieu of more traditional coursework. Cal State L.A. professors are impressed by the level of student responses to service learning projects.

“We have very loving, giving students at Cal State L.A., especially because so many of them have constraints on their time—with full-time jobs and family obligations,” said Cobb.
**The Art of Giving Back: Service Learning and University Gifts**

“Community service cannot be forced. It has to be important enough for individuals to want to do it,” says Gary Best (‘65), former professor of education and former Charter School of Education associate dean.

As the current associate dean for Teacher Education and K-18 Programs for the California State University system, Best is well positioned to encourage incorporation of community service components into teacher preparation programs statewide. He knows that, besides providing an excellent way for students interested in community service careers to “test the waters,” service learning is often a student’s first experience in community service. “Giving back” can be taught, says Best. But exemplars must be available, and those in need of a role model need look no further than Gary Best. Best's commitment to, and history of, giving to his community is strong and long-term. A Special Education expert, he has worked closely with children challenged with varying degrees of physical disability. When some of these disabilities proved terminal, Best was confronted with issues of death and dying. This led to his involvement with hospice care and the establishment of the first residential hospice facility in East San Gabriel, the Hospice of East San Gabriel Valley. Best's community service has extended to participation on numerous boards, including the Crippled Children's Society of Southern California [now AbilityFirst], Intercommunity Medical Center Foundation, and Hospice, and the Cal State L.A. Foundation.

As a former Fullbright Scholar and recipient of many other scholarships and grants, Best recognizes his responsibility to reach out to help others. With his wife, Shirley, a retired occupational therapist, he has created two funds at Cal State L.A. to benefit the Charter School of Education.

The Fred Lull Scholarship Fund, named for his early teaching career mentor, helps aspiring educators in the special education field of physical disabilities meet their financial obligations. “Even though Cal State is an excellent educational bargain, it still costs money!” he says.

The Best Family Endowment in Special Education, a discretionary program account, allows the Division of Special Education in the Charter School of Education to support high-priority areas. “Most gifts are very specific and never have enough flexibility to fund strong, new programs,” he points out. Additional contributions to this fund will enable build-on bequests from Best and members of his family, who have each made will provisions directing assets to the CSULA Foundation.

According to Best, much good work goes unrecognized. “Every time a person attends a FFA meeting, buys Girl Scout cookies or collects recyclables, I consider that a form of community service.” He hopes that those who he helps will want to give back to the community in meaningful ways, perhaps by teaching in distressed urban schools.

“All communities need quality teachers for quality student outcomes,” says Best, noting that Cal State L.A. has long offered one of the premier teacher training programs in the country. Whether teaching in rural or suburban, public or private schools, graduates of the Charter School of Education will be grounded in both the theory and practice of community contribution, thanks to exemplary models such as Gary Best.

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**Student Destined to be L.A. Area Teachers Receive Edison Scholarships**

Five Cal State L.A. students recently received the Teachers for Tomorrow Scholarship—a $5,000 award to each student for the 1999-2000 school year made possible through the generous support of Edison International.

The Teachers for Tomorrow Scholarship Program is new to the Edison International Scholarship Portfolio. The program was created to address the state’s teacher shortage, mitigate the loss of teachers holding emergency credentials and place more well-prepared, qualified teachers in classrooms.

“The Teachers for Tomorrow scholarship provides meaningful support to aspiring teachers who must often forego full-time study because of financial obligations,” says Jamie Dote-Kwan, associate dean for Student Services. “We are grateful that Edison International has taken this leadership role in the corporate community to invest in training professional educators who can make a difference in children’s lives.”

As a premier urban school of education, the Charter School of Education annually attracts approximately 150 talented students who are committed to full-time studies that will lead to careers in teaching. For every available scholarship, however, there are nearly 20 qualified applicants. Many, representing diverse cultural and linguistic populations, are the first in their families to attend college.

Individuals or corporations interested in following Edison’s lead in establishing scholarships for tomorrow’s teachers may call (323) 343-3430.

**Scholarship Recipients**

Jenniffer Chan has worked closely with children as a substitute teacher and as an instructor for an after-school enrichment program. Her unique blend of cultural experiences and artistic talents allow her to work creatively with students, peers and other educators. She plans to teach at the elementary level using her degree in child development and a multiple-subject teaching credential.

With a keen interest in working with young adults, Teresa Giedraitis is pursuing a secondary education K-12 teaching credential. Her experience as an aide and teacher at all grade levels has provided her well for both the rigors and rewards of this work. She plans to further augment her credential and under-graduate studies in anthropology with a master’s degree. Her language skills include German and Spanish.

Timothy Luzzi is committed to helping build a better community. Having survived Hodgkin’s Disease, he has prioritized his life simply—he wants to teach. His current goal is to earn his credential and become an elementary school teacher. He plans to combine his education with a decade of experience in world music to provide varied and effective instruction.

Laura Murphy and Jill Nicole Tschirgi have each made provisions directing assets to the CSULA Foundation.

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**Cal State L.A. Receives W. K. Kellogg ENLACE Grant**

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation selected Cal State L.A. as one of 18 colleges and universities nationwide to receive a $100,000 planning grant to improve educational opportunities for Latino communities in East and Northeast Los Angeles.

The grant supports university-community programs that increase the number of underserved students who successfully matriculate in the K-16 pipeline. This initiative is known as ENLACE (pronounced en-lach-seh)—Engaging Latino Communities for Education. The word enlace—a form of the Spanish verb enlazar, to link or weave together—signifies a connected entity whose whole is stronger than its parts.

The Cal State L.A. ENLACE will create an infrastructure for University and community collaboration through the development of “Concilius” or councils. These serve as the forum for University and community partners to investigate issues that support or under- mine the educational progress of Latino stu- dents, and to examine best practice models. Findings from the Concilius will be distrib- uted and recommendations for policy or in- stitutional change will be discussed at the ENLACE Summit in July 2000.

Co-principal investigators of the project are Rita Ledesma, assistant professor of social work, and Ali Modarres, professor of geography and urban analysis and associate director of the Edmund G. “Pat” Brown Institute of Public Affairs. Administrative coordinators are Theodore Cravotta, dean, Graduate Studies, José Galván, interim associate dean, Graduate Studies, and Collette Roche, assistant vice president, University Development. Representatives from community-based human services, health, educa- tional, political and development agencies are committed to collaborating on this project. For more information, call (323) 343-3770.
Outstanding Professors

MARSHALL L. CATES
Professor of Mathematics, School of Natural and Social Sciences

Cates joined the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in 1971, the same year he received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He has served his department as chair for six consecutive years and, since 1995, has headed the department's remedial program. Cates has been a postdoctoral fellow at Birkbeck College University in New York, where he held a postdoctoral position. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island in 1982 and was a postdoctoral fellow at Dalhouse University in Nova Scotia.

Cates has taught introductory to graduate level courses, and has mentored high school students and University undergraduate and master's students. In 1995, he coauthored a book on instruction that was published in Nature, and in 1997, coauthored an artical in Science magazine that a colleague described as “the most convincing evidence to date of complex dynamics and chaos in a biological population.”

Over the years, Desharnais has been awarded more than 15 grants totaling more than $1 million—all from the National Science Foundation alone. In 1992, he received an NSF grant to try to improve the way science is taught to introductory students. The result was groundbreaking “virtual courseware” that began with the highly-visited Virtual FlyLab, a Cal State L.A. Web site that has been accessed more than 50 million times from high schools and colleges around the nation and the world. Recently, this courseware served as a model for “Biology Labs On-Line,” a new Web publication of the CSU and academic publisher McGraw-Hill, in which Desharnais’ online genetics education application is featured.

HAE KYUNG LEE
Associate Professor of Dance, School of Arts and Letters

Born and raised in Seoul, Korea, Hae Kyung Lee received a Bachelor of Arts in dance from Seoul’s Ewha University and a Master of Arts in dance at UCLA. She studied in Paris and in New York City, under Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, and William Forsythe. She has performed as part of the 1997 Soho Arts Festival at New York’s Joyce Theatre, was an invited participant at the Bellagio Bollwerk International Festival in Freiburg, Switzerland this past summer, and participated in the recent World Festival of Sacred Music—the Americas.

Lee joined the Department of Theatre and Dance in 1998. She has insti- tuted a course at the University that brings professional dancers to campus as guest lecturers several times a year. Her highly popular classes tour local high schools to give dance performances and workshops throughout the year and fre- quently perform at community venues such as Highways in Santa Monica.

MARGUERITE ANN SNOW
Professor of Education, Charter School of Education

Marguerite Ann Snow, who teaches in theTESOL (Teaching English to Spea- kers of Other Languages) pro- gram, has been a faculty member in the Division of Educational Foundations and Interdivisional Studies in the University’s Charter School of Education since 1988. Snow received her Ph.D. in 1976 from UCLA in 1985 and has taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on a Fulbright fel- lowship. She has authored or edited four books on teaching English as a second or foreign language and published more than 30 articles in scholarly journals. Since 1995, she has coordinated an external M.A. degree program in conjunc- tion with the Instituto Cultural Argentino Norte Americano (ICANA) in Buenos Aires, to train teachers of English as a second language. In addition to Argentina, her extensive international teacher training experiences have taken her to Brazil, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Russia, Spain, Morocco, and Pakistan. Snow has also received various grants and awards to develop programs to improve the academic achievement of language minority students. These in- clude two grants from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). She has consulted for numerous institutions, from the Peace Corps to the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, D.C.

President’s Distinguished Professor: ANN GARRY

Ann Garry joined the philosophy faculty in 1969. She received an M.A. from the University of Chicago in 1966 and Ph.D. in 1970 from the University of Mary- land. At Cal State L.A., she served three terms as department chair, and has been a visiting professor at UCLA and USC, and acting director for special academic programs at Cal State Northridge.

Garry is acknowledged as one of the prime movers in establishing and creating the institutions that sustain feminist philosophy today. She was a founder of the Pacific Division of the Society for Women in Philosophy and of Hypatia: A Jour- nal of Feminist Philosophy, for which she currently serves as associate editor. She has been an active member of the American Philosophical Association’s Commit- tee on Women.

Her scholarly work in both feminist epistemology and applied ethics covers topics ranging from pornography, abortion, and sexuality to whether theories can be gendered, and whether analytic philosophy and naturalized epistemology are appropriately used in feminist theory. Her essays have been widely reprinted.

The second edition of her book, Women, Knowledge and Reality, was pub- lished in 1996, extensively revised and with new introductory essays. During the last six years, she has published eight articles and reviews, some in Spanish, and has given numerous scholarly presentations.

Garry has lectured in South America as well as in the United States, and has been in demand for workshops on the integration of feminist scholarship into the teaching of traditional philosophical courses. In addition to her valuable long-term leadership within the American Philosophical Association’s Pacific Division, Garry has co-coordinated the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning Workshop on Critical Thinking, and served on the California Council for the Humanities.

ROBERT DESHARNAIS
Professor of Biology, School of Natural and Social Sciences

Robert Desharnais came to the Department of Biology and Microbiology in 1988 from the University of Southern Maine. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Maine in 1982 and a Master of Science in Botany from the University of Maine in 1983. In 1988, he received a Ph.D. in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics from the University of Illinois. He has served his department as chair for six consecutive years and, since 1995, has headed the department's remedial program.

Desharnais is serving a second term as chair of the Cal State L.A. Academic Senate. In assembling the names of respected faculty and administrators who went on to become presidents of other universities during the 20-year tenure of President James M. Rosser, we inadvertently omitted Philip Vairo. Vairo was dean of Cal State L.A.'s School of Education in 1973 and, following that, acting vice president for Academic Affairs. He left the University in 1982 to become president of Worcester State University.
You are invited to the University’s premier alumni event—the Alumni Awards Gala—on the evening of Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex.

Emceeing the awards presentation for the third year in a row will be Barry Gordon ’86, past president of the Screen Actors Guild and 1988 Outstanding Alumnus.

Since the Alumni Association initiated the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1973, Cal State L.A. has recognized a long list of distinguished alumni with notable service to the University community. Among past recipients are novelist Joseph Wambaugh '60, '68, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard ’65, entertainer Florence LaRue ’66, research scientist Thomas W. Okita ’89, and Rodrigo T. Garcia ’93, founder of the Society of Hispanic Engineers. In 1976, the University presented its Outstanding Alumnus Award to tennis great Billie Jean King, who attended in ’61-’65, and received an honorary doctorate from the University in 1997.

To reserve your spot at the 27th Annual Alumni Awards Gala, call the Alumni Association at (323) 343-ALUM. Cost for general admission is $75. Tickets for Cal State L.A. Alumni Association members, faculty and staff are $55. Students with current I.D.s pay $25. Sponsor packages are also available.

**ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**

RONNIE C. CHAN ’72, ’74
Chairman of Hang Lung Development Group

Ronnie C. Chan left his native Hong Kong in 1967 to study at Cal State L.A. "It was different then," he stated during an interview years ago."The tallest building in Hong Kong was about 20 stories."

Now, equipped with a bachelor's and master's in biology from Cal State L.A. and a master's in business administration from the University of Southern California, Chan runs the family business as chairman of the Hang Lung Development Group, a major real estate development, management and investment firm in Hong Kong.

Under his leadership, Hang Lung has grown to a half-billion dollar (U.S.) company—building more than 50,000 residential units and numerous office and commercial complexes in cities throughout the Pacific Rim. Chan invests in companies internationally as co-founder of the Morningside/Springfield Group.

In addition to attending his businesses, Chan stays active with countless civic duties throughout the world. He chairs or serves on the boards of organizations, universities, forums, councils and publicly listed companies such as Enron Corporation in Houston and Motorola Inc. in Chicago. He is also a trustee of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships and runs, councils and publicly listed companies such as Enron Corporation in Houston and Motorola Inc. in Chicago. He is also a trustee of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships and

**DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ALUMNUS**

LOUIS R. NEGRETE ’57
Professor of Chicano Studies

Beginning his career at Cal State L.A. as a part-time faculty member in 1969, Louis R. Negrete helped to shape the nation’s first Department of Chicano Studies. Now a tenured professor, Negrete is a popular teacher and department advisor, considered by students to be among the University's best and most creative faculty.

With degrees in social and urban studies and a doctorate in Sociology, Negrete’s expertise is widely recognized. He has been called “a pioneer in Chicano Studies as a discipline.” As a prominent scholar of community empowerment and leadership, his views are regularly cited in the media as well as in media such as the Los Angeles Times and NBC News.

He is a volunteer senior leader with the United Neighborhoods Organization, where he works directly with inner-city families in campaigns for social justice, to establish youth sports programs and increase the state minimum wage. He also organizes multiracial and interfaith church coalitions.

Among his many contributions is serving as chair of the Strategy Team for Hope in Youth, a partnership of the Los Angeles, the private sector and ten religious denominations to reduce youth gang violence. His work for the Active Citizenship Campaign, a program to prepare residents for citizenship and voting, helped to deliver 90,772 new and occasional voters to the polls in 1996.

Negrete has been recognized by President Bill Clinton, Cardinal Roger Mahoney and private and community foundations.

**STUDENT AWARDS**

The Outstanding Senior Award will be presented to Daniel Santos ’00, who is pursuing a degree in Sociology. The Outstanding Graduate Student Award will be presented to Michele Adashek ’00, who is working on a master’s in Social Work.

Recipients of the Alumni Association Scholarship are pictured, 1st row: Humberto A. Gallegos ’96, civil engineering, Tania M. Vasquez ’00, Spanish, Deborah E.R. Haman ’00, anthropology, Ulalde Medina ’00, mechanical engineering. 2nd row: Eleanor Chen ’02, business administration, Audrey D. Jones ’00, English, 3rd row: Dukha Haas ’00, sociology, Yang "Kelly" Yang ’02, political science, Bryan C. Pascarelli ’99, political science, Jenny Ho Chang ’02, computer science, Lianne V. Valerio ’00, art, and Jason M. Gomez ’00, psychology.

Not pictured: Kristina De La Cruz ’01, nursing, Jeffrey A. Draper ’03, business administration, Lisa Anne Dunbar ’00, nursing.

**CEDARS-SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM**

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

LINDA BURNES BOLTON
Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

A leader in the fields of nursing and nurse administration, Linda Burnes Bolton, Dr. P.H., R.N., FAAN, is vice president and chief nursing officer at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, a Magnet Recognition Award hospital for “nursing excellence” as designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Burnes Bolton oversees administrative and nursing practices, including healthcare research, allied health education, and patient education. As a member of the Cedars-Sinai Health System and Research Institute focusing primarily on women’s health, she directs interdisciplinary research teams in educating the community on various health and nursing-sensitive outcomes.

After completing academic degrees in Nursing and Public Health Burnes Bolton amassed extensive experience as a nurse, healthcare executive, government advisory board member, university professor and consultant. She serves on several health boards and committees, including the National Black Nurses Foundation and the American Organization of Nurse Executives. She is a member of organizations such as Sigma Theta Tau, Association of Women’s Health, Children’s Defense Fund, and the American Academy of Nursing.

Burnes Bolton assists the University’s Nursing Department in implementing an on-site program that provides faculty salaries and classroom space at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Through her efforts, Cal State L.A. has been able to increase enrollment in nursing and expand the program’s visibility into West Los Angeles.

**EDUCATION**

R. F. Adashek ’00, nursing; Bryan C. Pascarelli ’00, English. 3rd row: Eleanor Chen ’02, political science; Bryan C. Pascarelli ’99, political science, Jenny Ho Chang ’02, computer science, Lianne V. Valerio ’00, art, and Jason M. Gomez ’00, psychology.

Not pictured: Kristina De La Cruz ’01, nursing, Jeffrey A. Draper ’03, business administration, Lisa Anne Dunbar ’00, nursing.

**ALUMNI AWAwards**

Recognizes Outstanding
Mary Micucci received her bachelor's degree in communication studies from Cal State L.A. Since then, Micucci has developed an unparalleled reputation for producing unforgettable events, including productions for film premieres, and Emmy and Grammy events. The Hollywood Reporter has called her “the Epicurean Steven Spielberg.”

Starting her company “from the back of a Volkswagen Bug” in the mid-70s, Micucci built Along Came Mary Productions into a preeminent event production and gourmet catering source. Micucci has gained worldwide recognition not only for her dominance of Hollywood entertainment and movie premiers, but for her vast corporate clientele as well. Maintaining a busy schedule, Micucci is still deeply committed to the community she serves.

Micucci was instrumental in building a new library at Los Angeles Unified’s Alta Loma Elementary School. She is also a generous benefactor to many worthy charities: Big Sisters, Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Angel Harvest, to name a few. For the past ten years, Micucci has served on the board of The Neil Bogart Memorial Foundation, which supports efforts to treat and cure children’s cancer, leukemia and AIDS at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

Since joining AltaMed Health Services Corporation in 1991, Marie S. Torres has directed the expansion of senior health services by implementing Southern California’s first program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Under PACE, Torres created three new adult health care centers and supported community-based home and long-term care services in underserved communities.

Torres has more than 20 years’ experience in gerontology and health services administration, legislative advocacy, and health and social welfare. She is active in organizations such as the California Association for Adult Day Services, Trabajadores de la Raza (a professional Latino social work agency) and the Cal State L.A. Advisory Board for the Graduate Social Work Program.

Torres received her master's and doctoral degrees in Social Work from USC. She has kept in close contact with Cal State L.A. as a part-time faculty member in the School of Health and Human Services and interim director of the Edward R. Roybal Center (now Institute) for Applied Gerontology.

Immediately after graduating with a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Cal State L.A., Stephen Ehret traveled to Venezuela to supervise public works projects for the Peace Corps. By the time he left in 1975, Ehret and a colleague shared a Venezuelan national award for their design of a YMCA sports complex.

The registered civil engineer spent the next 27 years as a civilian employee for the U.S. Navy, where he studied and investigated environmental concerns associated with naval operations and facilities. He earned a master’s in Public Administration from USC, and is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. In his current position, Ehret is responsible for supervising more than 100 Navy engineers and scientists conducting civil engineering research in support of Navy and Marine Corps forces worldwide.

Ehret has donated generously to the University’s Annual Fund and the “Buy a Solar Eagle III Cell” campaign. In addition, he has taught at two CSU campuses and served on the Chancellor’s curriculum development advisory panel.
## Class Notes

### 1950

**Robert M. Levine** (’54 BA Government) has owned children’s wear manufacturer LCCO Importers since 1980. His company has donated space to the California Mart in Los Angeles and three at the Los Angeles County Fair. Though he retired, he works as a consultant in the garment industry for his children’s and women’s clothing businesses.

**Robert Katz** (’58 BA, MA History) was head of the Social Science department at Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra. In 1970, he graduated class president and was a founding member of the American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.) at Cal State L.A. He created and implemented a Web-based course and computerized database on campus. Katz is retired and spends his time traveling and writing.

**Monica Monroe-Johnson** (’78 BA Education) is a teacher in the Southerly JC School District.

### 1960

**Joseph E. Jones** (’64 MA Education) is retired and lives in Glendale Unified School District after living in Utah with his wife and is enjoying the life of his two kids and 27 grandchildren.

**Mary Shelburne** (’68 BA Journalism) is public information officer at Glendale Community College, where she worked from 1967 to 1977. Her textbook, Walking the Highways: Effective Public Relations, published by Course Wise in 1998, is used in college classrooms across the country.

### 1970

**Ameno Almeida** (’70 ’78 MBA Business Administration) has been appointed chief of the L.A. World Airport, (LAX) Small Business and Job Opportunities Bureau. He has organized the Los Angeles Community Development Corporation and 26 years at other banks. His non-profit lending institution, a community-created business, includes providing small businesses, jobs, and education. He is involved in small business and job opportunities at LAX, and other public and private organizations.

**Tateno M. King** (’72 BA Engineering) served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968. He received his bachelor's degree in mining engineering at the University of Hawaii, and has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in New York City since 1979, including the last seven years as a resident engineer at the Seven Oaks Dam project in Highland, CA.

**Barbara Zicchino-Martinsen** (’75 BA Sociology) has been appointed head of the Extended Educational Access to Opportunity, a division of the California Student Aid Commission. She was formerly a community college administrator at Glendale Community College.

### 1980

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**Robert Katz** (’58 BA, MA History) was head of the Social Science department at Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra. In 1970, he graduated class president and was a founding member of the American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.) at Cal State L.A. He created and implemented a Web-based course and computerized database on campus. Katz is retired and spends his time traveling and writing.

**Monica Monroe-Johnson** (’78 BA Education) is a teacher in the Southerly JC School District.

### 2000

**Ron Paul Haskins** (’70 MA American Studies), a professor at St. Mary’s College, was recently named 1999-2000 Teacher of the Year award. She has published poetry as a psychotherapist at the Whitman Fullbright in Brown in 1994.

**Peter K. Turk** (’74 BA, MA Business Administration) is a small business owner who develops and operates a small business and job opportunities at LAX, and other public and private organizations.

**Tateno M. King** (’72 BA Engineering) served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968. He received his bachelor's degree in mining engineering at the University of Hawaii, and has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in New York City since 1979, including the last seven years as a resident engineer at the Seven Oaks Dam project in Highland, CA.

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Dear Alumni,

Advocating for CSU

Once again—this year on April 3—-a delegation of Cal State L.A. alumni volunteers (pictured below) joined similar delegations of CSU alumni from 22 other campuses for the annual visit to the California Legislature in Sacramento. The event, sponsored by the CSU Alumni Council and the CSU Chancellor’s Office, attracts some 800 delegates yearly. Alumni, staff and faculty delegates were briefed by CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and other officials, and then took the CSU message to our respective legislators or members of their staffs. This very special day at the Legislature has proven effective over the years as a means of educating legislators about the needs and value of higher education.

As you have undoubtedly heard on many occasions, legislative advocacy is one of the ways in which loyal alumni can be most helpful to the University. If you would like to help tell the story of your university to our state lawmakers, there are several ways to do so. Participating in the Legislative Conference is only one of those ways. If you would like to learn more about getting involved with Legislative Advocacy please contact us. I know you won’t regret it.

Randi Moore
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Association Announces Two New Member Benefits!

“MEMBERS ONLY” E-MAIL BULLETIN

The Cal State L.A. campus is a focal point for special events, lectures, theatrical productions, conferences and other dynamic activities taking place in the heart of the L.A. basin. Wouldn’t you like an easy way to know about campus happenings? Wouldn’t it be great to hear an interesting speaker or attend a University ceremony when it fits into your schedule?

Well now you can! The Alumni Association is proud to introduce its newest “members-only” benefit, E-lumniMail. You can now receive monthly e-mail bulletins detailing all the exciting events taking place on campus in the weeks to come. Just go to Association’s Web site at http://alumni.calstatela.edu and click on the New Benefits Link to sign-up for E-lumniMail. Then, in early May, you’ll start receiving e-mail bulletins specially tailored to Cal State L.A. alumni like you!

A NOISE WITHIN SPRING SEASON TICKET DISCOUNTS

Now you can enjoy three spring productions of A Noise Within—the resident theater company at the Luckman—through a special offer for members of the CSULA Alumni Association. The company’s new season runs from April 21 through June 25, 2000. The line-up begins with Shakespeare’s Cymbeline, a rarely staged romance from the master playwright. Next is Molière’s The Misanthrope, a sublime comedy set in 17th century France. Rounding out the season is Tennessee Williams’ Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. As an alumni member, you can purchase a three-play subscription package or the “As You Like It Flex Pass” and receive a second subscription or pass free. Join A Noise Within at the Harnett and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex for timeless and affordable drama. For more information and to purchase tickets, telephone (323) 224-6420.

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**Sports Update**

**Draper: A Class-Act Student-Athlete**

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Thank goodness for student-athletes like Jeff Draper. In the last few weeks, two NFL football players have been arrested on attempted murder charges, a NHL hockey player blatantly assaulted an opposing player on the ice and now faces criminal charges, and a baseball player was suspended for racial slurs he made in an interview with a national magazine. But today's student-athletes like Cal State L.A.'s Jeff Draper are showing the world the true meaning of sportsmanship and academic excellence.

Draper, a 5-10 junior right-handed pitcher, is a three-year letterwinner with the Golden Eagle baseball team. Of course his athletic abilities are admirable, but it's his academic successes that are the most impressive.

A business administration major with a cumulative 3.64 GPA, Draper is also the recipient of numerous scholarships. He has accepted the Ira Manson Memorial Scholarship, the Angels/Dodgers' Wives Scholarship, the R.L. Hoyt Scholarship, the Raul Henderson Memorial Award, and a Cal State L.A. Alumni Scholarship. Additionally, the seven-time Duan's List honoree and two-time National Duan's List award winner, is also a lifetime member of the Golden Key National Honor Society (an automatic distinction for the Top 15% in his/her graduating class).

In the near future, Draper will also represent Cal State L.A. regionally as a candidate for Who's Who Among College Students (recommended and submitted by college professors/administrators).

Draper also gives back to his community as a volunteer to the El Monte Dukes Baseball Team, where he has assisted in clinics for local children. With El Monte Police Lieutenant Ken Weldon, he traveled to Mexico to provide clothing and food for the poor.

Draper wants to earn his MBA after graduation and has future plans to run a Boys and Girls Club, because he "wants to work with children to make sure they get the right start."

--Cal State L.A.'s Jeff Draper

**Athletics’ Corporate Partners Honored at Homecoming**

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics honored three very special corporate partners at its Homecoming men’s basketball half-time festivities during last February’s game against Chico State.

The Associated Students, Inc., the Cal State L.A. Federal Credit Union and USC University Hospital Center for Athletic Medicine were instrumental in the Division’s purchase of a new double-line message scoreboard in the Eagles’ Nest.

Through their support, participants and spectators can enjoy visual special effects and up-to-date statistics with this new system.

**Secretary of State Bill Jones Gives Ceremonial Tip-Off**

Secretary of State Bill Jones was on campus at Cal State L.A. during the annual Homecoming men’s basketball game and provided a ceremonial tip-off between Golden Eagle head coach Ron Villanueva and Chico State’s Greg Miller.

Jones was in Los Angeles to promote Voter Registration Week as a non-partisan outreach program designed to flood California with voter registration materials during the final days leading up to statewide elections. During Voter Registration Week, events and outreach opportunities were developed to coincide with daily, routine activities such as shopping, eating, studying and working.

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Stinson, a two-time 1999-2000 CCAA Player of the Week honoree, collected his second straight All-West District award and received 3rd team NABC/Madison Division II All-American honors. Stinson is the first men’s basketball player to achieve the highest accolade in collegiate sports since Sam Vical in 1985.

Stinson also earned his second consecutive All-CCAA First Team accolade, the only junior in the league to claim the honor. He finished the season with a team-high 15.1 points per game, 39 steals, 36 three-pointers made and a .749 (82-111) free throw percentage. He also led the team in scoring nine times. Stinson is already the University’s all-time career steals leader with 182, and is ranked 8th all-time in assists (217) and 9th all-time in scoring (1,116 points). Last year, he was one of three sophomores nationally to earn all-region honors and was placed on the All-American ballot.

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Also earning All-CCAA honors was 6’-5’ freshman guard/forward Ronald Johnson, who had a phenomenal rookie campaign. He finished the regular-season with a team-high 390 points. He also led the team with 62 assists and 90 free throws made. Additionally, he was the only member on the squad to start in all 21 games, averaging 38 minutes per contest.

The team ended its season with a 19-9 record (the most wins since the 1958-59 season) and tied for second place with a 16-6 conference mark (the most conference wins in University history).

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Pine Named Fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science

Chemistry Professor Emeritus Stanley H. Pine has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for his “exemplary service to the profession through teaching and administration with special attention to environmental and safety issues.” He was honored in February at a recognition ceremony in Washington D.C., presided over by AAAS president Stephen Jay Gould. As an AAAS Fellow, Pine joins a prominent and distinguished group of scientists. Among the chemists chosen nationally for this award, Pine is the only academic who is not from a Ph.D.-granting institution.

Pine has taught in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry since 1964, in the areas of organic chemistry, reaction mechanisms and industrial chemistry. His research is in synthetic organic chemistry.

Through his textbook, Organic Chemistry—now translated into seven languages—he has influenced the instruction of students throughout the world. He is graduate adviser in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the University’s chemical safety officer. Pine’s studies have had a significant impact in the area of laboratory safety practices and the handling of hazardous materials, and he is widely consulted in California on how best to prepare chemical laboratories for an earthquake.

In 1980, Pine received both national and local awards from the American Chemical Society—the largest scientific society in the world—for his efforts in California and throughout the country to improve chemical health and safety. The state of California recognized his importance to the field of health and safety in 1983 when he received the Governor’s Employee Safety Award. Professor Pine is a recipient of Cal State L.A.’s Outstanding Professor Award.

Pine is an active member of the American Chemical Society, where he serves on many national and local committees. He is a member of the Laboratory Waste Management Task Force and the California Department of Toxic Controls Task Force on Laboratory Regulations.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is a nonprofit professional society dedicated to the advancement of scientific and technological excellence across all disciplines, and to the public’s understanding of science and technology. AAAS is among the oldest societies in America, having been founded in Philadelphia in 1848. Many of today’s most prestigious and influential scientific societies have their historical origins in AAAS.

Luckman Receives 35 Sculptures From the Norton Collection

The Luckman Gallery of the campus’ Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex was selected as one of 29 arts institutions in the United States and abroad to receive gifts of contemporary artwork from the well-known collection of Peter and Eileen Norton.

The Nortons are donating nearly 1,000 artworks, with a total estimated value of more than $2 million, to institutions including The Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Tate Gallery in London. California regional museums receiving Norton Collection art include the Laguna Art Museum, Oakland Museum of California, Orange County Museum of Art, and San Jose Museum of Art.

Luckman Gallery director Julie Joyce noted that the gift is the first of its kind and magnitude for the Luckman Complex, which is currently in its sixth season. “The works help to establish a Luckman collection of depth and prominence,” said Joyce, adding that the Nortons’ donation is also “a wonderful vote of confidence for the Luckman Gallery, the University, and the community.”

The Nortons began to assemble their art collection in the 1980s, concentrating on new works that embodied socially meaningful ideas in visually exciting forms. The couple stepped up their collecting in 1990, the year Norton merged his company, Peter Norton Computing Inc., with Symantec Corp. Since then, the Nortons have consistently been included on the ArtNews list of the world’s 200 top collectors. Through the present donation, the Nortons are giving away some 40 percent of their existing collection.

Says Norton, “we thought the most interesting and beneficial thing we could do was to create mini-collections that would be organized in some meaningful way… and donate them to lean but admirable arts institutions across the country. In doing so, and for the values of experimental art, we also want to help strengthen these important smaller institutions all around the country.”

To encourage inventiveness in building museum collections, the Nortons have packaged the gifts by themes, rather than group the works in conventional categories—by style or period. The Luckman Gallery package, titled Conceptual Sculpture, contains works by artists known on international and national levels, including Terry Allen, Rebecca Horn, Louise Lawler, Donald Lipski, Wade Saunders, and Joel Otterson.

For the most part, the pieces in the collection donated by the Nortons were made in the 1990s. Among the 35 artworks donated to the Luckman Gallery are an untitled bronze by Antoni Gaudi, as well as significant works by Los Angeles artists including Fred Fehlau and Linda Hudson (Roush). The donation expresses the Nortons’ ongoing concern with education. In addition to our own campus and CalArts, some of the teaching institutions receiving gifts include The Art Museum (Princeton University), Center for Curatorial Studies (Bard College), Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Museum of Art (Marquette University, Milwaukee), Henry Art Gallery (University of Washington, Seattle), University Art Museum (U.C. Santa Barbara), U.C. Berkeley Art Museum, and Weatherspoon Art Gallery (University of North Carolina, Greensboro).

The Luckman will celebrate the Nortons’ gift with an exhibition to take place within the 2000-2001 season.
al State L.A. undergraduate student Yang “Kelly” Yang was named to the USA TODAY All-USA Academic First Team in February. She was one of only 20 college students from across the nation selected by a panel of educators from more than 800 nominees. The panel gave most consideration to a student’s individual scholarship or intellectual endeavor, as well as leadership roles in on-and-off campus activities.

A political science sophomore with a pre-law option and a 3.96 grade point average, Yang is one of 100 highly gifted youngsters in Cal State L.A.’s Early Entrance Program (EEP). She was accepted in the Program—the only one of its kind in the nation—in 1998, at age 13.

Born in Tianjin, China, Yang came to the United States with her parents when she was only six, and was reading and writing English by the time she was seven. She was a published author before she enrolled at Cal State L.A., with fiction and poetry to her credit. As a freshman, Yang took advantage of the fact that EEP students participate directly in all phases of University life. She became the first EEP freshman hired as a staff writer for the University’s award-winning University Times, and was honored the following quarter as the paper’s “Rookie of the Year.”

Journalism obviously suits this mature teen, who “has a way with words,” according to a feature story in the Los Angeles Times. She is founder and executive editor of the Los Angeles English Guide—a newspaper, co-distributed with newspapers in China, which aims to help students “learn English in a creative, fun way,” and writes and edits the Pen Times, a Southern California publication that helps students enhance their writing skills. This academic year, she has been writing articles and taking photographs for Eagle’s Eye, the new Cal State L.A. student government newspaper. This summer, she plans to release her next book, Yang Yang Experiences America, a volume of short stories.

Yang’s scholarship, honors and achievements have led to further recognition. In March, Los Angeles County Supervisor and Cal State L.A. alumnus Mike Antonovich presented Yang with the Board’s highest honor, and, sponsored by California Assemblymember Gloria Romero, Yang represented Assembly District 49 as a “Woman of the Year” during Women’s History Month events at Romero’s local office and at the State Capitol.