

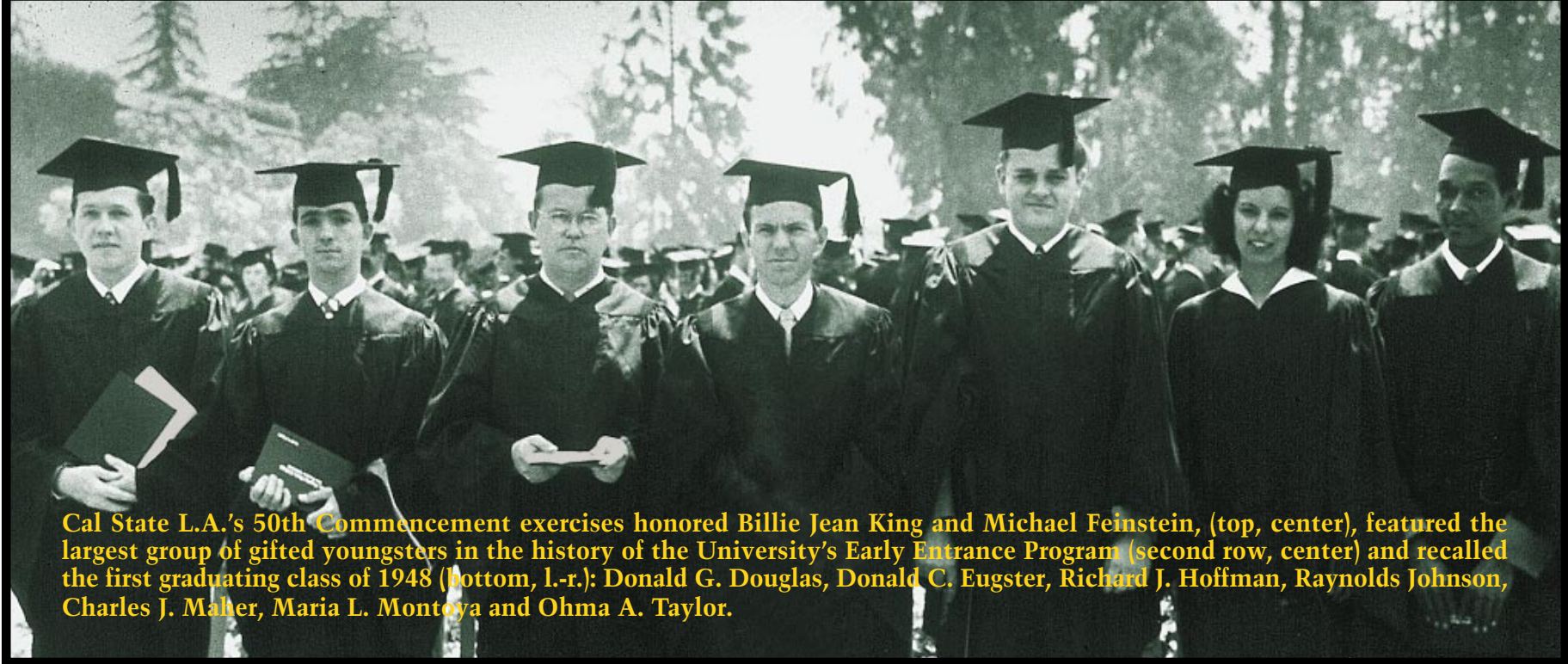


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Cal State L.A.'s 50th Commencement exercises honored Billie Jean King and Michael Feinstein, (top, center), featured the largest group of gifted youngsters in the history of the University's Early Entrance Program (second row, center) and recalled the first graduating class of 1948 (bottom, l.-r.): Donald G. Douglas, Donald C. Eugster, Richard J. Hoffman, Raynolds Johnson, Charles J. Maher, Maria L. Montoya and Ohma A. Taylor.

Honorary Doctorates Awarded to Billie Jean King and Michael Feinstein

A special event of the University's 50th Commencement exercises was the conferral of honorary doctorates by President **James M. Rosser** and CSU Trustee **William Houck** on two individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to American life, the CSU and Cal State L.A.—pianist **Michael Feinstein** and alumna **Billie Jean King**. Only four other honorary doctorates have been awarded by Cal State L.A./CSU to Congressman Gus Hawkins, alumni Jaime Escalante and Billy Barty, and CSU Trustee Claudia Hampton (posthumous).



Michael Feinstein

Billie Jean King

Billie Jean King

The kickoff of the University's year-long 50th anniversary celebration brought honored alumna Billie Jean King back to campus. King received the Cal State L.A./CSU honorary degree of **Doctor of Humane Letters** in recognition of her many achievements in the world arena of athletics and for the distinction those accomplishments have brought to her alma mater.

King, who attended the University from 1961 to 1965, is widely recognized as one of the top ten women in the history of athletics. In 1962, when she was 18 years old, King upset the world's leading women's tennis player at Wimbledon and went on to garner that honor herself. King won the prestigious Wimbledon title 20 times and the U.S. crown 5 times. She was the number one-ranked women's tennis player in the world no fewer than five times between 1966 and 1972, and was ranked in the top ten in the world for a total of 17 years.

King's pursuit of gender equity in tennis, in athletics, in politics and in society at large is legendary. A founding member of the Women's Tennis Association, the Women's Sports Foundation, and both the professional and recreational leagues of World Teamtennis, her outspoken support for better treatment of women tennis players was instrumental in increasing the popularity of women's tennis around the world. Her advocacy for athletics forums in which men and women compete against each other "on a level playing field," led to the development of World Teamtennis, a model program that has been used in other sports.

King became a charter member of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Women's Collegiate Hall of Fame in 1995. In 1990, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and, that year, a special issue of Life Magazine named her one of the "100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century."

She serves on the Board of Directors for the National AIDS Fund, the Elton John AIDS Foundation, and as national ambassador for A.I.M.—a charity for children with handicaps. She has been active in her support and fund-raising activities for numerous CSU campuses.

The late Arthur Ashe has described Billie Jean King as "the most important tennis player, male or female, of the last fifty years," and called her "rare in combining unquestionable brilliance and success as a tennis player with the passion of a crusader for justice."

Michael Feinstein

A student and proponent of American popular vocal music, pianist and vocalist Michael Feinstein has devoted his life to the study of the classic American song. His dedication to the perpetuation of this aspect of American culture began early, and is no less remarkable because it is self-taught. His education

in this area was enhanced by his apprenticeship to Ira Gershwin, whom Feinstein assisted until his mentor's death in 1983.

Feinstein's published contributions to the body of American musicology and music history are numerous and widely praised, and include his autobiography, which has been called "a personal and revealing look at the golden age of American popular song and musical theater."

Feinstein has been called "a remarkable performance talent" by London's *Punch* and "a phenomenon!" by the *New Yorker* magazine. The *Los Angeles Times* calls him "brilliant," his piano and vocal performance "the stuff of legend."

Michael Feinstein's contribution to educational institutions has been consistent over many years. His affiliation with Cal State L.A.'s Friends of Music has resulted both directly and indirectly in the creation of numerous music scholarships and programs, including the George and Ira Gershwin Scholarship, the Harry Warren Foundation, the Michael Feinstein Scholarship and Competition, and others. A benefit concert he performed in 1990 resulted in major support for Cal State L.A. that continues today, both in terms of funds and friends for the University.

On June 14, the class of 1997 was honored with a moving and heartfelt song from Michael Feinstein, just after the musician himself was honored. Feinstein received the Cal State L.A./CSU honorary degree of **Doctor of Fine Arts** in recognition of his extraordinary achievements and dedication to the perpetuation of American music, and his support of and advocacy for California State University, Los Angeles.

Lost Alumna Finds Cal State L.A.

At the same time Cal State L.A.'s Alumni Relations and Public Affairs offices were searching for "original" alumni, **Maria Montoya Cook** was coming to the realization that it must be close to the **50th anniversary** of her graduating class—the class of '48.

Even the best World Wide Web search engines can't help when someone's name has changed. So the "sleuths" at Cal State L.A. were despairing of finding the only woman from our first graduating class when Maria—who hasn't been Maria Montoya since 1951, when she married Robert W. Cook—decided to call Cal State L.A., to the staff members' great surprise and delight.

An extraordinarily young high school graduate, Maria began her path to higher education at Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles at the age of 16. She was pursuing a triple major of Music, English and Social Studies in 1946, when an illness forced her to put her education on hold for part of a year. Later that summer, she says, "I was excited to see an article in the old *L.A. Herald* that this new school—**L.A. State**—was being organized and was offering education classes. I thought—this is my chance to go back to school!"

The L.A. City College campus, on which the new four-year college was starting, was close to home. Maria went to the campus to investigate and met Marie Martin, registrar of the new college and the woman who became a mentor and friend throughout her time



Class of 1948 "originals," Ray Johnson and Maria Montoya Cook, at 1997 Commencement (top) and in their yearbook photos (bottom).

as an L.A. State student. "They were interested in enrolling eligible students, and I was definitely eligible, since I was transferring with over 90 units.

"There were only about 100 students enrolled then," Maria recalls, "and most of us were education majors," says Maria. At the end of the year, and proud of its accomplishments, L.A. State wanted to show the world it was "official." It sought out its students who had completed the required units for graduation—"I had about 190 units. At any rate, I knew I had completed 120 units, which was all that was necessary for graduation then [on the semester system]. But I hadn't actually declared a major. Mrs. Martin spent hours researching what other colleges in the area offered, then discovered I was eligible as a Liberal Studies

major, with concentrations in English, Music and Philosophy. I also had a Social Studies minor."

Maria stayed on at L.A. State to pursue a teaching credential. She completed her student teaching during Los Angeles Unified School District's summer session and was teaching by the fall of 1949 at Glen Martin School in the Enterprise School District.

Maria began teaching bilingual kindergarten and first grade "before there were any bilingual programs offered," she laughs. After taking some time out to raise two sons and a daughter during the '70s, Maria went back to school at Cal State Fullerton for further certification in bilingual teaching. It was as a "bilingual, bicultural specialist" that she retired last year from the Santa Ana school district after a lifetime of teaching.

At **Cal State L.A.'s 50th Commencement exercises on June 14**, the crowd roared with delight as Alumni Association President **Bob McDermott** introduced Maria and classmate **Raynolds "Ray" Johnson**, calling the event "their 50th class reunion." Part of the official procession, Ray and Maria participated in the day's historic events wearing the traditional cap and gown. They are both as spirited, outstanding and singular now as they were 50 years ago, when they represented the first graduating class of what has now become California State University, Los Angeles.

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Commencement 1997

The “milestone” Class of ’97 comprised nearly 4,000 undergraduates—a few more than the original seven who walked in procession on the Los Angeles City College campus at the one-year-old Los Angeles State College’s first graduation. It reflected a wider diversity of students of every age, culture, and field of interest than anyone ever imagined a half-century ago. It comprised more than 1,000 graduate students (L.A. State had to wait until 1952 to honor its first master’s degree recipients) and a record number of

exceptional undergrads who are so young that they might understandably be mistaken for high school seniors.

On June 14, our 50th Commencement presented educated individuals who have enjoyed the benefits of a 50-year history of excellence and achievement coupled with the University’s vision for the future. Armed with this legacy and vision, we are certain that the Class of ’97 is to meet the challenges and reap the wonders of the next millennium.



Front row (l.-r.): Ryan Montgomery, Nipa Ved, Irene Oh, Kim Engie, Julia Rodriguez, Jenny Jung, Christopher Persaud. Back row (l.-r.): Paul Gowder, Nandan Lad, Mahmoud Traina, Ajay Goud, and Jacob Lister. back row (l.-r.)

Largest Group of Early Entrants Part of 50th Graduating Class

This year, at the event of our half-century mark, the University’s 50th Commencement features another milestone—the largest graduating class of students from Cal State L.A.’s Early Entrance Program (EEP). On June 14, more than a dozen “EEPsters” had graduated during the 1996-97 academic year, out of a record 40 students in the current program.

The EEP—the only one of its kind in the nation—has grown steadily since its introduction on campus in 1983. Modeled after that of the University of Washington, the Cal State L.A. EEP admits extraordinarily gifted youngsters—some as young as 11—directly into college and provides monitored evaluation, regular counseling sessions, and the opportunity to study with like-minded peers.

“Nearly all of our students go on to do graduate work—many at this country’s most prestigious schools,” says program director **Richard Maddox** (Psychology).

The students all say that they relish the challenge that comes with course work appropriate to their abilities and feel comfortable with older college students, with whom they can discuss mutual interests. And they definitely enjoy each other’s company. We’ll introduce you to a few of the students in the Early Entrance graduating class of ’97:

Ajay Goud

Age at entry: 15 (1993)
Current age: 19

Calling himself a latecomer to the program, Ajay was a 15-year-old student at Edison High School in Huntington Beach when he decided to join Cal State L.A.’s EEP. He had heard about the program from friend and participant, Nipa Ved, who also graduated from Cal State L.A. this year. “I felt I was intellectually ready for college,” says Ajay. “I was always striving to go a little farther. He arranged

to meet some of the “EEPsters.” “I was a little worried that I’d be losing the most memorable time of my life,” he recalls. He came away reassured. “I saw that the students there weren’t giving up their ‘childhood’—they still went to the movies and did other things kids do.”

Although he chose a tough premed path, Ajay did in fact find time for the things he liked. A guitar player, he met with other students—not all EEPsters—regularly to jam (“nothing professional,” he insists). More serious was his involvement with the *University Times*, the student newspaper for which he began as a reporter and graduated to editor of Arts and Entertainment. “I’ve always had an interest in English, and creative writing especially. This was a good opportunity for me to combine my talent in writing and my love of music,” he says.

In February of this year, Ajay was selected as the male recipient of the University’s prestigious Eagles’ Pride Homecoming Award. The new tradition that replaces the Homecoming king and queen awards is based on demonstrated academic excellence and community service and carries a \$1,000 prize. The selection process involves an essay and interviews, and Ajay received his award from **President Rosser** at a special Homecoming ceremony.

In the immediate future, Ajay hopes to go to medical school or enter a postbaccalaureate or master’s program geared to medical students, and either coast will do. “Location doesn’t matter,” he says, “as long as I can reach my goal.”

Paul Gowder

Age at entry: 14 (1993)
Current age: 17

“I knew way back that I was interested in politics and law,” says Paul, one of the more outgoing EEPsters. On campus at 14, Paul began working his way toward law school with a packed schedule of classes during every one of the University’s four quarters—with no

summer breaks. “Paul’s one of those rare students in this day and age who has made it through college in less than four years,” enthuses Richard Maddox, Early Entrance Program director, who adds, “He’s a real achiever—he scored 175 out of 180 on the LSAT!”

Commuting from his home in San Pedro, Paul laughed when asked what he did in his leisure time—“I have free time?” he asked, rhetorically. This fall, he will be attending Harvard law school at an age when most of his contemporaries are starting their college careers. Is he worried about making the adjustment to living so far from home, in another—and much colder—climate? “Quite the opposite!,” says Paul with a tinge of British around the edges of his speech picked up from his mother, a native of England. “I’ve lived in lots of places,” says the Arizona-born teen.

This summer, Paul will take some time to visit relatives in England. Then, after three grueling years at Harvard, does he intend to enter the law profession? “I’m hoping for a clerkship somewhere,” he says. “And I intend to be a lawyer and a politician,” he good-naturedly reminds the interviewer.

Jennifer Jung

Age at entry: 13 (1990)
Current age: 19

Jenny is making the EEP program at Cal State L.A. a family tradition. Her older brother, Tim—an EEPster who graduated in 1994—was one of the University’s rare triple majors (physics-math-computer science). Like her brother, Jenny has a wide variety of interests, but unlike him, her interests extend from the sciences to the arts.

A biology major with an original focus on medical school, Jenny is a dedicated writer of poetry (she was president of the Creative Writing Club for three years). She has been on the editorial board of the English Department’s literary magazine, *State-*

ment, and her work has been published in that venerable journal as well as in national poetry magazines.

“Science was always pretty important to me, but lately I’ve been rethinking med school,” says Jenny, who is still set on a career in the sciences, “possibly something in the area of physio-psychology,” she says. She’s taking some time out to think about it, though. This summer she hopes to travel in the western U.S. “I

think it will help me focus on what I really want to do,” she explains.

Nandan “Dan” Lad

Age at entry: 13 (1993)
Current age: 17

Dan was in the 10th grade at San Marino High when he heard about the Early Entrance Program. Was it difficult to switch from high school to college? “Coming to Cal State L.A. was the best decision I ever made!” says Dan firmly. It’s clear that Dan had no trouble getting involved in campus life—he joined the Circle K community service club in his freshman year, was that organization’s vice president, and has also served as vice president of the University’s General Education Honors Program for two years.

Interested in research, Dan was able to study closely with, and complete projects under, biology professors **Howard Rosen** (genetic studies of *chlamydomonas*, an algae) and **Margaret Jefferson** (plant protein analysis). In his spare time, he played tennis and basketball and continued to practice the flute—something he’s been doing for the past seven years. Last August, Dan took the MCAT exam and applied to a number of medical schools. He reports that he has already been interviewed by USC and Dartmouth.

Ryan Montgomery

Age at entry: 14 (1992)
Current age: 19

At High Desert Junior High School in Acton, Ryan was an excellent student and captain of the math team. “We really didn’t have a budget for honors classes. There was math honors—I was in that—but no English honors.” After taking the Washington Pre-College Exam (the test that qualifies students for the EEP) the next step for

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Early Entrance Graduates — continued from page 3

Ryan was to enroll at Cal State L.A. Ryan's main problem was a long commute; his solution was to live part of the week with his grandparents in Sierra Madre.

Given his talent for math, Ryan had originally thought of studying engineering but found the humanities more to his liking. He graduated as an English major, with an interest in writing. Now Ryan plans to "take a year off to write a novel." Recently introduced to the possibilities of a career in public relations, he is also considering an internship in the company of a family friend, which would give him hands-on experience in that field.

Julia Rodriguez
Age at entry: 14 (1992)
Current age: 18

About the time Julia was set to graduate as class valedictorian at Epiphany Catholic Junior High School in South El Monte, she heard about Cal State L.A.'s Early Entrance Program. She received a scholarship to San Gabriel Mission High and chose to start there in the fall of 1992, also attending Cal State L.A. part time through EEP. After three months in high school, she switched permanently to Cal State L.A. "I never really did fit in [in high school]—even in junior high, I was always a bit too smart—a bit too grown up."

Always a lover of books, Julia chose to major in English. A linguistics class with professor **Rosemary Hake** sparked her interest in that area.

She still talks about studying linguistics, although she's decided to put off graduate school "for a while." A photography class with associate professor **Jack Butler** led to an abiding interest in photography and a student assistantship in the Art department's photography lab.

The youngest of three sisters, Julia is very proud of her own and her siblings' achievements. "My oldest sister was the first person in my father's family to graduate from college," says Julia. "My parents were born in Mexico and have the equivalent of a sixth-grade education, but they've always stressed the importance of education for my sisters and me." Fully bilingual, Julia was interviewed by the Fontana School District at Cal State L.A.'s Education Expo last April.

On June 14, Julia took the CBEST (statewide test for prospective teachers) and missed her own graduation. She was just notified that she passed with flying colors. This fall, Julia will just possibly be the youngest teacher in California!

Mahmoud Traina
Age at entry: 13 (1993)
Current age: 17

A dedicated fan of professional sports, Mahmoud is also an active participant in many sports himself, chief among them basketball and soccer which he manages to play "about three to four times a week." With his EEP friends Dan, Nipa and Ajay, he has been involved in much community

Charter School of Education "Class of '97" Feted

Every year, the Charter School of Education holds a spring reception in honor of its "graduates" — students who have completed Cal State L.A. credential programs in elementary, secondary and special education. At the same time, it recognizes those who have demonstrated exceptional performance as student teachers. The event is made possible through the Cal State L.A. Teacher Diversity Partnership Grant and the Friends of the Charter School of Education support group.

The 1997 Outstanding Student Teacher awardees pictured here are

(front row, l-r) Ivelisse Topete, Jennifer Murillo, Karen Sands, Rona Robinson, Leslie A. Jones, Sandra Halajian, Lorna Martin, (back row, l-r) Gary A. Best, associate dean of Student Services, Charter School of Education, Caryn Bontems, Michael Donovan, Verna Dauterive, member, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and principal, Franklin Avenue Elementary School, Mary del Palacio, D. Pamela Richard, Andrea Maxie, professor of Education, and director, Cal State L.A. Teacher Diversity Partnership Grant.

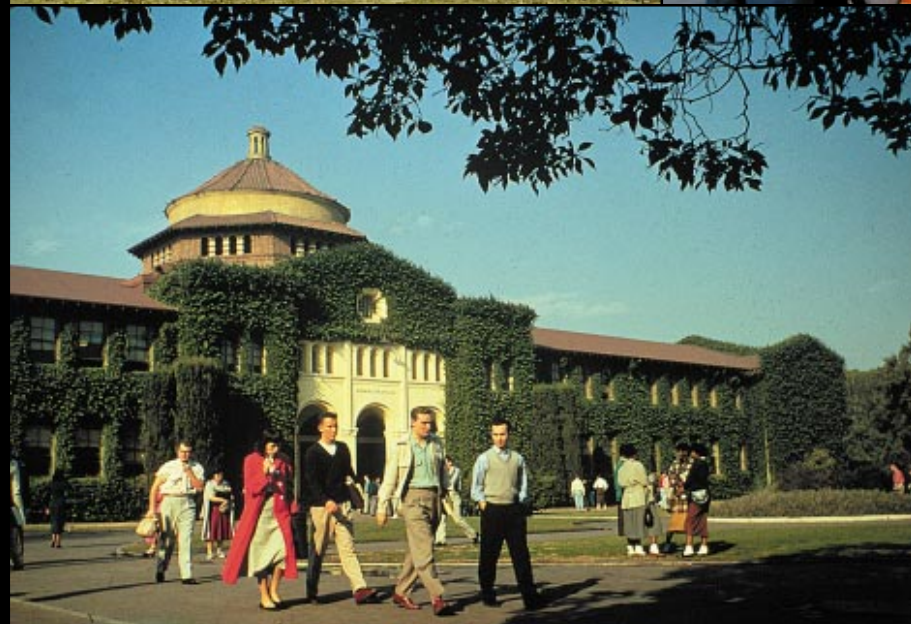
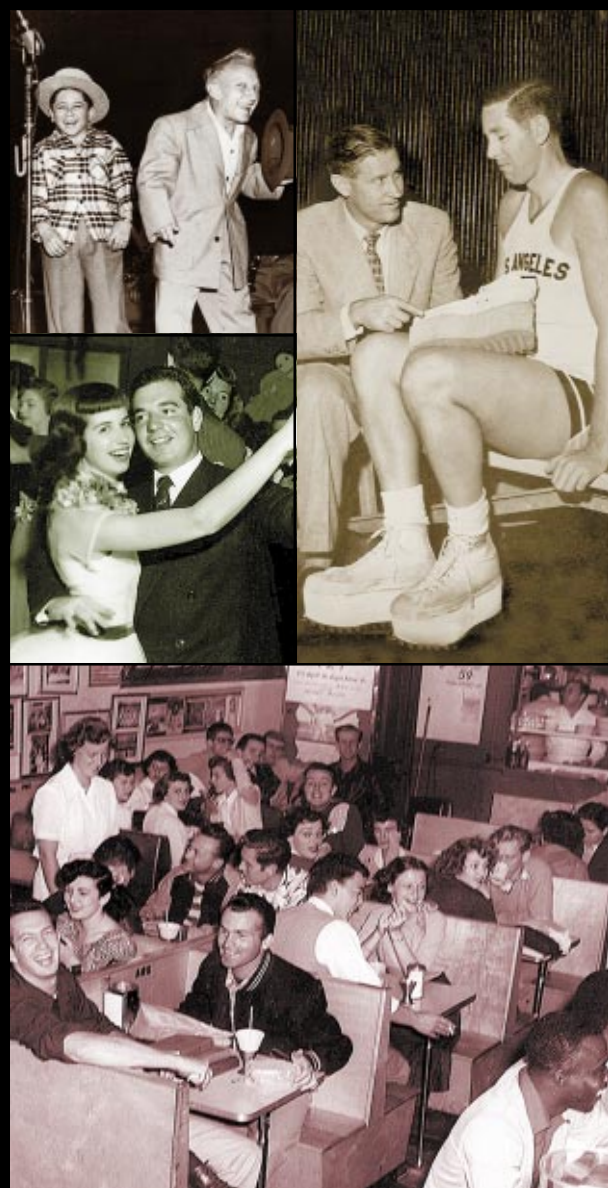
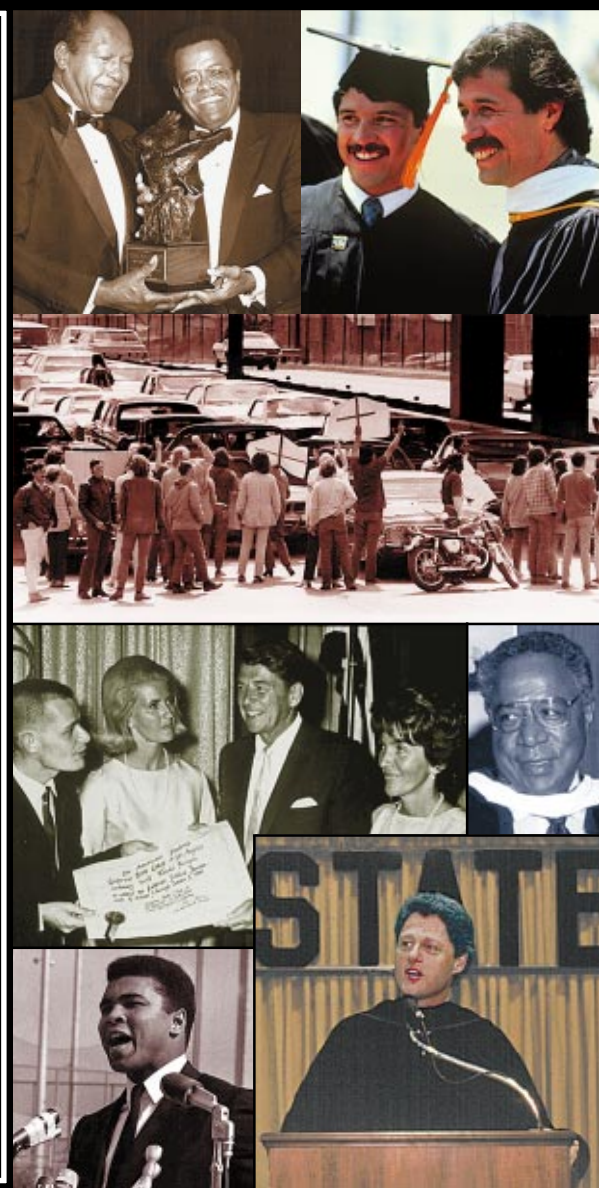


service through the Circle K service club on campus. But most important to Mahmoud is medicine; he's followed a pre-med path at Cal State L.A. Mahmoud graduated from Mulholland Junior High in Van Nuys, finished ninth grade as an honor student at Birmingham High School, then

switched to the EEP at Cal State L.A. "I thought it was a good opportunity, and I liked the challenge," he says. Mahmoud has already been accepted to medical schools at UC Davis, USC and UCLA.

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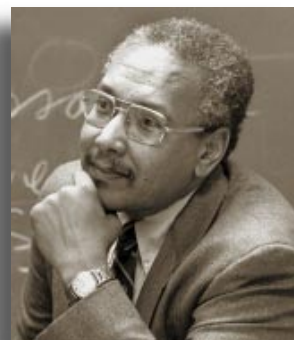
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Michael S. Harper



Lillian Kawasaki



Billie Jean King



Mark Kroeker



Florence LaRue

50 Notable Alumni

Editor's Note:

Cal State L.A.'s strong academic reputation is reflected by the quality of the alumni it has produced over the past 50 years. With more than 120,000 alumni worldwide, the University can proudly point to its share of "notable alumni." To list all alumni who have made an impact in their respective fields would be a daunting task, and we are further constrained by limited space.

Therefore, we have made an attempt to list 50 alumni who reflect the diverse fields in which they have gained prominence. We have also taken the opportunity, further on in this publication, to highlight 50 recent alumni whose careers are no less notable for being in their early stages. Neither list is definitive by any means. Nevertheless, these alumni all represent the positive effect a Cal State L.A. education can have on one's life.

We apologize to all of the exceptional alumni whose names we were not able to list at this time, and welcome additional suggestions to our list for publication in a future issue of *Cal State L.A. Today*.

William Anton ('52, '54 M.A. Education) is former superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Michael Antonovich ('63 Social Science, '67 M.A. Health Science) is a Los Angeles county supervisor.

William Bamattre ('86 M.S. Public Administration) is chief engineer and general manager of the Los Angeles City Fire Department.

David Barclay ('61 Physical Education) is vice president of workforce diversity, Hughes Electronics Corporation.

Gerald Barnes ('67 Political Science-Public Administration) was recently named bishop of the Riverside/San Bernardino county diocese by Pope John Paul II.

Nancy Bitting ('83 M.S. Health Care Management) is CEO for Riverside Community Hospital.

Sherman Block ('68 Criminal Justice) is sheriff of Los Angeles County.

Warren Braverman ('62 Business Administration—Accounting) is chief financial officer for Cinergy Pictures Entertainment, Inc.

Garland Burrell, Jr. ('72 Sociology), a U.S. District Judge, is presiding over the trial of unabomber suspect Ted Kaczynski.

Victoria Castro ('73 Mexican American Studies) is a Los Angeles Unified School District board member.

Andrew Chao ('62 Chemistry) is vice president of engineering at Philips Lighting Electronics Company.

Daniel Chamberlain ('57 M.A. Education) is president of Houghton College in New York.

George Cotliar ('61 Journalism) recently retired as senior vice president and executive editor of the *Los Angeles Times*.

Fermin Cuza ('71 Business Administration) is vice president of International Trade and Government Affairs for Mattel Toys.

Tim Dong ('64 Psychology) is president of Mira Costa College in San Diego County.

Samuel Durrance ('72, '74 M.S., Physics) is a NASA astronaut and research scientist at Johns Hopkins University; he has been payload specialist on the space shuttles Columbia and Endeavour.

Mervyn Dymally ('54 Education) is former lieutenant governor of the State of California.

Sue Kunitomi Embrey ('69 English) is co-founder and chair of the Manzanar Committee, and spearheaded the efforts to have Manzanar recognized as a National Historic Site.

Jaime Escalante ('73, '77 M.A., Education) is a noted math educator whose success on behalf of his Los Angeles students was recognized in the movie, *Stand and Deliver*.

James Galbraith ('60 Journalism), former senior vice president of Corporate Affairs for Hilton Hotels Corporation, is a member of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation board.

Barry Gordon ('86 Political Science) is an actor and former president of the Screen Actor's Guild.

Michael S. Harper ('61, '63 M.A., English), elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1995, is University Professor at Brown University and was the first poet laureate of Rhode Island (1988-1993).

James D. Hornbuckle ('64 Physics), former regional vice president, Southern California Edison, is interim dean, School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, Cal Poly Pomona.

John Huerta ('65 Political Science) is chief legal counsel for the Smithsonian Institution.

Lillian Kawasaki ('72, '80 M.S., Biology) is director of the department of environmental affairs for the City of Los Angeles.

Billie Jean King (att. '61-'65), with 20 Wimbledon titles to her credit, is one of the all-time tennis greats. Her support of women tennis players increased the popularity of women's tennis worldwide.

Mark Kroeker ('70 Criminal Justice) is deputy chief of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Florence LaRue ('66 Education) is a noted vocalist and a member of the Grammy Award-winning singing group, *Fifth Dimension*.

Michael Lucki, ('78 Business Administration—Accounting) is an Ernst & Young national partner.

Thomas V. McKernan, Jr. ('81 Business Administration/Information Systems, '85 M.S., Business Administration—Finance) is president and CEO of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Manuel Mollinedo ('70 Recreation, '72 Anthropology, '76 M.S. Recreation) is director of the Los Angeles Zoo.

Sharon Morris ('76 Home Economics) is deputy mayor of the City of Los Angeles.

James Newton ('81 Music), is a noted jazz and classical flutist, composer and recording artist.

Adriana C. Ocampo ('83 Geology) has worked on JPL Viking, Voyager, Galileo, Mars Observer and Hermes projects. She was the first scientist to recognize that Yucatan sinkholes are related to a buried crater whose impact may have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs. A student pilot, she has applied to become a Space Shuttle mission specialist.



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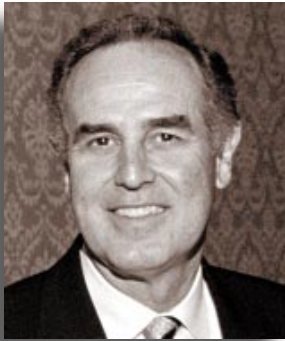
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Ron Okum ('63 Physical Education, '70 M.A. Health and Safety) will be president of the Tournament of Roses Association in the year 2002.

Jeffrey Otten ('73 Psychology) is CEO of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Alice Petrossian ('69 Speech Communication, '80 M.A. Education-School Administration) is the director of Intercultural Education for the Glendale Unified School District and recently was elected president of the California Community College board of governors.

Philip J. Quigley ('67 Business Administration-Marketing) is chairman of the board, president and CEO of Pacific Telesis Group.

Edward Riegler ('63 Social Science, '65 M.A. History) was honored as 1994 California Teacher of the Year.

Lucille Roybal-Allard ('65 Speech Communication) is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Wesley Ru ('78 Business Administration-Marketing) is president and CEO of Western Badge and Trophy Company.

Donald Sterling ('56 History) is the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers.

George Strang ('65 Mechanical Engineering) is vice president of transmission and storage operations for the Southern California Gas Company.

Richard Thomas ('67 Vocational Education) is executive vice president of the Acura Division for American Honda Motor Company.

Kent Twitchell ('72, '77 M.A., Art) is widely known for his giant murals which can be seen along the freeways and streets of Los Angeles.

Joseph Wambaugh ('60, '68 M.A., English) is a prominent novelist and author of 15 books, including *The New Centurions*, *The Choirboys*, *The Onion Field* and *Floater*s.

Diane Watson ('67 M.S. Counseling) is a California state senator.

Julia Wu ('75 M.A. Education) is a member of the Los Angeles Community College District board of trustees.

Eric Yeldell ('74 Criminal Justice) is executive vice president of legal affairs for Fox Broadcasting Company.

Ruben Zacarias ('73 M.A. Education), former deputy superintendent, is the new superintendent of the L.A. Unified School District.

The First—The Most—The Only—The Top!

- Cal State L.A. is in the top 20 of the nation's "master's colleges and universities" in the number of baccalaureate graduates who go on to receive doctoral degrees in science and engineering, according to a 1997 National Science Foundation report.
- Cal State L.A.'s faculty boasts 12 recipients of the California State University system's prestigious Trustees' Outstanding Professor Award — more than any other CSU campus.
- Cal State L.A. was the first CSU campus to enter the field of nuclear physics.
- Cal State L.A. established the first Chicano Studies Department in the nation in 1969.
- Cal State L.A. established the first university retailing center on the West Coast in 1980.
- Cal State L.A. was first in the CSU system to establish a child care center on campus; the Anna Bing Arnold Child Care Center now serves 90 children per quarter, from 2 to 8 years old.
- Cal State L.A.'s Charter School of Education is the first and only such school of higher education in the country. It is one of the largest producers of teachers in California and is the state's largest preparer of bilingual teachers.
- The Department of Nursing's Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner option in the master's program, established in 1997, is the first in the CSU system.
- Cal State L.A.'s Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems, offered by the School of Business and Economics, was the first of its kind in Los Angeles (1988).
- Cal State L.A.'s Master of Music in Commercial Music was the first such degree in the nation approved for listing by the National Association of Schools of Music (1990).
- Cal State L.A.'s first solar-powered car, the Solar Eagle, placed first among California entrants—and fourth nationwide—in the 1990 GM Sunrayce USA, beating solar cars from such prestigious universities as Stanford and MIT. It was the only solar car on exhibition at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles from the museum's opening in 1994 through April 1997.
- Solar Eagle II, the University's solar car that placed third in the national Sunrayce 93 competition, will be on permanent exhibition at the newly-redesigned California Museum of Science and Industry.
- *Business Forum*, established by the School of Business and Economics in 1975, is the CSU's only national quarterly refereed business journal.

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M I L E S T O N E



A short history of California State University, Los Angeles...

1770

Franciscan missionaries settle on the green hillside that is now the home of Cal State L.A. (1)

1850s

Basque rancher Juan Bautista Batz acquires the area through a Spanish land grant (2a) and names it Rancho Rosa Castilla for the wild rose growing near the ranch house. (2b)

Sept. 1947

Los Angeles State College founded by an Act of the California legislature and opens for classes on the campus of Los Angeles City College (3); **P. Victor Peterson**, LACC president, assumes presidency of new college as well. (4)

Jack Bradley becomes first student government president.

1948

First student newspaper, *The College Times*, is published.

June 17, 1948

First graduating class. (5)

Sept. 1949

Los Angeles State College becomes **Los Angeles State College of Applied Arts and Sciences**, with 2,187 students; **Howard S. McDonald** is named president. (6)

June 1952

First master's degrees awarded.

May 1955

Groundbreaking for new campus. (7a,b)

1957

First L.A. State time capsule sealed in cornerstone of Administration building (now Student Affairs).

Fall 1958

Ten buildings completed at new site; first classes offered at new campus. (8)

Fall 1959

First freshmen enter.

First L.A. State telecourse—*20th Century American Novel*—offered over KCOP Channel 13.

1961-2

Distinguished Visiting Professor of English: Christopher Isherwood, noted author (his *Berlin Stories* was the basis for the Broadway musical and film *Cabaret*).

June 1962

Albert Graves becomes president. (9)

Sept. 1962

North Hall opens.

1962-3

Distinguished Visiting Professor of English: Dorothy Parker, writer, member of the Algonquin Round Table.

June 1963

First Commencement at new site.

Sept. 1963

Franklyn A. Johnson assumes presidency. (10)

Jan. 1964

L.A. State College officially renamed **California State College at Los Angeles** (CSCLA) and becomes part of the California State College (CSC) system.

1964

Solomon Diamond, professor of psychology, selected as one of the first two recipients of the systemwide (1963-64) Outstanding Professor Award given by the California State College Board of Trustees. (11)

1965

Football team ranked #1 nationally. (12) *College Times* named best newspaper by California Intercollegiate Press.

1966

Hudson Roysher, professor of art, named 1965-66 CSC Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (13)

May 1966

John A. Greenlee named president. (14)

1967

California State College, Los Angeles converts to quarter system.

Sept. 1968

South Tower and South Hall are completed.

First child care center in the CSC system opens on the Cal State L.A. campus.

Sept. 1969

North Hall renamed King Hall in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nov. 1969

John F. Kennedy Library completed and dedicated.

1969

Nation's first Chicano Studies department established at Cal State L.A.

1970

Alumni Association donates the Alumni Carillon.

Joseph Casanova, Jr., professor of chemistry, named 1969-70 CSC Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (15)

1971

Gilbert Geis, professor of sociology, named 1970-71 CSC Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (16)

1972

State College system becomes The California State University and Colleges (CSUC). California State College Los Angeles achieves university status and henceforth is known officially as **California State University, Los Angeles**.

1973

Alumni Association donates the John A. Greenlee Fountain and Grove.

Author Joseph Wambaugh receives first Outstanding Alumnus award.

1975

Business Forum, the CSUC's only national quarterly refereed business journal, established by the School of Business and Economics.

May 1975

Cal State L.A.'s current University-Student Union opens. (17)

July 1976

CSUC Board of Trustees approves the renaming of South Tower to Simpson Tower in memory of Floyd R. Simpson, first School of Business and Economics dean; South Hall renamed Salazar Hall in honor of slain *L.A. Times* journalist Ruben Salazar. (18)

1977

Jane Sanford Lewis, home economics professor, named 1976-77 CSUC Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (19)

1978

Harold Goldwhite, professor of chemistry, named 1977-78 CSUC Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (20)

Cal State L.A. track team wins NCAA Championship, Division II.

Cal State L.A. drops intercollegiate football.

Feb., 1978

Cal State L.A. Emeriti Association founded.

Sept. 1979

James M. Rosser becomes the University's sixth president. (21)

MEMORIES



1981
Lloyd N. Ferguson, professor of chemistry, named 1980-81 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (22)

Jan. 1981
Mascot changes from Diablo to Golden Eagle; team names change accordingly.

1982
CSUC system is officially renamed **The California State University** (CSU); each of the (then) nineteen CSU campuses now carries the designation of "University."

June 1984
First Residential Life Complex Phase I, on-campus housing, opens.

July 1984
M.F.A. program in Art launched.
University gymnasium site of XXXIII (33rd) Olympiad judo events: Olympic mural, "Olympic Fantasy," mosaic tile work by William Granizo, unveiled on P.E. building outside west wall. (23)

Sept. 1984
The new Anna Bing Arnold Child Care Center facility opens.

Oct. 1985
Los Angeles County High School for the Arts opens on campus. (24)

June 1986
Cal State L.A. kicks off "Festival 40" to commemorate the University's 40th Anniversary. (25)

1987
Hendrik Keyzer, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, named 1989-90 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (26)

Feb. 1987
Bronze statue of Confucius, gift of Republic of China on Taiwan, dedicated. (27)

Sept. 1987
Residential Life Complex Phase II opens. (28)

Oct. 1, 1987
Earthquake damages campus structures; one student fatality.

Nov. 1987
Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute affiliates with, and moves to, Cal State L.A. campus.

1988
Biological Sciences conference room renamed for earthquake victim Lupe Elias-Exposito.

1990
Olga Termini, professor of music, named 1989-90 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (29)

June 1990
CSU/CSLA honorary doctorate awarded to educator Jaime Escalante ('73, '77, '82) at 43rd Commencement. (30)
Cal State L.A.'s Solar Eagle, the solar-powered electric car designed and built by Engineering and Technology students, places fourth in the nation and is first among California competitors in transcontinental GM Sunrayce USA. (31)

1991
Phoebe Dea, professor of chemistry, named 1990-91 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (32)

Mar. 1992
Salazar Hall reopens after seismic repair.
Rosemarie Marshall, professor of microbiology, named 1992-93 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (33)

1992
Phoebe Dea, professor of chemistry, named California Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

1993
CSU Chancellor and Trustees approve development of Cal State L.A.'s Charter School of Education, creating the first such school of higher education in the nation.

June 1993
Solar Eagle II solar car places third, in Sunrayce 93.

Sept. 1993
Newly-designed Edward R. Roybal Institute for Applied Gerontology in Salazar Hall dedicated.

Dedication of Kennedy Library Palmer wing, formerly Library South in memory of John A. Palmer, vice president for academic affairs, 1975-80.

1994
Thomas Onak, professor of chemistry, named 1993-94 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (34)

Oct. 1994
Cal State L.A.'s Metrolink Station, first and only commuter rail station on a college campus, opens.

Nov. 1994
Official opening of Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex—an 1,100-seat theatre, fine arts gallery and Street of the Arts—forming the imposing new northern gateway to the campus. (35)

1995
Thomas Onak, professor of chemistry, named California Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

June 1995
CSU/CSLA honorary doctorates awarded to actor alumnus Billy Barty, and (posthumously), CSU Trustee Claudia Hampton at 48th Commencement.

William A. Cohen, professor of marketing, named 1994-95 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (36)

Mar. 1995
Alumnus Samuel T. Durrance, (B.S. 72, M.S. 74), physicist and NASA astronaut, participates in the longest shuttle flight to date aboard the Endeavour, carrying with him the official Cal State L.A. President's Medallion.

1996
Cal State L.A. becomes first CSU campus to have a guest quartet in residence as Anderson Quartet (first African-American chamber music ensemble to win an international music competition) begins its association with the University.

July 1996
CSU Board of Trustees designates 1996 as "Year of the Alumni" and selects Cal State L.A. grad Larry Adamson ('74) as first "Alumnus of the Year." (37)

Sept. 1996
Chemistry professor Carlos G. Gutierrez is among the first honorees named by President Clinton to receive the newly-established annual Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, at a White House ceremony. (38)

Donald Paulson, professor of chemistry, named 1994-95 CSU Trustees' Outstanding Professor. (39)

May 1997
Chemistry professor Donald Paulson receives the University's first President's Distinguished Professor Award.

June 14, 1997
50th graduating class; CSU/CSLA honorary doctorates awarded to tennis great Billie Jean King (alumna) and pianist/vocalist Michael Feinstein; year-long celebration of 50th anniversary of the University's founding begins.



50 Alumni To Watch



Gonzalo Centeno



Olivia Bermudez Viera



Joseph Corona



Valerie Davidson



Ricardo Espinosa



Luis J. Franco



Chris Greco



Ray Grose



Derrick Hamilton



Katherine Harris



Richard Harris

Jose Alvarino ('91 M.A. Education), a teacher at Feinberg-Fisher Elementary School in Miami Beach, Florida, was recently awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship.

Olivia Bermudez-Viera ('86 Business Administration–Accounting) is supervisor of financial and energy accounting for Southern California Edison.

Gonzalo Centeno ('95 French) is a disabilities specialist in CSLA's Office of Students with Disabilities at California State University, Los Angeles.

Joseph Carona ('92 M.B.A.) is a securities settlement accountant for Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company.

Valerie Davidson ('94 M.S. Health Care Management) is administrative director of the Southern California Psychoanalytic Institute.

Kim Dingle ('89 Art), a rising star on the California art scene, had a recent exhibition reviewed in *Elle* magazine.

Ricardo Espinosa ('94 Mechanical Engineering) is a vehicle design engineer for Solectria Corporation in Boston.

Luis Franco ('93 Theatre Arts) is an actor and playwright.

David Galaviz ('93 Political Science) is a graduate research assistant at UCLA and is working on a master's degree at USC.

Chris Greco ('93, '95 M.A. Music), a jazz saxophonist, has an album in production.

Ray Grose ('94 Economics) is an economist for the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Duane Grant ('91 Business Administration–Accounting) is senior treasury analyst for Pacific Enterprises, the parent company of Southern California Gas Co.

Derrick Hamilton ('91 Mechanical Engineering) is a regional manager for network operations at Pacific Bell.

Katherine Harris ('94 English) is a graduate student at New York University and a paralegal for Hall, Dickler, Kent and Friendman.

Richard Harris ('94 Business Administration) is president and CEO of the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union.

Peter Hong ('90 M.B.A. Business Administration) is a personal financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors, Inc.

Denean Howard ('87 Business Administration) is an Olympic athlete in track and field who won a gold medal in 1984 and silver medals at the 1988 and 1992 Olympic games.

Meillian Hwang ('89, '90 M.A. '91 M.F.A., Art) is a noted artist who has exhibited widely.

Michele Jacobs ('93 M.A. Special Education) is an itinerant outreach vision teacher for the State of North Dakota, an orientation and mobility specialist for the state school for the blind and a violinist in the greater Grand Forks Symphony Orchestra.

Aurora Johnson ('88 Speech Communication) owns her own public relations firm.

Debra Johnson ('90 M.A. TESOL) is an English teaching fellow with the U.S. Information Service at Friedrich Schiller University in Germany.

Erica Johnson ('96 Political Science) attends UCLA law school and volunteers as a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) to champion the rights and wishes of minors caught up in the Los Angeles County foster care system.

Joel Johnson ('90 Business Administration–Accounting) is an audit manager for Deloitte & Touche in Salt Lake City.

Maudelyn Johnson ('89 M.A. Latin American Studies) teaches for the Pasadena Unified School District and is the newest member of the Alumni Association board of directors.

Nancy Lee Klueter ('87 Business Administration–Marketing) is vice president of exhibitor relations for Buena Vista Pictures Distribution.

Paul Lee ('95 English) is a poet and is the editor and publisher of *Modern Poetry*, an Eastwind Press international anthology.

Claudia Lewis ('89 M.S., Geology) received her Ph.D. from Harvard in 1994 and is a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Barcelona in Spain.

Daniel C. Loo ('94 Electrical Engineering) is vice president, Technology, for Powergy in Providence, Rhode Island.

Cynthia Martel ('90 Biology/Biochemistry) received her Ph.D. and M.D. at age 21 from USC Medical School; and is now in residency at USC.

Altaire Maine ('96 Geology) who graduated at 16, is a graduate student at Caltech working with Joseph Kirschvink on the Martian meteorite ALH84001. He is co-author of a recent article on that work published in *Science*.

Dulce Cordero Medina ('87 Electrical Engineering) is a technical consultant for transmission and protection with Pacific Bell in Los Angeles.

Jessica Muldoon ('92 Liberal Studies) is a senior import specialist for the U.S. Customs Office.

Mike Neitzke ('92 Business Administration) is vice president at First Interstate Capital Management.

Edna Olivarez-Nguyen ('90 Business Administration–Accounting), a tennis star at Cal State L.A., is controller for Family Services of L.A.

Gina Orozco-Mejia ('91 Electrical Engineering) is a measurement technologies consultant with Southern California Gas Company.

Mary Porterfield ('93 M.A. Education) is a district mentor and department chair of foreign languages in the Lynwood Unified School District.

Francis Gary Powers, Jr. ('91 Philosophy) is executive director of the Downtown Fairfax Coalition in Virginia and founder of the Cold War Museum in Washington, D.C.

Lupe Quintana-Whiteman ('90 Biology), a top women's basketball star at Cal State L.A., is a cytotechnologist at City of Hope Medical Center, Duarte.

Anthony Reese ('91 Industrial Technology), who completed a joint M.B.A. and M.S. in Engineering at MIT's Sloan School of Management (Leaders in Management program) works in management at Harley Davidson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Jean Sebastian Rioux ('92 Political Science) is a graduate teaching assistant at Florida State University.

Daniel Ross ('86 History, '92 M.A. Special Education) is a mentor teacher for the Fontana Unified School District.



Peter Hong



Nancy Lee Klueter



Aurora Johnson



Paul Lee



Daniel C. Loo



Dulce Cordero Medina



Mary Porterfield



Francis Gary Powers, Jr.



Lupe Quintana-Whiteman



Anthony Reese



Lynne Whaley

Hassan Saffouri ('87 M.B.A.) recently joined the Minneapolis law firm of Lindquist & Vennum as an associate in corporate and commercial litigation.

Juan Salguero ('94 Computer Information Systems) is a computer network engineer for NASA/JPL.

Shoghig Shahinian ('94 Nursing) is a partnership nurse at the Queen of Angels-Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center.

Renee Sousa ('93, '97 M.A., Music) has recently performed major roles in the Opera Pacific production of *Regina* and the Santa Barbara Grand Opera production of *Don Giovanni*.

Olivia Viera ('87 Business Administration–Accounting) is a supervisor of financial and energy accounting for Southern California Edison.

Lynne Whaley ('87 M.S. Nursing) is senior vice president of patient care for Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

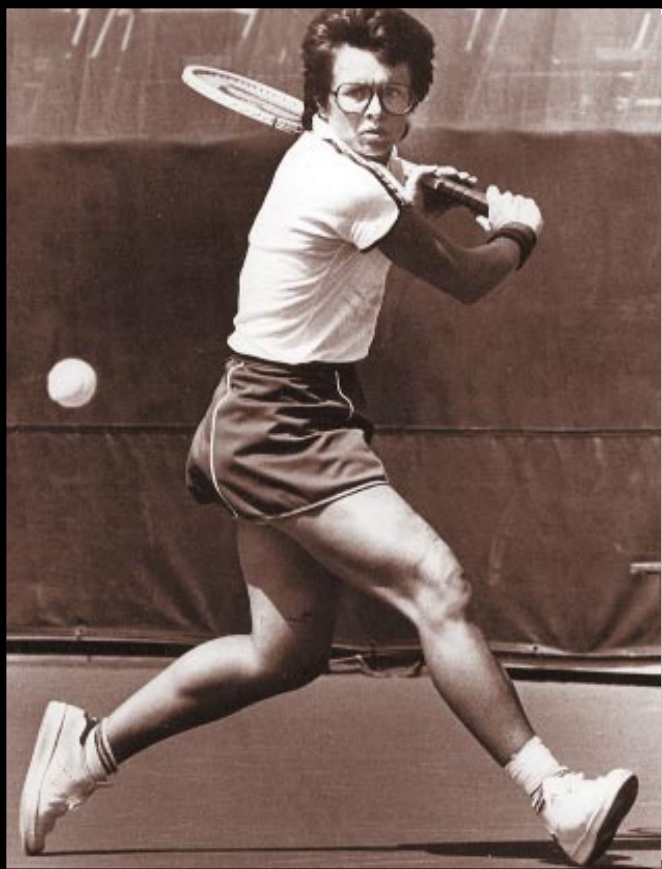
Grace White ('84 Theatre Arts, '94 M.B.A. Business Administration) is a project consultant for Hill International, Inc.

Jae Hwa Yoo ('93 M.F.A. Art) is an artist who has exhibited her work in New York, Los Angeles and Korea.

Sitamon Youssef ('87 English) teacher at Florida A&M and has just signed a book contract with the Africa World Press for *Marcus Garvey's FBI File*.

The First—The Most—The Only—The Top! (Continued)

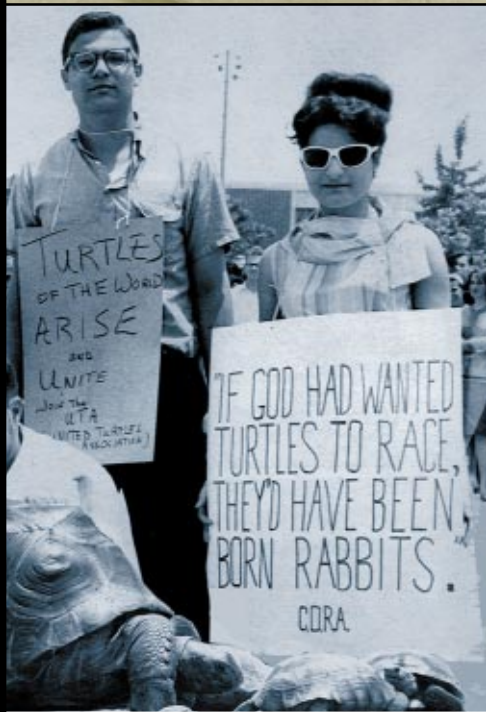
- In 1997, Cal State L.A. received the only grant of its kind awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a Model Hispanic Health Careers Opportunity (MHHCO) program to increase the number of Hispanics in the health professions and associated health profession fields.
- Cal State L.A. offers the only Fire Protection Administration and Technology and Aviation Administration programs that are approved by the State of California.
- Cal State L.A.'s Orientation and Mobility program—one of only four in the United States—makes it possible for thousands of blind persons to become mobile.
- Cal State L.A.'s Forensic Squad placed among the top 20 of 100 college and university teams out of 100 in the nation in the 1997 American Forensic Association National Championship Tournament and was the highest-ranked team from California for the fourth consecutive year. The squad also earned the top award at the 1997 District 1 (California/Hawaii/Nevada) Tournament for the third year in a row.
- The *University Times*, Cal State L.A.'s student newspaper, received a national award for feature writing from the Associated College Press/*Los Angeles Times* in 1997. In the past two years, it has garnered 12 statewide awards from the California Intercollegiate Press Association.
- Cal State L.A.'s 1997 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to establish a humanities center for the study of American community was one of only 10 awarded nationally and one of only 4 in California.
- The University's Early Entrance program for gifted students as young as ten years old, is one of three known (according to G. Bachmann) in the nation that introduces its students directly into college life.
- Cal State L.A.'s Engineering Program (EEP), was ranked among the nation's top 20 such programs at primarily undergraduate institutions, in the 1996 "America's Best Colleges" issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Cal State L.A. is #1 among California public universities in the proportion of baccalaureates in engineering awarded to African-American and Hispanic students (Engineering Workforce Commission, American Association of Engineering Societies, Inc., 1995).
- Cal State L.A.'s automated manufacturing and robotics laboratory, established in 1986, gives students access to the only rapid prototyping machine on the West Coast. The University is one of only four campuses in the nation to acquire this high-tech piece of equipment, which can be used to build 3-D models.
- The \$23 million Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex, a prime theatre and fine arts gallery venue, is the only such complex in the CSU.
- Cal State L.A.'s Metrolink rail station, the first—and is still the only—one on a college campus, serves commuters from as far as San Bernardino, Riverside, Oceanside, Camarillo and Lancaster.



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Eight Outstanding Alumni Honored at the 24th Annual Awards Ceremony

The Alumni Association was proud to present the highest university alumni honors to eight alumni at the 24th annual Alumni Awards Ceremony at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex on March 25. More than 300 guests enjoyed a strolling dinner and gala reception in the Luckman Gallery and then proceeded to the Luckman Theatre for the awards program. The evening concluded with a dessert reception on the Luckman Theatre stage.

James D. Hornbuckle

The 1996 Outstanding Alumnus, **James D. Hornbuckle**, '64 B.S. Physics, is interim dean of the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and a former regional vice president of Southern California Edison. Hornbuckle received a master's degree in Nuclear Engineering at UCLA in 1968, an M.B.A. at California Lutheran University in 1981, and is pursuing a Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate School. He is also a registered mechanical engineer and nuclear engineer. He assumed his current role at Cal Poly Pomona in January of this year after six months as director of special projects in the Office of the President.

As regional vice president for Public Affairs at Southern California Edison, Hornbuckle was responsible for economic development and public affairs activities in the San Gabriel Valley. He is noted for his distinguished volunteer service leadership in higher education and in various San Gabriel Valley and Ventura County organizations. In addition, Hornbuckle has taught at UCLA Extension and California Lutheran University, Cal State Fullerton, University of La Verne and Cal Poly Pomona.

Tommy "Tiny" Lister, Jr.

The 1996 Alumni Award of Merit recipient, **Tommy "Tiny" Lister, Jr.**, wears the various hats of actor, film producer and professional wrestler. Whether wrestling with Randy "Macho Man" Savage as the maniacal "Zeus" or appearing on television and in films, Tommy Lister has continued to make a name for himself since his days as a track and field standout at Cal State L.A. in the early 1980s. An actor and film producer, Lister was a regular on HBO's *1st @ Ten* series, has guest-starred on *Webster*, *Matlock* and *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, and made a cameo appearance with Eddie Murphy in Michael Jackson's *Remember the Time* video. In feature films, he starred in *No Holds Barred*, co-starred in *Posse*, and played an evil mercenary in *Men at War*. He also appears in the recently-released feature, *The Fifth Element*.

Lister, who still ranks among the greatest throwers in Golden Eagle track and field history, captured the NCAA Division II shot put national championship in 1982. That year, he

set the Cal State L.A. shot put record with a throw of 61 feet, 8 inches, which stands to this day.

Lister has been very active in community service since his days as a Golden Eagle. Each year, he supports the Tiny "Zeus" Lister Benefit Celebrity Basketball Game at Cal State L.A. which raises much-needed funds for university athletics scholarships and the Community Revitalization Project of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ.

Sue Kunitomi Embrey Distinguished Alumna School of Arts and Letters

Sue Kunitomi Embrey, '69 B.A. English, is the founder and chair of the Manzanar Committee, a Los Angeles-based non-profit educational organization started in 1972. Embrey was born and raised in Los Angeles and was relocated to Manzanar in 1942 by the U.S. government. She remained there for 16 months and 27 days. While there, she became a reporter and then managing editor of the *Manzanar Free Press*.

Embrey's dedication and persistence eventually helped establish Manzanar as a historic landmark. Her success in this endeavor established Manzanar as a National Historic Site; the bill was signed by President Bush on March 3, 1992.

Embrey received a master's degree in Education at USC in 1972 and began a career in teaching. She was one of the first women appointed to the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women, and serves on the boards of numerous community organizations.

Gary Mattingly Distinguished Alumnus School of Business and Economics

Gary Mattingly, '67 B.S. Business Administration, is general manager, Fire and Police Pensions, for the City of Los Angeles. Since 1982, he has increased the pension fund from \$600 million to an \$8 billion portfolio of stocks, bonds, options and real estate. He is in charge of 54 employees and administers a \$354 million annual budget including \$6 million in administrative costs. Mattingly began his association with the City of L.A. in 1967 as a financial analyst.

He earned his B.S. in Business Administration (Finance) at Cal State L.A. degree in 1967, while working 48 hours per week and attending school at night. He continued his education at UCLA and received a certificate in Fundamentals of Money Management and Advanced Money Management from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. In addition to his position with the city, Mattingly serves on the boards of several finance- and pension-related organizations.

Beverly Anita Silverstein Distinguished Alumna Charter School of Education

Beverly Anita Silverstein, '73 B.A. Physical Education, '88 M.A. Educational Administration, is the coordinator of the Crenshaw High School Teacher Training Magnet. Silverstein is well-recognized for her leadership in the L.A. Unified School District and the greater Los Angeles community. Through the Close Up program, she introduces students to the federal government and enhances their understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship. In 1995, she incorporated a service-learning component into her program, which has been funded for the second year by the California Department of Education.

She was most recently recognized for her involvement with the Ministry of Education in Ghana, where she helped develop a project that encouraged high school students' exploration of cultural history and provided textbooks to schools. This effort merited a 1996 front-page article in the *Los Angeles Times* and television coverage. Silverstein has remained involved with her alma mater and currently serves on the Community Advisory Committee to the Teacher Education Subcommittee.

Kamiran S. Badrkhan Distinguished Alumnus School of Engineering and Technology

Kamiran S. Badrkhan, '72 B.A. Industrial Arts, '73 B.A. Philosophy, '75 M.A. Education (Secondary Teaching), is the president of College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California. He completed his Ph.D. in Educational Administration at the Claremont Graduate School while teaching electronics and education part time at Cal State L.A., Long Beach City College, Venice Adult School, and Los Angeles Trade Technical College, and full-time at Irving Junior High School.

He moved on in 1979 to supervise electronics programs and, later, regional occupation and industrial education programs for the LAUSD. In 1983, Badrkhan became assistant dean of electronics and computer science at L.A. Trade Tech. He joined Long Beach City College in 1986, and occupied several positions before being named vice president of academic affairs in 1993.

Badrkhan has coauthored numerous publications in the fields of technology and electronics and has conducted research in the areas of education, marketing, sales, and labor relations. He is a member of the Cal State L.A. School of Engineering and Technology advisory committee and has served on councils for the City of Long Beach, St. Paul's First Lutheran Church and other civic organizations.

Mary Donnelly Distinguished Alumna School of Health and Human Services

Mary Donnelly-Crocker, '81 B.A. Child Development, '89 M.A. Child Development, is the executive director of the award-winning Young & Healthy, a free health service for needy children in Pasadena that is now a nationally-recognized model. She coordinates the immense task of organizing volunteer medical, dental and mental health staff across the city to provide services.

In 1981, Donnelly-Crocker became program coordinator of Child Life at Huntington Memorial Hospital, working with hospitalized children to facilitate normal development. For her master's degree, which she completed in 1989, Donnelly-Crocker designed an extension of the hospital's child life program to include the emergency room, recognizing the intense trauma produced for children and families experience in this stressful environment.

Donnelly-Crocker has remained in touch with her alma mater by teaching part time at Cal State L.A. She was instrumental in organizing *Can These Men Cook!*—a fund-raising event—and has spent time mentoring students interested in Child Life and related health fields. In addition, she is a volunteer for numerous community groups.

Kuen Hung Lee Distinguished Alumnus School of Natural and Social Sciences

Kuen Hung Lee, '71 B.S. Mathematics, is a faculty member at Los Angeles Trade Technical College. With the motto, "Math is an art," Lee has touched the lives of many of his students at Trade Tech since 1984. As described in the *Pasadena Star News*, one student who entered Trade Tech, intending to be a plumber, and graduated in engineering because of Lee's influence, called Lee, "the best teacher I've ever had in my educational career."

In 1995, the Southern California Section of the Mathematical Association of America awarded Lee the Distinguished Teaching Award—the highest honor available—college math professors in the region. Lee received numerous commendations, and was named one of 2,000 notable American men by the American Biographical Institute, 1994.

Lee completed a master's degree at USC in 1973 and a doctorate in Mathematics Education at Nova University in 1983. He has served as a mentor in various projects that identify potential minority mathematics teachers. He has been an adjunct math professor at Cal State L.A. and USC, and has published his research findings and several textbooks.

NOTE: On **March 3, 1998**, the landmark **25th Anniversary Alumni Awards Ceremony** will be held as part of Cal State L.A.'s 50-Year Anniversary Celebration. Nomination forms for Outstanding and Distinguished Alumni and the Alumni Award of Merit are now available. Call the Alumni Relations Office at (213) 343-4980 to request a nomination packet.



Golf Tournament Raises More Than \$56,500 for Scholarship Fund

For the fourth year in a row, the Michelob/Pepsi Golden Eagle Golf Tournament was sold out! Held last May at the Via Verde Country Club, the fundraiser earned \$56,569 for the Golden Eagles' Intercollegiate Athletics Scholarship Fund. In addition to title sponsors Michelob and Pepsi, major sponsors Cal State L.A. University Auxiliary Services, the University-Student Union, and Eagles' Print-n-Post joined in to ensure the success of the event.

"I am extremely delighted by the turnout and support for this year's tournament," said director of Athletics **Carol M. Dunn**. "The generosity displayed by the participants and sponsors will enable many student athletes to achieve their goal of participating in collegiate athletics and earning a degree."

The tournament included 160 golfers, 200 dinner guests and 46 "hole" sponsors. The evening program included a live and silent auction, an awards presentation and a drawing for an Acapulco vacation and a color television.



Left to right: Art McClure, Bill Batch, Al Tomkins and Ralph Dawson.



Left to right: Sharron Erdhaus, John Erdhaus, Joyce Fung and Edmund Fung.

On the course, the foursome of **Art McClure, Bill Batch, Al Tomkins and Ralph Dawson** captured the men's title, while **Sharron Erdhaus, John Erdhaus, Joyce Fung, and Edmund Fung**, won the mixed division crown.

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Wednesday, February 11, 1998
Athletics Hall of Fame Induction
Ceremonies and Hall of Fame
Reunion Celebration
Tower Restaurant, Transamerica Bldg.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1998
Golden Eagle Pep Rally
University-Student Union

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1998
Women's Basketball vs.
Cal Poly Pomona
50th Anniversary Reception –
Athletics Hall of Fame Room
Men's Basketball
vs. Cal State Bakersfield

Winter Sports Round-Up

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team narrowly missed going to the NCAA Tournament, ending its season with a 16-10 overall record and 6-6 league standard. It came down to the final showdown against league nemesis No. 7 Cal State Bakersfield, to which the Golden Eagles lost a valiant battle, 69-58. Versus CSUB, senior **Simaine Stewart** ended his career with a game-high 21 points and eight rebounds. Junior **Makeul Williams** also scored in double digits (13 points) and added seven boards.

Despite missing the NAAs, three Golden Eagles were named to the All-CCAA team, by the conference's head coaches. Stewart was chosen to the All-CCAA First Team after leading Cal State L.A. in scoring (373, 14.3 ppg), assists (91) and steals (58). Furthermore, Stewart will graduate from Cal State L.A. as the school's all-time steals leader with 133 take-aways. Freshman guard **Quincy Stinson** had a splendid rookie campaign and earned All-CCAA Second Team accolades. Stinson finished the season with 328 points (13.1 ppg) and a team-high record of 42 three-pointers. He earned CCAA Player-of-the-Week honors after leading L.A. to an upset victory over then-no. 15-ranked Grand Canyon on the road on February 13, with a game-high 25 points. Junior center **Curtis Ganes** picked up All-CCAA Honorable Mention honors with his 12.8 points and 6.4 rebounds per game averages.



Freshman Quincy Stinson

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sophomore center **Lukieya Coachman** led the women's basketball team to an 11-15 overall record and 3-7 league clip. She finished the 1996-97 season with 326 rebounds, a new single season Cal State L.A. record. Earlier this season, she was chosen for four all-tournament teams, claiming MVP honors in each. She also led the team in scoring with 471 points (18.1) and field goal percentage (.528, 186-352). However, her crowning achievement came when she was named to the Kodak All-American Honorable Mention Team and All-CCAA First Team.

Freshman **Jenny Tanaka** ended her rookie season with a team-high 83 assists and 57 steals to earn Second Team All-CCAA honors, while teammate **Babita Singh** finished with a team-high 42 three-pointers and a .743 free throw percentage mark (75-101).



Junior Babita Singh

BASEBALL

The Golden Eagles baseball team (27-29, 21-11 in CCAA) won its first conference championship title in 20 years after defeating UC Riverside, 9-3, last May 9 at Cal State L.A.'s Reeder Field. It also marked the first CCAA title for L.A. since 1968, when the team went 15-5 in league and 37-18 overall. Not only did the Golden Eagles win the CCAA title outright over Riverside, the team took three of four games from the Highlanders to close out the season. Pitcher **Brad Guy** also broke a 34-year standing record set by **Ken Reuter**, who posted 115 strikeouts during the 1963 season. (Guy struck out 129 batters this season.) L.A. hurler **Jeff Verplancke** also broke the record, yet did not surpass Guy, when he registered 125 Ks this season.

Another milestone was achieved this season when head coach **John Herbold** surpassed the 300-win total at Cal State L.A. Herbold actually finished the year with 305 collegiate wins as a Golden Eagle and is now only 12 shy of 800 career coaching wins. He attained 483 wins as a high school coach before beginning his tenure with L.A.

TENNIS

For the third year in a row, the men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA West Regional championships and, for the third straight year, lost to CCAA nemesis Cal Poly Pomona. However, in the national rankings, administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the Eagles were ranked as high as 22nd in the nation.

Senior **Arthur Tombakian** won both of his matches in the regional competition and was awarded the ITA Senior Player of the Year award. Teammate **Mattias Yrgard**, a freshman from Stockholm, Sweden, won the Freshman Player-of-the-Year award, which is given to the nation's most outstanding rookie.

On the women's side, the Golden Eagles ended their regular season with

a 6-3 victory over UC Riverside. Individual wins went to **Eileen DeVera**, the sole Golden Eagle who was named selected to the All-CCAA Team, and **Vanessa Ngakeng**.

TRACK AND FIELD

Five men and three women represented Cal State L.A. at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville last May 22-24. On the men's side, **Thomas Farnbach** placed 6th in the 100m in a time of 10.84 to earn All-America honors. He also earned All-America honors in the 200m, in which he finished 7th overall with a time of 21.65. **Rudy Davila** qualified in the javelin competition and finished 11th with a throw of 163'. All the members of the 4x100 relay grabbed All-American kudos for finishing 7th in the relay race with a time of 41.06. The members included Farnbach, **Garrick Goods, Kevin Maxie, and Tunji Bello**.

On the women's side, multiple national champion **Petra Juraskova**, won the shotput event for the second year in a row with a toss of 51'1" and finished second in the discus with a throw of 166'11". Also earning All-American honors was **LaVera Clark**, who finished 5th in the hammer competition with a throw of 174'0". Finally, **Dorneshia Lewis** finished 12th overall in the 400m in a time of 57.20, narrowly missing the final cut for the championship race.

The women finished in 14th place overall with 22 points, while the men's team finished tied for 32nd in the nation with seven points.



National champion Petra Juraskova

Alumni Certificate of Honor Award Reception



The Cal State L.A. Alumni Association recognized more than 150 undergraduate and graduate students with the 1997 Alumni Certificate of Honor at the University's annual Honors Convocation on April 25. Award recipients were selected by their academic departments. The Alumni Association hosted the students and their families at a special reception held at the Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex before the Convocation.

1997 Alumni Association Board of Directors



Bottom Row (l-r): Frank Saito '79, vice president, communications; Silvia Perez '93; Linda Wah '85, '89, president-elect; Bob McDermott '81, '93, president; Larry Adamson '74, past president; Ona Jones '71, vice president, programs; Jim Hetherman '67, vice president, finance. Second Row (l-r): Mary Kacmarcik Baker, executive director, Alumni Relations; Gloria Gamboa; Lisa Quinonez; Marilyn Plummer '71, legislative liaison; Chris Gillett '61; Maudelyn Johnson '89; Tora Brown '93. Top Row (l-r)—Edward Riegler '63, '68; Kyle Button, vice president, Institutional Advancement; Don Rhodes '90. Not pictured: Ray Grose '94; Cynthia Joe '79; Darryl Lloyd '66, LaShon Peterman '92; David Salgado '94; Jeff Skolnick '74; Walter Yoka '77.

There are five positions open on for the 1997-1998 board. Please call Mary Baker, executive director, Alumni Relations, at (213) 343-4980, if you would like to nominate an alumnus/a for one of the open seats. Thank you.

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7th Annual Scholarship and Awards of Excellence Dinner

Thursday, October 30, 1997 — 6:00 p.m.

Sam Woo Restaurant - San Gabriel

For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office
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In Memoriam

Charles E. Beckwith
Professor of English, 1957-1990

Charles E. Beckwith, distinguished for his scholarship, eloquence, humor, and patience, died of a stroke on December 22, 1996. He was 79. Beckwith earned B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of California, Berkeley. He was awarded a Ph.D. by Yale University in 1956, and that same year served as an instructor at Cornell University. His professional publications include two major editions: *Twentieth Century Interpretations of A Tale of Two Cities* and *John Gay: Poetry and Prose*. He held visiting professor posts at Université de Clermont-Ferrand, France and Universität Hamburg, West Germany.

Beckwith was a leader in faculty governance and played an active and significant role in the development of the department and the University, chairing Language Arts, the Department of English, and the Institute of American Studies. He was among the two or three most influential faculty members in guiding and shaping department programs.

Among his many interests, he was an informed lover of music and a member of the Pasadena Pro Music , a choral group, for which he wrote program notes. He also wrote feature articles for the Pasadena Symphony programs. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Glossop Beckwith, three children born to a first marriage: Connie Beckwith Brown, James Beckwith, and Margaret Beckwith Harloe, and two grandchildren. Those who wish to honor his memory through a donation may contribute to the Charles E. Beckwith Memorial Fund for the Purchase of Books in the Humanities, care of the University Foundation.

What's New?

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Solar Eagle III Brings Home the Gold For Cal State L.A.'s Golden Year!

A group of 11 engineering and technology students made history on June 28, when the University's flaming yellow solar car, **Solar Eagle III**, scorched 34 competitors to win **first place** in the national intercollegiate Sunrayce 97. Cal State L.A. gave second-place winner MIT a run for its money as Solar Eagle III — the third chapter in Cal State L.A.'s exciting trilogy of solar-powered electric cars — came in 20 minutes ahead of MIT's Manta GT, setting a new Sunrayce speed record.

"Why did we win?" asked lead driver Roman Vasquez. "Because this car is beautifully engineered. We had the only car among the top contenders that didn't break down once! We never even blew a tire."

Racing for ten days, and 1,240 miles, from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to Colorado Springs, the Solar Eagle III bettered the record of its older, award-winning siblings — the Solar Eagle and the Solar Eagle II — which finished fourth and third, respectively, in previous Sunrayce events.

Lighter, stronger, and more durable than its predecessors, Solar Eagle III secured the top national honor

after battling some front-running cars built by big-name schools: George Washington University (#1 in the Eastern Qualifiers), Stanford University/UC Berkeley, University of Minnesota, University of Waterloo, Yale University and Texas A&M University.

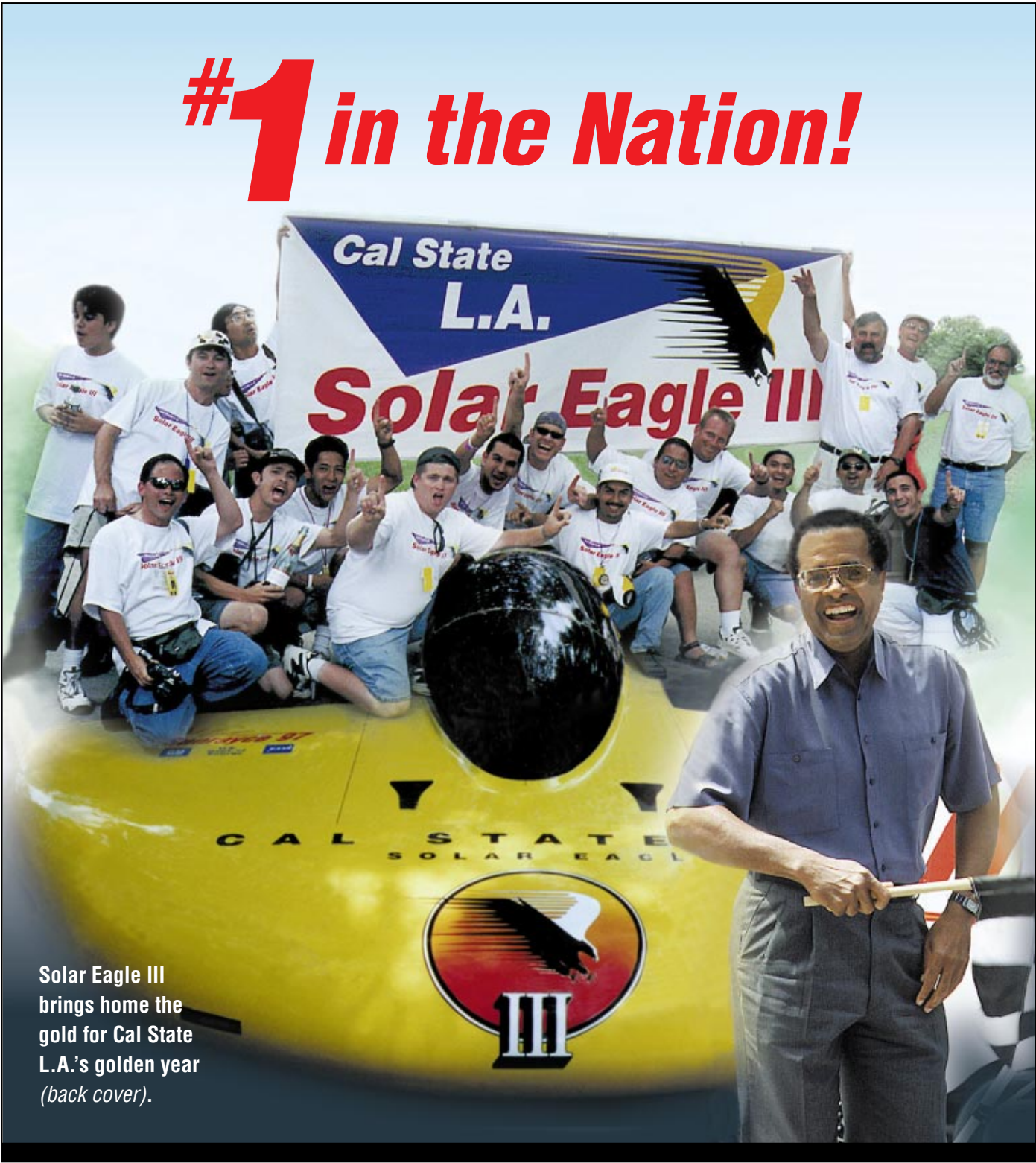
The team consisted of students **Rick Aguilera, Dane Atol, Ivan Bejar, Roland Cerna, Salvador Fallorino, Kathleen Hansen, Stanley Palmer, Ricardo Solares, Roman Vasquez III** (lead driver), **Mark Van Dalm** and **Dylan Wakasa** (driver), and faculty and staff members Mechanical Engineering Professor **Richard Roberto** (chief faculty adviser), Mechanical Engineering Professor **Stephen F. Felszeghy**, Dean **Raymond B. Landis**, Electrical Engineering Technician **Mike Obermeyer**, Mechanical Engineering Technician **Dan Roberto**, Technical Support Manager **Bruce Fischer**, and the School's fiscal manager, **Kathy Lex**.

And the Eagle keeps on flying: the team will pit the award-winning Solar Eagle III against cars built by universities and major private corporations when it races across Australia in the fall of 1998, in the World Solar Challenge.



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Solar Eagle III brings home the gold for Cal State L.A.'s golden year (back cover).