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- University Broadens Its Array of Cyber Courses
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- Directory of Academic Affairs / Fall 1997
There are no news briefs this issue.
For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, events, deadlines and classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items is noon on Monday one week before the issue appears. The deadline for the next issue of Nov. 3 is Mon., Oct. 27.

We will strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the two-week period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis. Please submit items by sending them to mail drop 8242, faxing them to (818) 677-4937, or e-mailing them to pubinfo@exec.csun.edu. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting. Note: fmi—means for more information.

Public Meetings

Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics

Meets 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20 and 27, in the Fernandeno Room of the Satellite Student Union, corner of Lassen Street and Zelzah Avenue.

Faculty Executive Committee

Meets at 1 p.m. Thu., Oct. 23, in President's Conference Room A.

Campus Wide Disabilities Issues Board

Meets from 2-4 p.m. Thu., Oct. 23, in President's Conference Room C. fmi- x2684.

Parking Committee

Meets at 3:30 p.m., Thu., Oct. 23, in President's Conference Room B.

North Campus Board

Meets from 2-4 p.m. Fri., Oct. 31, in President's Conference Room A.

Statewide Academic Senate

Meets 1:30-5 p.m. Thu., Nov. 6, and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri., Nov. 7, at CSU headquarters in Long Beach.

Faculty Senate
Meet 2 p.m. Thu., Nov. 6, in the Engineering Auditorium.

Notices

Jewish Religious Holidays

Provost Louanne Kennedy asks that faculty and staff be sensitive to students' religious obligations when scheduling course deadlines and activities. Many Orthodox and Conservative Jewish students will observe the religious festival of Sukkot on Thu. and Fri., Oct. 23-24. Campus policy permits eligible students to reschedule tests or exams without penalty. fmi-x2957.

University Budget Advisory Board

UBAB will hold a special meeting from 2-4 p.m. Wed., Oct. 29, in the Business building, room 2224. The primary purpose concerns the key principles for the 1998-99 budget process.

Archaeological Field Trip

The anthropology department will sponsor a fall field trip to a new archaeological research site in La Paz, Mexico, from Fri., Oct. 31 to Mon., Nov. 3. The cost is $575 per person, double occupancy, or $659 per person, single occupancy. The cost also includes round-trip airfare, one group dinner, van transportation to Cabo San Lucas and other selected points of interest. fmi-x3331.

History Master's Degree Exams

Comprehensive examinations for master's degree candidates in history will be administered as follows: Nov. 7, first area; Nov. 14, second area. Students who complete all other program requirements must be enrolled in History 697 during the semester that they take their M.A. exams and may enroll in the class only once. fmi- Sue Mueller, x3566.

Time Pledges Needed

The Office of Students with Disabilities Resources welcomes pledges for leave of catastrophic illness for clerical supervisor Diane Madjid. fmi- x2684.

Entertainment Discount Books

The 1998 entertainment 50 percent discount books for the greater Los Angeles area are available at the Center of Achievement for Physically Disabled, Kinesiology 156. Prices are $30 to $40. Funds raised benefit the center. fmi-x2182 or x3462.

Treadmill Fitness Assessment

The exercise physiology lab in the kinesiology department will conduct physician-monitored treadmill exams for 50 to 75-year-old sedentary males. The study is being conducted in collaboration with the University of Tsukuba in Japan where a regression equation is being developed for the prediction of fitness for the male population. A limited number of exams will be conducted in Oct. and Nov. fmi- Hossein Azimi at (310) 264-9965 or e-mail steven.loy@csun.edu.

Focus on Violence

The Center for the Study of the Effects of Secondary Violence, affiliated with University Counseling Services, will conduct two-hour focus groups to explore thoughts, feelings and observations regarding violence. Sessions are held at the University Park Apartments, building 14, fourth floor. Faculty and staff who are interested must call to set a time. fmi- x2366 or x7834.

Events
Mathematical Physics Lecture

Chun Wa Wong from the UCLA physics department will give a talk, "The Bohr-Einstein Photon-weighing Debate," at 3:45 p.m. Mon., Oct. 20, in Science 1124. fmi-x2721 or e-mail David Klein, david.klein@csun.edu.

Lectures by Cancer Experts

The biology department and the Center for Cancer and Developmental Biology are sponsoring a series of free lectures on cancer by experts in the field from 6-7:40 p.m. Mondays in Science, room 2132. The tentative schedule is:

- Oct. 20, cancer epidemiology.
- Oct. 27, cancer pathology.
- Nov. 3, breast cancer.

The lectures--open to the CSUN community, faculty and staff--are part of a course taught by Steve Oppenheimer.

Computerized Language Treatment Seminar

Paula Tallal, a researcher at Rutgers University, will present a talk, "High-Tech Hope for Children with Learning Disabilities," from 7-9 p.m. Mon., Oct. 20, at the University Student Union Performing Arts Center. Tallal and her associates have developed Fast ForWord, a computerized treatment of language-based learning disabilities. Tallal's talk is sponsored by the International Dyslexia Assn. and CSUN Students with Disabilities Resources. The cost is $8 for IDA members and $12 at the door.fmi- x2684.

Brown Bag Films Series

The Marilyn Magaram Center Brown Bag Film Series will have a free film showing on Tue., Oct. 21, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., and Wed., Oct. 22, from 1-2 p.m., featuring "A Quick Look at Consumer Safe Food Handling," "Set Your Sights-ADA," and "Smart Supermarket Shopping with the New Food Label." The center is now located in Science trailer 524. fmi- x3102.

Student Leaders Rally for Athletics

Leaders of the Associated Students will hold a rally in support of CSUN's athletic programs on Tue., Oct. 21, at 11 a.m. in the University Student Union's Grand Salon. "We want the administration to understand that if they can cut the four proposed men's programs, we [Associated Students] can cut the funding to athletics," said Jon Hatemi, A.S. vice president. fmi- x2477.

Chemistry Seminar Series

The chemistry department will conduct seminars on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in Science 2228 as follows:

- Oct. 22, UC San Diego professor Ernest Wenkert, "a-Diazoketones in Organic Synthesis."
- Nov. 12, Cal State Los Angeles professor Thomas Onak, "The Combination of Calculational (Ab-Initio) and Experimental NMR Approaches to Structure Proof and Other Chemistry Problems."

fmi-x3381.

Geological Sciences Lecture Series


Teaching, Learning and Technology

The Cyber-7 and the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching will sponsor a teaching, learning and technology roundtable from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Fri., Oct. 24, in the Matador Bookstore complex room 102. The topic is "Enhancing Student
Discussions Through the Internet-A Demonstration and Pedagogical Discussion of Two Internet Technologies." All interested faculty and staff are welcome. fmi-Cynthia Desrochers, x7892, or Steven Stepanek, x2799.

Family Focus Seminars

The Family Focus Resource Center will hold programs for students, faculty, families and staff in the Education building as follows:

- Sat., Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-noon, room 3118, a seminar on "Losing a Loved One" for adults with developmental disabilities, their families and friends. fmi or if you plan to attend-Kathryn Lincoln x7063.
- Sat., Oct. 25, 2-4 p.m., room 3118, seminar/workshop on "How to Prepare for an Individual Education Plan," presented by Laura Braverman, parent of a child with multiple challenges, parent advocate and Los Angeles Unified School District employee. Child care and Spanish translation are available if requested in advance. fmi or if you plan to attend-Myriam Alban x7063.
- Mon., Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-noon, room 3113. Open house for families, faculty and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities ages 13-21. fmi or if you plan to attend-Myriam Alban x7063.
- Thu., Oct. 30, 2-3:30 p.m., room 3113. Open house for adult consumers with developmental disabilities, their families and friends.

Multiracial Americans Conference

The Multiracial Americans of Southern California (MASC) will hold their 10th annual conference, "Kaleidoscope," at CSUN from 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Sat., Oct. 25, in the University Student Union's Grand Salon. The conference, with the theme "Building Bridges: Racial Harmony 2000," will address biracial and multi-racial identity, social reaction to mixed marriages, relations among ethnic groups and other topics. Speakers will include Maria Root, editor of "Racially Mixed People in America;" Paul Spickard, author of "Mixed Blood: Intermarriage & Ethnic Identity in the 20th Century;" and Teresa Kay Williams, editor of "No Passing Zone: The Artistic and Discursive Voices of Asian-Descent Multiracials." Admission is $50, $75 for couples, $25 for students over 18, $20 for students 13-17. Child care will be provided for ages 3-12 for $10. fmi-(310) 836-1535.

Night Safety Walk

The Public Safety Advisory Board will conduct a "Night Safety Walk" of the campus at 5 p.m. Tue., Oct. 28, starting at the University Park Apartments, building 14, south parking lot. The purpose is to identify potential hazards and recommend improvements for preventing accidents and injuries. Walks are one to two hours. All members of the campus community are encouraged to participate. fmi- x2201.

Consumer Sciences Career Conference

CSUN will host the Family and Consumer Sciences Career Conference from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri., Oct. 31. The conference, free and open to the public, is aimed at those interested in consumer affairs, interior design, nutrition, home economics and other career areas. Participants who did not pre-register will be accommodated on a space available basis. Sponsors are the CSUN family environmental sciences department, the American Assn. of Family and Consumer Sciences and The Career Center. fmi- x3846 or e-mail carita.delvalle@csun.edu.

Breath Walk/Run & Games

The American Lung Assn. and CSUN will host a 5K Breath Walk n' Run and the 1997 Breath Games, a series of track and field activities for children with asthma, on Sat., Nov. 1, on the CSUN campus. Registration for the 5K begins at 7:30 a.m. and the breath games begin at 9 a.m. The games will feature an appearance by Olympic gold medalist Rafer Johnson. CSUN students can compete for $1,000 or $500 scholarships by signing up participants for the 5K walk and run. Scholarship contest rules are available in Kinesiology 250. fmi-Steven Loy, x3220, or Julie Golgert, x7518.

Volunteers Needed

The Career Center needs volunteers at the following events:
Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND) home visits to assess needy families for the holidays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sat., Nov. 1 and 8.

- Red Cross fall blood drive, from 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tue. and Wed., Nov. 4-5, and 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thu., Nov. 6, in the University Student Union's Northridge Center.

Ugo Spirito Conference

The Italian section of the foreign languages and literatures department and the Italian Cultural Institute of Los Angeles will sponsor a conference on philosopher Ugo Spirito from noon-2:30 p.m. Mon., Nov. 3, in the University Student Union's Santa Clarita Room. Speaking will be Enzo Coniglio of the Italian Institute presenting "Theroy and Praxis in Spirito's Thought Between World War I and World War II," and Giovanni Dessi of the Universita di Roma who will present "Ugo Spirito between Fascism and Communism."  

Beck Teaching Forum

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching invites faculty and staff to the Beck Teaching Forum: A Showcase of Instructional Development Projects, from 2-4 p.m. Fri., Nov. 7, at the University Club. The event will feature this year's Judge Julian Beck award recipients who will receive up to $5,000 for projects that promote student learning at CSUN. 

Classes

Computer Literacy Classes

The Office of Academic Technology offers free computer literacy classes to students.

- Writing a Term Paper with Microsoft Word:
  5 p.m., Mon., Oct. 20, in Education 1117;
  5 p.m., Thu., Oct. 30, in Oviatt 2;
  5 p.m., Wed., Nov. 5, in Education 1117;
- Using the E-Mail System at CSUN:
  5 p.m., Wed., Oct. 22 in Education 1117;
  5 p.m., Tue., Oct. 28, in Oviatt 2;
  5 p.m., Mon., Nov. 3, in Education 1117;
- Designing Spreadsheets with Microsoft Excel:
  5 p.m., Tue., Oct. 21, in Oviatt 2;
  5 p.m., Mon., Oct. 27, in Education 1117;
  5 p.m., Thu., Nov. 6, in Oviatt 2;
- Using Netscape as an Academic Research Tool:
  5 p.m., Thu., Oct. 23, in Oviatt 2;
  5 p.m., Wed., Oct. 29, in Education 1117;
  5 p.m., Tue., Nov. 4, in Oviatt 2;

Defensive Driving

Defensive driving classes will be offered Wed., Oct. 22, from 8-11:30 a.m. and again from 1-4:30 p.m. in the Balboa Room of the University Student Union. Faculty, staff and student employees who drive a state vehicle (including carts) for their work must complete this class. Note: this class no longer needs to be repeated every four years. Space is limited. 

Conflict Mediation Training

Conflict mediation training will be held Thu., Oct. 23 and 30, 9 a.m.-noon, in the University Park Apartments, building 14, room 317. Instructor is Tony Johnson, coordinator, Dispute Resolution Center, University Counseling Services. Anyone is welcome. fmi-x2366.

Spanish for the Workplace

Beginning Oct. 25, the "Spanish for the Workplace" series of language courses will be available at the CSUN Ventura Campus on four consecutive Saturdays. The first two courses offered will be Spanish for teachers and medical Spanish for the workplace. Both courses meet four times for four hours and carry continuing education credit. The cost for enrollment in each course is $80. fmi or for registration materials-(805) 654-4575.

On-line Tutorials

The information and technology training schedule for November will be available on-line Mon., Oct. 27. The on-line tutorials are available on both types of campus computers. It is assumed that participants are already somewhat familiar with the Windows or Macintosh environment. Tutorials included are office systems, Internet-related, multi-media, electronic resource access and document delivery. fmi-x3966 or e-mail training@csun.edu.

Web Project Workshops

The Web Project is offering workshops for web teaching designed to meet a wide range of needs and interests during the fall semester. Each workshop consists of two two-hour sessions during consecutive weeks and will be held in Engineering Field 666B. Enrollment is limited to 20 people on a first-come, first-served basis. Enroll by e-mailing hflrc007@csun.edu or calling the Learning Resource Center, x2033.

Upcoming workshops are as follows:

- **HyperNews**, focusing on how to post messages to HyperNews discussion groups and how to create HyperNews discussion forums. Mon., Oct. 20 and 27, from 3-5 p.m. Instructor is Ilene Rubenstein, writing programs coordinator.
- **Internet Relay Chat**, focusing on how to conduct real time class discussion on IRC and creating an IRC Virtual Classroom. Wed., Nov. 12 and 19, from 1-3 p.m. Instructor is Shelia Harbet, health sciences.

University Counseling Services

A variety of groups/workshops for the fall 1997 semester is being offered by University Counseling Services to help students choose a major or career and deal with anxieties, eating disorders, personal crises and other problems. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon., Thu., and Fri., and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Tue. and Wed., in the University Park Apartments, building 14, fourth floor. Helpline telephone crisis intervention at (818) 349-HELP is available from 6 p.m. to midnight. fmi-x2366, TTY x7834.

Deadlines

Budget Advisory Board Nominations

CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson is requesting nominations for a staff representative to the University Budget Advisory Board. Nominations for an appointment during the 1997-98 fiscal year should be sent to the President's Office, mail drop 8230, by Tue., Oct. 21. The board will review budgetary information, projections, strategies and plans related to the university's support budget, and may provide recommendations to help ensure that the approved budget is consistent with CSUN's institutional mission and purpose.

Alumni Breakfast Seminar

Accounting professor Ronald Stone and Gary Auer, senior supervisory resident agent for the FBI, Ventura and Lancaster, will present "White Collar Crime in the '90's: Fraud Detection and Prosecution from 7:30-9 a.m. Thu., Oct. 30, in the University Club. Space is limited. RSVP by Fri., Oct. 24. The breakfast seminar is sponsored by the College of Business Administration and

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Economics and the CSUN Alumni Assn. fmi-x3621

Employee Fee Waiver

State employees interested in participating in the Employee Fee Waiver or Faculty Dependent/Spouse Fee Waiver programs for spring 1998 should contact Carol Hallenbeck, x2173 or feewaiver@csun.edu, for an application-enrollment packet. Packets will be sent automatically to continuing participants in both programs. Application deadlines are Fri., Oct. 24, for new participants in the employee fee waiver program and continuing participants with changes in admission status. Deadline for continuing participants is Thu., Nov. 20. The fee deadline is Nov. 20. Participants in the Faculty Dependent/Spouse Fee Waiver program should follow the deadlines and procedures in the schedule of classes and their fee waiver packet. However, undergraduate admissions have been closed to the Faculty Dependent/Spouse program. Graduate applications should be submitted to Human Resource Services as soon as possible. The fee waiver program is located in the Office of Human Resource Services in Administration Park, Dome 702. Hours are 8 a.m.-noon Mon.-Fri.

Research Involving Human Subjects

All faculty and students performing research using human subjects must complete a human subjects protocol approval form. The original form and seven copies should be submitted to the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Deadlines for submission of protocols and the upcoming committee meeting schedule are as follows:

Faculty Support Program

The Office of Graduate Studies, Research and International Programs is seeking applications for the faculty support program. Deadline is Mon., Nov. 3. The program assists probationary faculty in meeting qualifications for retention, tenure or promotion by providing a limited number of faculty release time assignments during the spring 1998 semester. Applications are available in the Office of Graduate Studies, located in Administration Park, Dome 706. fmi- x2138.

Science Research Fellowships

Graduate research and minority graduate fellowships programs are available through the National Science Foundation. Application deadline is Thu., Nov. 6, in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects. This program provides stipends of up to $15,000 to help defray the costs of graduate school. Eligibility is limited to those who have completed no more than 20 semester hours of graduate study in the sciences or engineering. fmi-x2901.

Advances in Obesity

The "Advances in Obesity Management" workshop sponsored by the Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics will be held from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri., Nov. 21 at the Red Lion Hotel Los Angeles Airport in Culver City. Deadline for pre-registration is Fri., Nov. 7. Fee is $65. On-site fee is $80. Student-intern rates also are available. Lunch is included. fmi-x3102.

Student Project Grants

The University Corporation's Student Projects Committee is accepting proposals for funding student projects. Deadline is 5 p.m. Mon., Nov. 17, with no exceptions. Application forms are available in the University Corporation's executive office, second floor, Matador Bookstore complex. fmi-x2906.

"Dear ADA" Advice

The Students with Disabilities Resources program (SDR) wants to increase awareness of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). "Dear ADA" describes how to make student services more accessible through the act. SDR invited employee questions about how to meet the needs of students with disabilities in classes or departments under the 1991 law. Submit questions to "Dear ADA" at Students with Disabilities, mail drop 8264. Answers will appear in this publication.
Dear ADA: I've been reading articles in the media on the need for new definitions for learning disabilities (LD). Can you give me an appropriate definition of LD.

--A concerned instructor

Dear Concerned: Jennifer Zvi, a specialist in the Disabilities Resources Program, says the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities defines LD as a generic term for learning limitations that are reasonably grouped. She refers to this group as a mixed collection of disorders characterized by significant difficulties in the acquisition and/or the use of listening, speaking, reading, writing, reasoning or mathematical skills.

They control the way that individuals collect, process and transmit information. The primary cause of these disorders is a dysfunction in the central nervous system. The effects of these disorders can be as debilitating as any other physical disability such as cerebral palsy or blindness. Individuals with an LD condition are not retarded, as their I.Q.'s range from average to very superior. For more information, contact Lee Axelrod or Jennifer Zvi at x2684.

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CSUN's oldest freshman this year, Angelo Guastella (Theatre), was featured in a Daily News article Sept. 1. "You get busy raising a family and making a living," said Guastella, 62. "I didn't have time to go to school. Now I have the time."

Gloria Ricci Lothrop (History) was quoted in a Los Angeles Times front page story Sept. 1 on El Camino Real, the road linking 21 California missions, and California's mission history. Lothrop said Spanish proclivity "was the beginning of the mestizo culture. Today, go down Broadway in Los Angeles to the Central Market and you'll see those wonderful faces that are the result of this policy."

James Allen (Geography), Herman De Bose (Sociology), Rodolfo Acuña (Chicano Studies) and alum Irene Tovar were each quoted in a lengthy feature in the Sept. 2 Daily News on the history of the San Fernando Valley's race relations. Allen said the explosion of new ethnic groups in the Valley may be one reason people have become less willing to come together. But De Bose said a threshold has been reached. "There's only so much space and, as groups come to Southern California, I think we as a community, as a society, are going to be forced to live in diverse communities because we aren't going to have a choice," De Bose said.

KCAL Channel 9 asked Maureen Rubin (Journalism) for her opinion on the death of Princess Diana for its Sept. 2 evening broadcast and on calls for curtailing press activities. "The First Amendment is a special thing," Rubin said. "We should be looking at the necessity of using it with responsibility:Š There is nobody in the world who doesn't deserve a break from this incessant horde."

Robert Carpenter (Biology) was featured in a Los Angeles Times Valley Focus article on Sept. 3 on his receiving a Fulbright grant to conduct research on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. "This is a great opportunity to go someplace different, learn new things and to come back to the classroom recharged and revitalized," he said.

Shirley Svorny and Dan Blake (Economics) were quoted in a Los Angeles Times front page Valley edition story Sept. 4 on the San Fernando Valley's future. "There are huge disparate scenarios for the Valley," Svorny said. "I can see the Valley deterioratingŠor it all comes together." Blake said if current trends hold, "things look pretty good for the Valley."

Student Kevin Smith Jr. was featured in a Daily News front page article on Sept. 4. Smith survived a severe auto accident caused by a wrong-way driver that killed his passenger. Smith said he felt nothing but anger toward the man who caused the crash. "He should give his life for his negligence," Smith said.

Tom Piernik (Student Development) was quoted in a Los Angeles Times Weekend article Sept. 4 on when is the best time to start academic preparation for college. Piernik stressed the importance of starting college-appropriate courses early in high school. "In order to have Algebra II on your record, you have to have first enrolled in and done well in Algebra I," he said.

The university received a mention in the Los Angeles Times Magazine on Sept. 7 in a short blurb on Lisa Forman, a Los Angeles-based conservator who specializes in paper objects. She is currently working on
Mark Raab (Anthropology) was asked by the Los Angeles Times Valley Perspective page Sept. 7 to discuss the historical place of Mission San Fernando and what role it should serve in the future. "The Mission San Fernando represents an entire historical period that shapes what we are now-our land divisions, our cultural traditions," he said. "It will always be an important part of the Valley's history, and it is a spiritual center to people of the Roman Catholic faith."

Ann Stutts (Health and Human Development), President Blenda J. Wilson and Art Elbert (Administration and Finance) were quoted in a Los Angeles Times Valley Focus article Sept. 11 on the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the reopening of the Kinesiology Building. "I just wanted to be back and be better later," Stutts said about her feelings following the Northridge Earthquake. "But this building looks better today than it did at its original opening" in 1962. The ribbon cutting also caught the attention of the Daily News, KABC Channel 7 and radio stations KFI and KFWB.

The Los Angeles Times Weekend section ran a lengthy feature Sept. 11 on Robert Bassler's (Art) exhibit in the Art Dome. "The CSUN show is one of those retrospectives in which the sheer variety of media and ideas suggests the work of multiple artists, or at least multiple personalities," reporter Josef Woodard wrote.

Janet Sherman (Softball) was described as having been grinning ear-to-ear in a Los Angeles Times story Sept. 12 on the City Hall unveiling by Los Angeles parks commission president Steven Soboroff of a model for a new CSUN softball stadium. "This takes any other stadium I've ever seen to another level," Sherman said. The Daily News also covered the event.

Several faculty and alumni were quoted in a Sept. 15 Daily News story on Latino Heritage Month that focused on achievements made in the San Fernando Valley. Among those quoted were Louis Garcia, one of the university's first Latino students, alum Irene Tovar and professors Everto Ruiz (Chicano Studies), Henry Lopez (Political Science) and Jose Hernandez (Chicano Studies).

Lewis Yablonsky (Sociology) was quoted in a Newsday column by Marilyn Goldstein on Sept. 15 on the economics of parent-adult child relationships. Goldstein said she called Yablonsky to get a professional answer on the question of whether parents should expect to share restaurant bills with grown kids? She said she got an emotional one instead. Yablonsky said, "I have a feeling I should provide meals for him in some way and I don't, except in restaurants," explaining why he took his son out for dinner several times a week. "I suspect what I do with my son is keep him on a bit of a positive leash; he sticks with me."

Crystal Gips (Education) wrote a story for the September/October edition of Better Viewing magazine on "how to make school time and TV time work together to help your children learn." "Setting out to make television a major source of learning in the home requires that parents take an active role in their children's education," she wrote.

Barbara Polland (Child Development) was heavily quoted in a story on how to keep children safe without holding them back in the Sept. 16 issue of Women's Day magazine. "Children will never learn if all you say is 'No, you can't' or 'That's too dangerous,'" she said. "Kids who learn to be capable are more self-assured and less likely to have serious accidents or problems."

Harold Mayerson of the Los Angeles Weekly wrote a glowing review of James Allen and Eugene Turner's (Geography) book "The Ethnic Quilt" in the paper's Sept. 18 issue. Mayerson said the pair have "produced an authoritative and compelling account of the real Los Angeles-who lives where and in what kind of housing, who works where and for how much, who's getting richer and who's getting poorer, who's moved out, who's moved in, who intermarries, and who doesn't know that these other people are even out there."

Allyn Axelton (United Campus Ministry) was featured in a Daily News story Sept. 20 on a religious diversity fair CSUN was hosting in late September. "Our main goal is to have the participants learn more about religious
diversity and have more of an appreciation of the diverse groups that are present in the Valley," he said.

The Valley Edition of the Los Angeles Times Calendar Weekend section on Sept. 25 featured a quick profile of July Nelson (Music), who conducts free, hour-long children's music programs called Kindermusik throughout the Valley to "foster a love of music throughout life."

Johnie Scott (Pan-African Studies) wrote a lively commentary on the evolution of African Americans in Hollywood for the Aug./Sept./Oct. issue of Turning Point magazine. "Will Rogers once said, 'All I know is what I read in the newspapers,'" Scott said. "As we look back on nearly 100 years of black images on the silver screen, that statement might be more accurately rephrased to include 'and what I see at the movies and on TV.'"

Gary Chapman (Physics and Astronomy) was featured in the Sept. 27 issue of Science News in two articles on the possible increase of solar brightness. During a discussion on the uses of particular data in assessing the brightness, Chapman said if these artificial shifts in ERB, a satellite monitor, did indeed take place, "then there is little evidence for an increase in total solar irradiance. Only time and some measurements will be able to settle the issue."

Senior Frank Colon, Ludim Seja de Manzano (Outreach and Recruitment) and Louanne Kennedy (Academic Affairs) were the focus of a lengthy KCAL Channel 9 feature Sept. 28 on the future of higher education in light of the recent RAND report predicting disaster if the state did not increase its support for higher education. Seja de Manzano said, "The more conversations that take place now-in all different forms-then the more we can put pressure on the state to reassess how they are allocating their resources." Kennedy pointed out that if something is not done soon "the most educated, the most talented will leave California."

Melanie Havens (Business Law) wrote a Sept. 28 column for the Los Angeles Times on the University of California re-examining its admissions policies in the wake of Proposition 209. "Without even getting to the issue of affirmative action, it seems that Boalt has unnecessarily handicapped students from diverse backgrounds," she wrote. "If the University of California wants a system of admitting students purely on merit, then let them institute one. They sure haven't yet."

Team CSUN was heavily featured in a Los Angeles Times article Sept. 29 on the AIDS Walk. Among those quoted were President Blenda J. Wilson, Amy Reichbach (Health Education), and students Laura Delgado and Marcela Moreno. "I feel emotional because I'm doing it for a worthy cause," Delgado said.

Maryellen Clemons (Theatre) was featured in a Los Angeles Times Weekend Calendar piece Oct. 2 on theater in the San Fernando Valley. Clemons is a veteran actress and star of the new campus production of "Quilters." Clemons said taking part in the play has been fun for her and educational for the students involved. "I think they've learned by watching," she said. "We all get along very, very well-and when you put 11 women in one room, that's quite an accomplishment."

William Hosek (Business Administration and Economics) and Philip Handler (Arts, Media, and Communication) were quoted in the October issue of the San Fernando Valley Business Journal in a story about the university's new Entertainment Industry Institute. "From an academic perspective, there are some unique aspects of the industry that don't exist in other industries," Hosek said. Handler said the development of the program is unusual in that it combines the three disciplines of arts, business and computer science. "In academic life, it's very easy to get locked into your own discipline," Handler said.

President Blenda J. Wilson and David Horne and Joseph Holloway (both of Pan-African Studies) were quoted in a lengthy Oct. 4 article in the Los Angeles Times on the opening of the university's new Boniface I. Obichere Library. "The real voyage of discovery consists not in teaching new matters, but in having new eyes," Wilson said. "Through the generosity of the Obichere family, we will be able to share his eyes and some of his voyage."

Elizabeth Say (Women's Studies and Religious Studies) was featured in a CNN World News segment Oct. 4 that examined the recent gathering of the Promise Keepers in Washington D.C. Say said historically there have been
religious male gatherings in response to what has been seen as the feminization of religion. "The Promise Keepers encourage men to step out and take control and take the lead," she said, "and muscular Christianity did the same thing. It makes you go out and become a real man and take charge."

James Allen (Geography) wrote an opinion piece for the Los Angeles Times Valley Perspective page Oct. 12 on the concentration of ethnic groups into certain occupations and industries. "All this means that describing our regional economy simply in terms of the size, locations and types of its occupations and industries misses all the intricate social patterns that underlie the aggregate statistics," he wrote. "It also suggests that a goal of minority representation in each of the many occupations and industries at anything like the average rate is unrealistic."

Philip Handler (Arts, Media, and Communication) wrote a letter to the editor that appeared Oct. 12 in the Los Angeles Times on the use of the university's Performing Arts Center as a learning opportunity for students. "In the first year of the new center, more than 220 events served 65,000 audience members, of which 12,000 were CSUN students. We also have three other theaters and a wonderful new recital hall," he wrote. "Students perform in and staff all of these theaters, in which we present an enormous range of concerts, plays, operas and student films, as well as exhibitions in the art gallery."
North Gallery Exhibitions

Weekly changing exhibition of works by students, faculty and candidates for the master's degree in art at Halsted Houses 1102 on the north side of the campus. Call (818) 677-2156 for exhibit times. Admission is free.

- "Theater of Imagination"
  Through Thu., Oct. 23
- Linda Nakasone, M.A. candidate in painting
  Sun., Oct. 26 to Thu., Oct. 30
- Tracy Vera, M.A. candidate in painting
  Sun., Nov. 2 to Thu., Nov. 6

Library Exhibitions

- "Mars" exhibit shows the history of the mapping of Mars, including the Pathfinder Mission, which landed on Mars in July, and the Global Surveyor Mission rendezvous with Mars in September.
  Dates: Through Fri., Oct. 24
- Western Books Exhibition sponsored by the Rounce and Coffin Club of Los Angeles. Books displayed are winners of the 1997 Western Books Exhibition and exemplify the craftsmanship of fine press printers in the western U.S.
  Dates: Mon., Oct. 27 to Fri., Nov. 21
  Time: During regular library hours
  Place: Oviatt Library lobby

Outlooks: CSUN Alumni

Outlooks, an exhibit sponsored by the Arts Council for CSUN reflecting the diversity of media offered in the art department, featuring works by 11 alumni in:
- illustration (Emek, Farley Magadia);
- industrial design (Ravi Sawhney);
- installation (Lynn Aldrich, Linda Hudson and Erin Woodall);
- painting (Carolee Toon);
- photography (Steve Peckman);
- printmaking/artist books (Katherine Ng);
Multicultural Exhibition

"Roots, Rituals & Spirituality: A Multicultural Exhibition" explores the impact of heritage and culture expression through the work of 15 contemporary artists. The artists include current faculty members as well as CSUN grads.

Dates: Through Nov. 9
Times: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Thu; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fri.; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun.
Place: Finegood Art Gallery, 22622 Vanowen Street, West Hills
Admission: Free

Teen Posters on Social Issues

"Protest/Promote," a collection of posters addressing social issues such as drug abuse, racism and AIDS that were created by Pasadena high school students participating in the Community Arts Partnership.

Dates: Through Dec. 1
Times: noon-2 p.m. Mon. through Fri., and one hour before performances.
Place: Performing Arts Center Lobby Gallery

The Associated Students Ticket Office in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The ticket office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. For prices not given, call (818) 677-3093.

Basketball

Oct. 20, Matador Basketball Preview, 10:30 p.m.

Football

Oct. 25, Sacramento State (Homecoming), 6:05 p.m.
Nov. 8, Idaho State, 6:05 p.m.
Nov. 22, Northern Arizona, 6:05 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Oct. 26, Alumni Game, 4 p.m.
Nov. 1, Master's College, 7 p.m.
Nov. 9, Sacramento State, 6 p.m.
Nov. 12, UC Irvine, 7 p.m.
Nov. 15, Loyola Marymount, 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer
Oct. 26, Loyola Marymount, 4 p.m.
Oct. 31, Weber State, 7 p.m.
Nov. 2, Montana, 4 p.m.

**Women's Volleyball**

Oct. 25, Idaho State, 1 p.m.
Nov. 6, Montana, 7 p.m.
Nov. 8, Montana State, Noon

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**Comedy**

**Latino Comedy Festival II**

An encore performance featuring Latino comedy talents sponsored by CSUN's Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity and Chicano/Latino Graduation Committee.

**Date & time:** Sat., Nov. 8, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Performing Arts Center
**Admission:** $12 general, $10 seniors and students

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**Film**

**USU Film Series**

All films are free. **USU**-University Student Union. **SSU**-Satellite Student Union.

**Hercules**

Tue., Oct. 21 8 p.m. **USU**
Thu., Oct. 23 8 & 10:15 p.m. **SSU**
Sat., Oct. 25 8 & 10:15 p.m. **SSU**

**Scream**

Tue., Oct. 28 8 p.m. **USU**
Thu., Oct. 30 8 & 10 p.m. **SSU**
Sat., Nov. 1 8 & 10 p.m. **SSU**

**Eight Heads in a Duffel Bag**

Wed., Oct. 29 8 p.m. **USU**
Fri., Oct. 31 8 p.m. **SSU**
Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $6.50 general, $5 faculty and staff, $3.50 students and seniors

**IFC Songfest**

CSUN Interfraternity Council's annual salute to Broadway.
**Date & time:** Fri., Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
**Time:** 8 p.m.
**Place:** Performing Arts Center
**Ticket info:** (818) 996-2239

**Spirituals Concert**

Sung by the students of Larry Jarvis. A special concert of music arranged by Burleigh, Hall, Johnson, Boatner, Philip McIntyre and Roland Hayes. Among the titles will be "Steal Away," "Deep River" and "My Lord, What a Morning." **Date & time:** Fri., Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
**Time:** Noon
**Place:** Recital Hall
**Admission:** Free

**CSUN Wind Ensemble**

Sixtieth birthday celebration for conductor David Whitwell featuring the premieres of two pieces: "Jubilaum!" by Whitwell and "Symphony, No. 2" by Clark McAlister. Special guest conductors: Ronald Johnson; Lawrence Harper; Toshiyuki Shimada, conductor, Portland Symphony Orchestra; and McAlister, conductor, Deerfield Beach Symphony, all former Whitwell students.
**Date & time:** Sat., Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Performing Arts Center

**Cello Ensemble Recital**

The students of Andrew Cook. Proceeds to benefit the CSUN Youth Orchestras.
**Date & time:** Sun., Oct. 26, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Recital Hall

**CSUN Vocal Jazz Ensemble**

Director: Matt Falker.
**Date & time:** Wed., Nov. 5, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Recital Hall

**Guitar Solo Recital**

The students of Ron Purcell.
**Date & time:** Thu., Nov. 6, 8 p.m.
El Tremendo Huarachon

Spanish rock concert. Second in a series to benefit CSUN's Chicano house.
**Date & time:** Fri., Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Performing Arts Center
**Ticket info:** (818) 365-1343

Youth Orchestra Musicale

Featuring soloists and small ensembles from CSUN's three youth orchestras.
**Date & time:** Sun., Nov. 9, 3 p.m.
**Place:** Recital Hall
**Admission:** Free

New Directions Composers Group

A concert of new music composed by CSUN composition majors. Directors: Kevin Murphy and Anthony Wardzinski.
**Date & time:** Sun., Nov. 9, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Recital Hall
**Admission:** Free

MEChA Cultural Night

Celebrating the many regions of Mexico.
**Date & time:** Sat., Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Performing Arts Center
**Tickets:** (818) 677-2817

Alpha Phi Talent Search

Alpha Phi's annual talent competition.
**Date & time:** Mon., Nov. 3, 8 p.m.
**Place:** Performing Arts Center
**Tickets:** (818) 885-9621

This is Not a Pipe Dream

A play for youth by Barry Kornhauser about the artist Rene Magritte.
**Dates:** Nov. 7-9, 14-16
**Times:** 7 p.m. Fri., 2 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
**Place:** Little Theatre

Angels in America
A Tony and Pulitzer Prize winner by Tony Kushner.

**Dates:** Nov. 14-16, 19-23

**Times:** 7 p.m. Wed., 8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 5 p.m. Sun.

**Place:** Campus Theatre
Achievements

Publications


Curt Dommeyer (Marketing) had a refereed paper, "Class Size in an Introductory Marketing Course: Student Attitudes, Evaluations, and Performance," published in "Marketing Education Review" (Spring 1997, vol. 7, no. 1, pgs. 13-25). The results of this study largely support the use of large classrooms for teaching introductory marketing.

Nayereh Tohidi (Women's Studies) authored "Modernity, Islamization and Women" in "Women in Action" (vol. 1, 1997).


Elections/Appointments

Ann Watkins (Mathematics) was appointed by the College Board as chair of the committee responsible for the Advanced Placement Statistics syllabus and examination. The demanding examination was given for the first time last May to 7,600 high school students.

Presentations

Richard Gunther (Management Science) presented a paper, "Trends in Manufacturing," at a meeting of the Ventura Chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS), on Sept. 9. The paper presented evidence that U.S. manufacturing is no longer in decline and may indeed be on the comeback.

The Pan-African Studies Department has updated information on a presentation that was listed in the Oct. 6 issue. Several faculty members from the department participated in the 82nd annual convention of the Assn. of Study of Afro-American Life and History on Oct. 1-5 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. The organization is the world's oldest and largest black historical scholarly organization. CSUN participants included: Rosentene Purnell,
| Principal Investigator | Department                        | Project                                                                 | Source                                           | Award ($) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|                                                 |           |
| Nicholas Kioussis      | Physics & Astronomy               | "Electronic Structure and Molecular Dynamic Calculations of Grain Boundaries" | North Atlantic Treaty Organization              | 9,218     |
| Jaime Bae Kim          | Computer Science                  | "Traffic Management in Wireless ATM Networks"                          | National Science Foundation                     | 81,348    |
| Paul Wilson            | Biology                           | "Floral Function and Phylogeny in Penstemon: Tests of Pollen Presentation Theory" | National Science Foundation                     | 71,613    |
| Fred Strache           | Student Affairs/Student Health Center | "Transition Resources and Career Services for Students with Disabilities" | U.S. Dept. of Education                         | 138,576   |
| Fred Strache           | Student Affairs/Student Health Center | "Important Linkages-The Relationship of Alcohol and Other Drugs to Violence-A Campus/Community Partnership" | U.S. Dept. of Education                         | 250,455   |
| Ben Yaspelkis III      | Kinesiology                       | "The Effect of Chronic Leptin Administration on Skeletal Muscle Insulin Sensitivity and Responsiveness" | Amgen Inc.                                      | 43,562    |
| Herbert Larson         | National Center on Deafness       | "Western Region Outreach Center and Consortia"                         | U.S. Dept. of Education                         | 1,000,000 |
| Roger Di Julio         | Civil & Manufacturing Engr.       | "MESA Schools Program Center"                                           | UC Berkeley                                     | 104,631   |
| Warren Furumoto        | Science and Mathematics           | "AVID Service Learning Tutorial Program"                                | Learn and Serve America                         | 140,000   |
| Dianne Philosbian      | Health and Human Dev.             | "Child Care Planning Activities for the Child Development Programs Advisory Committee" | Child Development Programs Advisory Committee   | 34,992    |
| Nancy Burstein         | Special Education                 | "Special Educators for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners with Disabilities" | U.S. Dept. of Education                         | 149,435   |
| Charles Hanson         | Educational Psychology and Counseling | "KYDS Collaborative Project with the Community Counseling and Resource Institute, and the Valley Trauma Center" | KYDS Foundation                                | 14,700    |
| Joseph Hajdu/Barney Bales | Chemistry/Physics & Astronomy     | "Minority Biomedical Research Support"                                  | National Institutes of Health                   | 179,331   |
CSUN Briefed on Information Technology Initiative

Three-Year, $300 Million CSU Proposal Promises to Reshape Campus Technology, Also Raises Concerns

The emerging details of an unprecedented three-year, $300 million partnership with major corporations to help build out the information technology infrastructure of the Cal State system were spelled out during a briefing last week for Cal State Northridge faculty and staff.

During the two-hour session, representatives of the proposed partnership spent much of an extended question-and-answer period trying to allay concerns that campuses' price getting for the huge technology boost could be reduced flexibility with hardware and software decisions and impacts on existing programs.

"The risk is not to what we do now, in my judgment, but to what we might not be able to do if we don't find the means and the talent," said CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson, in remarks on the proposal that helped open the session attended by about 200 faculty and staff members.

In a nutshell, a consortium of four major corporations led by GTE Corp., selected by Cal State officials last month, is offering to largely finance the system's huge technology build-out in exchange for the ability to market a potentially wide range of products and services to CSU campuses and community members.

Under the proposal, the yet-to-be-named partnership would complete the major upgrade of CSU campuses' intra-campus and inter-campus information technology resources within three years, and periodically refresh those in the future, along with providing extensive training and 24-hour/7-day user support.

Some of the accompanying revenue generating proposals include offering high-speed and satellite Internet access, home satellite television, telephone, calling card and paging services, marketing of distance learning courses to broader audiences, research services to businesses, and computer sales, support and repair.

In general, CSU officials maintain that university employees at work, and certainly at home, would not be forced to select any specific product or service offered by the partnership, but might have strong incentives to do so because the group's buying and marketing clout would permit attractive pricing.

Cal State officials began pursuing the initiative about a year ago after concluding the 23-campus system was not likely to get enough money to accomplish the massive technology upgrade from state capital projects funding and had little chance of imposing a once-discussed student technology fee.

Recently, Cal State officials and their corporate partners have been briefing different CSU campuses on the initiative as it has evolved to this point. A next major step could come in mid-December with the scheduled creation of a legal
CSU-corporate partners entity that would carry out the work.

Some of the key principles guiding the initiative thus far are that the Cal State system would maintain effective control of the new entity and final say over any revenue generating plans. The corporate partners would financially guarantee the project and gain marketing access to CSU employees, students and alumni.

The CSUN briefing was led by David Ernst, executive director of the CSU’s Integrated Technology Strategy, and William Blosser, a GTE vice president. The other corporate partners in the proposed venture are Fujitsu Limited, Hughes Electronics and Microsoft Corp.

Some of the concern among faculty and staff members at CSUN and other Cal State campuses, with some arguing the mid-December timeline is too quick, stems from language in the corporate partners' own inch-thick business plan proposal submitted to Cal State officials in late August.

"There are too many unresolved issues at this point in time to march forward and do it, because it's too unclear what they're going to do," said CSUN computer science professor Steve Stepanek before the Tuesday, Oct. 14 briefing, although he admitted to mixed feelings given the lure of the technology being offered.

During the session in the Performing Arts Center, Ernst and Blosser repeatedly stressed that the document is only a proposal and does not represent the final negotiated terms of the potential partnership, nor would a framework agreement in December solely establishing the legal entity.

Blosser also conceded that some of the proposals in the document already have been discarded as bad ideas as the corporate partners came to better understand CSU's own practices and traditions. "We quickly learned there were some areas where we touched a little too close to home," he said.

"We realize if we try to force [the partnership] on the campus, it's not going to work," Blosser said later. "This thing lives or dies based on a set of incentives. There is no intent to force anybody to buy any particular variety of equipment."

Among the concerns addressed at the briefing:

- **Distance Learning:** Despite proposal language suggesting the partnership would encourage faculty to produce distance learning courses for wider distribution, Wilson said faculty members would not be required to do so except as they and the university felt it appropriate.
- **Intellectual Property Rights for Courses:** Ernst said those "reside in a combination of the CSU and the faculty" and Blosser said the corporate partners have agreed to abide by whatever outcome the CSU reaches. Wilson said that issue likely will take "considerable time" to resolve.
- **Windows v. Macintosh:** The proposal calls for PCs and Microsoft Windows 95/NT as the standard desktop. Blosser said campus users could still purchase and use Macs. But he would not guarantee, at least at present, that the partnership would provide the same no-charge support for them as for PCs.
- **Existing Campus Programs such as Extended Learning and Free Dial-up Modem Access:** Although the business plan talks about the partnership getting involved in both areas to generate revenues, Blosser said the idea is for the venture to go beyond those activities the campuses already do, not to replace them.
- **Campus Employees:** As envisioned, the partnership would rely largely on CSU employees working on paid assignment and possibly on students for much of its campus upgrade work. Employees on such status would continue to accrue all normal CSU benefits, although some future job relocations could be possible.

CSUN Tech Terms

**ITS (Integrated Technology Strategy):**
The broad Cal State University system initiative launched in 1995 to improve students' learning, expand the delivery of
education and increase employee productivity through the use of information technology. Formerly known as ITSI (Integrated Technology Strategies Initiative).

**SIP (Systemwide Internal Partnership):**
The collective agreement by 23 Cal State campus presidents, the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Trustees in October 1996, as part of the ITS, to work collectively toward the build-out of the CSU's intra-campus computer network capacity, inter-campus network connections and to provide "baseline access" to computer hardware, software, training and support.

**CETI (California Education Technology Initiative):**
The working title for the proposed partnership between the Cal State system and four major industry leaders-GTE Corp., Fujitsu Limited, Hughes Electronics and Microsoft Corp.-to finance a $300 million build-out of the university system's computer network infrastructure. The entity, once legally created in December, probably will operate under a different name.
Cal State Northridge is heading toward reshaped leadership for its technology initiatives with President Blenda J. Wilson's approval of a new chief information officer job and the formation of a new University Technology Council (UTC) that the president will chair.

CSUN Vice Provost Susan Curzon, who has headed the university's technology initiatives in recent years, said she recommended the two changes as ways to further advance the university's progress at a time when technology issues are becoming pervasive around the campus.

"I've been in this position for four years. We have a very robust infrastructure now. We're light-years from where we were four years ago. Now we're moving to the next stage," said Curzon, who added that she intends next year to return full time to her other job as dean of the university's library.

The new chief information officer will become CSUN's top technology official, reporting directly to the president as an executive officer. A search committee chaired by Dean William Hosek of the College of Business Administration and Economics is planning a national recruitment.

Campus leaders want to select a candidate before the end of the current school year for the job expected to pay well in excess of $100,000-a-year. CSUN last year recruited for a slightly lower-level executive director for technology position but did not ultimately hire a candidate.

In a memo to her staff, Curzon said final decisions about which campus units and personnel will report to the new technology administrator will be made once that person is on board. But Curzon said she will continue to report to Provost Louanne Kennedy and the library will remain under Academic Affairs.

In an interview, Curzon said the chief information officer job is a widely used position in private industry and increasingly so in universities. But Cal State campuses currently have their top technology officials holding at least five different job titles, including just three campuses currently with CIO positions.

The justification for the CIO reporting directly to the president is driven, Curzon said, by CSUN's increasing investment in information technology, about $17.4 million-a-year at present. "Technology now undergirds everything we do. That requires the highest level of consideration in the organization," she said.

The CIO, once hired, will become a member of the new University Technology Council that the president also approved to serve as a coordinating group for large-scale campus technology issues including budgets, strategies, technical standards and major systems acquisition.

The other UTC members, other than Wilson and the CIO, will include the three current vice presidents, Curzon and a mix of other campus representatives likely to total no more than a dozen people. Curzon said the group is expected to meet about six times per year.

"This group will be charged with looking out for the well-being of the whole. This will really advance technology on this campus," Curzon said. "I think it will help weave the various aspects of the university together. The challenges are so great they really require the best thinking of the whole."
The UTC will become a central policy-making entity for broad technology issues on campus, overarching the range of different campus groups that now deal with technology in various ways. Those other committees and groups, meanwhile, will continue to deal with more focused issues and projects.

- John Chandler

### CSUN Tech Facts

$17.4 million in campus information technology expenditures for 1996-97

**Computers:**

- 2,150% growth in computer network nodes (computers, printers, servers) 1993-97: 200-4,500
- 64% faculty computer workstations with current technology: 549 of 864
- 64% staff computer workstations with current technology: 710 of 1,101
- 57% student computer workstations with current technology: 1,396 of 2,446
- 795 computer workstations acquired in 1996-97

**Network Traffic:**

- 68% growth in campus e-mail messages from Jan. thru Sept. ’97: 1,398,133-2,355,473
- 16% growth in active campus e-mail accounts Fall ’96-’97: 26,003-30,065
- 74% growth in requests for CSUN Web documents January ’96-’97: 755,280-1,312,460

**E-mail:**

- 91% of faculty with Internet e-mail accounts
- 99.9% of staff with Internet e-mail accounts
- 100% of students with Internet e-mail accounts

**Telephones:**

- 4,600 university voice telephone lines
- 144 general use dial-in modem lines
- $1.38 million telephone charges ’96-’97 and $239,000 due to long distance charges

*Source: Information Technology and Resources*
Planned Shifts in E-mail Software, Aliases Softened

Netscape Stays Recommended Choice, but Pine System Used by Many Will Remain

In a change that should help reduce the level of technology anxiety on campus, Cal State Northridge officials have toned down e-mail policy shifts that would have phased out the current Pine mail system and canceled users old-style e-mail aliases.

Under the new plan, Netscape remains CSUN's newly designated e-mail client software, but users will be able to continue using Pine for the foreseeable future. Likewise, although firstname.lastname@csun.edu remains the current format for e-mail aliases, the older firstinitial.lastname aliases will not be eliminated.

The shift in direction from the mandated changes, announced to the campus in a series of memos last spring and early this semester, was the result of both technology changes that occurred in the interim and of feedback from campus users who were anxious about the transitions, officials said.

"We're proceeding very cautiously on this so no one experiences any problems," said Beverly Palmberg, CSUN's director of computing services (pictured at right). "We won't force anyone to switch. The approach has been softened."

Last school year, amid mounting strain on the CSUN1 and CSUN2 computer servers that handle the campus' exploding volume of e-mail traffic, campus officials laid plans to discontinue the Pine e-mail server software used by many on campus in favor of Netscape because the latter uses far less network resources.

Netscape uses a POP (Post Office Protocol) format that only makes demands on the servers when the user asks to download messages. But traditional Pine, in which messages always remain stored on the central servers, makes virtually constant demands as long as users, even if inactive, remain logged on.

However, two problems ensued that led to the relaxed policy. First, some campus computer users began to complain of lacking the Windows operating systems and substantial hardware, especially at home, needed to run the latest versions of Netscape. Using Pine requires only a very basic computer set-up.

Second, campus officials discovered that the latest versions of Netscape software are not fully compatible, at least for now, with the future e-mail protocol they expect to use known as IMAP (Internet Message Access Protocol). But they also discovered that Pine can work in a POP or IMAP format, solving its resource drain problem.

"We couldn't just get rid of Pine when the thing we wanted to replace it with isn't fully functional," said Rick Ostrich, the systems manager in Information and Technology Resources. "So we softened the approach to say we're going with Netscape for the future, but we're still supporting Pine."
During the next two semesters, technology officials still expect to gradually shift faculty and staff users to a pair of newly acquired e-mail servers in place of CSUN1 and CSUN2. For Netscape users, that will require only a one-time change to update the name entry for the campus' yet-to-be-named new e-mail servers.

For users who choose to continue using Pine, they will only have to enter their current user identification and password twice instead of once now when they check for e-mail. The faculty and staff transition to the new servers should occur very gradually, by offices and departments, over many months.

Likewise, technology officials said faculty and staff members who began using firstinitial.lastname e-mail aliases before the current naming approach began in fall 1995 no longer have to worry about their old-style versions being discontinued, as had been scheduled first for August and then October 1.

The plan to delete those was intended to help simplify the system and limit each employee to one e-mail alias using the firstname.lastname format. But Palmberg explained, "People never took the hint they should have been transitioning during the last year and a half." So now, "It's not our intent to change those."

-John Chandler
Larger Campus Internet Pipeline Due by Christmas

Upgrade of Data Communications Link Will Expand I-Net Capacity Nearly Tenfold

Computer users at Cal State Northridge who have come think of their campus Internet connections as the "World Wide Wait" due to slow response times are headed for a nice present this Christmas season—a communications upgrade that should significantly improve performance.

As part of a Cal State systemwide upgrade plan, Cal State Northridge's data communications link to the Internet, currently a single T1 phone line with a 1.5 million bits of data per second capacity, is due to be replaced by Christmas with a new DS-3 line that will carry 10 million bits per second (10 Mbps).

"That's up to ten times more than what we're running today. And that I think would be seen at the workstation level," said Jeff Craig, CSUN's manager of network communications. "The inbound Internet traffic for most of the week is maxed out now on the T1," Craig said.

Despite the ever-increasing network capacity within the campus, all of the Internet traffic coming from CSUN's several thousand networked computers currently is handled by a single line with a capacity equivalent to just 54 modems simultaneously running at 28.8 speeds. (Those computers are used by the campus' more than 3,000 employees and 27,000 students).

As a result, monitoring shows that CSUN's inbound Internet traffic—returning data such as Web pages and file downloads—is hitting the line's full capacity during much of each workday, sometimes from mid-morning to well past midnight. And like a crowded freeway with too many cars, that means delays.

CSUN gets to the Internet through a statewide network of Cal State and community college campuses known as 4Cnet (formerly CSUnet). Craig said the Cal State system has been systematically funding the upgrading the T1 connections of various campuses in recent months, with CSUN now due for its turn.

The campus' physical Internet connection runs from a Chancellor's office site in Orange County into the basement of the University Student Union. The new DS-3 line actually can handle 45 Mbps, but CSUN's use will be limited to 10 Mbps for data and 2 Mbps for video and teleconferencing. The remaining DS-3 capacity is being held in reserve until the 4Cnet backbone system can accommodate it.

Nominally, going from a 1.5 Mbps line to the new 10 Mbps connection yields about a sevenfold capacity increase. But Marc Montemorra, senior networking and systems analyst in network communications, said the actual capacity increase could be as much as tenfold because the current T1 line often runs at lesser rates.

However, campus officials cautioned that the new line will not necessarily mean actual desktop response times will increase tenfold. The change should, however, lessen the periods of time when the line is stretched to capacity and thus increase speeds for all users' whose data traffic is vying to get through it.
Meanwhile, campus networking officials took down the entire campus computer network on Saturday, Oct. 11, for several behind-the-scenes equipment upgrades aimed at allowing some of the network's core electronics to handle data more rapidly—a change that campus computer users might also notice.

Montemorra said the work included doubling to 200 Mbps, known as full duplex fast Ethernet, the data connections to Computer Court where major systems including CSUN1, CSUN2 and the university's IBM mainframe are located. Also, routers serving areas of the campus were upgraded to switched FDDI connections by Barrington Walker of network communications.

The work, Montemorra said, is ultimately aimed at improving the campus' general computing environment, in which users in a building now typically all share a 10 Mbps Ethernet connection, to a switched Ethernet environment in which each individual user has full access to a 10 Mbps feed.

To illustrate the growth of on-campus computing in recent years, Craig said the backbone capacity of CSUN's network, measured in millions of bits per second (Mbps), has gone from .00096 prior to the 1994 Northridge earthquake, to 10 after it, to 70 by late 1995, to 100 recently, and to 4,000 after the latest upgrade.

-John Chandler

INTERNET OVERLOAD

Graphs show the university's Internet traffic frequently hitting the maximum 188 Kbyte/sec. capacity of its single T1 network line. Gray levels depict inbound traffic and black levels show outbound traffic. The upper chart tracks the hours of a day in military time. The lower chart shows days of the week.
University Broadens Its Array of Cyber Courses

Faculty Teaching On-Line Classes Receive $1,000 Grants and Technical Support

The number of cyber courses offered at Cal State Northridge increased to 18 this semester from seven last year as more faculty members gain training in creating them. The courses range from developmental math to graduate offerings in engineering and speech communication.

Faculty interest in experimenting with the new teaching mode and the need to accommodate more students, especially working students, have spurred the increase in courses offered partly or entirely on-line, said Provost Louanne Kennedy.

"As we approach the arrival of Tidal Wave II, we are not clear that we can serve students with our existing physical facilities, nor whether specific populations find coming to campus a convenient option," Kennedy said.

Faculty receive $1,000 grants to teach and develop the courses, with the money coming from a $100,000 strategic planning initiative. The initiative funds both the stipends and technical support, much of it done by student assistants.

Now that the technology is better known, departments have begun to suggest courses that can be translated into cyber terms, said John Hartzog, director of the Learning Resource Center who oversees CSUN's World Wide Web project. For example, the department of communication disorders and sciences is planning to offer an entire master's degree program on-line.

Computer science professor Steven Stepanek (pictured at right), one of CSUN's first cyber instructors, is teaching two such courses this semester and has broadened his reach by audio taping the optional class sessions he does hold and making the recordings available over the Internet via RealAudio.

However, Stepanek said he also has found class discussions sometimes are better, especially for brainstorming or displaying a problem on the board. But he noted of his fellow instructors: "No one has dropped out of the project, which is a positive sign. So the experiment continues."

Sheryl Thompson, an English instructor who is offering an on-line honors freshman composition course for the first time this semester, said students' comments and her own have been more focused on-line than in traditional classes.

"The technology forces students to articulate their thoughts in writing far more than with a teacher in front of them," she said. "I find that my own comments, on how to revise their papers, are far more focused than when I write in the margins."

Her course uses both HyperNews, in which students post responses to questions or earlier comments, and mIRC, a moderated chat room, and draws a high rate of student participation. "A lot more voices have been coming together..."
compared to a regular class," Thompson said.

Like other cyber course teachers, Thompson found that the technology requires a heavy time commitment from the faculty, who must comment extensively on students' work and are often deluged with e-mail.

Ileana Costea, a civil and manufacturing engineering professor who started an on-line graduate course in manufacturing systems engineering this semester, agreed that the course is time-consuming. But it has one great advantage, she said: students work more in groups between classes.

The extensive use of group work raises the possibility that a group might come to a common misunderstanding of the material, but Costea said those get corrected when students submit homework. Also, students can discuss their problems in e-mail, hypernews or in-person meetings.

The seven faculty members who taught cyber courses last year are repeating them this year with minor modifications, campus officials said. CSUN's first cyber course was offered in spring 1996.

Shelia Harbet now structures her health science courses in modules rather than weeks. Bamdad Samii has added weekly on-line quizzes to his developmental math class to make sure students are keeping up. Ilene Rubenstein allows students more time to become familiar with the technology before moving on with her expository writing course.

"The biggest change was moving my class off the CSUN server. I encourage students to get outside ISPs [Internet service providers] so that when the CSUN system goes down, my course won't be affected," she said.

--John Kroll
Campus Voice Mail Lags in Technology Revolution

Major Failure, Capacity Shortage Highlights Need for Replacement System

When faculty and staff at Cal State Northridge arrived for work one Monday earlier this month, they received a jolting reminder of what happens when the technology that the campus increasingly depends on suddenly disappears.

Because of an unexpected weekend power outage, the university's more than 10-year-old voice mail system shut down and suffered a major failure. It remained down for much of Monday, Oct. 6, and lost the recorded greetings and stored messages of most of its 1,000 campus users.

A simple power outage isn't supposed to cause those kinds of problems—normally systems simply reset themselves once power is restored. But CSUN's system is old and was due for periodic maintenance, which may have contributed to the problem, officials said.

In many areas, CSUN is on the leading edge of the technology revolution within the Cal State system. But campus officials acknowledge that the current campus voice mail system isn't one of those areas, and plans for replacing it soon appear uncertain at best.

Julie Schauer, CSUN's voice services consultant, said a budget proposal to buy a larger and more sophisticated system for about $75,000 did not survive the internal budget priority setting process within the Information and Technology Resources unit this past spring.

Now, Schauer said, the plan for a campus upgrade "is kind of in a gray area" because the Cal State system's Integrated Technology Strategy (ITS), involving a proposed partnership with technology firms, includes voice mail projects, although likely well down on its priority list.

"Voice mail is clearly within the scope of the Systemwide Internal Partnership (SIP) initiative," she said. "It might be one of those things we just take a wait and see attitude on," she added, although the new system could also surface as another campus budget proposal for 1998-99.

Although CSUN's bar-refrigerator-sized Voice Server 2000 system is about a decade old, the Northridge campus has only had it since just after the January 1994 Northridge earthquake. CSUN received the system as a donated hand-me-down from San Diego State University.

Schauer said the early October outage was unusual in that it was only the second time in recent years the system had experienced such a major failure. "I have to say it has worked relatively well for us," she said. "It's plugged along and been a real workhorse."

Previously, CSUN had no campuswide voice mail system. Diane Blake, a former CSUN telecommunications manager who now heads a unit at UCLA, said former CSUN President James Cleary did not think voice mail "was the way to present the campus," Blake said.
But after the earthquake, with so many faculty and staff members displaced from their offices in temporary quarters, having such a system "became really vital," Blake said. And CSUN thus had its first voice mail system operating by fall 1994.

At first, acceptance by campus employees was slow and early users often were office receptionists who used voice mail to cover for when they were away from their desks. But over time, Schauer added, "It spread like wildfire, and everybody wanted it."

CSUN's voice mail system has been at its 1,000-user peak capacity (each paying $2-a-month internally for the service) since mid-1996. There is a current waiting list of about 150, and it probably would be longer except that people know there's virtually no movement on the list.

Schauer said a campus like CSUN ought to have up to a 3,000 mailbox capacity system, roughly equaling its workforce size. The new system that campus officials were considering for the future had a 5,000 mailbox capacity with sophisticated fax and paging services.

Meanwhile, Schauer said campus officials will continue to explore the prospects of a new voice mail system for the next academic year. "We'll definitely look at it again," she said. "We never say never."

--John Chandler
Texas Educator Hired to Head CSUN's Ventura Satellite

Stephen Lefevre Will Oversee Center's Planned Move to Camarillo Hospital Site

A Cal State Northridge alumnus who's been a liberal arts dean in Texas for the past six years will lead the university's growing Ventura satellite operation as it prepares to move to a site slated to become the Cal State system's newest campus.

Stephen Lefevre, dean of the school of liberal arts at the University of Texas at Tyler, will become director of the long-established CSUN Ventura Campus on Jan. 5. He was chosen from among 76 applicants for the job after a months-long nationwide search.

"Steve Lefevre brings a wealth of academic and administrative experience to the university and its Ventura campus," said Joyce Feucht-Haviar, dean of CSUN's College of Extended Learning and a member of the search committee. "I know he will make important contributions to the future of higher education in the Ventura region."

For Lefevre, 53, the new job is something of a homecoming.

Raised in the San Fernando Valley, he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Loyola Marymount University, a master of arts degree in political science from CSUN (San Fernando Valley State College) and a doctorate in political science from UC Riverside.

"I'm looking forward to coming back to California and to working with the people and the campus in Ventura," said Lefevre, who will earn a salary of $87,504-a-year.

Lefevre's appointment comes at a time of CSU-planned expansion in Ventura County. CSUN's Ventura Campus, which opened 23 years ago, is currently located on Alessandro Drive in Ventura.

But in mid-September, Cal State trustees voted to move the campus to the former Camarillo State Hospital site as the first step toward converting it into the newest CSU campus-Cal State Channel Islands. The move is contingent on state approval of $6.5 million-a-year in additional operations funding.

The earliest the Ventura Campus could be moved to the hospital site would be in 1999, said Dan Wakelee, assistant director of the Ventura Campus. In a related development, Gov. Pete Wilson on Oct. 13 signed a law that will make the 629-acre hospital property available to CSU trustees.

Whether or not CSUN's satellite operation ultimately would be absorbed by a new university remains to be seen. "There are some that say the CSUN Ventura Campus ought to continue," Lefevre said. "I just don't know. We have to decide whether or not consolidating would be a good thing."

Plans now call for the Channel Island campus to open with CSUN's satellite operation using about 100,000 square feet of space. Enrollment at the Ventura satellite is about 1,500 this fall and expected to continue growing. The new
campus is expected to serve up to 3,000 students by 2004-05.

Whatever happens, Lefevre said his primary work will be with CSUN's College of Extended Learning, which oversees the Ventura County satellite. "I haven't looked much beyond that," Lefevre said.

Although he sees programs in nursing, computers, public administration and other vocational areas as important, Lefevre said he has no intention of turning the Ventura County satellite into a trade school.

"As a liberal arts dean, I attach much importance to a curriculum strong in liberal arts," he said. "I want to continue with that and expand in that area."

Lefevre, a professor of political science, has taught classes in Constitutional law and American political parties and issues in Nebraska, Texas and Malaysia. He still teaches at the Tyler campus and said he also would like to teach at CSUN's satellite sometime in the future.

He has worked at the Texas campus since 1975. Before becoming dean there in 1991, he was chair of the political science department for six years.

-Mayerene Barker
New Chancellor Seen as Politically Astute Leader

Florida Educator Charles Reed to Replace Barry Munitz on March 1

The Florida educator picked to succeed California State University Chancellor Barry Munitz is known as a politically astute, far-sighted leader who is well-qualified to lead the nation's largest state university system as it grows even larger.

Charles Reed, 56, chancellor of the State University System of Florida since 1985, was named chancellor of the 23-campus, 337,000-student Cal State system on Oct. 6. CSU trustees ended their nationwide search a month early because they feared they might lose Reed to a rival university.

"You are gaining a great leader. We're very sorry to lose him," said Elizabeth Lindsay, immediate past chair of the Florida Board of Regents. "We've been growing very rapidly and I believe you are too. We added a new campus just last year. Dr. Reed has been very far-seeing."

"You're very lucky," said Steven Uhlfelder, current Florida Board of Regents chair. "I just think he's an exceptional administrator, as well as a thoughtful human being who believes strongly in higher education.

Florida's public university system, which Munitz called that state's equivalent of the CSU and UC combined, has 10 campuses and 12 off-campus centers. With an annual budget of $3 billion, the system has 208,000 students and employs 35,000 workers.

"Charlie Reed has a passion for the California State University mission, vast experience in academic institutions, a keen understanding of politics and loves what he does. That combination will move the CSU to the next plateau," said CSU Board of Trustees chair Martha Fallgatter.

After the decision, Reed said he would not have left Florida for anywhere but the CSU. "What attracted me to the CSU is that it has the opportunity to be one of the most important economic engines for the state of California by preparing its workforce," he said.

Munitz announced in August he planned to leave the CSU in January to head the J. Paul Getty Trust. Reed will report to work at CSU headquarters in Long Beach on March 1 and will earn a $254,000-a-year.

"There could be no greater compliment to the California State University system, or any stronger reason to believe that its extraordinary momentum will continue, than to have Charlie Reed as my successor," Munitz said. "He has been a wonderful colleague and good friend, and one of my mentors and heroes in higher education for many years."

The trustees' choice pleased even those who worried that the search criteria didn't place enough emphasis on academic credentials and background.
"I do believe they paid attention to our concerns," said Jim Highsmith, chair of the CSU Academic Senate. He asked the trustees, without success, at their Sept. 17 meeting to give more consideration to academic background and to have more faculty representatives involved in the search.

"It looks like he has a lot of values that we hold dear in California," Highsmith said. "There is a concern about keeping the costs to students low. He seems to have been very attentive to that in Florida."

CSUN faculty President Jim Goss agreed, saying the statewide senate will try to work with trustees to come up with different criteria for future selections. "It happened to work out," Goss said. "We're still upset about the criteria. They took out the clause that the person ought to have an advanced degree" and accomplishments sufficient for the rank of full professor.

The statewide senate, which will discuss a draft policy calling for more openness in campus president searches at its November meeting, will have an ally in Reed. "There is no such thing as a secret on a university campus. If you think there is, you're fooling yourself," he once said.

--Mayerene Barker
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