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Director of CSUN Ventura Campus Resigns

Joyce Kennedy, director of Cal State Northridge's program in Ventura since 1982, has announced she is resigning effective March 10, 1997.

Kennedy began her career in higher education in Ventura County in 1974 as assistant director of the Ventura Learning Center, a cooperative project between the Cal State and University of California systems. In 1988, the center officially became the Ventura campus of CSUN.

CSUN President Blenda J. Wilson wrote to Kennedy that the vision for a free-standing CSU campus in Ventura County, now in planning, never would have been realized "except for the hope and promise your work has represented during these past twenty-two years."

Wilson added, "You have given more than anyone could have asked to the cause of bringing educational opportunity to the residents of Ventura County. You are the embodiment of the mission of the CSU and much beloved as a leader in higher education and community service."

Before moving to Ventura to help establish the joint CSU/UC learning center, Kennedy was national director of the Canadian Assn. for the Mentally Retarded in Toronto, Canada. Wilson said she would name a successor to Kennedy before the end of the year.

Campus Strategic Planning Retreat Planned

Participants at a strategic planning retreat Friday, Oct. 4, will begin to list and discuss goals that will help to guide Cal State Northridge's work. The retreat, expected to attract more than 150 administrators, faculty, students and staff, will take place at the University Student Union's Grand Salon.

"This retreat marks the start of the transformation of the strategic planning process from development to implementation," said Alan Glassman, a consultant to the Strategic Planning Committee. "It builds on the foundation of the past two years," which saw the formulation of university mission, values and vision statements and major themes or planning directions.

Goals, which derive from themes, consist of specific efforts that the university deems important to undertake. Goals have an impact on spending; President Blenda J. Wilson will consider them as she allots money to competing projects out of discretionary funds (not the general operating budget).

At the retreat, committee chair Pat Nichelson of the Religious Studies department will review progress to date and outline plans for the coming year. Wilson will discuss the relation between strategic planning and the budget. In small groups, participants will discuss possible goals and the kinds of data needed to evaluate whether the goals are feasible to undertake and achieveable.

Integrated Technology Meeting Set

Cal State Northridge President Blenda J. Wilson, Vice Provost for Information and Technology Resources Susan Curzon and members of the chancellor's staff will discuss the Cal State system's new Integrated Technology Strategy in an open meeting this
Thursday, Oct. 3.

"The strategy is the largest and most far-reaching technology planning effort ever undertaken by the CSU system," said Peter Prager, a special assistant to Curzon. He said the meeting will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Northridge Room of the University Student Union.

Prager said the purpose of the strategy is to "enhance student-centered learning through improved student access to information resources, to increase personal productivity through better tools and training for students, faculty and staff, and to improve administrative productivity and quality by streamlining the delivery of information technologies at lower costs."

**CSUN Loses Campus Attorney, Gets Two Replacements**

Mike Gehringer, the Cal State system attorney assigned to Cal State Northridge in recent years, departed his post in August and has been temporarily replaced by two other CSU lawyers, Bruce Richardson and Richard Ludmerer, officials said.

The two will remain responsible for CSUN until a permanent replacement can be found. Gehringer, who advised Northridge and Cal Poly Pomona, left for an unknown position, colleagues said. "It was a surprise to everyone--it took our breath away," said Richardson, CSU's deputy general counsel.

Richardson and Ludmerer, a senior attorney who has been with the CSU system for years, will continue to work out of the Cal State headquarters building in Long Beach but they will make campus visits, Richardson said.

CSUN also is getting legal advice from Mike Longo, lawyer for the campus disaster recovery office. Longo has been here since July and will continue to deal with the legal issues relating to the Northridge earthquake. Unlike Richardson and Ludmerer, Longo is paid by the campus.

**O'Connell Memorial Service Scheduled**

A memorial service for Richard O'Connell, a member of Cal State Northridge's Psychology Department for more than 30 years, will take place at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 in the University Club. O'Connell died Sept. 7 of a heart attack following chemotherapy for lung cancer. He was 66.

O'Connell joined the faculty in 1964, retired in 1994 and continued teaching at the campus through last spring under the faculty early retirement program.

"He was one of the department's most involved and dedicated faculty members. His life was devoted to teaching," said his colleague Richard Docter. "As a long-time member of the Psychology Department executive committee, he was a primary force in recruiting more than 20 faculty members—all but two of the present faculty."

O'Connell specialized in the fields of learning and motivation.

He received a bachelor's degree from Stanford University in 1952 and a doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1961. After completing college, he joined the Army and was exposed to radiation at the Nevada test site for the atomic bomb. That exposure eventually led to his death, Docter said.

O'Connell is survived by his wife, Claire, and three children.

**Faculty Senate Committee Oks Vice President Search Panel**

The Personnel Planning and Review Committee of Cal State Northridge's Faculty Senate has agreed to expand the search committee for the university's new vice president for university relations post in line with a request from President Blenda J. Wilson.

At its Sept. 18 meeting, the faculty committee voted to expand by two members the regular seven-member search and screening committee for the new position to include representatives from the Alumni Association and the University Foundation.

Committee chair Charles Macune said Wilson proposed that the two groups have representation on the search committee because the new vice president will take the lead in fund-raising and the two groups play a key role in that area.
If another faculty committee concurs, the recommendation could come before the full Faculty Senate at its Thursday, Oct. 10 meeting. Ultimately, the search committee would choose the finalists for the new vice president post, the campus' fourth.

The nine-member committee would consist of four appointees by Wilson, including one each from the University Foundation and the Alumni Association; one member for Associated Students; the faculty president; and three members selected by the PPR committee.

Campus Hosts Annual Phenomenal Woman Awards

Four Los Angeles women will be honored Sunday, Oct. 6, at Cal State Northridge for their distinguished service and contributions to the community.

For the second year, the Phenomenal Woman Awards will be given out by CSUN's Women's Studies Department to honor those who embody "feminism in action." The recipients will be honored at a special reception and silent auction from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the University Club. The events are open to the public.

The honorees are Los Angeles Times columnist Robin Abcarian; Juana Beatriz Gutierrez, director of Madres del Este de Los Angeles (Mothers of East Los Angeles); senior citizen activist and community volunteer Betty Kozasa; and Avis Ridley-Thomas, administrator of the Dispute Resolution Program for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

Proceeds from this year's reception and auction will fund student scholarships, faculty development, information resources, guest lectures and special programs. For more information, call (818) 677-3850.

Anthropology Department Sponsors Catalina Expedition

The Anthropology Department is sponsoring a weekend expedition combining education and vacation in its "Safari into the Past" on Catalina Island November 8 to 10. Mark Raab, who directs the Northridge Center for Public Anthropology, will lead a tour of the earliest known human habitation sites on the island and discuss the research that university anthropologists are doing on Catalina and the other Channel Islands.

The fall Catalina weekend also includes two nights and continental breakfasts at the Hotel Metropole, round-trip transportation from San Pedro, a dessert reception on Friday, and lunch and dinner on Saturday. The cost is $375 per person double occupancy and $495 per person single occupancy.

The Alumni Assn. is co-sponsoring the weekend, which is open to all university members and friends. But the deadline for reservations is Tuesday, Oct. 8. For more information, call the Alumni Assn. at (818) 677-2137.

Educational Attainment at Record Highs

The percentage of Americans age 25 and above who have completed a bachelor's degree is at a record high 23 percent, according to a new U.S. Census Bureau report. It also found more than four-fifths of all adults have completed high school, another record high.

Younger people have been getting more education than their elders did, and as a result, the attainment level of the adult population in general will continue to increase. Among younger groups, though, it may be leveling off. The percentage of 25 to 29 year olds who completed high school (86 percent) is the same now as ten years ago.

The proportion of black students completing high school has increased greatly over the past decade. As a result, for people ages 25-29, the difference between black and white Americans on that measure is not statistically significant.

Hispanics have the lowest educational attainment levels, possibly because many foreign-born Hispanics have less than a high school education. But Hispanics' level of education is increasing compared to a decade ago, Census researchers reported.
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Formerly the U.I.B.

This section publishes general announcements of the kind that formerly appeared in the University Information Bulletin. The deadline for submitting items is noon on Monday one week before the issue appears. The deadline for the issue of Oct. 14 is Mon., Oct. 7. The deadline for the issue of Oct. 28 is Mon., Oct. 21.

Please submit items by sending them to mail drop 8242, faxing them to x4937, or e-mailing them to pubinfo@exec.csun.edu.

Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
The Personnel Planning and Review Committee will meet Wed., Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. in conference room A of the president's office.

Faculty Senate Meeting
The Faculty Senate will meet Thurs., Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. in the USU's Pasadena Room.

Notices

A Special Thank You
Jacque Boutin extends the following message to the campus community: "Thank you cannot begin to express the depth of my appreciation for all of you who participated in my retirement party. It was a celebration to be remembered for the warmth of your caring and for your generosity. I leave Cal State Northridge with mixed emotions, but I carry with me the image of my very special friends. With deep affection, Jacque Boutin."

Lois Skinner Prator Memorial Scholarship
According to the wishes of his late wife Lois Skinner Prator, former CSUN president Ralph Prator has set up a memorial scholarship in her name to honor and assist deserving students at CSUN. Contributions may be made by sending memorials in the name of Lois Skinner Prator Scholarship, c/o UWC Endowment Fund, 14932 Jadestone Dr., Sherman Oaks, 91403. Lois Prator established the University Women's Club as Faculty Wives in 1958.

Discount Books
The 1997 Entertainment 50 Percent Discount books are available at the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled, PE. 156.

Books Returned
The Matador Bookstore will begin returning textbooks to the publishers starting Tues., Oct. 1. Books ordered for the Ventura Campus will also be returned. Students who have not yet purchased their textbooks should buy them as soon as possible.

Our Deepest Sympathy
The campus community extends its sympathy to Debbie Whitchurch of Systems and Technology on the death of her mother.

Events
Nutrition Lecture
A lecture on "Nutrition Education As a Business" featuring Sheryl Rosenberg Thouin, will be held Mon., Sept. 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building's Marilyn Magaram Center, Room 107. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.
fmi - x3102

Mathematical Physics Seminar
Henry Abrash, a chemistry professor, will give a talk for the Mathematical Physics Seminar on Mon., Sept. 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Music Lawn 224. The title of his talk will be "The Mathematical Analysis of the Rates of Chemical reactions." All are invited to attend.
fmi - David Klein x7792 or david.klein@csun.edu.

Career Preparedness Workshop
The Career Center is offering a special presentation to help students learn how a graduate education can prepare them for career success, Tues., Oct. 1, 5:30-7 p.m., in the USU's Burbank Room. The presentation will be given by Adele Scheele.
fmi - x2878.

Author Speaks on Korean American Experience
A talk given by Helie Lee on the "Discovery of a Korean American Identity," will be held Wed., Oct. 2 from noon to 1 p.m. in the USU's Grand Salon. Helie Lee is a local writer and author of "Still Life With Rice."
fmi - x3331

Chemistry Seminar Series
- William Evans, a professor at UC Irvine will speak on "The Chemistry of a Molecule Thought to be Too Sterically Crowded to Exist: (C5Me5)3Sm," on Wed., Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. in Science 2247.
- David Britt, a professor from UC Davis will speak on "Pulsed Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Studies of Photosynthetic Oxygen Evolution," on Wed., Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. in Science 2247.

Geology Department Lecture Series
- Peter W. Weigand will speak Wed., Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. in Science Court 516. Weigand will present a lecture entitled, "Darwin Was a Geologist!" Refreshments will be served.
- Daniel J. O'Donnell, Exxon U.S.A, will present a lecture on "3-D Image Processing" Wed., Oct. 16, at 4 p.m. in Science Court 516. Refreshments will be served.

Invention of Heterosexuality
fmi - Donald E. Hall, x2011

Memory Walk
The Alzheimer's Assn. of Los Angeles will stage its annual Memory Walk at the Los Angeles Zoo on Sat., Oct. 5, at 8:30 a.m. Free BBQ for all walkers and volunteers.
fmi - Volunteer Services office, x2871 or x3260

Welcome Back Breakfast
The University Women's Club is holding its welcome-back breakfast Sat., Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the University Club Lamb's Lounge. Ronald Borczon will be speaking on the subject of music therapy and recent recipients of two Mary Cleary International Scholarships will be on hand to greet guests. Reservations can be made with Mrs. Schaeffer by no later than Tues., Oct. 1. The cost is $12.
fmi - (818) 363-4706

Phenomenal Woman Awards
The Department of Women's Studies will hold its second annual Phenomenal Woman Awards ceremony at the University Club on Sun., Oct. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. Call for tickets.
Films for Healthy Eating
The Marilyn Magaram Center will be show two films, "New Food Guide Pyramid" and "Vitamin Basics," on Tues., Oct. 8, at noon and Wed., Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. at the center, located in Fine Arts Room. 107.

Weight Loss Program
The "Take it Off Today" weight loss program developed by Dr. Art Ulene is now at the Student Health Center. The eight-week program begins Wed., Oct. 9, and is open to students, faculty and staff. There is a $25 materials fee and participants must be at least 10 pounds over their ideal body weight. Call to register.

Ethics and Values Colloquium
Rabbi Elliot Dorff, rector and professor of philosophy at the University of Judaism, will speak at the Ethics and Values Colloquium on Wed., Oct. 9, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in building 15 of the University Park Apartments, fourth floor conference room. His talk is entitled, "Jewish Ethics: Methods and Content."

Family Focus Resource Forum
The Family Focus Resource Center will offer a forum for families on the "Changes in Medi-Cal Benefits," on Sat., Oct. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fleming conference room, third floor, School of Education building. This presentation will be offered in English with Spanish interpretation available. Call to RSVP by Tues., Oct. 8.

Adult Resource and Re-Entry Program Workshops
- "52 Ways to Better Your Grades," Wed., Oct. 2, noon-1 p.m. in the USU's Pasadena Room. Designed to help students develop and enhance study skills and improve their grades. Includes a test-taking workshop.
- "Managing Your Stress and Anxiety," Wed., Oct. 9, noon-1 p.m. in the USU's Pasadena Room. Designed to provide students with helpful information on how to manage stress and anxiety.
- "APEX - Academic Performance Enhancement Experience," Wed., Oct. 9, 1-3 p.m. in University Counseling Service, building 14 of the UPA. This workshop will focus on study skills, test-taking, time management, motivation and overcoming obstacles and stress. Call to register.
- "Career Trends 2000," Mon., Oct. 16, noon-1 p.m. in the USU's Pasadena Room. This workshop features up-to-date information about "where the jobs are and will be."

Urban Studies 25th Anniversary
The Urban Studies 25th Anniversary Celebration will be held in the USU's Grand Salon on Sat., Oct., 19, 6:30-9: p.m., with keynote speaker Con Howe, Los Angeles City planning director. Dinner is $25, RSVP by Tues., Oct. 15.

Psychology Reunion
The first Psychology Department Reunion (originally scheduled for Nov. 3) has been changed to Sun., Oct. 20, 2-5 p.m. The reunion will take place at the home of psychology professor Dee Shepherd-Look. RSVP by Mon., Oct. 12, to Joyce Brotsky at x2827. Guests are welcome.

Fire Extinguisher Training Hands on fire extinguisher training will be conducted Tues., Oct. 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. The training, held by the Los Angeles City Fire Department, gives participants the opportunity to extinguish an actual fire. All interested faculty, staff and students should contact the Environmental Health and Safety Office.

Deadlines

Last Chance for Financial Aid
The last day for enrolled students to apply for a short-term loan in the Financial Aid Office or Student Financial Services is Tues., Oct. 8, at noon. All short-term loans must be repaid by Thurs., Oct. 31.

fmi - Josie Carbajal, x2373

Extension Credit Courses
The deadline to submit all proposed courses, workshops and seminars for Intersession and Spring, 1997, through the College of Extended Learning, is Fri., Oct. 11.

fmi - Julie Crippen, x3113

FIPSE Program Proposals
The U.S. Department of Education is inviting proposals for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Program. Proposals should address innovative reform projects to serve as models for the solution of problems in postsecondary education. The deadline to apply is Fri., Oct. 18.

fmi - Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2901

Fellowship Applications
Applications are now being accepted for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Separate competitions are conducted for Graduate Fellowships and Minority Graduate Fellowships. Fellowships will be awarded for study and research leading to a master's or doctoral degree. The deadline to apply is Thurs., Nov. 7.

fmi - Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2901

Proposals Invited for Ecological Restoration
The U.S. Department of Interior is inviting proposals relating to ecological restoration and information access. Deadline for submission is Fri., Nov. 1.

fmi - Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, x2901

Student Project Grants
The University Corporation's Student Projects Committee is accepting student proposals for funding of innovative unique and exploratory student projects. Guidelines and application forms are available in the University Corporation executive office, Matador Bookstore complex, second floor. The deadline for submission is Fri., Nov. 15 at 5 p.m.

fmi - Liz Kioussis, x2906

Assignments Abroad
CSU International Programs is interested in receiving applications from all segments of the faculty for the position of International Programs Resident Director. Application information may be obtained from Tom Spencer-Walters in the Pan African Studies Department, Faculty Office Building. The application deadline is Sun., Dec. 1, 1996.

fmi - x5832

Classes/Courses

Ceramics Classes
The USU's Ceramics Lab is offering classes in wheel-throwing and hand-building in clay. Small, non-credit classes offer individual instruction in forming, glazing and firing your own work. Both afternoon and evening classes will be held. A one-day Raku Workshop is also offered. Classes begin the week of Sept. 30. Faculty, staff and community members welcome. Call to enroll.

fmi - x2798
Northridge in the News

Rodolfo Acuna (Chicano Studies) was highlighted in the L.A. Times, September 11. Acuna, who won $326,000 in an age discrimination lawsuit against the University of California, said he will appeal a federal judge's decision to cut about 80 percent of the fees and expenses sought by his lawyer. At a news conference, Acuna repeated his charge that U.S. District Judge Audrey B. Collins' decision to reduce the fees and expenses for his lawyer was part of her "anti-Mexican bias," which he said was evident during the three-week trial in her courtroom.

Athletes at CSUN will no longer have to meet higher academic standards than the general student body to retain their eligibility. The Athletic Department's across-the-board 2.0 grade point average requirement has been abolished. The new required GPA is 1.6 following the first semester for freshmen; 1.85 at the start at the sophomore year and 2.0 thereafter. "We have determined that it is unfair to place a standard on athletes that we don't hold on our other students," Ron Kopita (Vice President) told the L.A. Times, September 11.

At a 40th anniversary party for CSUN's pioneering faculty, those still surviving were honored with a celebration at the University Club. They discussed how the university rebounded after the 1994 earthquake, shared 40-year-old stories they all knew by heart and reminisced about building a university from scratch. William Schlosser (Theatre, retired) told the L.A. Times, September 9: "There was the feeling that this was our place. There was great camaraderie and everybody wanted to make a go of this thing."

In another celebration of CSUN's 40th year, several original faculty members and students reenacted the raising of the American flag on the first day of classes in 1956. The L.A. Times quoted Ben Rude, the college's first student body president, in an article, September 12. "At that time, we never had to hunt for a parking space," Rude joked. "We had hundreds of acres of parking."
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Art

Two Contemporary Art Forms from Zimbabwe

Shona sculpture and Weya paintings
Curator: Delores Yonker, art professor emerita
Dates: Oct. 13-Nov. 16
opening reception, Sun., Oct. 13, 4-7 p.m.
Times: Mon. and Sat., noon-4 p.m.
Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Place: Art Dome (Music Lawn 236)

Intersecting Parallels: Lavaille Campbell and Lava Thomas

Two mixed media exhibitions explore themes of the body and of African-American women in American culture.
Dates: Oct. 13-Nov. 16
opening reception, Sun., Oct. 13, 4-7 p.m.
lectures by the artists, Mon., Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
Times: Mon. and Sat., noon-4 p.m.
Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Place: Art Dome (Music Lawn 236)

Student Exhibits

North Gallery: Halstead Houses 1102
Weekly changing exhibits
For information and hours, call (818) 677-2156

Athletics
(home games)

Men's Football:

Oct. 5, Portland State*, 6:05 p.m.
Youth Day
Oct. 19, Montana State*, 6:05 p.m.
Homecoming

Women's Volleyball

Sept. 26, Montana State*, 7 p.m.
Sept. 28, Montana*, 7 p.m.
Oct. 10, Idaho State*, 7 p.m.
Oct. 12, George Mason, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14, Bucknell, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22, Notre Dame, 7 p.m.
Oct. 31, Eastern Washington*, 7 p.m.

*Big Sky Conference game

Dance

Sheila Jean's Studio of Dance

Its fall recital, featuring tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop, and aerobatics by area dance students
Dates: Fri., Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $10 general, $8 students

The Best of Broadway, Song and Dance

Selections from some of Broadway's most popular and beloved musicals
Dates: Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., Oct. 19 and 20 at 2 and 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $15 general, $12 faculty/staff, $10 seniors/non-CSUN students, $8 CSUN students

Music

CSUN Symphony
Guest conductor: Radu Cinrei, music director
Orchestra Simfonica Constanza of Romania
Date: Sat., Oct. 5, at 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $6.50 general, $5 faculty/staff, $3.50 students/seniors

The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

Starring Valerie Perri, Raymond Saar, and Diane Ketche
Date: Sun., Oct. 6, at 3 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $20

CSUN Jazz "A" Band

Director: Matt Harris
Date: Thu., Oct. 10, at 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $6.50 general, $5 faculty/staff, $3.50 students/seniors

Opera Scenes

Performed by Music Department voice faculty and alumni
Date: Fri., Oct. 11, at 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Tickets: $6.50 general, $5 faculty/staff, $3.50 students/seniors

CSUN Wind Ensemble

Guest conductor: Joel Leach
Date: Fri., Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $6.50 general, $5 faculty/staff, $3.50 students/seniors

American Guitar Society Series

Featuring Timothy Walker, English classical guitarist
Date: Sat., Oct. 12, at 8 p.m.
Place: Recital Hall
Tickets: $10 general, $8 students

Theatre/Performance Art

Lysistrata

By Aristophanes. Directed by Peter Grego
Theatre Department production
The classic Greek comedy about a group of women who develop an ingenious scheme to keep their husbands from going to war.
Date: Thu., Sept. 26, at 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $9 general, $7 faculty/staff/seniors, $5 students
Times: 8 p.m. (except Wed. at 7 p.m., Sun. at 5 p.m.)

National Theatre of the Deaf

Curiouser and Curiouser
From the works of Lewis Carroll
Date: Sat., Oct. 12, at 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Tickets: $25 general, $20 faculty/staff/seniors, $12 non-CSUN students, $10 CSUN students

Will & Company's Faces of America

Performed by Fran deLeon
A one-person show based on the true, poignant stories of eight Americans of diverse ethnicities
**The Most Happy Fella**

Ny Frank Loesser. Directed by David Scott
Theatre Department production in collaboration with the Opera Program. The tuneful operatic musical ("Standing on the Corner," "My Heart Is So Full of You") about a middle-aged Napa Valley vineyard owner who falls in love with a San Francisco waitress and convinces her to visit him by sending her a photograph not of himself but of his handsome foreman.

**Dates:** Oct. 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27  
**Times:** 8 p.m. (except Sun. at 5 p.m.)  
**Place:** Campus Theater, Speech & Drama Building  
**Tickets:** $12 general, $10 faculty/staff, $9 seniors, $7 students with ID

**Kids Kollage Family Series**

"Blue Palm Startles Little red Hiding Hood, Easts Hansel & Gretel, and Dances with Sleeping Beauty"  
Take-offs on familiar fairy tales  
**Date:** Fri., Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.  
**Tickets:** $8 adults, $6 children

**Club O’Noodles**

A performing arts group of young Vietnamese Americans who take the audience on an humorous imagination-defying journey from Vietnam to America.

**Date:** Sat., Nov. 2  
**Times:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Performing Arts Center  
**Tickets:** $15 general, $6 students
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Campus Plans for Friendlier Future Once Quake Repairs Wind Down

Restoration Plans Include Vehicle-Free Zone, Circular Road, More Parking Structures

Even as the buildings still are being fixed, campus officials are considering proposals to make the Cal State Northridge of the future a friendlier place with a vehicle-free zone at its core, a convenient circular road for cars to travel the campus and several new parking structures.

Those are some of the early recommendations from a trio of consulting teams now studying how parking and circulation, landscaping and signage on the 353-acre campus should be restored and improved once the earthquake work winds down in the next several years.

The idea, CSUN officials said, is to combine those different segments as they are completed in the coming months into a master restoration plan that would remedy some of the campus’ historic problems. And campus officials said they hope the federal government will fund part of the work.

"During the current year, we're going to be working with all of the interested parties on campus," said Art Elbert, CSUN's vice president for administration and finance. "Hopefully within a year, we'll have an agreed upon final plan," he said.

Elbert said he likes the early recommendations, including the proposals for a vehicle-free zone in the center of the campus and designation of a circular road for vehicle traffic. "Over the next three to four years, most of the work should get done," he said, perhaps apart from the parking structures.

Thus far, the consultants working for the university have not prepared any comprehensive estimates of the cost of all the proposed work. But the plan is to seek funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which also has been funding most the campus' building repairs from the earthquake.

Historically, CSUN has had several fundamental problems, a poor and disjointed street system for vehicle traffic, a shortage of parking particularly on the main campus and main entrances that are hard for visitors to even find. Then the 1994 earthquake worsened those problems and created new ones.

Deborah Wylie, the campus' architect, estimated that two-thirds of the university now needs some restoration of its grounds in the wake of the quake and a newly started $24 million utilities system upgrade that has contractors digging trenches throughout the main campus.

The proposed circulation and parking plan, a nearly 100-page report by Santa Monica-based Kaku Associates, is perhaps the farthest along of the three initiatives. But its draft recommendations, despite being reviewed last spring by the Campus Planning Board, remain little-known.

James Goss, the university's new Faculty Senate president this year, said he had not heard any of the proposals. "I don't know anything about this," Goss said.

Robert Gohstand, a faculty representative on the planning board, said he considers the proposals "satisfactory" and doubted faculty members would have any major objections. "But the question is how does the campus at large feel about it. And the answer is we don't know," Gohstand said.
He suggested university officials this year present the recommendations to the Faculty Senate, its executive committee and to the Associated Students government, as well as perhaps holding some general open meetings on campus for people to learn about the proposals and offer suggestions.

In addition to the Kaku firm, the university has a team led by Pamela Burton and Co. of Santa Monica working on landscaping proposals and Culver City-based Sussman Prejza and Co. working on signage. Wylie said the latter firm did substantial work for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Under Kaku's proposal, the parking and circulation improvements would be developed in up to five phases tied to the campus' future enrollment growth. Perhaps the most striking change would be the creation of a proposed vehicle-free zone in the campus core that would even be off-limits to bicycles.

Under the proposal, that area would run from the Oviatt Library and Administration Building on the north to the Fine Arts and Matador Bookstore buildings on the south. The consultants' report said pedestrians at CSUN now "face a variety of hazards" as they cross busy streets and dodge vehicles.

"Currently, there is no clear allocation of space on campus for pedestrian, bicycle or automobile use," the report said. "These three uses are inter-mixed throughout the campus and this situation creates numerous potential conflict areas."

The proposed circular road would be two-way route with a central left-turn lane. Relying mostly on existing routes, the ultimate plan shows it running on Darby Avenue on the west, Lindley Avenue and campus roads to the east, Halsted Street to the north and the frontage parking along Nordhoff Street to the south.

Finally, the report calls for the construction of three scattered new parking structures in existing parking areas known as Lot B south of Prairie Street along Darby, Lot C along Zelzah Avenue north of Prairie, and Lot K south of Halsted Street and west of Lindley.

Amid the tumult caused by the quake and its aftermath, the campus' supply of parking spaces only declined by about 1,000 to 10,646. But nearly 3,400 of those are temporary and little used ones on the North Campus. Thus, campus users are taking up nearly 1,300 neighborhood on-street spaces.

Although more expensive, the report said campus participants involved in the study felt any significant increase in parking to meet future enrollment growth should come through parking structures to avoid using up too much of the campus' surface area.

John Chandler
Final Fall Enrollment Tally Shows Strong 8.7 Percent Gain

Increase Exceeds CSUN's Own Projections and is Largest in 21 Years

Exceeding even the university's own projections, this fall's enrollment at Cal State Northridge continued growing to a final tally of 27,189 students, an 8.7 percent increase that was the campus' strongest fall opening in 21 years.

The rebound was so substantial that campus officials said they had to dip into funding normally reserved for the spring semester to meet the current demand for classes. The official census, taken in the third week of September, exceeded the campus' own projections by nearly 700 students.

"We're very happy," said CSUN Provost Louanne Kennedy. "I think this is the result of a really strong, successful joint venture among people on campus. We're pretty excited. This is a good moment for everybody."

Lorraine Newlon, the university's director of articulation, admissions and records, said CSUN's percentage increase in enrollment this fall may be the largest in the 23-campus Cal State system. But CSU officials will not produce the official system-wide tally until later in the semester.

CSUN officials attributed the strong rebound, as they have before, to a combination of growing numbers of college-age students in the population--the so-called baby boom echo--and the university's own substantially increased efforts to recruit new students and keep existing ones.

The campus' 8.7 percent enrollment jump this fall was the largest to open a school year since a 10 percent increase in fall, 1975. And the campus gained 2,174 students this fall over last year's 25,015 tally, marking the second consecutive year of surging enrollments.

Earlier in the semester, CSUN officials had been predicting the campus would reach a final fall enrollment of about 26,500 or about a 6 percent increase. But enrollments continued growing through the early weeks of the semester, ultimately surpassing even the university's own projections.

This fall's final 27,179-student tally brings enrollment virtually back to its level just before the January, 1994 Northridge earthquake rocked the campus. The fall 1993 final tally was 27,282 students. "This reinforces our recovery and exceeds even our most optimistic expectations," Newlon said.

At CSUN's Ventura campus, officials released a tally that said their enrollment had climbed 14 percent this fall to about 1,600 students compared to about 1,400 last year. The Ventura campus enrollments are generally included in CSUN's university-wide totals, although often not separately reported.

The growth also was broad-based, surfacing in most segments of the student population and even among different academic disciplines. All eight of the university's regular colleges posted increases in full-time equivalent students, according to data released by the provost's office.

Three of the colleges tied for the strongest showing, each with gains of about 12 percent over last fall. Those were the colleges of Arts, Media, and Communications; Health and Human Development; and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Education was next with a 10 percent gain, followed by Science and Mathematics at 8 percent, Business Administration and
Economics at 5 percent, Humanities at 3 percent, and Engineering and Computer Science at 2 percent.

By different student segments, Newlon said one of the largest increases came among first-time graduate students, up 34 percent to 1,498. Newlon said that may be the result of more students enrolling to seek teaching credentials as a result of a state program this year to promote smaller elementary class sizes.

Close behind was the class of first-time freshmen, up 26.5 percent to 2,705 students, meeting the campus' own goal of having that group account for about 10 percent of total enrollment. First-time transfer students from community colleges also grew by a healthy 12.7 percent to 3,540 students.

Newlon said the campus achieved the rebound by sticking to the Cal State system's standard admissions criteria that involves a sliding scale of students' high school grade point averages and test scores. But CSUN also reduced its number of special admit students this fall not meeting those standards.

In terms of demographics, CSUN's student population is now 60 percent full-time versus 40 percent part-time students. And women students extended their edge of their male counterparts, now dominating by a 57.5 percent to 42.5 percent margin.

The number of course sections offered by the university also has grown steadily, rising from 6,946 in 1994, to 7,048 last year, to a projected 7,183 sections this year, said Spero Bowman, the university's director of academic resources.

John Chandler
AS Affirmative Action Debate Draws Protesters, Police Clashes

Officials Attribute Much of the Disturbance to Off-Campus Groups as CSUN Makes National News

In a day that marked the beginning of a bitter pre-election campaign over affirmative action in California, former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke and civil rights activist Joe Hicks squared off in a debate as protesters clashed with police at Cal State Northridge.

While hundreds marched and chanted outside, an audience of 650 mostly CSUN students listened quietly to the debaters for two hours in the Northridge Center of the University Student Union. Another 480 students watched via satellite television in the USU's Performing Arts Center.

But at least 100 Los Angeles and California State police officers in full riot gear, on motorcycles and on horseback ended up converging Wednesday, Sept. 25, to disperse the protesters against Duke, many from off-campus who became more unruly as the day wore on.

Some hurled rocks and bottles at police, and police fired foam rubber bullets into the crowd. In the end, six people were arrested on varying charges, police said. One was taken away by ambulance. Five of those arrested were from off-campus, authorities said.

The largest and most vocal group of protesters was from the Berkeley-based Coalition to Retain Affirmative Action by Any Means Necessary, which opposes Proposition 209. The controversial November state ballot measure would end state and local hiring, contracting and education programs that favor women and minorities.

As the Associated Students leaders who planned the debate said they wanted it, Duke and Hicks clearly represented vastly disparate views on affirmative action. The event also produced demands that AS President Vladimir Cerna, who organized it, resign or face a student recall.

Duke, founder of the National Assn. for the Advancement of White People, has been an outspoken opponent of affirmative action for the past 20 years, arguing it discriminates against whites.

Hicks, executive director of the Multicultural Collaborative of Los Angeles, which works to calm inter-ethnic tensions, has favored continuing affirmative action policies to give equal opportunities to women and minorities.

"Affirmative action does discriminate," Duke said during the debate. "It discriminates against white people in jobs, promotions, college admissions, loan programs and scholarship programs in the United States of America.

"It discriminates because it takes people who are less qualified who come from minority groups and gives them favored treatment over better qualified white people. It is not about equal opportunity. It is not about equal rights," he said.

Prop. 209 would outlaw racial discrimination against white people in this country, which, Duke said, was founded by "white Europeans. We should not be second-class citizens in our own country."

Affirmative action, Hicks responded, is a way to counter outright exclusion of women and minorities from employment, promotions and other areas and it should be continued. "It is not about quotas," he said. "It is not about hiring unqualified people."
White supremacists, Hicks said, attack affirmative action programs because they result in whites no longer having preferential access to jobs and government contracts. Many Americans who favor ending affirmative action are in denial, Hicks said, that "racial discrimination is still a fact of life for all too many Americans."

Since the announcement five weeks ago that Duke would participate in the debate, Cal State Northridge had been regularly thrust into the national spotlight and Wednesday's ultimate debate produced continued national news coverage of the police clashes.

Just days before the event, Prop. 209 supporters went to court to try to block the debate. The conservative Individual Rights Foundation argued the payment of $4,000 each in student fees to Duke and Hicks constituted an improper use of government funds and an attempt by opponents of the measure to sabotage it by linking it with an avowed racist.

Ward Connerly, chairman of the pro-Prop. 209 campaign, and Gov. Pete Wilson, among others, had asked the students to rescind their invitation to Duke. But twice last week, Van Nuys Superior Court judges refused to grant the restraining order sought by the foundation.

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CSUN Asks Main Quake Recovery Contractor for Leadership Change

In another change in earthquake recovery leadership, Cal State Northridge has asked the contractor responsible for managing the estimated $300 million campaign to replace its two top campus executives with a new leader in a bid to hasten the pace of the work.

Frederick Gans and Mark Fetah, the CSUN project director and deputy project director for the firm Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, officially left those posts Friday, Sept. 27, a company spokesman said. CSUN officials have been talking to potential DMJM replacements and expect to name one soon.

CSUN Vice President for Administration and Finance Art Elbert announced the change at a Sept. 17 meeting of the Campus Planning Board, saying the university wants to speed up the pace of the recovery and had concerns about DMJM's top campus leadership team.

"We just don't feel like the coordination of the daily work has been what we want it to be," Elbert told the panel of faculty, staff and student representatives. "I think this will help us get things moving much faster," Elbert added.

DMJM, a prominent national company specializing in architecture, engineering, construction and facilities management, since last year has been helping the university manage its recovery from the 1994 Northridge earthquake under a three-year, $14.8 million contract, officials said.

Despite the leadership change, Elbert emphasized his satisfaction with the work of DMJM's other staff on campus, especially that of the Campus Reconstruction Support Office team led by Randall Duncan. Elbert also said he was expanding Duncan's duties in the overall recovery effort.

In recent weeks, while Gans and Fetah were easing out of their campus duties, DMJM assigned Clyde Garrison, one of its corporate officers and principals, to oversee the transition. In an interview, Garrison said he will stay until the transition is complete and the university is satisfied.

Garrison, who said DMJM has about 35 people working on campus, attributed CSUN's request in large part to the university's own recent turnover in top officials involved in the recovery and their desire to have DMJM take a more hands-on management role.

Over the past 15 months, Elbert arrived as a new vice president and several CSUN administrators who had played key recovery roles--Bill and Jane Chatham and Steven Lohr--left for jobs elsewhere. Also last year, DMJM took over from Law/Crandall Inc., the university's original recovery management firm.

"The focus has changed. They would like us to take a more active role than we were allowed in the past," Garrison said, explaining the change. He also conceded, however, that DMJM's leaders on campus probably could have done better at setting priorities and coordinating with their CSUN counterparts.

Elbert, meanwhile, said he has asked DMJM for a new manager who will have more experience in expediting the construction of new buildings. Because of the quake, the university now is preparing to build a new computer center, a new administration building and replace at least part of the Fine Arts building.

Gans and Fetah, who had been in charge since DMJM began work on campus, are being reassigned to the company's Los Angeles office.
Angeles office. "I felt like we needed a fresh start with a new leader," said Elbert, who was hired by President Blenda J. Wilson in part to spearhead the campus' earthquake recovery.
Preparations Launched for Upcoming Library Wings Repair Project

Contractor Stripping Inside of Buildings to Allow Pre-Repair Inspections

Ending a long silence, workers have begun preparing the still-closed wings of Cal State Northridge's Oviatt Library for an upcoming multi-million dollar repair job that campus officials now have decided will include a $1 million facelift.

A contractor hired by the university, Interior Demolition, started an estimated two-month project on Monday, Sept. 16, to tear out ceiling panels, drywall and other fixtures to enable inspectors to check for any possible hidden problems before a final repair contract is awarded.

Susan Curzon, CSUN vice provost and dean of the university library, said the repair contract for the wings should be awarded this spring with completion set for a year later in spring 1998. That work is expected to cost between $5 million and $10 million, officials said.

Included in the contract, Curzon said, will be $1 million in non-earthquake improvements including a new 200-space computer lab and more study rooms. The campus expects to fund those under a special federal program that allows moneys allocated for various demolished structures to be put to other uses.

"I'm very excited about this. Truly this library is the jewel in the crown of the campus," Curzon said. "We've put a great deal of upfront time into the library wings design. We're trying to avoid change orders at the end. Because this is our one chance, we wanted to get it right."

The four-story library wings, two steel frame structures opened in 1991 for $18 million, have remained closed since suffering extensive structural damage in the January 1994 earthquake. The original 1973 Oviatt Library that they bookend reopened after repairs for lesser damage in August 1994.

Carlene Kouri, the library's facility manager, said the goal of the current $282,000 work "is to make sure before they do the final contract that they've covered everything that's wrong with the building. It's basically doing a thorough inspection before we get to the contract."

Curzon said the current preparation work is the first actual construction activity in the library wings in a long while. The current workers began on the fourth floor of the west wing and will move down through that building floor-by-floor before starting the same process in the east wing.

Curzon acknowledged the process of repairing the wings is taking a long time, including months of discussion among engineers just about finding the best approach to remedying structural damage unlike that found after the quake, even in other similar buildings with so-called braced-frame design.

But she said the time has been necessary. "It was a badly damaged campus and a badly damaged facility. And it was going to take the time it's going to take. It's a complicated restoration process," she said. But Curzon added, "You can quote me. It's worth every penny."

In the ultimate repair contract, engineers plan to install a continuous ring of steel bracing inside each wing's fourth floor walls to limit the ability of earthquake forces to damage foundation connections. Those connections, severely damaged in the 1994 quake, also will be repaired and reinforced.
And with the $1 million facelift, Curzon said the wings also will get a special collections exhibit space about twice its current size and an improved area for disabled students in the west wing, and a merged periodicals and microfilm area in the east wing. Total library seating will be restored to 3,400.

"The reason we're making these changes is very much user driven," said Curzon, adding that the library still handles 5,000 to 6,000 patrons daily and once recorded nearly 10,000. "We're making our best projections of the needs of the library of the future."

John Chandler
Campus Names Two New Managers to Oversee Major Projects

One Will Shepherd North Campus Project, the Other Oversee Construction

Filling two key posts, Cal State Northridge has hired new managers to oversee its planned $22 million retail project on the North Campus and the many millions more of earthquake recovery and other construction on the main campus in coming years.

Last week, Frank Wein, a CSUN graduate, 21-year veteran urban planner and part-time University of Southern California instructor, began work as the university's lead official on the North Campus project. The 225,000-square foot upscale shopping center is being proposed by private developers.

This week, Colin Donahue, a private sector construction manager and Cal Poly Pomona graduate, begins work as CSUN's new manager of construction services, charged with overseeing the current $24 million campus utilities upgrade and other major new university construction projects.

Both appointments were announced by CSUN Vice President for Administration and Finance Art Elbert, and both men will report to Elbert. "There are a lot of new faces around campus. There probably will be more as the year progresses," Elbert said.

For the North Campus project, Wein will fill the role left vacant by the departure earlier this month of Director of Facilities Planning Steven Lohr. Elbert said Wein will be working as a university consultant on a half-time basis, with funding coming from North Campus revenues.

"He will be going to the community meetings. He will be the university's representative to the project's tenants, and he will be working with the developers," said Elbert. Wein also will oversee the environmental impact report now being prepared for the project, proposed to open in 1998.

Wein until recently had been a member of the citizens committee named by Los Angeles City Councilman Hal Bernson to review the North Campus project. Technically, CSUN hired Wein in his continuing role as director of the Pasadena office of Harland Bartholomew and Associates, an urban planning firm.

Wein, a Porter Ranch resident, pledged to seek consensus with residents and business owners surrounding the campus, including some who have voiced concerns about the retail project. He also vowed to try to strengthen and emphasize the educational partnerships the project could produce.

"I do feel there's a middle ground, a consensus that can be reached between the university and the community," Wein said. That would not necessarily involve major changes to the project, he said, but rather efforts to help residents better understand the project and its potential educational opportunities.

Wein said Harland Bartholomew, a subsidiary of the Parsons Corp., is the oldest urban planning firm in the country. Wein has worked for Parsons since 1990, taught urban planning at USC since 1989 and previously worked as a planner for several private firms and public agencies.

Donahue, who was hired into a regular $75,000-a-year CSUN post, will take on duties similar to those handled by Ed Dill, a university engineer who retired. Those will include monitoring the army of contractors, engineers and architects working on many millions of dollars of upcoming campus projects.
Elbert said Donahue will begin with the utilities project that now has construction activity spread across the campus. And he will then tackle upcoming projects to replace earthquake-damaged campus facilities such as the South Library and at least part of the Fine Arts building with new facilities.

Part of Donahue's mission, Elbert said, will be to prevent problems such as those that occurred recently when utility project contractors cut into campus underground water and electrical lines, causing outages. "Probably my number one goal is to ensure we do a better job of communicating" with contractors, Donahue said.

Donahue had been a project manager with the Glendale office of Rudolph and Sletten Inc., a large general contracting firm, overseeing multi-million dollar entertainment industry projects in the San Fernando Valley. He previously worked as a construction administrator for a major architecture firm.

Asked how members of the CSUN community can judge whether he is successful in his new job, Donahue said, "The projects will get done on budget. The timetables for completing projects will be met. And there will be minimal interference to the campus. That's my goal."
Planning Board Approves New Free Speech Area

Open Forum Site to be Established on Trial Basis in Sierra Quad

The Cal State Northridge Campus Planning Board has approved the creation of a new "open forum" area in the Sierra Quad near the Faculty Office Building for university community members to vent their views.

At its Sept. 17 meeting, the board unanimously agreed to permit the forum area on a trial basis. But the board also asked to consider the matter again in the spring before giving the area a permanent designation.

"There shouldn't be any problems," said Tom Piernik, director of student development and international programs. "The area is intended to be a place where anyone, students, faculty staff or the community, can speak without being encumbered by bureaucracy or any kind of reservation."

Piernik said university officials decided to move the campus' free speech area, which has had several locations over the years including near the bookstore, after students complained that site was out of the traffic flow and involved to many restrictions.

The new "open forum" area will be in the southern most quadrant of the Sierra Quad, east of Sierra Hall and north of the South Library and Faculty Office Building.

Unlike the old area, which required reservations and could only be used between noon to 2 p.m., the new area will be available 24 hours-a-day on a first-come, first-served basis.

The new area will be limited to public speaking. No sporting or music events will be allowed, nor will electronic amplification be permitted.

"We wanted to make this as accessible and as easy to use as possible," Piernik said. "The idea was to encourage free speech, not restrict it."

Piernik said the site will be called the "open forum" area, not the "free speech" area, because university officials and students did not want to give the impression that free speech was discouraged elsewhere on campus.

The new area will be available within the next few weeks. A formal inauguration set for Oct. 23 is being organized by Project Community.

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Central Plant Construction Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 26 to Friday, Oct. 4, 1996

1. West of Lindley field and northwest of Engineering: trenching to install new fire water piping.

2. Etiwanda at Vincennes and on concrete walk south of the Education building to the Exchange: major trenching to install underground hot and chilled water mechanical piping for Central Plant distribution.

3. In mechanical rooms located in the Oviatt, Engineering and Student Health Center: contractor will be installing mechanical piping for future distribution. This work does not anticipate any shut downs. When shut downs are required, notice will be given to appropriate departments.

4. Northeast of Engineering, southwest of P E, west of the Student Health Center and east of the Bookstore: contractor will be trenching and installing underground lateral piping to connect these buildings to the Central Plant loop.

5. North of Science 4 and south of the Sierra Quad: contractor will be trenching and installing network communications duct work.

6. Along most of Lindley and along the east one-half of the concrete walk south of the Bookstore: contractor will be testing new underground piping.


8. Final ring of chilled water tank will be installed this week.

For recorded information about construction work on this project, call (818) 677-5978. To leave a message or ask questions about the construction, call (818) 677-5979 and leave a voice, fax or e-mail address for return information.
Staff and Student Achievements

**Staff:**

Ron Norton (Environmental Health and Safety) gave a presentation, "Lessons Learned from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake," at the Pan Pacific Hazards Conference in Vancouver.


**Students:**

Anita Cal (Radio, Television, Film) received a $2,500 scholarship from the group Women in Film. Garry Marshall, the producer of movies such as "Pretty Woman" and "Beaches," was honored by Women in Film. Marshall selected Northridge as the university recipient. Cal, chosen by the RTVF faculty, wrote and co-produced a comedy scheduled for production by the cable network Showtime.

The KCSN radio station news department won first place in the Society of Professional Journalists' 1995 Mark of Excellence Competition in the radio newscast category.

Michael Gross and Kirk Jones (Electrical and Computer Engineering) won third place in a national competition sponsored by the Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers. Their paper was titled "Modeling of Ideal and Real Thyristors in a Single Phase Rectifier to Compare Their Effect From the Power Quality Point of View." Their advisor was Bruno Osorno.