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Proposition 55-funded equipment and furniture, like that shown in this rendering, will help complete Engineering Building renovations.

**Proposition 55 Funds New Science Building for Campus**

**Measure Also Will Provide Research Equipment to Complete Engineering Building Renovation**

California voters' approval this month of Proposition 55 has paved the way for construction of a science building to replace the university's 43-year-old Science 1 Complex.

Proposition 55, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004, also provides funding for equipment to complete Northridge's Engineering Building renovation project. Teaching, research, testing and communications equipment will be purchased for the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the College of Health and Human Development, along with computers and furniture.

The design process for the new 115,000-square foot science structure should begin before January 1, 2005, said Bill Fairchild, manager of capital projects for Northridge's Facilities Planning, Design and Construction office. Designs should be complete by June 2006, with the start of construction expected to follow in fall 2006.

Approximately 60 faculty offices are planned for the new building, enough to house nearly 120 full-time College of Science and Mathematics faculty under one roof for the first time in campus history.
None of the college's mathematics professors have offices or classrooms in the current Science 1 building. Instead, they are located in the Faculty Office Building, Jerome Richfield Hall, the Student Services Building and other sites on campus.

Among other features, the three-story facility will have eight lecture rooms, a new vivarium for the Biology Department and 27,000 square feet of research and instructional laboratory space, including nine planned teaching laboratories.

Fairchild said crews could begin removing the aging 80,000-square foot Science 1 building, located between the Sierra Quad and East University Drive/Lindley Avenue, over the 2006/07 winter break. Conservative estimates slate November 2008 for completion of construction.

Facilities Planning already has begun drafting a long list of architects for possible consideration, Fairchild said. The architect selection process may even start this semester, he added.

"The new structure will have a larger footprint than the existing building," said Fairchild, "representing a significant increase in space for instruction and research in science and mathematics."
Campus to Study 'Learning Centered University' Concept

William Plater, Expert on Student-Focused Education, Will Speak at Northridge on March 19

Cal State Northridge will formally launch its exploration of the "learning centered university" this month with an address by William Plater, a nationally known expert on the concept.

Plater, executive vice chancellor and dean of the faculties of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (left), will speak from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, March 19, in the Music Department's recital hall, Music Building 158.

Faculty, students and staff are invited to attend the lecture, which is expected to provide the university community with new insights into a concept described as a national shift from teaching to learning as the focus of higher education.

"In learning centered universities like Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis," said Plater, "students come first. We are interested in students more than as social beings; we are committed to their actual learning of things that can be demonstrated as a result of their having been at our institutions."

CSUN President Jolene Koester said the development of clear goals in that area will be critical to planning Cal State Northridge's future. Koester encouraged the campus community to seek additional background about the learning centered university concept at www.csun.edu/academic_affairs/learning-centered_university/.

In her August 2003 convocation address to the campus, the president said the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)--the body that accredits Northridge and other higher education institutions in the western United States--has directed institutions to become learning centered.

Cal State Northridge in 2007 will submit to WASC the first part of its next re-accreditation: a self-study demonstrating that it is a learning centered institution.
Within its academic departments, Northridge has begun setting goals and objectives in response to the WASC directive, Koester said. She noted that changes already have been made to the program review process, making student learning outcomes more central to departmental missions.

Koester, Interim Provost Linda Bain and Vice President for Student Affairs Terry Piper will hold informal campus dialogue sessions on the issue throughout the spring semester, prior to a more formal planning period in 2004/05.

Plater, who teaches contemporary American literature, was dean of IUPUI's School of Liberal Arts prior to serving as dean of the faculties. He was associate director of the School of Humanities at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1977 to 1983.
Northridge Stages 'Lost in the Bush' in Hollywood

Yoruba Culture and Conflict Dramatized in Work's March 19 Premiere Performance

Yoruba art, dance, song and culture take the stage in "Lost in the Bush," playwright Ali Kiani's story of conflict and survival against the backdrop of slave trade invasions in 18th Century West Africa. The work, performed by Northridge students, will have its world premiere at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 19, at the Ivar Theatre, 1605 North Ivar Avenue, Hollywood.

Two additional performances are planned for 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21.

An interdisciplinary project involving the Cal State Northridge Theatre, Music and Pan African Studies Departments, the play is directed by theatre professor Doug Kaback. Music and dramaturgy are supervised by music professor Ric Alviso and Pan African Studies professor Nkeonye Nwankwo.

Northridge students will perform all the roles in "Lost in the Bush," which presents the agonizing choices a Yoruba king must make when his homeland is threatened by white slave traders. Oba, the king, is under pressure from his son and generals to form an alliance with the traders launching pre-emptive raids on neighboring kingdoms as a way to shore up the security of their homeland in Yorubaland (present-day Nigeria).

Ritual dances, drumming sequences and musical chants were prepared for the production under the supervision of Yoruba priest Ayo Adeyemi.

"Theatre can lead the way toward building inter-cultural dialogue," said Kaback, who has created theatre with communities such as recently arrived Latino immigrants, the deaf and hard of hearing, religious and secular Jews, the Korean-American community, gangs and others. "We can share in the telling of other cultures' tales and realize the universality of human experience."
Kaback, who has directed at the Old Globe, Cornerstone and Odyssey Theatres, adapted for the stage Northridge's 2003 production of "Shim Ch'ong: A Korean Folk Tale" at the Getty Center and the National Theatre in Seoul, South Korea.

The premiere performance of "Lost in the Bush" will benefit the African Community Resource Center, a nonprofit agency that shelters abused women and children, provides employment referrals and youth arts programs, and serves as a nexus for diverse African community groups.

Tickets for the March 19 performance and reception are $50, and general admission is $25. Saturday and Sunday evening tickets are $15. For tickets and information, call the Associated Students ticket office at (818) 677-2488, or Ticketmaster at (213) 480-3232.
News Briefs

Conchita Battle Appointed to State Library Board

Speaker of the Assembly Herb Wesson has appointed Conchita Battle, director of Cal State Northridge's Advising Resource Center/EOP, to the Library of California Board.

Battle will join eight others on the board, which determines policy for and authorizes the allocation of funds from programs under the Library of California Act and the California Library Services Act.

During her four-year term, Battle and fellow board members will collect and disseminate information, serve as the central reference and research library for state government and the Legislature, and provide advice and technical assistance to California's public libraries.

The board also will direct state and federal funds in support of local public libraries and statewide library programs, and will develop automation systems to improve resource sharing and access to information.

ITR Activates Filters to Fend Off E-Mail Spam

Information Technology Resources (ITR) is taking steps to slice some of the spam out of campus life.

In late February, ITR put in place anti-spam filtering and tagging procedures that so far have processed nearly 1.2 million messages received by the campus community, blocked 62 percent of them and tagged the remaining 16.35 percent as possible spam messages.

The campus' anti-spam system drops all e-mail messages from sites listed on three "conservative black lists" that identify spam offenders who repeat their intrusions over and over again. The system also rejects e-mail messages with headers that appear to be forged, and tags e-mail messages that could be spam.

But ITR cannot rid the e-mail environment of spam all by itself, said chief technology officer Steven Fitzgerald. Because of possible false positives—that is, messages that trigger a "spam alert" but are in fact
legitimate e-mail. Campus users need to create personal filters to eliminate e-mail that they consider spam.

"We provide the tools for users," said Fitzgerald, "but they need to get involved." Users can go to Webmail and set filters that will customize the system for their individual purposes, he said. The filters will work to eliminate the spam before it is delivered to one's office or home computer, he said.

Users can set the filters to specify how tagged messages should be handled, Fitzgerald said, deciding for themselves whether a message should be deleted or moved into a special folder.

If help is needed in setting the filters, users should contact the information technology support for their division, or the University Help Desk at (818) 677-1400.

Construction starts this month on a new 2,063-space parking structure, depicted above, in Parking Lot B3 just south of University Hall. The five-level structure will open by fall 2005. Lot B3 is closed for the 18-month construction period.
FYI

For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items generally is noon on Monday, one week before the issue appears.

The deadline for the March 29 issue is Monday, March 22. We 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. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi—means for more information.

Events

Wednesday, March 17

Nutrition Lecture

The Marilyn Magaram Center for Food Science, Nutrition and Dietetics presents a nutrition lecture by Cheryl Forberg titled "Anti-aging Edibles—Wrinkle Cures in the Cupboard" from 1Ð2 p.m. in Sequoia Hall, room 112. fmi—x3102.

Wednesday, March 24

Philosophy Lecture

The Philosophy Department hosts a public lecture titled "Emotions in Phenomenology and Existentialism" at 4 p.m. in Sierra Hall, room 120. The guest speaker is Robert Solomon, philosophy professor at the University of Texas, Austin. fmi—x2757, or www.csun.edu/~philos33.

Thursday, April 8

Professors Golf Association Tournament

The CSUN Professors Golf Association (CSUN-PGA) sponsors a golf tournament for CSUN faculty and staff at 11 a.m. at El Cariso Golf Course as part of a six tournament series. El Cariso is an executive size (par 62) course located...
Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 1:15–5 p.m. Wed., March 17 and 24
University Hall 277

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., March 17
University Hall 211

Educational Equity Committee
Meets 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mon., March 22
University Hall 211

University Student Union Board Meeting
Meets 1 p.m. Mon., March 22
USU Grand Salon

North Campus-University Park Development Corporation
Meets 9 a.m. Mon., March 29
University Hall 250

Senate Executive Committee
Meets 1–5 p.m. Thu., April 1
University Hall 277

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Fri., April 2
University Hall 211

University Planning and Budget Group
Meets 1–3 p.m. Tue., April 13
University Hall 277

Notices
Catastrophic Leave Donations

Carol Hallenbeck (Office of Human Resources) is currently out on medical leave and is unable to return to work at this time. Hallenbeck's leave credits are nearly exhausted. She is requesting catastrophic leave donations on her behalf. The catastrophic leave donation form may be accessed at www-admin.csun.edu/hrs/forms/pledge.pdf. To make a donation of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward completed forms to Renee Venezia, manager, Payroll Administration, mail code 8228.

Graduating Seniors Award

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs will present four students with the 2004 Outstanding Graduating Seniors Award for academic excellence, service to community and campus, exceptional achievements or for overcoming personal life circumstances. Applications for the $1,000 awards are due Friday, April 2. Awards will be presented at the Honors Convocation on Tuesday, June 1. Applications are available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, University Hall, suite 310. fmiDGx2391.

CELT Seeks Manuscripts

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) seeks faculty manuscripts for possible publication in the CELT fall 2004 newsletter. Faculty using problem-based learning, case teaching, inquiry learning, role playing, service-learning, reenactments, mock trials, and/or economic mini-societies are encouraged to submit work. Faculty working with Teachers for a New Era or ITEP also are invited to submit narratives concerning their experiences. All submissions are due by Tue., June 1, and should be sent as electronic Word attachments to kelly.kroeker@csun.edu, fmiDKelly Kroeker, x6536, or www.csun.edu/~celtact.

Suicide/Depression Prevention Presentations

The Cal State Northridge Counseling Services' Student Suicide/Depression Prevention Speakers Bureau is offering 25D60 minute presentations to classes. fmiDMarshall Bloom or Tamara Klumpe, x2366.

Legal Foundation Scholarships

Applications for the 2004 Valley Community Legal Foundation Scholarships are now available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, University Hall, suite 310. This year, the foundation will award $4,000 in scholarships to Cal State Northridge graduating seniors who plan to start law school in fall 2004. Up to four scholarships will be presented at the foundation's annual Law Day dinner. Applications are due by Fri., March 19. fmiDx2391.

Project SHINE Seeks Volunteers

Cal State Northridge's Center for Community Service-Learning has been awarded a grant to implement Project SHINE (Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders). The project partners faculty with college students who work with older immigrants and refugees seeking to learn English and become American citizens. The project is inviting faculty to become "Faculty Partners" by aligning one or more of their class projects with this initiative, and mentoring students they select to participate as tutor/coaches. Partnership grants of $500 per semester are available. fmiDCenter for Community Service-Learning, x7395, or get applications at www.csun.edu/~ocls99/fundingopps.htm.

Oviatt Library Database Addition

The Research Institute of America's (RIA) Checkpoint database has been added to the Oviatt Library's business resources. The database contains the full text of United States tax law and code, IRS rulings and releases, tax news
sources and international tax treaties. It is available at >
http://library.csun.edu/databases.html.

The library also has launched a "Noise Free" initiative within the library building and encourages everyone to maintain an environment conducive to thought, study and research.

**2004-2005 California Pre-Doctoral Program**

The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the pool of potential faculty by supporting California State University students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. Applicants must be upper division or master's degree students enrolled at a CSU institution as of spring 2003, and who will be enrolled at a CSU campus for at least one semester of the academic year 2004/05. Obtain an application at www.calstate.edu/predoc/.

The deadline for submission is Tue., March 30. fmi—Hedy Carpenter, x2138.

**Italian Program Scholarships**

As a longtime friend of the Italian Program at Cal State Northridge, philanthropist Robert Barbera in spring 2004 will award a one-time prize of $2,200 to a graduate or undergraduate student who has distinguished himself or herself in the study of Italian language and culture. Applicants must have declared an Italian minor, completed a minimum of four courses in Italian, and maintained grade point averages of 3.0 overall and 3.5 in completed Italian courses.

Applications are available in Sierra Tower 405/408. fmi—Pat Miller, x3467 or Anthony Costantini, x3580.

**Campus Health Services Policy**

The new campus health services policy is accessible at www-admn.csun.edu/vp/new_directory/900_univ_oversight/index.htm.

**Classes**

**SOLAR Training Labs**

Information Technology Resources (ITR) offers the next Student On-Line Administrative Resources (SOLAR) training labs. All sessions are in the Oviatt Library's Garden Level, room 33, unless otherwise noted. The lab sessions are as follows:

- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Wed., March 17, Garden Level, room 30
- 3:45 p.m. Fri., March 19
- 9–10:30 a.m. Wed., March 24
- 3:30–5 p.m. Thu., March 25
- 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Tue., March 30

fmi—Tina Actis-Purtee, x2204, or t.purtee@csun.edu.

**Online Instruction Workshops**

The Offices of Undergraduate Studies and Online Instruction are sponsoring faculty computer workshops to facilitate online teaching and learning. Registration is required and space is limited. All workshops are in the Sierra Hall, Faculty Lab 422. Sign up at www.csun.edu/~webteach/workshops.html. The workshops are as follows:
Story Posting Board
2Ð3 p.m. Thu., March 18

• Flashlight
2Ð3 p.m. Mon., March 22

• WebCT Quizzes and Grading
2Ð3 p.m. Tue., March 23

• WebCT Content and Files
2Ð3 p.m. Tue., March 30

fmiÐCathy Cheal, x6558, or catheryn.cheal@csun.edu.

Deadlines

Human Subjects Research Approval

Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline: Tue., March 30. Protocol submission forms in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or downloaded from www.csun.edu/research.

fmiÐx2901.
The Associated Students Ticket Office is in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, excepted for some held by outside groups. The ticket office is open from 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. Mon.-Fri.. For prices not given, call (818) 677-3093, or x2488.

Art and Exhibits

For more info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat. 12Ð4 p.m. Admission is free unless specified.

Bianchi Planetarium

"Winter Sky Tour" and "Spring Sky Show" 
Fri., March 19, 6 p.m.  
"Spring Sky Tour" and "Is There Water and Is There Life on Europa?" 
Fri., March 26, 6 p.m. For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium.

Athletics (home games)

Men's Baseball

3/17 Minnesota 2 p.m.  
3/19 New Mexico State 2 p.m.  
3/20 New Mexico State 1 p.m.  
3/21 New Mexico State 1 p.m.

Women's Softball

3/24 Washington 2 p.m.  
3/28 San Jose State noon  
3/28 San Jose State 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis
3/17 Columbia 2 p.m.
3/18 New Hampshire 2 p.m.
3/26 Long Beach State 2 p.m.

Track & Field

3/17 Northridge Relays 9 a.m.
3/17 Northridge Relays 9 a.m.
3/19 Northridge Relays 9 a.m.
3/20 Northridge Relays 9 a.m.

Men's Volleyball

3/17 Indiana/Purdue Univ./Fort Wayne 7 p.m.

Women's Water Polo

3/22 Santa Clara 4 p.m.

Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. For more info, call (818) 677-3192 or see www.csuncinematheque.com.

Western Classic

"Shane"
Directed by George Stevens.
Guest speaker, author Michael Blake.
Wed., March 17, 7 p.m.

Women in Film

50 Years of American Women of Radio and Television
Thu. March 18, 7-10 p.m.

Studio Sneak Preview

"The Prince and Me"
Starring Julia Stiles.
Directed by Martha Coolidge.
Fri., March 19, 6 p.m.

Film Talk

Digital Cinema Solutions: Shooting HD for Film
Guest speaker, actor Jim Mathers.
Tue., March 23, 7 p.m.
Jury Drama

"12 Angry Men"
Directed by Sidney Lumet.
Wed., March 24, 7 p.m.

Wayne Western

"The Searchers"
Guest speaker, author Michael Blake.
Special event with reception.
Sat., March 27, 7 p.m.

Orson Welles Film SeriesÑO is for Orson

Excerpts from "King Lear" and "Crimes at Midnight"
"Othello" and out-takes
Mon., March 22, 7 p.m.

Orson Welles Interviews

Includes final interview in 1985. Mon., March 29, 7 p.m.

Film

Women's Studies Film Series

"Whale Rider"
Tue., March 156, 7 p.m.
CSUN Women's Resource and Research Center, 18344 Plummer Street
Free admission.

"Kim's Story: The Road from Vietnam"
Tue., March 30, 7 p.m.
Oviatt Library, room 002
Free admission.

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $5 students.

Cal State Northridge Jazz Clinics

Wed., March 17, 8 p.m.
Wed., March 24, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall
Free admission

Cal State Northridge Symphony Orchestra
Conducted by John Roscigno.
Thu., March 18, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

**Primavera Trio**

Featuring pianist Franoise Regnat, violinist Lisa Sutton and cellist Rowena Hammill.
Sat., March 20, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

**New Directions Composers' Group**

Liviu Marinescu, faculty advisor.
Sun., March 21, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

**American Guitar Society Int'l Concert Series**

Featuring Stephan Rak from the Czech Republic.
Sat., March 27, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

**Jazz Legend**

Diane Schuur performs.
Sat., March 27, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center
$45Ð70

**Guest Artist Series**

Featuring cellist Ovidiu Marinescu and pianist Kenneth Boulton.
Sun., March 28, 5 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

**Have a Heart III Benefit Concert**

Music Heals presents Ambrosia, Stephen Bishop and friends.
Benefits in part CSUN's Music Therapy Clinic.
Sun., March 28, 7 p.m.
Canyon Club, Agoura Hills
Ticket info at Ticketmaster,
(213) 480-3232 or Canyon Club box office, (818) 879-5016
$40Ð$125

**Theater/Performance**

**The Two Gentlemen of Verona**
Produced by the Independent Shakespeare Company.
Wed., March 17, 7:30 p.m.
March 18–20, 8 p.m.
Studio Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 113 $10

**Suicide Kings**

Spoken word trio.
Fri., March 19, noon
Oviatt Library Presentation Room
Free admission

_'Lost In The Bush'_

Directed by Doug Kaback.
Runs March 19–21, 8 p.m.
Ivar Theatre, Hollywood
$15–25
For ticket info, call A.S. ticket office or Ticketmaster, (213) 480-3232.

**Comic Opera**

Benjamin Britten's "Albert Herring"
Conductor, David Aks.
Stage direction, Eli Villanueva.
Fri., March 26, 8 p.m.
Sun., March 28, 3 p.m.
Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 121
General $19, seniors $15, faculty/staff $13, students $10