The saying, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” describes the philosophy of health professionals at Cal State Northridge.

The Klotz Student Health Center, the Office of Human Resources and the departments of Kinesiology and Physical Therapy are providing a variety of health services to prevent sickness in the upcoming flu season and promote wellness.

Flu shots are being offered on campus to faculty and staff. The flu, also known as influenza, is a contagious virus that can be spread by coughing or sneezing. It can lead to pneumonia and can be dangerous for people with breathing issues or heart conditions. “It's not just for you but to protect others,” said Mercedes Gallup, a registered nurse and the health center’s nursing and clinical support unit supervisor. “It may offer protection from the few strains of flu viruses most anticipated this season.”

According to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications each year and 36,000 die from flu. The vaccine is recommended for anyone who wants to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with the flu or spreading the virus to others around them. Influenza viruses are always changing, so the CDC recommends vaccination once a year.

The Office of Human Resources/Employee Assistance Program and the health center are teaming up again on Wednesday, Nov. 12 in HR Training Room, Oviatt 16 (Garden Level) to provide flu immunization. No registration is necessary but each employee must bring a check for $15 and his or her employee identification. In addition to the flu shots, there are a variety of wellness services available to help prevent cold and flu and promote overall health. For a fee, the health center offers services ranging from acupuncture to massage therapy to smoking cessation counseling. Eligible employees may also participate in the CSU Fee Waiver and Reduction Program, which may pay for some of these services. For information about eligibility, e-mail feewaiver@csun.edu

Steven Loy, a professor in kinesiology and expert on physical exercise and health, said individuals who do not get enough exercise or rest and are highly stressed are more susceptible to illnesses like flu. “If an individual takes care of himself or herself by exercising, eating correctly and getting adequate rest, the other things will fall in place,” said Loy, who has designed several “wellness programs” to help faculty and staff increase their physical activity. His CSUN & You @ Half Dome program promotes physical fitness through walking and hiking. Through a collaborative project between the kinesiology and physical therapy departments, Loy launched WorkPHT. Through this program, students provide a series of flexibility and strengthening exercises to those who spend long hours at their desk. The goal is to improve posture, health and well being.

For more information about health center services, visit www.csun.edu/studenthealthcenter. Contact steven.loy@csun.edu for more information about physical exercise programs or visit: www.csun.edu/bbd/hts/HalfDome/HalfDome.htm

Esha Momeni Detained in Iran While Doing Research

Cal State Northridge’s leadership team has rallied in support of the release of master’s degree student Esha Momeni and advocated for “intercultural communications” and “mutual understanding.”

President Jolene Koester wrote a letter to Mohammad Khazaei, Iran’s ambassador to the United Nations, asking for the release of the 28-year-old graduate student, who is being held at Evin prison in Tehran. Koester offered to send a representative to meet with the ambassador. As of Friday, Oct. 31, university officials had not received any response. “We are, of course, respectful of Iranian due process,” wrote Koester in her Oct. 25 letter to the ambassador. “Since you have participated in academic life...you will understand our concern for the safety of a fellow scholar.” The president made the appeal after finding out from press reports that Momeni had been detained by Iranian police. The graduate student in mass communications was arrested by Esha Momeni continued on page 2.
CSUN Launches Institute for Sustainability

New Institute Brings 'Greening' Efforts Together

Bringing Cal State Northridge's environmental and greening efforts under one umbrella, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry Hellenbrand recently announced the creation of the Institute for Sustainability.

He said in an October 27 e-mail to campus that the institute was the culmination of the work of the deans that was initiated and shepherded by William Jennings, dean of the College of Business and Economics. It is part of a broader Campus Greening Project that was launched earlier this year.

“There seems to be a general agreement that there is a real need for interdisciplinary research and work,” said Ashwani Vasishth, assistant professor in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning and the newly appointed director of the Institute for Sustainability. “You can’t solve complex problems in a box.”

“We want to take an integrated approach,” Vasishth added.

The mission of the institute is to promote, facilitate, and develop educational, research, and community programs related to sustainability. Hellenbrand said the institute serves as an “umbrella organization” across all the colleges of the university on issues related to sustainability and is committed to serving the entire campus community, especially students, staff and faculty. Diane Stephens, from Academic Affairs, is facilitating the Campus Greening Project.

In his announcement, Hellenbrand explained that sustainable development is “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” A decision is considered to be sustainable when it takes appropriate account, in the short-run and the long-run, of all three criteria or factors—economic, environmental, and social.

Cal State Northridge has long been considered a leader in energy conservation among universities across the country. Last year, Physical Plant Management completed the installation of a one megawatt fuel cell power plant, the single largest fuel cell power plant at any university in the world. The fuel cell generates base load electricity for the university’s facilities and surplus heat for buildings, showers and food service. Twenty-three percent of CSUN’s electric power comes from a combination of the fuel cell, solar power and a half dozen microturbines installed on campus in 2001.

The second phase of the project is expected to be launched in a few months. The carbon dioxide exhaust produced by the fuel cell will be diverted underground to a satellite chiller plant and subtropical rain forest. The enriched carbon dioxide, along with waste stream water, will sustain the plant life in the rainforest and reduce the campus’ overall carbon footprint.

Tom Brown, executive director of Physical Plant Management, said the new institute will offer a “broad portfolio” of sustainable systems and practices.

“Great to know there is going to be a concerted focus and effort by the broader community,” he added.

Vasishth said a key initiative of the institute involves the preparation of a state-of-the-campus ecological footprint report, taking account of the environmental impacts in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

A survey is being conducted to better understand student travel patterns and to characterize the extent to which the campus is responsible for greenhouse gas emissions due to transportation. The institute will reach out to the Northridge community as well, working with the Valley Economic Alliance to explore ways to move the region in the direction of carbon neutrality as part of the statewide effort to mitigate global climate change.

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Iranian police on Oct. 15 for allegedly passing another vehicle on the highway illegally. She was taken to her home, where tapes containing interviews with her for project were confiscated.

Momeni, who was born in the United States but grew up in Iran, had been working on a documentary focusing on the women’s rights movement in Iran. She had been recording interviews of volunteers with the One Million Signatures campaign, an organization that is working to change Iran’s constitution to state that men and women are equal.

Melissa Wall, adviser to the graduate program in mass communications and a member of Momeni’s thesis committee, said the student was interested in women’s rights in Iran because she had suffered from domestic abuse. According to Wall, Momeni was married to a man in Iran who was violent. She had difficulty getting a divorce because of Iranian law. She also wanted to change the American view of Iranian women.

Wall said Momeni was concerned that most Americans have a “very narrow, or very passive” view of Iranian women. The student wants the world to see the diversity of Iranian women, she added.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Iranian Ministry spokesman Hassan Qassemi told reporters in Tehran last week that Momeni was “under investigation.” No formal charges have been made.

In the meantime, several other organizations, including Amnesty International, World Organization Against Torture and the American Association of University Professors have called for Momeni’s release.

Harry Hellenbrand, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said at a recent press conference that the university values students like Momeni.

“We really want everybody to understand we value her as a person. We value her as a dreamer. We value her as a representative of the students at this campus and the students across the world,” he said.

“This is a campus that values intercultural communication. It’s a great deal and we are always aggrieved when there is ever any instance of that being violated or hurt because that really damages what we are all about in some way,” he added.

BudgetWatch

As you have perhaps heard, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has announced a midyear budget cut to the California State University system of $31.3 million (about 1 percent of money the CSU receives from the state). This budget reduction is within the governor’s executive authority and requires no legislative action. Our share of the budget cut at Cal State Northridge is $2,160,700.

You have also recently received a letter from Chancellor Charles B. Reed explaining this latest action. Based on state revenues that are less than projected, the Chancellor’s Office also anticipates additional midyear cuts from the state by January 2009.

As was recently communicated in the FAQs on 2008-09 Budget Situation document, we at Cal State Northridge have anticipated this budget downturn for a long time, and have planned accordingly. We have factored potential midyear budget cuts into our 2008-09 planning.

The FAQs on 2008-09 Budget Situation document can be found at: http://www.csun.edu/prosof/presletters/pressletter-10-2008-budget.html.

The university has survived previous budget downturns while providing quality education for our students, and we will survive this one. Because of these recent and anticipated cuts, we will control the number of qualified students we accept and be frugal in our spending, certainly postponing or scaling back some expenditures, but we will also continue to move the campus forward and support our faculty and staff and provide high quality education for our students.

In a recent letter to the university community, Reed explained the necessity of continuing our efforts to cultivate sources of non-state funding.

“Through this difficult budget year, be assured that the basic values and mission of the university demand that we educate students while maintaining quality. You are here because the work you do is important. Especially in these difficult times, let’s work together to serve our students, support and develop our faculty and staff, and move the university forward.”

Sincerely,

Joelene Koester

President
FYI

For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

The deadline for the November 17 issue is Monday, November 10. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-9000. When e-mailing, please state the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi–means for more information.

Events

Tuesday, Nov. 4
Compassionately Coping with the Dying
CSUN’s Department of Jewish Studies will present “Compassionately Coping with the Dying: Spiritual Issues in Hospice Care.” The free public lecture will be presented by Rabbi Sheldon Pennes, director of Spiritual Life of the Jewish Home for the Aging and chaplain at St. John’s Hospital. He will discuss his experiences working with patients and their survivors as they cope with their own dying and others’ dying. The lecture is from 9:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m., Sierra Hall 314.

Wednesday, Nov. 5
Trembling Before G-d film
This is from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the Center for Sex and Gender Research will present the “Trembling Before G-d” film, followed by a discussion. The screening is co-sponsored by the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance, the Liberal Studies Program, the Queer Studies Program, the Student Organization for Art and Politics, and the Vern and Bonnie Bullough Endowment for Sex and Gender Studies at the Oviatt Library. The screening takes place 7:30 p.m.–10 p.m., Oviatt Library, Presentation Room. fmi–Jacob Hale, jacob.bale@csun.edu or x2702.

Thursday, Nov. 6
Why is L.A. Traffic Such a Nightmare?
The CSUN Communication Association and the Department of Communication Studies will sponsor a lecture by Paul Mason Fotsch (Communication Studies) about his book, “Watching the Traffic: Go By Transportation and Isolation in Urban America,” 7 p.m., Manzanita Hall 240, Richard Aronstam Library. fmi–Paul Fotsch, pfotsch@csun.edu or x2853.

Wednesday, Nov. 12
CSUN Flu Shot Clinic
CSUN’s Kloz Student Health Center in partnership with the Office of Human Resources/Employee Assistance Program will present a Flu Shot Clinic. The Kloz Student Health Clinic will be providing flu shots on campus for faculty and staff, including student workers for the cost of $15, preferably checks, and with proper employee ID. No registration is necessary. The clinic is from 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m., Oviatt Library 16, HR Training Room (Garden Level). fmi–Marianne Hudz, x5246 or Marianne.Hudz@csun.edu.

Wednesday, Nov. 12
“Love, West Hollywood” Book Launch
The Center for Sex and Gender Research will present the “Love, West Hollywood: Reflections from Los Angeles” book reading and book signing by the co-authors Chris Freeman and James J. Berg and writers Pat Alderete, Teresa DeCrescenzo, Eric Gutierrez, Eloise Klein Healy and Terry Wolverton. The event is co-sponsored by the English Department and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance and is scheduled from 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m., Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room. fmi–Yifei Sun, yifei.sun@csun.edu or x3529.

Thursday, Nov. 13
Reimaging China
CSUN’s College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the China Institute will present “Reimaging China,” a forum discussing globalization, reforms and development in China, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room. fmi–Jacob Hale, jacob.bale@csun.edu or x2702.

Thursday, Nov. 13
Valley Pioneer Lecture
CSUN’s Department of History will present the annual Valley Pioneer Lecture by William David Estrada, Ph.D., curator of California and American History and chair of the history department at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. A reception and book signing of Estrada’s latest book, “The Los Angeles Plaza: Sacred and Contested Space” will be presented following the lecture. The event is scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room. fmi–Department of History, x3566.

For Your Information

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 University Hall 277

USU Board of Directors
Meets 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17 USU Grand Salon

Notice

University Police
Daily Crime Log
The CSUN Police Daily Crime Log is now available online at http://www.adm.in.csun.edu/police/ current.htm. Past Daily Crime Logs are available at http://www.adm.in.csun.edu/police/records_archive.htm. Interested faculty and staff can also receive Daily Crime Logs via e-mail. fmi–Joy Joseph-McConnell, joy.joseph-mconnell@csun.edu or x3224.

Registration for Winter Term
Students may now register online for winter term classes at CSUN until Jan. 2. The winter term runs Jan. 2–Jan. 18, 2009, between the fall and spring semesters. The Tseng College admisters winter term, which allows students and anyone in the community to take academic-credit classes in a compressed format, as long they meet individual class prerequisites. fmi–The Tseng College, http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/ winter.html or x2904.

2009 CSUN Faculty Retreat
The 2009 CSUN Faculty Retreat, “Fit and Fabulous: Foundations for the Future,” will be held on Jan. 12 and 13, 2009, at the Ventura Beach Marriott. More information is posted at http://www.csun.edu/senate/retreat.html. Interested faculty should contact their college deans’ offices by Tuesday, Nov. 4, fmi–Heidi Wollbauer, x3263 or heidiw@csun.edu.

Service on Committees and Boards
Faculty interested in being considered for election or appointment to positions in faculty governance, on the Faculty Senate standing or advisory committees, or to various all-university committees and boards, visit www.csun.edu/senate/volunteer.doc. For the spring 2009 faculty elections, forms are due by Jan. 25. fmi–Heidi Wollbauer, x3263 or heidiw@csun.edu.

2009–2010 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program
The CSU is seeking applicants for the 2009–2010 Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program, which seeks to increase the number of individuals who show potential as doctoral students and who may be interested in applying and competing for CSU instructional faculty positions. To download an application, go to http://calstate.edu/HR/CGIP.

Public Meetings

Associated Students
Finance Committee
Meets 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 10, 17 Associated Students Office

Educational Resources
Committee
Meets 2 p.m.–4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4 University Hall 211

Associated Students Senate
Meets 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 11, 18 USU Grand Salon

Personnel Planning
and Review
Meets 2 p.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5 University Hall 277

Academic Technology
Committee
Meets 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 University Hall 211

Educational Equity Committee
Meets 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10 University Hall 277

University Planning and Budget Group
Meets 12 p.m.–2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 University Hall 277

Courses

Learning in the 21st Century
Faculty Development will present a workshop, “Learning in the 21st Century: Opportunities, Challenges, and Successes,” facilitated by David Levin, director of Academic Technology and Sandra Chong (E-mail). The workshop is scheduled at 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, University Student Union, Flintridge Room. fmi–Faculty Development, x6536 or facdev@csun.edu.

Achieving Effective and Sustainable Results
The Professional Development Program will present a session “Achieving Effective and Sustainable Results: Managing Change and Conflict.” The speaker, C. Richard Barnes, president of C. Richard Barnes & Associates, will provide guidance in effectively managing both real and imagined conflict in the workplace. The session takes place 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, Satellite Student Union, Shoshone Room.

Basic CERT Level I Class
The CSUN Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Council will conduct a Basic CERT Level 1 class. The class takes place 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5 and Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Oviatt Library, Presentation Room. fmi–Rudy Quirotiano, x2401 or rudy.qirotiano@csun.edu.

Beck Grants Workshop
Faculty Development will present “Beck Grants Workshop: Reflection of Past Recipients and Guidance for Prospective Applicants.” The panelists include Rafael Elrat (Accounting and Information Systems), Mara Hoadshell (Reference and Instructional Services, Oviatt Library), Virginia Kennedy (Special Education), Katherine Stevenson (Mathematics) and Kiren Dosanjh Zucker (Faculty Development). It will take place 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room. fmi–Faculty Development, x6536 or facdev@csun.edu.

Who Has Cited Your Work?
The Oviatt Library will present the “Find Out Who Has Cited Your Work” workshop to faculty members particularly third to sixth year members working on their PIFs. The workshop will discuss how to use Web of Knowledge quickly to locate their cited references. Each workshop will be approximately 45 minutes on 10 a.m., Nov. 18, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 and 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Oviatt Library, Lab A. fmi–Coleen Martin, x3936, or e-mail coleen.martin@csun.edu.
Sustainability Expert to Speak at CSUN
The Department of Recreation & Tourism Management will host a lecture featuring L. Hunter Lovins, founder and president of Natural Capitalism Inc. and Natural Capitalism Solutions, at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the Campus Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 100.

Lovins, a renowned author and champion of sustainable development for over 30 years, was named the millennium “Hero for the Planet” by Time magazine. She has also managed international nonprofits and corporations and has spoken at the World Economic Forum, the U.S. Congress and the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

The event is sponsored by the Office of the Graduate Studies Distinctly Distinguished Visiting Speakers Program and the Office of the Provost. It is part of a series of events related to Cal State Northridge’s Campus Greening Project. For more information, contact Mechelle Best at x959 or mechelle.best@csun.edu or visit http://blogs.csun.edu/sustainability.

Film Festival Explores Cost of Globalization
The human cost of globalization is the focus of Cal State Northridge’s third annual College of Humanities International Film Festival on Friday, Nov. 7, at the university. Free and open to the public, the festival features seven films from around the world that capture different aspects of the human stories behind the movement of goods and services through newly emerging markets, as well as the impact technology has on traditional relationships as it changes the perception of time and space.

The festival will take place from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Annenberg Theatre in Manzanita Hall on the southwest corner of the campus near Nordhoff Street and Etiwanda Avenue. Parking is $5 and available in Lot B5, located off Darby Avenue and Prairie Street. For more information about the festival, call the College of Humanities at (818) 677-3501 or visit the festival’s Web site: http://www.csun.edu/film/Festival-2008.html

Art and Exhibits
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Master in Arts candidate, Painting/Drawing.
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In 2001, Tom Golden, an art collector, donated his collection of over 100 works by renowned artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude to the Sonoma State University Museum, which is currently circulating collages, prints, photographs and objects.

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In Brief

Film
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Presentation Room, Oviatt Library

Music

Janet Aber and the Beans
Sung in Italian with English supertitles.
Directed by David Scott Lohr and Enrique Velasco
Musical director/conductor David Aks.
Fri., Nov. 7, 8 p.m.
Cam pus Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 100

The First Basket
Free public screening.
CSUN Jewish Studies Film Series. Documentary directed by David Vojt.
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AID S Walk Los Angeles to benefit the AIDS Walk Los Angeles on Sunday, Oct. 11. The group raised more than $6,000 in support of the annual event, according to Krista Renella, volunteer programs and events assistant at the Maxtor Involvement Center. Fundraising for AIDS Walk Los Angeles will continue until Nov. 14. For more information, contact Krista Renella, krenella@hotmail.com.

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