Do you have something you want to say to the next president of the United States of America? Do you have a personal story or concern you want to share about this historic election? Faculty, staff and students have until Nov. 6 to visit Cal State Northridge's own version of the MTV-styled "confessional" booth.

The confessional booth is part of cinema and television arts lecturer Geri Ulrey's project: Dear Mr. President. The project involves the use of a mobile video booth located in a miniature house that travels around campus. Faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus are invited to record a video message addressed to the next president of the United States of America. Participants are encouraged to share personal stories, feelings and thoughts about their lives. The video messages will be organized, streamed from the project's Web site and mailed to the White House.

"My desire is to engage with young people regarding the political process," said Ulrey, who collaborated with the Art Department and several student organizations in designing the project and the house. "I believe that it is really important for people to hear themselves speak."

The video house is open now through Nov. 6 at various locations on campus. Ulrey, the project producer and director, said the project is non-partisan. She plans to send the footage to the campaigns of both Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama, no matter who wins on Nov. 4.

The project was funded through a grant from CSUN's Judge Julian Beck Learning-Centered Instructional Projects. Beck grants are awarded to faculty to provide students with opportunities to actively engage in and ultimately become responsible for their own learning. Projects must be completed in one year and all faculty and staff are eligible to submit projects, either individually or as a group.

Ulrey said students are involved at all levels in the project, from inviting visitors to tape a message to editing and uploading the messages. "This is an opportunity to bring art to large numbers of people who wouldn't ordinarily have the opportunity, and to involve students on all levels," said Kim Abeles, professor of art. She said art students helped design the Victorian style miniature house as an on-campus public art piece. The idea for the house design came out of the notion that individuals are most comfortable talking about issues in cozy chairs in their own homes, she added.

"It's portable, yet it's also a cozy place," Abeles added. So far, nearly a hundred students, faculty and staff have taped messages with themes ranging from concerns about the economy to healthcare.

"I think those issues are more important than Iraq and the war," he added.

For more information about the project, visit www.dearmrpresident08.org.

CSUN’s Emergency Response Proven Effective in Crisis
Public Safety a Partnership with Faculty, Staff and Students

Whether responding to fires, bomb threats or a shooter on campus, Cal State Northridge has an all-hazard emergency operations plan. But that plan is more effective when the campus community is informed about emergency preparedness.

That was the message CSUN Police Chief Anne Glavin conveyed in the wake of the wildfires and the Metrolink crash that recently impacted faculty, staff and students, some of whom were forced to evacuate as fires advanced and lives were lost and other injured in the tragic train crash.

"We do have an interest in what’s going on because our CSUN community is affected," Glavin said. "Public safety in general is a partnership with our community and the people we serve."

In the recent incidents, CSUN turned to its Emergency Operations Plan, which adheres to federal and state guidelines for responding to emergencies. The university’s Crisis Action Team, which includes President Jolene Koester, the President’s Cabinet and Chief Glavin, determines the next step, for example, whether or not the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) should be activated. After the Sept. 12 Chatsworth train accident, CSUN police responded to an LAPD request to supply officers to assist with crash scene security. CSUN Police worked with University administrators all weekend to keep them informed about CSUN victims and provide assistance to faculty, staff, students and even alumni.

Last week, due to transportation issues as a result of the fires and its impact on the CSUN population, campus leadership cancelled afternoon and evening classes on Oct. 13. Physical Plant Management was directed to close outside air intakes to campus buildings to minimize the impact of the smoke on indoor air quality.

"We (campus leadership) have to take everything into consideration in an emergency," Glavin said. But she recommends that faculty and staff learn about campus emergency response procedures.

"There is a certain amount of personal responsibility to make yourself aware of emergency response procedures," the chief said. The Department of Public Safety and the university have a variety of workshops and material that outline procedures. New employees are required to attend an Office of Human Resources orientation that includes information on emergency preparedness and other services.

Public Safety has created an emergency operations desk reference brochure, available online, that addresses the Emergency Response continued on page 2.
Cal State Northridge’s Michael D. Eisner College of Education this fall enrolled its first cohort of 24 students in its new Doctoral Program in Education Leadership with an eye toward shaping K-12 administrators who are willing to think outside the box and explore and support innovative ideas in the classroom.

University officials are taking that concept one step further, and have designed a similar program for community college administrators. It is currently accepting applications for a program that starts in Fall 2009.

“CSUN is known for preparing outstanding teachers, but we need the administrators who can enable them,” this program is going to do just that,” said Philip Rusche, former dean of the college and now head of the doctoral program.

In 2009, the California legislature authorized the California State University system to confer an education doctorate. The first CSU doctoral programs launched last year.

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unique needs of each segment of the campus community.

In the wake of the earthquake in July, Public Safety launched a “train the trainer” program taught by Kit Espinosa, Public Safety’s emergency management and preparedness coordinator, and Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management.

Each department has been asked to send at least one representative to a webinar that outlines all of CSUN’s emergency communication and notification systems. There are more than a dozen communication systems available during an emergency, among them the campus carillon, a public address system; a telephone alert system that displays emergency audio or text messages on office phones; and the Connect-ED mass communication system, which allows campus emergency personnel to send voice, e-mail and text messages to faculty, staff and students.

On Nov. 13, Public Safety will coordinate the campus’ participation in the Great Southern California ShakeOut. The event is expected to be the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history. The drill will give the university an opportunity to practice its response to an earthquake.

“This exercise was developed to inspire people to get prepared,” Espinosa said.

For more information, visit http://www.adm.csun.edu/publicsafety/emergency/index.htm.

CSUN Enrolls First Class in Doctorate of Education Program

Goal to Shape Administrators Who Support Innovative Ideas

Oviatt Evolving

When the campus first opened in 1956 as the Valley branch of Cal State L.A., the space that served as the library was located in bungalow “J” on Lindley Avenue. By 1957, the library’s collections had expanded and the permanent library was needed more room, so library officials rented space in a former meat market on Reseda Boulevard. The library’s collections were growing so fast that in 1958, campus officials used a hayloft at Devonshire Downs for storage.

On March 31, 1959, the first permanent library—called “South Library”—was opened. Initially, the 75,000 volumes of the library only occupied two floors but the collection expanded until it completely filled all four floors of the building.

Plans were developed to build an entirely new and separate library.

However, those plans were nearly thwarted as the state legislature withdrew funding due to the upheavals and protests on campus during spring 1959. Newly appointed San Fernando Valley State College President James Cleary moved quickly to restore credibility with the legislature and state college system. He was rewarded by lawmakers’ reinstatement of funding for the library.

Because of Delmar T. Oviatt’s essential role in establishing the college as its first executive officer and an “acting” president, college officials decided to name the new library, which would serve as a centerpiece and icon for the campus, after the educator. The groundbreaking ceremony for the Oviatt Library was held on May 19, 1971. It was dedicated on Oct. 24, 1973.

Designed by architect Leo A. Daly, at a cost of $7.4 million, Oviatt Library had 137,896 square feet and a seating capacity of 1,674. With its wonderful columns, the library called to mind a Greek temple and its location at the heart of the campus was entirely fitting for this indispensable grouping of books, special collections and extensive archives.

The columns of the Oviatt were the logo for the university for many years. The K-12 and community college Retrieval System, completed in 1991, was the first of its kind.

Over the years, the Oviatt Library has added 96,816 square feet through the construction of east and west wings. It was badly damaged and closed after the 1994 Northridge earthquake but as the mythical Phoenix rose again, so did the library, after extensive repairs to the core and complete rebuilding of both wings.

Today, the library contains 1.4 million volumes including 1.1 million books, 34,500 online journals and print journals. Film and television crews frequently choose its stately presence as a backdrop for their productions. As the largest library in the San Fernando Valley, the Oviatt Library is a precious resource for the campus and the community.

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Flashbacks—CSUN’s Golden Fifty

The Past and Present of Cal State Northridge

Delmar T. Oviatt Library groundbreaking

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Events

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

The deadline for the November 5 issue is Monday, October 27. We reserve 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) 677-6000. Email is the preferred method of submitting. Note: fmi-means for more information.

Associated Students Senate
Meetings 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 28
USU Grand Salon

Personnel Planning and Review
Meets 2 p.m.–5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 22
University Hall 277

Foundation Board
Meets 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 22
fmi--Judy Landy, x4197

Faculty Senate
Meets 2 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30
Oviatt Library Presentation Room, room 811

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

Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8

Media Arts Festival
The CSU Summer Arts will present the 18th annual Media Arts Festival, a film, video and interactive media competition showcasing the best work of the CSU. In addition to the competition and screenings, there will be professional development seminars for faculty. Seminar topics include animation, producing, music videos, and screenwriting. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Oct. 29.

Tell Your Story Blog
In celebration of CSUN’s 50th anniversary, CSUN invites students, faculty and especially alumni, to share memories of CSUN at the “Tell Your Story” blog at http://blogs.csun.edu/50. Topics include student groups, parking, most memorable moments, music and places to relax.

“Hang it Up” Initiative
The CSU Police Department is conducting an educational safety and enforcement campaign, “Hang it Up,” to inform drivers about two new laws dealing with use of wireless telephones while driving that went into effect, July 1, 2008.

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 administers winter term, which allows students and anyone in the community to take academic-credit classes in a compressed format, as long as they meet individual class prerequisites. fmi--The Tseng College, http://tsengcollege.csun.edu/ winter.html or x2504.

2009 CSUN Faculty Retreat
The 2009 CSUN Faculty Retreat, “Fit and Fabulous: Foundations for the Future” will be held Jan. 12 and 13, 2009 at the Ventura Beach Marriott.

Emergency Preparedness
The CSU Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Council will conduct a Basic CERT Level 1 class. The class will be Wednesday, Oct. 22 and Wednesday, Oct. 29, 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m. at the Oviatt Library, Presentation Room. fmi--Rudy Quitortano, x2401 or rudy.quitortano@csun.edu.

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class
Joy of Learning
Faculty Development will present “Students’ Joy of Learning: The Role of Academic Self-Confidence,” facilitated by Mark Severns (Counseling Services), 2 p.m.–5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, Sierra Hall 439, CIELO Conference Room. fmi--Faculty Development, x6556, or facdev@csun.edu.

Motor Vehicle 101
The Physical Plant Management Auto Shop and the Department of Public Safety, Crime Prevention and Community Relations Unit will present, “Motor Vehicle Safety 101.” This “brown bag” lunch-time training course will provide a basic, hands-on approach to vehicle safety. Participants will learn the fundamentals of changing a tire safely on the side of the road as well as basic move vehicle crime prevention tips. The course is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22, 12 p.m.–1 p.m. at the Physical Plant Management Training Room “A.” To register, contact Daniel Foster at daniel.foster@csun.edu or x5820.

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Gender Identity, the Law and Higher Education
Faculty Development will present “Let’s Have Lunch: Creating a Safe Place to Learn—Gender Identity, the Law and Higher Education,” facilitated by Greg Knotts (Elementary Education), 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Orange Grove Bistro. fmi--Faculty Development Programs, x6536 or facdev@csun.edu.

Dialogue with the President
The Professional Development Program will present a workshop, “Why Capable People Struggle in Leadership Positions,” a lecture by President Jolene Koester, and Barbara Kaufman, president of ROI Consulting Group. This session will help participants identify skills needed to maximize effectiveness and overall success as a leader at CSUN. The workshop will be Thursday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Satellite Student Union, Shoshone Room.

Methods
Probationary Faculty Support
Academic Affairs requests applications for the 2009–2010 Academic Year. fmi--Faculty Development Program. This program provides funding for three units of reassigned time for Spring 2009 only. It is designed to assist full-time faculty in meeting the qualifications for retention, tenure or promotion through reassigned time. The BFP can be found at http://www.csun.edu/facdev/grants_-home.htm. The deadline for spring 2009 is March 5, 2009.

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Public Meetings

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Monday, Oct. 20
Grand Salon, USU

Associated Students Finance Committee
Meets 1 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27
Associated Students Office
In Brief

**CSUN Featured in Princeton Review’s ‘Best Business Schools’**

“Best 250 Business Schools” has two-page profiles of the schools and their MBA programs with write-ups on their academics, student life and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services.

In the profile on Northridge, the Princeton Review editors describe CSUN’s MBA program as providing its students with “solid preparation” in marketing, general management, teamwork, communication/interpersonal skills, presentation skills and quantitative skills.

“Best 250 Business Schools” is one of nearly 200 Princeton Review titles published by Random House. The line includes annual guides to the best law schools and medical schools, plus guides to grad school admission exams and application essays. The Princeton Review also is known for its college and career guidebooks, its test-prep courses and other education services. The company is not affiliated with Princeton University and it is not a magazine.

Cal State Northridge’s College of Business and Economics is home to several nationally recognized programs where students gain valuable hands-on experience working alongside faculty members and business professionals in a variety of fields.

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**CSUN Alumna Lectures on Eating Disorders**
Carolyn Cozin, 78 (College of Education), an expert on eating disorders and director of the Eating Disorder Center of California, gave a presentation on Oct. 2 to students and faculty from the Michael D. Eisner College of Education and the College of Health and Human Development. She discussed ways to identify eating disorders and findings from her research.

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**Calendar**

**Art and Exhibits**

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon.-Sat. 12-4 p.m. and Thurs. noon-8 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2285.

**‘Eclectic Dreams’**
Exhibition of work from CSUN Illustration Club.
Faculty Advisor: Laurel Long.
Runs through Thu., Oct. 23.
West Gallery, Art and Design Center

**Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Tom Golden Collection**
In 2001, Tom Golden, an art collector, donated his collection of over 100 works by renowned artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude to the Sonoma County Museum, which is currently circulating collages, prints, photographs and objects. Opening reception: Fri., Oct. 24, 7-9 p.m.
Runs through Sat., Dec. 13.
Main Gallery

**Lynelle Miliate**
Master of Fine Arts candidate, photography.
West Gallery, Art and Design Center

**Art the Vote: Graphic Design Student Exhibition**
Faculty Advisor: Paula DiMarco.
Fri., Oct. 31 through Thu., Nov. 6.
West Gallery, Art and Design Center

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**Bianchi Planetarium**
For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium.
Telescope viewing follows second show.

“Autumn Sky Show” and “Arctic Adventure: Chasing a Total Solar Eclipse in the Land of Midnight Sun”
Fri., Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

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**Athletics** (home games)

**Men’s Basketball**
11/3 La Verne 7:05 p.m.

**Men’s Soccer**
10/25 Cal Poly 2:30 p.m.
10/29 UCSB 2:30 p.m.

**Men’s Swimming**
11/1 UCSB noon

**Women’s Basketball**
11/1 Love and Basketball 2 p.m.

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**Fifty and Fabulous**
California State University, Northridge/San Fernando State College at the Half Century Mark.
C. K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery, Oviatt Library

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**Cinematheque**
Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaina Armell Theater on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southeast corner of campus. Seating not guaranteed.
For more info, call (818) 677-3185 or see www.cinematheque.csun.edu.

**‘Le Corbeau’**
Directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot.
Thu., Oct. 23, 6 p.m.

**‘Laura’**
Directed by Otto Preminger.
Thu., Oct. 23, 8 p.m.

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**Comments on American Cinema**
Guest: film historian Rudy Behlmer.
Wed., Oct. 22, 7 p.m.

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**'Independent Means’**
Mini-series directed by Robert Greenwald.
Guest: Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey (Oct. 30)
Wed., Oct. 29 and Thu., Oct. 30, 7 p.m.

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**Music**
Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, 65 students.

**Rosetti Piano Quartet**
Wed., Oct. 22, 8 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
$5–$40

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**Faculty Artist Series**
Andrew Malloy, trombone soloist.
Mon., Oct. 27, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

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**An Evening of Small Group Jazz**
Gary Pratt, director.
Thu., Oct. 30, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

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**Selling Your Story in 60 Seconds**
Seminar with guest Michael Hauge: script consultant, screenwriter, author and lecturer.
Tue., Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

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**Music Recital Hall**

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**CSUN Dance Company**
One of the most exquisite, admired, and popular ensembles in the world.
Fri., Oct. 24, 8 p.m.
Piazza del Sol Performance Hall
$36–$45

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**Le Nozzle di Figaro**
Mozart’s beloved opera (The Marriage of Figaro) is a comedy of intrigue, betrayal and forgiveness.
Sung in Italian with English supertitles.
Directed by David Scott and Judy Scott.
Musical director/conductor David Ake.
Opera composed by Mozart.
Fri., Oct. 31, 8 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 2, 8 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 8, 8 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 9, 3 p.m.
Campus Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 100
$8–$20

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**‘Path of Glory’**
Directed by Stanley Kubrick.
Reel Dilemmas series.
Fri., Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

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**In Brief**

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