Cal State Northridge continues its status as a leading educational institution in the region with record fall 2008 enrollment.

The university welcomed 36,208 students for fall 2008, 762 more than last year.

“The campus is becoming the campus of choice in the L.A. and Southern California region,” said Harold Hellenbrand, provost and vice president for academic affairs. He attributed the growth to students taking more credits and a shortage of jobs for people between 18 and 25 years of age.

“Many folk in that age precinct are taking advantage of going to school,” Hellenbrand added.

The provost said he was also pleased that enrollment of new freshmen from disadvantaged minority backgrounds grew disproportionately. Their enrollment increased 20.5 percent from 2,105 in fall 2007 to 2,536 this fall. This grouping includes African American, American Indian and Latina/o students.

“The minority student numbers in the freshmen class the last couple of years have been showing positive signs of going up,” Hellenbrand said. However, he hopes an effort to limit the growing number of applicants to CSUN due to budget constraints does not “discourage” minorities from applying.

**CSUN Launches Program to Enhance Management Skills**

**First in Series Seeks to Debunk Myths about Women’s Success and Ambition**

From college campuses to the Oval Office, women are “ambivalent” and “uncomfortable” about their ambition to lead. But College of Humanities Dean Elizabeth Say urged women to move out of their comfort zone and pursue their aspirations.

“You might be uncomfortable at times, but leadership ultimately is not about being comfortable. It’s about creating change,” said Say during a discussion, Sept. 24 on “Ambition Isn’t a Dirty Word—Debunking Myths about Women’s Success.” The presentation was repeated on Sept. 25.

“It’s always uneasy when you step outside your comfort zone,” she added.

The discussion was the Professional Development Program’s first in a series of eight leadership forums on women’s issues. The 90-minute sessions are available to anyone who serves in a leadership role at the university and is interested in issues which primarily affect women in academia. The intent of the series is to provide a venue for the dissemination of current information on such issues, and an opportunity for the sharing of ideas through interactive dialogue.

“We want to improve the capability of our leaders and promote community among our supervisors and leadership,” said Bob Foldes, associate vice president, Office of Human Resources.

“We want to create more of a caring environment.”

Foldes also noted that the series marks the launch of Cal State Northridge’s Talent Management Initiative. The goal of the initiative is for CSUN administrators and managers to utilize professional development opportunities as part of their continual learning, which is critical for effective leadership.

The programs are designed to facilitate the professional growth of administrators in the CSUN context through exposure to formal learning opportunities and extensive interaction with colleagues from across the university.

“At Cal State Northridge, I think we are fortunate to have role models of women and men who have pushed the boundaries of stereotypic gender expectations,” said Say, referring to the stereotypes that men should be stern, tough and aggressive. Women are often stereotyped as nice, nurturing and passive.

The other scheduled presenters are: Sylvia Alva, dean of the College of Health and Human Development, Oct. 22 and 25, “Managing Transitions: Personal Reflections on Organizational Change”; Patty Lord, associate director of operations of admissions and records; Suzy Babikan, associate director of admissions, records and graduation; and Carol McAllister, assistant director of international, Management continued on page 2.
Founders Day Welcomes Hundreds of Alumni, Faculty, Staff

Attendees Impressed by CSUN’s Progress Over the Last 50 Years

When the University Student Union was built in 1977, John Crowther said the design was considered “cutting edge.” The 84-year-old retired sociology professor was part of the original committee that drafted plans for the first USU. He said it was “rustic” with a handful of eateries and services.

But Crowther, who saw the USU and the campus for the first time in more than a decade during CSUN’s Founders Day celebration on Monday, Sept. 22, said the university has surpassed his expectations.

“We who put together the original plans for the USU could not have dreamed of what it is now,” he said. “It’s unbelievable what I’ve seen here today.”

The USU has undergone huge changes since Crowther, who worked at CSUN from 1961 to 1989, helped draw up the original plans. In 2006, a $15.2 million renovation that nearly doubled the number of buildings in the student union and expanded services to include computer labs, and several eateries, was completed.

The university opened a Satellite Student Union in 1991. Crowther was among more than 600 alumni, faculty, and staff who attended the university’s first-ever Founders Day celebration. The event was part of CSUN’s year long observance of its 50th anniversary. It included the induction of 57 alumni and former faculty and staff into the 50 Year Club, a luncheon and the dedication of the James and Mary Cleary Walk along a section of Magnolia Walk. The day ended with the official opening of the Oviatt Library’s 50th anniversary exhibition, “Fifty and Fabulous: California State University, Northridge/San Fernando Valley State College at the Half-Century Mark.”

President Jolene Koester said Founders Day honored those alumni, faculty and staff who laid the “foundation of excellence that the university was built on.”

She said the achievements, renovations and new construction on campus are “emblematic of the university’s future.”

Harley Higginbotham, ’59 (Business), said he was “proud” to be an alum of CSUN.

“We had great faculty,” recalled Higginbotham, ’77, a retired human resources manager from Burbank. “This has been a really great day.”

He was also glad to be reunited with classmate, Robert Preising, ’59 (Business). They had not seen each other since graduation, 50 years ago. Both were students when they enrolled at the college to find new careers.

“They (university leadership) have done a great job for us (alumni),” said Preising, 77, a retired businessman and computer engineer. “This place looks really good.”

CSUN’s anniversary festivities will continue into 2009 with the community and a “Grand Reunion” of all alumni on April 25, 2009. The official conclusion of the anniversary celebration will take place at CSUN’s 2009 commencement ceremony.

For more information about the 50th anniversary celebration, visit www.csun.edu/50. ■

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graduate and transfer admissions, Nov. 19 and 20, “Creating Deliberate Relationships—The Importance of Alliances”, Barbara Gross, chief of staff, Office of the President, and Debra Hammond, executive director of the USU, Jan. 21 and 22, 2009,


For more information or to register for the sessions visit: http://www.adm.csun.edu/obrs/talent. ■

BudgetWatch

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger approved a state budget on Sept. 23 that returned $97.6 million to the California State University system, providing the CSU system with “essentially” the same level of state support as during the 2007-08 fiscal year.

“What this means for California State University, Northridge is we are going to enroll for enrollment at the 2007-08 level,” said Tom McCarron, vice president for administration and finance and CFO, in a Sept. 30 e-mail to faculty and staff. He said the vice presidents of the university have been working since last spring on a plan to live within the anticipated budget. However, the university’s financial obligations for 2008-09 are not yet all known.

Specific budget allocations to the university’s divisions will be approved by President Jolene Koester in October.

In the meantime, Harry Hellenbrand, provost and vice president for academic affairs, has recommended that:

• Each college plan to reduce nongeneral fund costs to students by $300 to $700 per FTE over the next year by taking measures such as reducing book costs. He suggests getting book orders in early, using e-texts and the textbook rental program as methods of reducing costs. He also reminds faculty and staff to advise students that at CSU, they pay per term, not per credit.

• The President’s Cabinet approved the move to block scheduling beginning next fall. Departments should be careful in building schedules so that they rotate required classes through time blocks during the year. The overall effects will be to maximize the use of classrooms outside the 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, window. This will respond to faculty and student demand for longer class lengths.

Hellenbrand said the university will begin planning for next year soon.

“We expect, at the end of the day, no new money that is free of obligations, unthethered to mandated costs like benefits and salaries,” wrote Hellenbrand, on Sept. 24, in his analysis of the state’s budget impact on CSUN. He said university leadership will ask each college to redouble efforts to make budgeting transparent to everyone in the unit. He will ask each college to show how its work “advances the causes of sustainability and wellness.”

Hellenbrand said CSUN must understand that it is the campus’ vital interest to develop nongeneral streams of revenue because the state reservoir has shrunk.

“Advancement, grants and contracts, clinical services, and extension all play roles. This poses an organizational problem. Typically, regional universities are organized to collect and disburse funds centrally, however, nongeneral fund activity requires vigilance and coordination on the front and the border between the university and the public,” he wrote. "We need consistent business practices, an astute understanding of risk, and mutual awareness so that we can cross refer clients so that they can get appropriate help.”
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The CSU International Programs
The California State University’s Office of International Programs (IP), a statewide study abroad program of the CSU, urges CSU faculty members to consider an assignment as a resident director. IP also provides other avenues for professional development such as the Wang Fellowship for Community Leaders, IP—aKhi Hirota, abhirota@csun.edu, x3460 or visit http://wane.csun.edu/ip.

Benefits Open Enrollment

Psychology and Counseling Acting Chair
Shari Tarver-Behring (Educational Psychology and Counseling) has been appointed acting chair of the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling for the 2008–09 academic year.

Student Projects Grants
The University Corporation’s Student Projects Committee is accepting student proposals for funding of innovative projects. Guidelines and application forms are available in The University Corporation office, Sierra Center, 3rd floor or online at http://www.csun.edu/universitycorporation/ Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, November 17. fmi—Liz Kioussis, liz.kioussis@csun.edu.

Leadership Seminar
The Professional Development Program will conduct a seminar, “Making the Performance Management Process Work for You,” presented by Bob Foldesi, associate vice president for human resources and Spors Bowman, associate vice president for academic resources. To register, please visit and download the Call for Proposals of Human Resources online at http://www.adms.csun.edu/obrs/development. The seminar takes place 10 a.m.—12 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the Shoshone Room, Satellite Student Union. fmi—Lauren Nile, Lauren.nile@csun.edu.

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Thu., Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.

‘Belle Toujours’
Directed by Manoel de Oliveira.
Association of Retired Faculty series.
Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Music

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

Wind Ensemble
Lawrence Stoffel, conductor.
Tue., Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

Jazz ‘A’ Band
Matt Harris, director.
Bill Reichenbach, guest artist, bass trombone.
Fri., Oct. 10, 8 p.m.
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Music Recital Hall

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Main Art Gallery

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The Importance of Being Earnest
Long before Monty Python, this wickedly irreverent masterpiece earned its place as Britain’s top comedy with wit, wits, manners and mistaken identity. October 15 features post-show discussion.
Directed by Ron Popenhagen.
Written by Oscar Wilde.
Fri., Oct. 10, 8 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11, 8 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 12, 2 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Thu., Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 17, 8 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 18, 8 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 19, 2 p.m.
Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 121
$8–$16

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

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2:30 p.m.
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2:30 p.m.

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7 p.m.
10/17 UC Davis
7 p.m.
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Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armor Theater on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. Seating not guaranteed. For more info, call (818) 677-3150 or visit www.cinematheque.csun.edu.

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