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## Campus Opens Modern, User-Friendly Public Safety Building

*Broad Emergency Preparedness Measures Help Address Post-Virginia Tech Concerns*

Cal State Northridge's new, user-friendly and well-equipped university police station is open for business, awaiting only the June 19 grand opening as the last step in its official launch.

Located on the southeast corner of Prairie Street and Darby Avenue, just west of the B3 Parking Structure, the modern Department of Public Safety building replaces the old facility housed in Building 14 of the University Park Apartments. That location was deemed too small to accommodate departmental needs and ill-suited for police operations.

The user-friendly design of the university's facility is evident from the first step into its lobby, where services such as the LiveScan electronic fingerprinting system—the largest such program in the San Fernando Valley—are located. Nearby are the reception booth, the university Lost and Found center, campus parking and transportation services. The records office, on the second floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

Chief of Police Anne Glavin noted, in the wake of the recent tragic events



Chief of Police Anne Glavin, in the lobby of CSUN's new public safety building, said the facility provides the tools officers need to serve the university and community with the "utmost professionalism."

at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, that the new building features on its second floor a new and larger Emergency Operations Center

(EOC) for the campus. The former EOC, in the campus' Physical Plant Management building, will remain as the back-up command center.

In addition, the university's Public Safety Department will continue to maintain its 40-foot-long command post trailer as a mobile EOC.

"We're very pleased to finally have Public Safety headquartered in the heart of the campus and in a state-of-the-art facility," said President Jolene Koester. "As the recent tragedy in Virginia has shown, public safety is integral to the security and smooth operations of the campus environment, particularly one as large and complex as Cal State Northridge."

A sophisticated dispatch center, staffed 24 hours a day and seven days a week, is located on the first floor. Equipped with camera and computer set-ups to monitor alarms and fire systems all across campus, the dispatch center has two operators who receive 911 emergency calls and maintain a constant surveillance of campus activities.

"Our new public safety facility provides our police officers and other public safety staff with an appropriate state-of-the-art facility, with the tools needed for us to conduct our business  
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## Engineer Wins Fulbright Scholarship for Vietnam Research

*Professor Nbut Ho is Driven to Make a Difference in His Native Country's Educational Process*

But for his overwhelming desire to make a difference in the world, assistant mechanical engineering professor Nbut Ho might have found contentment amid the oil and fumes of an auto garage in his native Vietnam.

"Had I stayed in Vietnam, I probably would not have gone to college," said the hard-driving young director of the Ernie Schaeffer Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. "I'd be a car mechanic; I'd be fixing your car."

Instead, his love of auto mechanics fueled an even greater passion for engineering, which in turn propelled him toward an ambitious undertaking that has earned him a grant from the Fulbright Scholar Program, respected as the nation's flagship program in international educational exchange. Ho departs in spring 2008 for research in Vietnam.

In a nutshell, the professor proposes "to help key stakeholders in Vietnam improve their educational process." As the country makes a transition to a knowledge-based economy, he said, Vietnam's universities assume a greater role as engines for economic growth.

Ho hopes to add "substantial value" to initiatives already begun—by the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), the U.S.-funded Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) and the World Bank, among others—to upgrade the country's engineering education infrastructure and to increase the effectiveness of teaching university undergraduates who are studying

computer science, electrical engineering and physics.

A critical component that has yet to be studied in those efforts, believes Ho, is a thorough understanding of the needs of industry stakeholders with vested interests in Vietnamese college graduates. Also needed is a system of benchmarks to judge how well Vietnamese university curricula

are meeting industry needs.

Ho will spend a semester in engineering and education research, "half quantitative and half qualitative," interviewing university faculty, administrators and alumni to assess graduates' personal and interpersonal skills and language proficiency, as well as the level of their communication,  
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# CSUN Hosts 1st National Confab on Men and Psychotherapy

*'Men Need to Understand That There is Help,' Says Conference Organizer Mark Stevens*

The first national conference examining how men deal with mental health issues, particularly the use of psychotherapy, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2, in the Grand Salon, University Student Union.

The National Psychotherapy with Men conference is presented in association with the American Psychological Association (APA) Division 51 Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity. It is aimed at professionals, practitioners and graduate students in psychology, social work, psychiatry, marriage and family therapy and general counseling.

It will feature nationally known educators, therapists and researchers discussing issues involved both in motivating men to use psychotherapy

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—Mark Stevens,  
Director, University Counseling Services

and in keeping those men in therapy to resolve mental problems such as depression.

"Men underutilize mental health services," said conference organizer Mark Stevens, director of Northridge's University Counseling Services. "The conference will discuss current findings and best practices on how to encourage men to try psychotherapy and keep them returning once they get to our offices.

"Male depression is a major mental health issue that has...caught the attention of the major media recently," Stevens continued. "Men need to understand that there is help. The goal of the conference is to educate and inform professionals on how to help make men feel comfortable when seeking help."

Stevens, president of APA Division 51, said his research in the area of psychotherapy and male mental health, especially depression among culturally diverse men, motivated him to organize the conference.

Keynote speakers include Aaron Rochlen, associate professor of psychology at the University of Texas, who will discuss "Who Are Those Masked Men?: Development, Diagnosis and Treatment of Men with Depression," and psychology professor Anderson Franklin of Boston College, who will speak on "Engaging Black Men in Psychotherapy."

For more information, contact Stevens at [mark.stevens@csun.edu](mailto:mark.stevens@csun.edu) or visit [www.apa.org/divisions/div51/](http://www.apa.org/divisions/div51/). Registration is limited to 200 participants. ■

## Campus Safety...

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with the utmost professionalism for the CSUN community and the surrounding neighborhoods we also serve," said Chief Glavin.

A new police substation in parking lot G7, on Zelzah Avenue between Superior and Halsted streets, has been operational since mid-April. It serves as a base for the university's community policing program, focused on the university housing community, as well as for CSUN's policing partnership with the LAUSD's Northridge Academy High School.

Commenting further on the university's preparedness for an emergency like that experienced at Virginia Tech, President Koester said the university has developed a broad range of management plans for emergencies, either natural or caused by circumstances like those in Blacksburg. Updated annually, the Northridge plan is detailed on the Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Web site: <http://www-admn.csun.edu/publicsafety/emergency/index.htm>.

### Campus Emergency Info

- Toll-free information hotline for students, parents and community: 1-866-515-CSUN
- Toll-free information hotline for faculty/staff: 1-866-535-CSUN
- Report concerns to Public Safety at 1-818-677-2201, Student Affairs at 1-818-677-2391, Academic Affairs at 1-818-677-2957 or Student Housing at 1-818-677-2160
- Public Safety Department Emergency Management Web site: <http://www-admn.csun.edu/publicsafety/emergency/index.htm>
- CSUN can broadcast emergency e-mails to all students and campus employees.
- CSUN can broadcast emergency voicemails to all employees who use voicemail.
- CSUN can broadcast emergency information through the loudspeaker system used for the main campus clock bell tones.
- A system for sending emergency text and voice messages is under review.
- A new emergency information link is located on the CSUN home page, bottom right hand corner.

Along with campuses nationwide, CSUN currently is reviewing its emergency planning to identify

potential areas for improvement. Campus police officers have begun and will continue a higher visibility

on campus to guard against potential Virginia Tech copycat incidents.

The president stressed the need for campus units to complete their individual emergency action plans, on which some 450 faculty and staff have received training so far.

One new safety measure under consideration is a mass notification system that can rapidly deliver recorded voice and text messages to potentially all CSUN students, faculty and staff via phone—including cell phones—and e-mail.

A campuswide notification system for those using campus computers, delivering instant emergency text messages or pop-up Web pages, also is under review. Both systems can reach people at work or at home.

In addition, the university's home page on the Web now features an emergency information link, located in the bottom right hand corner of the page.

For important campus emergency information, see "Campus Emergency Info" on this page. ■

## Fulbright Scholar...

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teamwork, and critical thinking skills.

"I'll also be working with foreign and local companies in Vietnam to help articulate what they need from graduates in terms of skills sets, knowledge and attitudes," said Ho, whose host institutions will include the Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics and the American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, which represents American companies in that country.

Ho's determinations will result in a report to be published in venues such as the International Engineering Education Digest.

"Vietnam is a developing country," he said, "and we want to help improve its standard so that its graduates can be internationally competitive with graduates in Taiwan, India and some of the other southeast Asian countries."

Ho grew up near Ho Chi Minh City, studying there until 1988, when he immigrated with his family to the U.S. Completing all of his math, calculus and physics courses early, he took classes at Cal State Northridge while still in high school.

He wasted no time in making a difference, volunteering to tutor other young immigrants in English both as a high school student and while at USC, where he completed his bachelor of science degree in three years. Later, he volunteered as a teacher at the Vietnamese Cultural Institute in Boston while earning his doctorate at MIT, and returned periodically to his native country to help improve educational administration through information technology and computerization.

"The Fulbright calls you a cultural ambassador," Ho said, "but I see

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mechanical engineering professor

myself more as an education ambassador. I want to build bridges among key stakeholders and get them to work together. It's important for Vietnam to see that instead of making incremental changes, which you can always do, why don't you leap frog?"

Ho offered an illustration of innovation that recalled his love of cars. "In Vietnam, we didn't have toys. To make a toy car, you could get a sandal and cut out some wheels. You'd take a Coke can, wrap that into a body, and put a piece of wood in for the chassis.

"This project is meaningful to me on that level," he said, excited at the prospect of properly educating students through every step of the process. "As an educator, publishing and writing are great, but it's more important to go back to your roots and make a difference in people's lives." ■

# 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 May 14 issue is Monday, May 7. 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](mailto: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

Thursday, May 3

### Celebration of New Major

Dean Elizabeth Say of the College of Humanities and the Department of Languages and Literatures will celebrate the establishment of a new major in languages and cultures at 4 p.m., Sagebrush Hall 109. Seniors' capstone projects and scholarship and study abroad experiences will be presented. *fmi*-Aki Hirota, x3460.

Thursday, May 10

### Celebrating Success

The College of Business and Economics honors participants in the Wells Fargo Center for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Business Consulting Program at 11:30 a.m., Satellite Student Union, Shoshone Room. Registration deadline: April 30. RSVP and registration at [karen.ziegler@csun.edu](mailto:karen.ziegler@csun.edu).

Thursday, May 10

### Japanese Language Lecture

Model/reporter Sachiko Kobayashi will lecture on "How to Speak Beautiful Japanese" at 12:30 p.m., Jerome Richfield Hall 203. Modern and classical languages and literatures professor Aki Hirota will translate. *fmi*-Aki Hirota, x3460.

Thursday, May 10

### Geological Sciences Colloquium

The Geological Sciences Department hosts UCLA researcher Melissa Giovanni, speaking on "Tectonic Evolution of the Cordillera Blanca, Peruvian Andes: Active Extension in a Compressional Orogen" at 4 p.m., Live Oak Hall 1205. *fmi*-x3541.

Friday, May 18

### Honored Faculty Reception

The annual Honored Faculty Reception and 2007 General Faculty Meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m., Grand Salon, University Student Union. Faculty awards will be presented for Outstanding Faculty; Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship; Scholarly Publication; Creative Accomplishment; Extraordinary Service and Visionary Community Service-Learning. *Emeritus* professors and faculty completing 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service will be honored. Senate officers for 2007-08 will be installed. RSVP by Fri., May 11 at x3263 or [heidiv@csun.edu](mailto:heidiv@csun.edu).

## Public Meetings

### Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Meets 1:15-5 p.m.  
Wed., May 2 and 9  
University Hall 277

### Senate Executive Committee

Meets 1-4:30 p.m.  
Thu., May 3  
University Hall 277

### Academic Technology Committee

Meets 2-4 p.m.  
Fri., May 4  
University Hall 211

### North Campus-University Park Development Corporation

Meets 9 a.m.  
Tue., May 8  
University Hall 250

### Educational Resources Committee

Meets 2-4 p.m.  
Tue., May 8  
University Hall 211

### Educational Policies Committee

Meets 2-4 p.m.  
Wed., May 9  
University Hall 211

### Educational Equity Committee

Meets 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Mon., May 14  
University Hall 211

### USU Board

Meets 1 p.m.  
Mon., May 14  
USU Grand Salon

## Notices

### Deepest Sympathy

The Liberal Studies Program and the campus community extend deepest condolences to Martha Campos (*Liberal Studies*) and her family on the passing of her father.

### Catastrophic Leave Donation

Thomas Edvalson (*Physical Plant Management*), currently out on a medical leave of absence, has exhausted his leave credits and is requesting catastrophic leave donations on his behalf. To make voluntary donations of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward completed catastrophic leave donation forms to Payroll Administration, mail drop 8228. Access pledge forms at <http://www-admn.csun.edu/brs/forms/benefitsforms.html>.

### Recognitions of Excellence

Nominations are open for CSUN's Presidential Award, Award of Merit and Team Excellence Awards for outstanding support of the university's mission and students. Winners will be honored at the June 5 Staff Service and Excellence Recognition event. Visit [www-admn.csun.edu/brs/](http://www-admn.csun.edu/brs/) for criteria. Submit nominations by May 9 to Professional Development Programs, Human Resources, mail drop 8229 or University Hall, room 165. *fmi*-x3820.

## Classes

### Professional Development Staff Training

Professional Development Programs provides free training workshops for CSUN staff members in the Oviatt Library, room 16, Garden Level. Enroll by the day preceding the workshop by visiting [www-admn.csun.edu/brs/training/index.html](http://www-admn.csun.edu/brs/training/index.html) and completing the online registration form for each workshop. *fmi*-Janette Munoz, x3820.

#### Workshops:

- "Cholesterol: Keeping it Under Control" Dietician Ellen Bauersfeld, presenter. Thu., May 10, noon to 1 p.m.

## Deadlines

### Human Subjects Research

Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete Human Subject Protocol Approval forms. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to the Standing Advisory Committee for Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline date: May 8, for the May 22 meeting. Download protocol submission forms at [www.csun.edu/research/03\\_Research/06\\_HumanSubjectsResearch.html](http://www.csun.edu/research/03_Research/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html).

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## In Brief



### Alma Mater in India Salutes Engineering Dean Ramesh

College of Engineering and Computer Science Dean S.K. Ramesh on April 28 was honored by his alma mater, the National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli (NITT), as one of 23 Distinguished Alumni award recipients saluted for excellence in their fields.

Dean Ramesh, who earned his bachelor's degree with honors in electronics and communication engineering from NITT in 1981 and his doctoral degree from Southern Illinois University, was recognized on "Alumni Day" for his contributions as faculty member, department chair and dean in a 20-year career, as well as for his leadership in professional societies such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., and Sigma Xi.

The dean also was cited for developing and offering engineering education workshops for high school teachers.

Other alumni were recognized for corporate development, engineering and services, research excellence, public service, and entrepreneurial excellence.

Accepting the honors on the dean's behalf was his mother, Saroja Sundaram, who accepted the award from Surjit Singh Barnala, governor

of the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India, where the institute is located. One of the country's premier engineering schools, NITT serves more than 4,000 students.

### Student Bridge Builders Set for Nationals at CSUN

The Cal State Northridge student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) placed first overall in the regional steel bridge competition held April 12-14 at the University of California, San Diego. The win marks the sixth time the team has qualified for the National Student Steel Bridge Competition (NSSBC), this year to be hosted by CSUN on May 25 and 26.

Co-sponsored by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), the regional competition consisted of designing and building a 20-foot long single-span steel bridge capable of supporting a 2,500-pound load. The judged categories included construction speed, aesthetics,

construction economy, lightness, stiffness and structural efficiency. Overall performance is based on cumulative scores in all six categories.

Among CSUN's scores were second place in construction time (13.68 minutes with penalties), and first place in construction economy, using only four assemblers. These combined with other scores for the first overall recognition.

Northridge's team belongs to the 17-member Pacific Southwest Regional Student Conference (PSWRC), one of 18 regional conferences in the nation. The top two or three teams from each regional compete in the national competition. Out of nearly 220 universities from across the nation, only 40 to 45 invitations to the national competition are given.

CSUN civil engineering and applied mechanics part-time lecturer Edward Larson worked with the student teams in preparation for the competition. ■

## Honors to Work-Study Student of Year



Photo by John Dubois

President Jolene Koester congratulates the MOSAIC (Mentoring to Overcome Struggles and Inspire Courage) program's Eric Sanchez, winner of the 2007 Work-Study Student Employee of the Year Award, including \$3,300 for his 2007-08 tuition. Among others honored at the April 13 Work-Study Awards Luncheon was Multicultural Learning Center teacher/literacy coach Andrea Reuter, Work-Study Supervisor of the Year.

## Art Students' Mural Enhances USU Theater



Photo by Lee Choo

A major mural rich with color and texture has been unveiled in the University Student Union Theater adjacent to the Plaza del Sol Performance Hall. Designed and produced by art students Angela Bernal and Keiko Tanabe with supervision by art professor Laurel Long, the mural's images relate to the "intellectual exploration of science and humanities," said Bernal. Months of work went into the project, in response to faculty's wish for a more aesthetic teaching environment.

## Calendar

The A.S. Ticket Office in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The Ticket Office is open from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-2488. **To park on campus for performances, athletic events, lectures and other activities, guests must purchase a \$4 parking permit.**

### Art and Exhibits

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



#### ▲ Faces of Tientsin, 1946

Counseling services professor emeritus Harold Giedt's photographs, taken as a Marine lieutenant in Tientsin, end of World War II. Presented by the Oviatt Library's Old China Hands Archive. Exhibit runs April 30–Aug. 1. Oviatt Library, second floor

#### Juried Art by Students

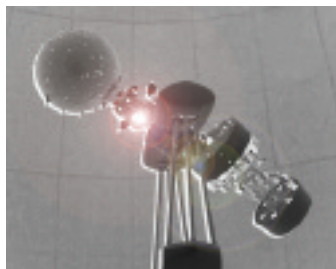
Features works by CSUN students in animation, video, painting, sculpture and other media. Works chosen by art professionals. Opening reception: Fri., May 4, 7–9 p.m. Gallery talk: Mon., May 7, 10 a.m. Exhibition runs May 4–30. Main Art Gallery

#### Women in Music

Featuring women composers and performers. Curated by music graduate student Serena Vaquilar. Exhibit runs through June 1. Oviatt Library, main lobby

#### Celebrating Comics

Development of comic books from 1930s to 20th Century. Exhibit runs through Aug. 3. Oviatt Library, Tseng Gallery



#### ▲ Bianchi Planetarium

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

"Spring Sky Show" and "The Last Days of the Earth" Fri., May 11, 7:30 p.m.

### Athletics (home games):

#### Baseball

5/10	UC Riverside	3 p.m.
5/13	UC Riverside	1 p.m.
5/25	Pacific	3 p.m.
5/26	Pacific	1 p.m.
5/27	Pacific	1 p.m.

#### Softball

5/5	Pacific	noon & 2 p.m.
5/6	Pacific	noon

#### Track and Field

5/5	Big West Multi-Events	noon
5/6	Big West Multi-Events	11 a.m.
5/11	Big West Outdoor Championships	9 a.m.
5/12	Big West Outdoor Championships	noon

### 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.cinematheque.csun.edu/html/events.html](http://www.cinematheque.csun.edu/html/events.html).

#### Student Film Showcase

Annual presentation of outstanding films by CSUN students. Hosted at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, 5220 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood Wed., May 2, 7:30 p.m.

#### 'Scaramouche'

Genre: Swashbuckler. Directed by George Sidney. Mon., May 14, 7 p.m.

### Music

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

#### An Evening of String Chamber Music

David Aks, director. Mon., April 30, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Master Chorale

Paul Smith, conductor. Tue., May 1, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall (formerly Performing Arts Center)

#### From the Studio of Françoise Regnat

Wed., May 2, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Guitar Ensemble

Ron Borczon, director. Thu., May 3, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Goldberg Honors String Quartet

Diane Roscetti, coach. Fri., May 4, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Discovery Players

Steve Thachuk, director. Sat., May 5, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Matt Falker, director. Sun. and Mon., May 6 and 7, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Piano Ensemble

Diane Ketchie, director. Tue., May 8, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Jazz 'A' Band

Matt Harris, director. Thu., May 10, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall (formerly Performing Arts Center)

#### Wind Ensemble

Lawrence Stoffel, conductor. Fri., May 11, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall (formerly Performing Arts Center)

#### Guitar Studio Recital

Sat., May 12, 1 p.m. Music Recital Hall

#### Northridge Singers

Paul Smith, conductor. Sat., May 12, 8 p.m. Plaza del Sol Performance Hall (formerly Performing Arts Center)

#### Composition Showcase & Studio Ensemble

Elizabeth Sellers, director. Mon., May 14, 8 p.m. Music Recital Hall

### Theater/Performance

#### Student Directed One-Acts

Short plays by women playwrights. Wed., May 2, 7 p.m. Thu., May 3, 7 p.m. Fri., May 4, 8 p.m. Sat., May 5, 8 p.m. Sun, May 6, 3 p.m. Wed., May 9, 7 p.m. Thu., May 10, 7 p.m. Fri., May 11, 8 p.m. Sat., May 12, 8 p.m. Sun., May 13, 3 p.m. Studio Theatre \$11–\$16



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