An acclaimed traveling exhibition, *Rising Above Jim Crow: The Paintings of Johnnie Lee Gray*, is on display at Cal State Northridge’s Art Galleries through Nov. 15 in its only West Coast venue. The exhibition of some 35 paintings offers an unforgettable personal vision of the strength and creativity of African-American life during the final decades of segregation.

Cal State Northridge has received a grant from The Open Society Institute to establish debate teams in socio-economically disadvantaged public high schools in the Los Angeles area. The grant, $350,000 for one year and renewable for as many as three years, will fund the Los Angeles Urban Debate League, which will be comprised of seven high schools that will eventually compete against 14 other leagues from around the country.

Cal State Northridge has been selected to host the 2004 NCAA Western Regional Track and Field Championships. More than 800 athletes from 35 universities in eight states are expected to participate in the competition on May 28–29 at the Matador Track and Field Complex. This is the first time Northridge has hosted an NCAA championship track event.

Biology professor Steve Oppenheimer has invited the public to sit in for free on one of his classes this fall, “Biology of Cancer,” in an effort to dispel some of the mysteries associated with the disease. The course covers the causes of cancer and the cellular structure of cancer, as well as how cancer spreads and cancer prevention. Guest presenters will focus on breast and skin cancer and cancer quackery.