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## Police Dispatchers Commended

Dispatchers Diana Johnson and Melissa Miller received a letter of commendation from Jim Botting, Chief of Police, Ventura County Community College District, for their excellent work in getting resources to the Moorpark College campus during the recent wildfires. They were instrumental in helping to shut down a 4-inch gas line that was surrounded by flames.

*For more information, contact Chief Jeff Young, director of public safety, x8447.*

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## Faculty Publication

Associate Professor of English Renny Christopher contributed an article to Beyond the Borders: American Literature and Post-Colonial Theory, published in London by Pluto Press. “Vietnamese and Vietnamese American Literature in a Postcolonial Context” looks at the transnational body of writing produced by Vietnamese refugees who came to the U.S. after the end of the war in 1975. These writers write not only within the context of English-language American literature, but also within the context of the Vietnamese-language exile writers who publish in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and France, and the context of Vietnamese writers whose works have begun appearing in translation in the U.S.

*For more information, contact Renny Christopher, associate professor of English, x8994.*

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## CSUN Student Dies in Traffic Accident

Maria Rosalia Mendoza, a senior majoring in liberal studies at Cal State Northridge, passed away Friday, November 21, as the result of an automobile accident. Ms. Mendoza was on her way to an in-service training for the California Mini Corps, which is located on the CSUCI campus, when the accident occurred. Funeral mass was held on Wednesday, November 26, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Fillmore. Our heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends.

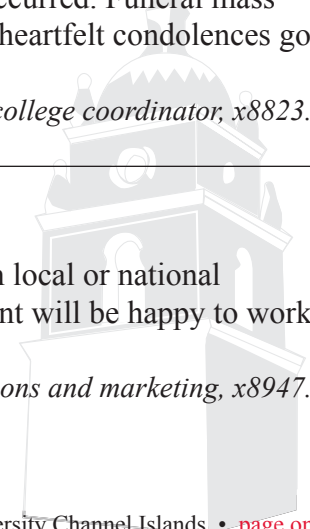
*For more information, contact Julie Antilla-Garza, college coordinator, x8823.*

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## College Surveys

As you know, colleges and universities are often surveyed for various lists that appear in local or national publications. Should you receive such a survey or questionnaire, University Advancement will be happy to work with you to complete the survey and return it for possible inclusion in the periodical.

*For more information, contact Peggy Hinz, director of communications and marketing, x8947.*



## Speech and Debate Tournament Held

The First Annual "Talkin' Dolphin" Speech and Debate tournament was held on Saturday, November 22. Competitors included students from Communication 101 and the Speech and Debate team. The first-place winners were: Alan Howard (Dramatic Interpretation), Lisa Mancini (Informative Speaking), Anneka Busse/Tami Gershater (Dramatic Duo), Sarah Conroy (Persuasive Speaking), Tami Gershater (Ceremonial Speech/After Dinner Speaking), Robert Boulter (Lincoln-Douglas Debate), Mike Jones (Impromptu Speaking), Tami Gershater (Outstanding Speaker Award), and Mike Jones (Triathlon Award). The Judges included Terry Ballman, John Yudelson, Renny Christopher, Silvia Cotton, Gregory Sawyer, Michelle Lievense, and Trae Cotton.

*For more information, contact Michelle Lievense, (805) 217-6429.*

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## Special Thank You for Volunteers

Terri Goldstein, coordinator of disability accommodation services, would like to publicly thank the following members of the campus community who volunteered their time to read textbooks on to audiotape for students with disabilities: Rosemary Adalian, Raquel De Los Santos, Kerry Donlon (student), Gina Farrar, Laura Fults (student), Toni Rice, Bill Wolfe, and especially John Yudelson who went above and beyond the call of duty. Disability Accommodations Services is currently recruiting volunteers for the spring semester.

*For more information, contact Terri Goldstein, coordinator of disability accommodation services, x8528.*

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## University Chorale Formed

Singers are needed for the newly formed CSU Channel Islands University Chorale. Under the direction of KuanFen Liu, University of Southern California, Doctor of Musical Arts, the group will combine singers from the community as well as students enrolled in a one-unit spring course. Placement dates will be February 3 and 4, 7:00-9:30 p.m., in Conference Hall 2.

*For more information, contact Gary Berg, director of extended education, x8580.*

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## Library Provides Help Identifying Plagiarism

The University Library is now providing access to TURNITIN.COM, an online plagiarism detection service. To obtain an account to TURNITIN.COM contact Peter Sezzi, reference librarian, at [peter.sezzi@csuci.edu](mailto:peter.sezzi@csuci.edu). In addition to TURNITIN.COM, the library is developing a best practices Web site that details not only how to detect plagiarism but also how to prevent plagiarism before it happens. Librarians are also available for private consultation on tracking down cases of suspected plagiarism. All inquiries will be treated with complete confidentiality.

*For more information, contact Amy Wallace, head of library public services, x8911.*

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## New Library Databases and Full-Text Journals

In addition to renewing its subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica, the Cal State Library System has also added three new products from Britannica. The Annals of American History is a collection of memoirs, articles, speeches, poems, and multimedia images that look at the history of the United States. Webster's 3<sup>rd</sup> New International Dictionary includes easy word searches and a thesaurus. The World Data Analyst allows users to create tables, charts, and timelines that compare or organize socioeconomic, demographic, and other statistical data for the 192 countries in the world.

CSUCI has also recently purchased the SIRS Researcher. This database collects articles and editorials from newspapers and magazines around the world and compiles them by subject focus for easy access. A click on "AIDS" in the SIRS subject list, for example, brings up recent articles from The Jerusalem Post, New York Times, AP, International Press Service, Harvard Heart Letter, and the New Delhi based Down to Earth. It is a product that will make quick work for students and faculty locating current information on a variety of subjects.

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### *Around Campus*



Matt Oppenheim, service learning coordinator, welcomes a group of students, faculty, staff, and community members to the Service Learning Celebration on Tuesday, December 2. Approximately 341 CSUCI students are currently involved with service learning programs on campus.



Past President of the CSUN-CI Associated Students Kirsten Moss, Sculptor James "Bud" Bottoms, and Current President of the CSUN-CI Associated Students Leon Aragon pose in front of the new dolphin statue, donated to the University by Cal State University Northridge at Channel Islands students. The statue was officially dedicated at a ceremony on Wednesday, December 3.

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