

Project Vote Smart Bus Plans Dominican Stop

The non-partisan Project Vote Smart group has created an archive of searchable information on all the candidates for president, U.S. Congress, governor, and state legislature. The organization is traveling the nation on a 45-foot red and blue motor coach to deliver information on each candidate's voting record, speeches, campaign finance information, and interest group ratings.

The bus, which is outfitted with computer terminals and a small movie theater, will be parked outside outside Caleruega Dining Hall, located at 100 Magnolia Avenue. Project Vote Smart's visit to Dominican is sponsored by the University's Department of Political Science and International Studies.

Both students and members of the public are encouraged to visit the bus, said Alison Howard, an instructor of political science.

"This is being called the year of change by candidates, citizens, and pundits alike, and what better way to usher in that change than with an interactive media bus that provides valuable information at people's fingertips," Howard said.

"Democracy requires participation and participation requires information--Project Vote Smart builds that bridge for voters," she added, noting that the bus visit will help prepare some voters for California's Presidential Primary on February 5.

Project Vote Smart is a national research organization funded through foundation grants and the individual contributions of 45,000 members. As well as providing information on candidates, the organization offers information on ballot initiatives, and the voting process. The program was founded in 1992 by former Presidents Carter and Ford.

For more information, please contact Project Vote Smart at 406-859-8683 or Dominican University of California at 415-485-3239.

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