New semester brings more academic options

Responding to student, faculty and job market demand, Sacramento State has added a new master’s degree, three new minors and four new concentrations to the curriculum this semester.

The new master’s degree in bilingual/multicultural education offers students the opportunity to focus in either of two areas: teacher leadership in multicultural education and multicultural educators in non-traditional settings. It’s designed for those who want to work with culturally and linguistically diverse populations.

Students now also have the opportunity to minor in American Sign Language, creative writing or composition. Sign language is offered through the special education, rehabilitation and school psychology department while creative writing and composition are through English.

And additional concentrations are available in art history for art majors, in digital media for communication studies majors, in Hellenic studies for history majors, and in jazz for music majors.

Paul Noble, associate vice president of Academic Affairs for planning and resources, says work is also progressing on a joint doctorate in educational administration. The program, which will operate in conjunction with UC Davis and Sonoma State, is expected to launch in 2005-06.

New majors, minors and concentrations take different paths to come to fruition. But all share a few common factors. There must be a demonstrated need from students and there must be potential for career opportunities, says Noble.

In the case of concentrations and minors, expertise within an existing department comes into play, he says. “A concentration doesn’t require a new structure. It’s more of an ‘advising track’ issue.”

The push for a new minor or concentration starts at the department level, says Linda Buckley, director for curriculum, assessment and accreditation in Academic Affairs. That’s because departments ultimately have to decide if they have the funding and expertise to take on the program. “Departments respond to market pressures or requests from students and departmental expertise,” she says.

Minors often begin to develop when a department starts to see a pattern of students taking courses in their department outside their major subject. This happened in Buckley’s own department, English. Students who were enrolled as English literature majors found the jobs were in composition, she says. And when enough students started taking classes to gain those composition skills, the decision was made to develop a minor.

Once a request for a concentration or minor is approved by the department chair, it goes to the College academic review committee and then to the dean before moving on to Academic Affairs. At each step of processes, resources, both budgetary and faculty, and academic rigor are scrutinized.

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It sounds like a great gig – listening to the radio and hanging out in sports bars, all in the name of academia – and David Nylund admits it was. But the social work professor says what he learned from the likes of sports talk radio personality Jim Rome and his listeners reveals volumes about American men, turning some of his preconceptions upside-down.

Rather than being an anonymous outlet where homophobic or racist remarks are tolerated, Nylund found talk radio was more of a society. “It’s a community where men can discuss issues that relate to gender and sexual-ity in meaningful ways,” he says.

Nylund’s findings appeared in the May issue of the Journal of Sport and Social Issues and will be submitted as a book proposal. His project was funded by GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. At times, Nylund says, sports radio even functions as a support group, such as in the spring when the Sacramento Kings again failed in the playoffs. “Sports talk radio served as ‘therapy’ for grieving Kings fans. All day long on both national and local shows, callers from Sacramento, men and women, called to express their pain and frustration.”

For the bulk of his study, Nylund used “The Jim Rome Show” because it’s the most popular sports radio talk show in the country. “Rome is known for his strong approach, opinions and speech. He became widely

University to recognize outstanding alumni

The University will honor several alumni for their service to the community during the annual Alumni Honors Luncheon as part of campus Homecoming Week celebrations.

The Alumni Honors Luncheon will be Thursday, Friday, Oct. 8 in the Alumni Center. Prior to the luncheon, the awardees will meet with President Alexander Gonzalez, Alumni Relations Executive Director Joseph Shelley and the Alumni Board of Directors at a reception in the Alumni Center lobby.

This year’s recipients are:

• Frank Boakye-Dwomoh, Electrical and Electronic Engineering
• Evelyn Baflcio, Educational Leadership

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The University community and visitors can now get around campus more quickly and easily on the new Campus Loop Shuttle. It runs from 6:50 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until 5 p.m. Friday.

Shuttle stops include: Serna Plaza, Napa Hall, Parking Lot 10, Parking Lot 8 and Stadium Drive, the Bookstore, Jenkins Hall and the Transit Center.

The service will become even more valuable as winter approaches, helping riders arrive at certain points on campus high and dry on rainy days. According to Jim Staley of University transportation and parking services, the new shuttle service will also reduce campus traffic and cut down on pollution because people using the shuttle will be driving around campus less. The shuttle does not have a set time schedule. It runs on 15- to 20-minute time intervals, making it convenient for students, faculty and staff to arrive to spots on campus quickly. Music is also featured on the shuttles.

The shuttle is free to students, faculty and staff with a valid One Card. For more information contact UTAPS at 278-7275.

– Christina Lowell

Presidential inauguration

A convocation has been called for noon to 3 p.m., today, Monday, Oct. 4 for the inauguration of President Alexander Gonzalez.

The event begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Outdoor Theatre. A reception will follow in the redwood grove on the west side of the theatre.

All members of the campus community are invited and University staff are encouraged to attend with the permission of their supervisors.
Employee workshops focus on money matters

The Human Resources’ Benefits Office has scheduled a number of financial workshops in the coming months. The workshops include:

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Campus hosts Bush-Kerry debate events

Sacramento State government professors will host a special viewing and discussion of the final presidential debate between George Bush and John Kerry at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13 in Mariposa Hall 1000. The event is free and open to the public.

There will also be a viewing and discussion of the only scheduled vice presidential debate at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5 in Mendocino Hall 1005.

In addition, all of the debates will be shown on campus televisions in the University Union.

The goal of the hosted viewings on Oct. 5 and 13 is to allow students, other members of the campus community and the public a chance to discuss the debate with one another rather than deferring to political pundits. The professors—who have expertise in presidential politics, media and politics, and campaigning—will be on hand to facilitate discussion and answer questions.

The presidential debate on Oct. 13 is the last of three debates, with the others set for Sept. 30 and Oct. 8. It will be broadcast from Arizona State University and will focus on domestic and economic policy.

Details: Kimberly Nalder at 278-6693.

SACRAMENTO STATE NURSING

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Exhibit, "Images of Identity," contemporary American Indian art by 12 artists, curated by Sacramento State professors Frank LaPena and Terri Castaneda, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., University Library Gallery. (916) 278-2368. Continues to Nov. 18.

Hispanic Heritage Month, concerts, dance, lectures, presentations, more, Sept. 15-Oct. 20, campuswide. (916) 278-7241.

Exhibit, "South America: The Realism Magico and Beyond," works by Ferando Duarte and Gail Paz, Hispanic Heritage Month, University Library, call (916) 278-6926 for library hours. Continues to Oct. 20.

Exhibit, "Trobriand Worlds: Contesting Representations in an Age of Art," artifacts and photo murals of contemporary Trobriand islanders, curated by Sacramento State professors Jay Crain and Allan Darragh, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Tue-Fri, Anthropology Museum, Mendocino 1000. Continues to Dec. 1. (916) 278-6076.

Exhibit, "Brown vs. Board of Education," third floor, University Library, call (916) 278-6926 for library hours. Continues to Oct. 31. Reception noon-1:30 p.m., Oct. 5, third floor, University Library.

Monday, Oct. 4
Music, Sacramento State Symphonic Wind Ensemble with Maria Carrillo High School Band, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. $8 general/$5 students. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

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Forum, "A Drivers License: To Have or Have Not," noon-2 p.m., University Union Forest Suite.

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Breitman Lecture Series, Christopher Cabaldon, mayor of West Sacramento, Homecoming, $15 general/free for Alumni Association members, reservations required, 7-30 a.m., Alumni Center. (916) 278-6295.

Music, Sacramento State Opera Alumni Recital, Michele and Jason Detwiler, Homecoming, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. $8 general/$5 students and seniors. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

Student Homecoming parade, marching, music, more, 11-4:15 a.m., residence halls to Library Quad. (916) 278-4418.

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Horon Olympics, live student sports competition, Homecoming, 5-7 p.m., Outdoor Theatre. (916) 278-4418.

Blood drive, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., University Union Redwood Room (916) 278-6997.

Green Careers Conference, live via satellite conference on environmental issues, includes three panel discussions and live interaction, reservations required, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., University Media Services, Library Room 11. (916) 278-6620.

Alumni Honors Luncheon, awards for distinguished alumni, Homecoming, $25, reservations required, noon, Alumni Center. (916) 278-6295.

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Saturday, Oct. 8
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Exhibit, "Articulation," works by California Community College art faculty, noon-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri., Robert Else Gallery, Kadema Plaza. (916) 278-2222.

Comedy, Francisco Sanandand Cupula Comedy Competition, five comics in final round of annual competition, Hispanic Heritage Month, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. $10 general/$5 Sacramento State students. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or at Tickets.com.

Lecture, "What Determines the Hispanic Heritage Month," noon-2 p.m., Multi-Cultural Center. (916) 278-6101.


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"Back to School," lectures from several College of Health and Human Services departments, Homecoming, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., various campus venues. Registration required. (916) 278-7255.

College of Health and Human Services dinner, features address by Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez, 6 p.m., University Union Ballroom, $35, registration required. (916) 278-7255.

Overview of classes for older adults, College of Continuing Education, informational event showcasing 60+ Fee Waiver Program, Sacramento State Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Elderhostel, Renaissance Society and other programs, Homecoming, 1:30-4 p.m., Dining Hall. (916) 278-4433.

Forum, "Original or Recycle? Jataka Engraving of Wat Si Chum (Sukhothai)," Sacramento State professor Pattaratorn Chiraprapativ, "A Fallen Bat, a Rainbow and the Missing Head: Media and Marginalization in Upland Borneo," Sacramento State professor Tuan Tran and Vicki Pearson-Rounds, Sacramento State Research and Creative Activity Faculty Forum, 5:30-7 p.m., Mendocino Hall 1020. (916) 278-7381.

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3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, University Union Capital Suite

Wednesday, Oct. 6
1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee Friday, October 8
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee Tuesday, October 12
1:30 p.m., Curriculum Subcommittee
3 p.m., Executive Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 150 unless otherwise noted.