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Hypnotic entertainer brings stage show to Sac State

Tom DeLuca, the world-renowned hypnotist, will make an appearance once again at Sacramento State on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom. Admission is free. For more information, contact UNIQUE Programs at (916) 278-6997.

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For more information on the employee transit pass, contact Alfredo Orozco at orozcoa@csus.edu or call 278-7527. For information on SacRT visit www.sacrt.com or call 321-BUSS.

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ATHLETICS

Women's tennis opens year in Hawaii

The Sacramento State women's tennis team opened its 2007 spring season at the Maui Tournament on Friday.

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Dramatic behavior championed at annual theater festival

Continuing a tradition that has endured for more than 50 years, Sacramento State will once again host the award-winning Lenaea Festival on February 2 – 4. Festival events run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2; 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 3; and 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 4. Events will be held in the University, the Playwrights' and the Studio Theatres, as well as other campus venues.

The festival, among the largest high-school theater events of its kind in the nation, offers high school theater teachers and students a chance to learn new skills and share ideas.

Students perform in a series of one-act plays, scenes, monologues and songs and are evaluated by Sacramento State professors and area theater professionals. Awards are presented to the top-scoring performers, who are invited to give command performances on Sunday evening. Other festival events include educational workshops and special presentations.

All festival participants are eligible for the Robert Smart Spirit of Lenaea Scholarship, which was named after the late Sacramento State Professor Robert Smart, who led the festival for more than 10 years.

"The participants really enjoy coming to Sacramento State and competing against other west coast high schools," says Scott Adams, executive director of the Lenaea Festival. "The students get so much out of the Festival. Not only are they preparing monologues and scenes, but they're able to come and sit in and see other schools' approaches to theater and performance."

Festival performances are open to the public. Tickets, available at the University Theatre box office in Shasta Hall, are \$5 per day or \$10 for a weekend pass. For more information, contact the Department of Theatre and Dance at 278- 6702 or visit www.csus.edu/lenaea.

A brief history of campus street names

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The University's original street names, Jed Smith Drive and Judah Way (since renamed State University Drive), as well as Sinclair Road and Moraga Way, were inspired by men connected with early California history in this area.

Jedidiah Smith was believed to be the first American to cross the continent to California's coast at a time when it was part of Mexico. In 1827, motivated by his fur trading company's need for beaver pelts, Smith and 11 other men traveled from St. Louis to the San Gabriel Mission. From that region, he and his crew journeyed north, where they eventually crossed the American River, presumably somewhere between the campus grounds and Folsom. The news of Smith's trip to California inspired other American trappers and, later on, farmer-immigrants.

Theodore Judah contributed to California's expansion through his role in the development of the railroad system. Judah took on the task of building the railroad from Sacramento to Folsom in 1854-56. After that, he organized financial support for the Central Pacific Railroad, which ultimately received the government contract to build the western half of the first continental railroad.

Southern Pacific Railroad emerged from the company Judah formed, and SP Railroad later built the railroad tracks that form the western boundary of today's campus.

Perpendicular to those railroad tracks is Sinclair Way, the street that runs east-west from the railroad to the back of Eureka Hall. John Sinclair, for whom it was named, was a farming partner of John Sutter and lived on the property on which the campus is located. Sinclair was also known for his involvement in the

search for and rescue of the Donner Party, as well as taking in several survivors from the doomed expedition shortly after they were found.

Explorer Gabriel Moraga's ventures into the Sacramento Valley were the inspiration for Sacramento State's Moraga Way, the road that runs north and south beginning at Yosemite Hall and ending at the Central Plant. Moraga began his journey in San Jose and arrived in Sacramento just below the present site of Auburn by way of the Sierra Foothills and then the Calaveras, Mokelumne and Cosumnes Rivers.

There is one street on the campus, however, that has never had a "name" attached to it. The Esplanade, which runs from J Street into the north entrance of campus, stands alone as the only Sacramento State street never to have been named for a person. The term "esplanade" usually refers to a walkway or road alongside a body of water, and although The Esplanade is not situated next to the American River, it is located nearby.

Building a foundation for the future--College of Engineering and Science will bring business leaders to campus

The College of Engineering and Computer Science at Sacramento State is hosting a forum titled "Sacramento Region Engineering Workforce" on Thursday, Jan. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., designed to address the growing need for engineers and IT professionals in the region.

"The focus of the forum will be formulating ideas as to how we can increase the enrollment, retention and graduation of engineers for our region so we can better serve the needs of the community," says Emir Jose Macari, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

Dan Kennedy, editor of the Sacramento Business Journal, will be the keynote speaker and David Lyons, labor analyst for the California Employment Development Department, will provide statistics on the critical need for engineering and computer science talent during the next decade.

Agenda topics:

- Demographic Changes and Labor Market Dynamics
- Recruitment, Retention, Graduation and Placement of Engineering and Computer Science students
- Industry Growth Areas:
 - Civil Infrastructure Development
 - Sustainable Growth/Environmental Protection
 - Clean Energy
 - Micro- and Nanotechnology
- Strategies for Developing Relevant Engineering Education/Curriculum
- Strategies for Student Success: Mentoring

The College of Engineering and Computer Science is inviting representatives from industry and government to work with educators to find both short- and long-term solutions.

"We hope that the outcome will be a strategic plan that will enable us to develop a sustained and well-qualified technological workforce for our region," Dean Marcari says. To RSVP and for more information, contact Cynda Dart at 278-6852 or at cynda@ecs.csus.edu.

Spring Sports Preview

The weather is still brisk but spring is already in the air at Sacramento State as Hornet athletes gear up for competitions on the track, field and water.

Softball

One season removed from a 35-20 overall record and a 14-6 mark in the Pacific Coast Softball

Conference, Sacramento State will look to post its fourth straight season with at least 30 wins. The Hornets, who finished just one game out of first place and narrowly missed a selection to the NCAA Regionals, return 13 players from last year's team which posted its most victories since the 1995 season.

Among those returners are three all-conference selections – junior outfielder Hilary Johnson (.353 batting average, 33 runs, 10 stolen bases), sophomore pitcher Cassie Cervantes (14-4, 1.82 ERA, 221 strikeouts in 115.2 innings) and sophomore catcher Jamie Schloredt (.333 batting average, six home runs, 42 RBIs).

Baseball

Sacramento State enters its second year as an affiliate member of the Western Athletic Conference with an elevated pitching staff, a talented incoming class of freshmen and junior college players, and a solid group of returning position players.

All-conference third baseman David Flores returns to the team for his junior year after having a breakout season a year ago, batting .331 with 28 RBIs, 16 doubles and 29 runs. The pitching staff returns senior left-hander Mick Joyce, who finished last year with a 5-1 record, three complete games and a staff-best 3.09 ERA. Junior right-hander Mitch Lively will be one of the team's top relievers after making a team-leading 22 appearances in 2006. The Hornets start 2007 on Friday, Feb. 2, at Loyola Marymount and will open WAC play in a quest for a conference championship on March 2 at Louisiana Tech.

Track and Field

Senior David Nichols will look to become a three-time All-American this spring. The shot putter has earned All-America honors each of the last two seasons, including a sixth-place showing last spring at the national championships. This June, Sacramento State will serve as host for the NCAA Div. 1 Outdoor Track and Field Championships for the third straight year.

The Hornet women will also continue their quest for a Big Sky Conference title. Senior Roshena Duree will lead the way after being named the conference's Field Athlete of the Year last season.

Women's Tennis

Despite a roster that featured six freshmen last season, the Sacramento State women's tennis team was able to win its fifth-consecutive Big Sky Conference title. With five players returning to the fold in 2007, the Hornets look primed to win another league title. Sacramento State, which welcomes back all-conference performers Cecilia Helland, Luba Schifris and Joyce Martinez Gutierrez, enters the season having won 34 consecutive matches against Big Sky competition, a streak which dates back to 2002.

Men's Tennis

After being crowned the Big Sky Conference's co-regular season champions last season, the Sacramento State men's tennis team will return four players in 2007. That includes first team all-Big Sky selection Gabriel Loredó. In addition, the team welcomes a recruiting class that was ranked the 18th-best in the nation among Div. I teams by the Tennis Recruiting Network. The men's tennis team has accounted for six conference championships in the last nine years.

Rowing

After winning last year's Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) championship for the first time since 2001, the Sacramento State women's rowing team will look to repeat as conference champions in 2007. The Hornets welcome back 26 student-athletes this year to a program that has won four conference championships since the rowing team gained intercollegiate status in 1995.

Golf

The Hornet women will be one of the favorites to win the Big Sky Conference championship. Last season, Sacramento State placed third but the team returns the core of its lineup and has also added Boise State transfer Erica Haney to the mix. Senior Margaux Sheehan has been the top golfer on the team the last two years.

Head coach Adam Pohll continued his rebuilding of the men's golf program. A talented group of young players will guide the team during the spring. That group includes freshman Grant Norton and Robert Budenbender, who prepped locally at Sheldon HS and Casa Roble HS, respectively.

Sacramento State names Marshall Sperbeck head football coach

Marshall Sperbeck is the head football coach at Sacramento State, President Alexander Gonzalez announced at a press conference on Saturday, Jan. 13. Sperbeck becomes the ninth football coach in school history.

Prior to coming to the Hornets, Sperbeck was the head football coach at Foothill College in Los Altos, Calif., for the past 15 years. During that time, he produced a 109-53 overall record and led the Owls to 11 bowl games. This past season, Foothill was 10-1 overall and tied for the Northern California Football Association title. The team advanced to the Silicon Valley Bowl where it downed Sierra College, 24-0.

"We interviewed some very strong candidates, and that made this a tough choice," Gonzalez said. "But it is clear to me that Coach Sperbeck is the man for the job. He has a demonstrated commitment to his players, a strong sense of the importance of academics and deep ties in this community. We're proud to welcome him to the Sacramento State family."

In 2006, Foothill was one of the top offensive teams in the state with Sperbeck calling the plays. The Owls led all California Junior Colleges with 478.8 yards per game. Foothill also ranked at the top of the list with 590.2 all-purpose yards per game, 7.2 yards per play and 9.6 yards per pass attempt. The Owls were also second in the state with 58 touchdowns and 42.8 points per game.

Foothill ended the season as the top-ranked team in Northern California and scored at least 40 points in seven of its 10 regular season games.

Since 1998, Sperbeck's teams have won at least eight games in all but one season. Those teams have also produced an 8-0 record in bowl games.

"This is a very exciting day for Sacramento State athletics," Director of Athletics Terry Wanless said.

"When we started this search, we were looking for a person with proven coaching success as well as ties to the local community, and Marshall Sperbeck brings all that and more to the position.

"He is a highly regarded coach with an impressive track record of success both on the field and in the classroom."

A native of Sacramento, Sperbeck graduated from Valley High School. He later played at the University of Nevada from 1981-82 and led the team to a pair of winning seasons while throwing for 2,425 yards.

Following college, he had two stints in NFL training camps before joining the Foothill staff as an assistant coach in 1985. He coached the quarterbacks and receivers and was later elevated to offensive coordinator before becoming head coach in 1992.

Sperbeck earned a bachelor's of science degree in physical education from Nevada in 1984 and later added a master's of education from United States International in 1989.

For more information, contact Intercollegiate Athletics at (916) 278-6481 or visit www.hornetsports.com.

Larry Gilbert appointed technology chief

Following a national search, Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez has named Larry Gilbert as the University's Chief Information Officer. The appointment is effective March 12.

In the new position, Gilbert will be responsible for the planning, development and implementation of information technology on campus as well as academic, student and administrative technology initiatives. He will manage the operations of the University's Computing and Communication Services, Media Services, and Telecommunications Services departments. He is also expected to play a major role in organizing, managing and strengthening the campus' information technology infrastructure, including support to campus academic programs and distance education instruction.

Gilbert comes to Sacramento State from Western Washington University where for the last seven years he was director of Academic Technology and User Services. Previously, he held positions as director of Teaching and Learning Technologies and associate director of the Office of Telecommunications and Broadcasting at the University of Nevada. He also served as director of Educational Media at the College of William and Mary.

"Teens and Junk Food" essay contest is food for thought for high school students

High school students will have a chance to sound off on one of the country's most talked about issues regarding teens and health in a statewide essay contest sponsored by the LegiSchool Project, a civic education collaborative between Sacramento State's Center for California Studies and the California Legislature.

The "Teens and Junk Food" essay contest is open to high school juniors and seniors. Ten students will be selected to travel to Sacramento to take part in a day-long student legislative summit at the State Capitol on Thursday, April 19. Participants will engage state leaders during a student-run press conference, tour and lunch at the Capitol, visit the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts and attend a roundtable meeting with the Capitol Press Corps and legislative staff.

Prompted by statistics showing a significant increase in the prevalence of teen obesity between 1999 and 2004 and health related problems due to teen obesity on the rise, lawmakers are responding by addressing the issue of teen eating habits at school. Recently enacted legislation, which will be phased in beginning July 1, 2007, calls for a ban on soda sold during the school day, restricts the sale of food with a high percentage of fats and sugars, and requires the Department of Health Services to develop a program which makes fruits and vegetables available to students free of charge.

For the essay contest, students should address the following questions:

- What is your position on the current nutrition-related bills – SB 965, SB 12 and SB 281? Do you support them, or do you feel that the legislature is "micro-managing" teen eating habits?
- Do you feel limits on junk food in school will improve your overall eating habits, even outside of school?
- What are your ideas for improving healthy eating habits among teens?
- Using your knowledge of state government, are these ideas viable for the legislative or executive branches of state government to address?

Essays must be typed, double-spaced, 750 words or less and include the student's name, home address, phone number, e-mail, name of high school and teacher who announced the contest. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 26 and submitted to: Sacramento State, Center for California Studies, LegiSchool Essay Contest, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6081.

For more information, please visit www.csus.edu/legischool or call (916) 278-6909.

Clery Act information

In accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, crime statistics for Sacramento State are available at www.csus.edu/police/cleryact.stm.

The statistics include crimes reported on campus over the last three years. Crimes reported on off-campus property owned or controlled by Sacramento State, or on property adjacent to or accessible from campus, are also included.

In addition, the report includes information on campus security policies, crime prevention, crime reporting and other safety matters. Print copies are available in the library or from the public safety or student affairs offices. For more information, contact Public Safety at 278-6851.

Faculty Senate

There are no Faculty Senate meetings scheduled this week.

Professional Activities

Scholarships

Lindy Valdez, Kinesiology & Health Science, was selected to receive the 2007 California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) Honor Award. The notification letter states, "This award exemplifies the meritorious contributions that you have made in the areas of service, research, teaching and administration." He will receive this award at the 2007 CAHPERD State Conference on March 3.

Rafael Diaz, Mathematics/Statistics, co-authored an article with Nirmal Mann, Gastroenterology, at UC Davis, titled "The Evaluation of Classified Advertisements for Gastroenterology in NEJM 1985-2000," that appeared in the *International Medical Journal*, December 2006. Volume 13, Number 4. The study involved a statistical Time Series analysis of the number of classified advertisements in the *New England Journal of Medicine* over a period of 20 years in order to explore a hypothesis relating the number of these advertisements and a recent demand for colonoscopy screenings.

David Booher, Center for Collaborative Policy, was invited to give a guest lecture at the Naval Post Graduate School College of Defense Analysis in Monterey on Dec. 5, 2006. The lecture focused on the use of collaborative strategies to address complex "wicked" problems.

Hellen Lee-Keller, English, has published an article titled "Civilizing Violence: 'The Haunted Valley,'" in *The Ambrose Bierce Project Journal*, 2.1 (Fall 2006). The article addresses Bierce's radical politics that condemned the nineteenth-century United States nation-building project.

Tom Knutson, Communication Studies, has been informed that the *Bangkok University Academic Review* will publish his paper, "A Scale to Measure Thai Rhetorical Sensitivity." The paper is co-authored by **Val Smith**, **Boondharika Kaweewong**, and **Phan Datthuyawat**, Communication Studies, and **Rosechongporn Komolsevin**, chair of the doctoral program in Interpersonal Communication at Bangkok University, Thailand. Knutson is spending the semester break in Thailand conducting research and consulting at Bangkok University and Kasetsart University.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was appointed to the National Policy Council on Information Communication Technology Literacy as a representative of the CSU system. The goal of the council is to develop a national framework for adoption of Information Communication Technology (ICT) thresholds. The Educational Testing Service (ETS) has been beta testing ICT exams on CSU campuses

for two years. O'Connor chaired the International Framework Committee and served on the ETS test development committee.

Bill Owen, Communication Studies, has published a book of haiku, senryu and haibun entitled *haiku notebook*.

Cloteal Thrower Herron, Outreach Admissions Counselor, presented at the "First Class Lady's Conference," St. Paul Baptist Church, on Nov. 18. The title of her presentation was "Having a First Class Marriage."

In The News

Timothy Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted: in the Nov. 26 *Sacramento Bee* about California legislators who accepted pay increases after having previously rejected them; in the Oct. 20 *Pasadena Star*, the Oct. 21 *Tri-Valley Herald* and the Oct. 23 *San Bernardino Sun* on the growing popularity of absentee ballots; in the Oct. 10 *San Mateo Times* and the Nov. 8 *Tulare Advance Register* on the contrasting styles of candidates Jerry Brown and Chuck Poochigian; in the Oct. 25 *Marin Independent Journal* on Richard Pombo's bid for re-election; and in the Nov. 16 *Oakland Tribune* on the instability of public finance in California.

Nancy Shulock, Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, was quoted: in the Nov. 29 *Sacramento Bee* and the Nov. 16 *San Francisco Chronicle* on low completion rates in California's community college system; in the Oct. 26 *Fremont Argus*, the Oct. 23 *Torrance Daily Breeze*, the Oct. 23 *San Diego Tribune*, the Oct. 20 *North County Times*, the Oct. 21 *San Bernardino Sun* and the Oct. 20 *San Mateo County Times* on the declining rate of California students entering college directly after high school.

Kimberly Nalder, Government, was quoted in the Oct. 16 *Tahoe Tribune* about voter turnout in the November elections.

Ted Lascher, Public Policy & Administration, was quoted in the Nov. 9 *San Francisco Chronicle* on the election of former Gov. Jerry Brown as attorney general.

Michael Semler, Government, was quoted in the Oct. 25 *San Mateo Times* about the use of bond measures to support funding for state educational institutions.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the Nov. 5 *San Joaquin County Register* on voter turnout in the November elections; in the Oct. 15 *Santa Cruz Sentinel* on Jerry Brown's bid for attorney general; in the Nov. 4 *Contra Costa Times* on voter outrage over the Ted Haggard scandal; in the Oct. 13 *Orange County Register* on advertising campaigns to support controversial propositions; in the Oct. 29 *San Francisco Chronicle* on Phil Angelides' campaign for governor; in the Oct. 7 *Orange County Register* on the televised gubernatorial debate; in the Nov. 9 *San Mateo Times* on the similarity between Bay Area election voting and the rest of the nation; in the Nov. 8 *Pasadena Star News* on the re-election of Gov. Schwarzenegger; and in the Nov. 23 *San Francisco Chronicle* on the end of Nancy Speier's term of office in the California Legislature.

Campus Announcements

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Submitted by Public Safety

Submitting to Monday Briefing

The Monday Briefing submission form is now available at www.csus.edu/bulletin/mondaybriefingsubmit.htm. Announcements for Monday Briefing should be no longer than 150 words and may include website links to more information. They should usually include a contact e-mail, phone number or both. Items are subject to light editing. They should be sent to Public Affairs no later than noon on Thursday.

The Monday Briefing is not intended for commercial messages, except by campus-based operations such as eateries. It is also not intended for political messages. Items related to University partnerships with outside organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Monday Briefing is a way for campus units to communicate items related to the campus and campus-related activities. These items can range from policy announcements from the President's Cabinet to reminders about vacation use to retirement parties. The basic requirement is that the announcement should be of interest to a broad number of faculty and staff members. For more information, contact Public Affairs at 278-6156.

Submitted by Public Affairs

WebCT 6 Upgrade Successful

The WebCT 6 upgrade was completed ahead of schedule over the holiday break. The CCMS & ATCS team included Mike Cooling (CCMS), Matt Kay (ATCS), Monica Range (ATCS) and Kathy Dunham (CCMS), whose hard work ensured that the job was completed before the Jan. 2 re-opening of the campus.

Submitted by Academic Technology and Creative Services

Construction Update

The infrastructure utilities upgrade project continues in various locations. Work on the steam and chilled water pipe installation may at times disrupt pedestrian traffic on walkways between Tahoe Hall and the AIRC building. Detours will be available.

Fire alarm system installation will occur in Lassen, Yosemite, and Shasta Halls this week. Work will mainly be conducted after hours. Work notices will be posted in the building.

New sewer pipes will be installed along Sinclair Drive north of Santa Clara Building. Service vehicles should take alternate routes.

Stadium Drive will be closed next week to connect utilities to the new Broad Athletic Facility. Parking immediately to the north and west of the Alumni Center will also be closed. The construction started Monday, Dec. 18 and will continue through Friday, Jan. 26. Parking Lot 8 will be accessible from State University Drive East and by the information booth.

Submitted by Facilities Services

Events

Budget Task Force Meeting

The next meeting of the Budget Task Force will be held Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Sacramento Hall 275. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Business Affairs at 278-6312 or visit www.csus.edu/aba/budget/taskforce.htm.

Submitted by the University Budget Task Force

CMS Campus Forums

The CMS Project Office will be hosting campus forums on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m. to noon and

Thursday, Feb. 1 from 1 to 2 p.m., both in the University Union Forest Suite. The same overview will be presented at both forums, which will present the latest information regarding the CMS Student Administration implementation. RSVPs are not required. For more information, contact the CMS Help Desk at 278-2670.

Submitted by Common Management System

Undergraduate artwork displayed

"Explorations," a gathering of recent works by undergraduate art students Jason Chappelle, Hannah Heuseveldt, Bobby Lukas and Carey Shaw, will be exhibited at the Witt Gallery in Kadema Hall. The show will run from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. An opening reception will be held Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the Art Department at 278-6166.

Submitted by the Art Department

Stacie Hiratsuka

Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.

Major: Electrical engineering. Plans to graduate in Spring 2007.

Background: Transferred from Sacramento City College in the fall. Has been a math and reading tutor for Sacramento City Unified School District elementary school students since she was in middle school. In 2003 interned in California State Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson's press office. Currently volunteers for the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church. Is a member of the Society of Women Engineers, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Highlight: "The highlight of my education at Sac State has been the hands-on learning environment provided by the faculty. After talking to friends from other schools, I realize that the professors here make themselves especially available to students. If I ever have questions I know that I can always go to my professors for help."

Changes: "The people at Sac State have really helped me grow more independent and to step out of my limited comfort zone. I have had the opportunity to meet new people and become more outgoing."

Proudest Moment: Making the College of Engineering and Computer Science dean's list.

Destination: Plans to apply her electrical engineering degree toward medical innovation and research. "My mom had breast cancer, and since then I have wanted to do something related to the medical field. I'd like to use my technological background to influence medicine."

This Week in Hornet Action

Men's Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 25

Sacramento State vs. Eastern Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 25

Sacramento State at Portland State, 7:05 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics

Sunday, Jan. 28

Sacramento State at Boise State, 1 p.m.