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President Alexander Gonzalez will give his spring address to the campus community Thursday, Jan. 24, in the University Union Ballroom. The event will begin with coffee at 9 a.m. in the University Union lobby next to the Ballroom. The President's talk will follow at 10 a.m.



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The Crocker Art Museum Classical Series presents pianist Caroline Oltmanns in Capistrano Hall's Music Recital Hall at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors and will be available at the door.

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Carpooling

Sacramento State has a carpool matching system- alternetRides- just for Sacramento State faculty, staff and students. To log on to the system and for more information regarding carpooling, visit the University Transportation and Parking Services web page at www.csus.edu/utaps. Click on Alternative Transportation and then the AlterNetRides button. Or visit www.sacregion511.org for a Sacramento regional carpool matching system.

A carpool consists of two or more occupants. On days when carpool members drive to campus alone, a Faculty/Staff carpool permit is valid in Faculty/Staff spaces and a Student carpool permit is valid in Student spaces. Carpool permits may be obtained at the University Transportation and Parking Services office in 7667 Folsom Blvd.

For more information contact Noel Carolipio, Employee Transportation Coordinator, at ncarolip@saclink.csus.edu or call extension 87527.

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Budget funds pave way for new science facility

Sacramento State's plans for a Space and Science Center, as well as its long-awaited Science II building, are one step closer to fruition according to the budget released by the Governor's Office.

The budget identifies \$4.8 million in California State University capital outlay funds to support design and planning for the Sacramento State Science II facility, including the campus' planned Space and Science Center. The new multi-story, 135,000 square-foot Science II building will include classrooms, labs, and the departments of Biological Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, and Chemistry, with a separate wing for the Space and Science Center. The campus already has received nearly \$2 million in public and private funds for the Space and Science Center, including \$1.5 million in federal funds secured by both U.S. Rep. Doris Matsui of Sacramento and by her late husband, Congressman Robert T. Matsui.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our campus and for the community," says Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez. "Our students deserve the best classroom and laboratory experiences, and with our current facilities that has been an increasingly difficult challenge.

"Science II will allow students to work in state-of-the-art science labs using the latest equipment. It's an important step toward our Destination 2010 goal to provide excellent academic programs. We are grateful to the governor and the CSU for helping to make it happen."

"This is great news for Sacramento," says Congresswoman Doris Matsui. "The new planetarium, and Space and Science center will help spark the interest of the next generation of students in the science, technology and math fields. An investment in these fields will help our country stay competitive in the global economy."

Though recently they have been thought of as separate facilities, pairing Science II and the Space Science Center allowed a "best of both worlds" solution. In November, the Board of Trustees for the California State University system voted to approve the use of the Public Higher Education Act funds for the combined facility. The action moved Science II up significantly on the CSU's priority list for state-funded capital outlay program, which allows the campus to begin drawing up preliminary plans and creating working drawings.

"Science II is a classroom building that we have needed for a very long time. Top-notch facilities will help us in our efforts to attract more students to the fields of science and technology," says Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Sheley. "We are especially excited that it will include the Space and Science Center, which will make it an even more valuable resource for our students, and hopefully attract the students of the future."

The Space and Science Center is expected to feature a planetarium, an observatory, an interactive science center, a space gallery, and a cyberscience faculty/student research laboratory. "We are very pleased that not only will our Space and Science Center become a reality, but that we will gain state-of-the-art science facilities for Sacramento State students," says College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Dean Jill Trainer. "It will provide a great way to inspire a love of science in the children of the region and help the University provide top-quality opportunities for students pursuing careers in science and technology."

It is anticipated that construction of the Space and Science Center phase of the project will be funded in the 2009-10 budget from previously approved bond funds. Construction funds for the rest of Science II would come from future bonds.

Wells Fargo gives students gift of success

Two freshmen can focus more on their studies and spend less time worrying about finances thanks to the generous gift of \$100,000 to Sacramento State from the Wells Fargo Foundation.

Half of that money provides scholarships to the Guardian Scholars and Honors programs. The Guardian Scholars received \$36,000 for two full-ride scholarships, program director Joy Salvetti says. The Honors

Program will get \$14,000 which will be divided among several students to defray University expenses, program director Roberto Pomo says.

The remaining \$50,000 will support the Wells Fargo One Book Program, which is aimed at promoting literacy and book-reading among students, faculty, staff and the community at large, says director of development Alex Gonzalez, Jr.

Guardian Scholars helps former foster children who lose state support and financial aid when they turn 18. Program officials not only pursue financial support for the 21 Sac State students, but also help streamline various academic procedures and provide tutoring and counseling.

This year's recipients, Christine Bergholm and Alejandro Gonzalez, exceeded the required 3.0 grade-point average throughout their high school years. Their scholarships are also renewable, basically providing the necessary support for their full four years at Sacramento State, Salvetti says.

Gifts such as the Wells Fargo donation are treasured by Guardian Scholar students, who often have the least sense of entitlement, Salvetti says. "Whenever they're rewarded or given anything, they are just so grateful."

This year's recipients were already working part time and pursuing grants and other financial aid when they received the scholarships. "I was kind of shocked at first and didn't think something like that could happen to me," says mathematics major Alejandro Gonzalez, who wants to become a high school teacher.

"When they told me I got it out of all the people in the program, it really meant a lot," says Bergholm, who is majoring in communications.

The Honors Program is comprised of 100 students who have achieved high academic standards in a variety of majors. "Without the Wells Fargo contributions we would not be able to offer financial assistance to deserving students," Pomo says. Funding is placed in the OneCard accounts of the selected students, who can then use it to cover tuition or defray other academic expenses, such as book purchases, Pomo says.

"Scholarships are very important to us," says Chevo Ramirez, regional vice president for the Wells Fargo Foundation and community development.

The foundation provides support to a number of universities and colleges in the region, Ramirez says, noting that some of the student recipients will later join financial institutes as bankers and managers.

Many corporate foundations support higher education, Alex Gonzalez Jr. says, because it is not only in the interests of the community, but also for business, which will employ the graduates.

The other component of the gift, the One Book Program, will be helmed by the English Department in collaboration with California Lectures, a literary arts non-profit group, says Gonzalez Jr. The program promotes reading by providing copies of the same book to freshmen, followed by co-curricular events related to the book.

Hot spring sports put the thaw on winter

The cold, dark days of winter will give way soon and the Hornet sports schedule will heat up with a variety of men's and women's athletic programs from gymnastics to track and field to baseball and softball.

A peek ahead shows continued promise for all of Sacramento State's spring athletic programs.

Gymnastics

Success is nothing new to the Hornet gymnastics team which has won seven conference titles in the last

eight years. This year's squad will again have the bullseye on its back as it seeks a third-straight Western Athletic Conference crown. Led by an experienced class of five seniors and a talented freshmen group, the Hornets will once again be one of the top teams in the west region.

Sacramento State returns two WAC individual champions from last season, senior Melissa Genovese and junior Marina Borisova. Both are from the Sacramento area. Genovese finished first at the conference meet on beam while Borisova won the title on floor and was second in the all-around.

Track and Field

The Hornet men's track and field team will look to remain on top of the Big Sky podium in 2008. The men won their first team title in school history at the conference indoor meet last March and finished second during the outdoor season. This year, all but one member returns for the indoor season, including two-time All-American David Nichols, and sprinters Jody Johnson and Raphael McFarlane who each qualified for the NCAA Championships.

The women are also poised to make their move in the Big Sky. A wealth of experience and a spectacular group of recruits have the Hornets loaded for competition. The roster features seven student-athletes who earned all-Big Sky honors last season.

Both teams will have the advantage of trying to win the Big Sky title at home as Sacramento State will host the conference meet at Hornet Stadium May 14-17.

Women's Golf

The Hornets would like nothing better than to find themselves at home during the start of NCAA postseason play. The team will serve as host for the event at Lincoln Hills Golf Course in May.

Last season, Sacramento State tied the Big Sky Conference record for best team score at the championships, finishing the three-round event at 26-strokes under par. Three starters return from last season's squad, seniors Erica Yoshino and Emily Longcrier and junior Heather LeMaster.

The winner of the Big Sky tournament (which will take place in Phoenix on April 21-23) earns an automatic bid to the NCAA regional.

Men's Golf

One year after winning the Western Independent Championship, the Hornet men's golf team moved into the America Sky Conference and produced a second-place finish during the fall season.

With four tournaments under its belt, the men's team is slated to play in five more events during the spring season. In the fall, the team was led by junior Scott DeBorba and sophomore Grant Norton. DeBorba ranked second on the team with an average of 74.2 while Norton averaged 73.5 in 11 rounds.

Women's Tennis

For the past six years, no spring sports program at Sacramento State has been as dominant as women's tennis. The Hornets have won the Big Sky title each season and advanced to the NCAA Championships each of those years. Sacramento State will pursue a seventh title as it enters the 2008 season having won 42 consecutive conference matches.

The team returns three first team all-Big Sky selections from last year, including sophomore Katrina Zheltova who was named MVP as a freshman.

Men's Tennis

Last May, after a three-year drought, the Hornet men won their sixth Big Sky title in the last 10 years with a 4-0 win over Eastern Washington. With two first team all-Big Sky selections returning, Sacramento State will likely be the favorite to win the title once again.

Sophomores Xavier Barajas-Smith and Anton Stryhas return after phenomenal freshman campaigns. Barajas-Smith was named the Big Sky MVP after posting a 19-5 record. Stryhas also earned first team accolades after leading the team with a 20-4 overall record in singles play.

Baseball

The Sacramento State baseball team returns 16 players, including six position starters and two rotation starters, from a team that made the WAC tournament for the second straight season since re-joining the conference. Leading returns from last season are first team All-WAC selection David Flores, a senior third baseman who hit .311 last year with five home runs and Gabe Jacobo, a senior first baseman who hit .363 with 14 home runs and 44 RBIs. Head coach John Smith, one of just two coaches in Sacramento State history to reach the 800-win plateau (former women's volleyball coach Debby Colberg was the other), returns for his 30th season at the helm of the Green and Gold. The Hornets will open the season with a three-game series against Loyola Marymount Feb. 22-24 at Hornet Field.

Softball

The Sacramento State softball team, which has posted at least 30 victories four of the last five seasons, returns 13 players, including eight positional starters, from last year's team. Beginning her 16th season with the Hornets, head coach Kathy Strahan will field a lineup that is stacked with returning all-conference selections Hilary Johnson, Jamie Schloretd, Amy Tompkins, Kayla Meeks, Sherry Clark, Whitney Loomis and Rachel Miles. Johnson, Schloretd and Tompkins were each first-team selections and combined to hit .329 last season.

Rowing

Fresh off its second consecutive Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association team championship, the Sacramento State women's rowing squad returns 29 student-athletes from last season's title-winning team. The Hornets' top three boats (varsity eight, second varsity eight and novice eight) combined for a 19-4 record in dual meets last season, and the Hornets' varsity eight returns all but three rowers. Sixth-year head coach Mike Connors, who was named the 2006 WIRA Coach of the Year, will try to lead the team to its fifth conference crown in the last nine years. The WIRAs serve as the Hornets' conference championship regatta.

Compiled by the Sacramento State Athletics Department and Mike Ward

Freshmen application deadline moved up

The University's incoming freshmen will get an extra month to apply than their counterparts at most other California State University campuses. The deadline to apply has been extended to March 1 for seven CSU campuses, including Sacramento State.

The deadline for incoming freshmen was initially moved up to Feb. 1 under a system-wide mandate by the California State University. The new deadline was set in response to a \$312.9 million cut to the California State University budget proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last week. That deadline will remain in effect for most of the CSU's 23 campuses.

Sacramento State enrollment targets for the 2008-09 academic year will remain the same as the current academic year.

"We have strong partnerships with high schools in the region," says Edward E. Mills, associate vice president for Student Affairs, Enrollment and Student Support. "We will be communicating quickly to

inform them of this change.”

Prospective freshmen for the 2008-09 academic year must apply online by 11:59 p.m. Saturday, March 1. All final transcripts, test scores and other supporting documents should be submitted as soon as possible. For more information visit www.csus.edu/admissions/applicants.stm.

Bulletin submissions

News, events or professional activity items for the Sacramento State *Bulletin* may be sent to bulletin@csus.edu, or, if necessary, faxed to 278-5290. The *Bulletin* is published on Mondays during the academic year, and the deadline for submissions is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before publication. Items are published on a space-available basis and are usually edited.

More information is available by calling Public Affairs at 278-6156.

Series explores relationship between Hellenism and Orthodoxy

The relationship between Hellenism and Orthodoxy will be explored in a University exhibit and lecture series from January to May. The series kicks off with “Hellenism & Orthodoxy: Sacred Images,” an exhibit focusing on Orthodox icons. The exhibit runs Jan. 23 through March 2 in the University Library’s main gallery and is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays.

An opening reception will be held in the gallery on Sunday, Jan. 27 with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by a presentation and discussion on “Sensual Splendor: The Icon in Byzantium” by Bissera V. Pentcheva, assistant professor of art history at Stanford University.

The exhibition is sponsored by the University’s Hellenic Studies Program and Tsakopoulos Hellenic Foundation, and the American Hellenic Professional Society, and will feature works from other Orthodox traditions, such as Romanian, Ukrainian and Serbian, says Katerina Lagos, assistant professor of history and director of the Hellenic Studies Program. “We’re going to see some of the similarities between the Greek icons and those from the other churches,” she says.

An icon is a religious image that combines art and text. While it is usually depicted on wood, an icon can be created on canvas or other formats, Lagos says. The exhibit will feature icons both old and new from various parts of the Orthodox world, some created specifically for this show. “We’re getting a really good variety,” Lagos says.

The Orthodox Church is divided into bodies based on nationalities and the language used in the service. From there, other social attributes each may have adopted makes them unique from one another. The exhibit explores how Orthodoxy manifests itself in these different fashions and contexts.

The exhibit is just part of a greater event that includes a series of lectures focusing specifically on the role of Hellenism in the Orthodox religion.

The lecture series will feature:

- The Most Rev. Metropolitan Kallistos Ware of Diokleia, 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28
- The Rev. Father John Angelis, 7 p.m., Thursday, March 13
- Dr. Tony Vrame, Holy Cross Seminary, 7 p.m., Thursday, May 1

All lectures will be in the Senator Nicholas Petris Room of the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection in the University Library.

For more information, call 278-7103. For more information on the University’s Hellenic Studies, visit www.csus.edu/hist/centers/hellenic_minor.html or www.library.csus.edu/tsakopoulos/.

Keynote address, discussion tackles student retention

Sacramento State will welcome guest speaker Vincent Tinto, professor of education from Syracuse University, from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24 to present his keynote address focusing on retention challenges. "Creating Conditions for Student Success: Moving from Theory to Institutional Practice" will be presented in the University Union Ballroom.

Tinto's keynote address will be followed by "Conversations with Tinto," a discussion session to enable faculty and staff to ask critical questions related to retention. The session will be held in the Hinde Auditorium from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Tinto has written on the issue of student retention, learning communities and student success. He is most widely cited for his seminal work on student retention entitled, *Leaving College: Rethinking the Causes and Cures of Student Attrition*.

Tinto currently serves as the chair of the Higher Education Program at Syracuse University and is a senior scholar for the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education.

For more information on the event, contact the Freshman Programs Office at 278-2804.

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Stephan Kroll, Economics, co-edited *Environmental Economics, Experimental Methods*. This recently published volume in the series *Routledge Explorations in Environmental Economics* contains 27 articles by 63 leading scholars in the field. The entries include experimental research on institutions dealing with global climate change.

Recognition

Rob Wassmer, Public Policy and Administration, was recently appointed to a three-year term on the editorial board of *State and Local Government Review*. He is also a member of the editorial review boards of *Economic Development Quarterly* and *Journal of Public Finance and Management*.

Sacramento State's Center for Collaborative Policy was singled out among four finalists in the American Planning Association's National Awards Best Practice category for a special commendation. The center's mediation of the South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project was cited for strengths in most of the criteria and measures used by the association to evaluate the entries.

In the News

Craig Kelley, Business, was quoted in the Nov. 19 issue of the *New Jersey Herald News* in an article on "Etiquette in Holiday Gift Giving in the Workplace."

Scott Modell, Kinesiology, was quoted on Dec. 12 in the *Sacramento Bee* about items needed for children who participate in Project PLAY.

Kimberly Nalder, Government, was interviewed on: Dec. 11 on FOX 40 News about presidential candidates' campaign trails; on Dec. 11 in the *Sacramento Bee* about research the Sacramento Media Group will be conducting; and on Dec. 31 on Capital Public Radio about voter turnout in the 2008 elections.

Robert Ortbal, Art, was profiled on Dec. 2 in the *Sacramento Bee* on his career as a sculptor.

Nick Burnett, Communication Studies, was quoted on Dec. 1 in the *Sacramento Bee* about a class he is teaching by podcast.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted on Dec. 3 in the *Sacramento Bee* and *Fresno Bee*, and on Dec. 4 in Santa Rosa's *Press Democrat* about Capitol employee pay raises; and on Dec. 10 in the *Sacramento Bee* about election-year politics between candidates.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: on Dec. 5 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his planned speech to discuss faith; on Nov. 29 in the *Contra Costa Times* and Pleasanton's *Valley Times* about the use of YouTube in presidential debates; on Dec. 7 in Woodland Hills' *Daily News* about fewer issues than in the past for voters to decide upon at the polls in February; on Dec. 16 in Vacaville's *Reporter* and Manteca's *Bulletin*, and on Dec. 17 in Riverside's *Press Enterprise* about California Attorney General Jerry Brown's stance on environmental issues; and on Dec. 23 in San Jose's *Mercury-News* about California Democratic Senator Don Perata and the stall to pass a health care plan.

Dennis Tootelian, Business Administration, was quoted on Nov. 30 in the *Sacramento Business Journal* about television ads by Vision Service Plan; and on Dec. 27 in the *Sacramento Bee* about retailers strategies to get rid of old merchandise.

Denise Wall, Nursing, was quoted on Nov. 30 in the *Sacramento Business Journal* about the employment field for licensed vocational nurses.

Robert Waste, Public Policy and Administration, was interviewed on Dec. 31 on Capital Public Radio about Congressman John Doolittle's run for a 10th term.

Michael Semler, Government, was quoted on Dec. 10 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about the need for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton to win California's primary elections if she wants to stay in the race.

Robin Pollock, Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, was quoted on Nov. 29 in San Luis Obispo's *Tribune* about the Academic Resource Conference that she founded.

Campus Announcements

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 <http://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, call 278-6851.

Submitted by University Counsel

Asbestos survey

In accordance with the provisions of the California Health and Safety Code, this announcement serves as the official annual notification to all employees that an asbestos survey has been completed and the report confirms the presence of asbestos-containing building materials in several buildings on campus.

The presence of asbestos in building materials does not present a health hazard. However, if disturbed, asbestos-containing materials can release fibers. Exposure to asbestos may result in asbestos-related diseases, including cancer. All employees are required to contact Facilities Services for approval prior to beginning work that would disturb building construction materials in any campus buildings or locations.

This includes any type of construction, alterations, and/or improvements to a building, such as drilling or cutting into walls or ceilings, disturbing floor tiles or finishes or disturbing insulating materials or fireproofing.

For additional information, please visit the Environmental Health and Safety website www.rms.csus.edu/ehs/asbestos or call 278-5174.

Submitted by Risk Management Services

Staff recognition

The President's Office is pleased to announce that Sacramento State is continuing the Staff Employee Recognition Program. The benefits of being honored by the Staff Employee Recognition Program includes a reserved parking space for the quarter in one of several lots of the employee's choice, a congratulatory letter from the President, an award certificate and an article with a photograph on the University's website.

Complete details regarding eligibility, criteria, and nomination procedures are available on the website link: <http://www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm>.

The final date of submission for this quarter is Friday, Feb. 15. The final selections will be announced in March.

Submitted by the Office of the President

Women's Studies exhibit

Vicki Hall and Sujatha Moni, both faculty in the Women's Studies department, installed an exhibit for Women's Studies Month on the second floor of the University Library. The exhibit focuses on women and violence as well as on images of the Feminine Divine. The exhibition runs through Thursday, Jan. 31. For more information, call 278-6806.

Submitted by the Women's Studies department

Parking Fee Increase

Pursuant to an agreement negotiated between California State University Employees Union, CSUEU, and the California State University, parking fees for employees in bargaining Units 2, 5, 7 and 9 have been increased. The new parking permit fees for staff in Units 2, 5, 7 and 9 have been increased by 3.457 percent from \$14.56 per month to \$15.06 per month.

For university employees using payroll deduction, the increase will be automatically deducted through your payroll deduction. There is no action required on your part. The parking fee increase should be reflected in the Jan. 31 paycheck. All non-payroll deducted parking permits will be sold at the new rate effective Jan. 14. For more detailed information regarding parking fees, go to www.csus.edu/utaps/permits.htm, or contact Nancy Fox, senior director, Transportation and Parking, at 278-5241 or assistant director Freddy Orozco at 278-5242.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs, and Human Resources

Research webcasts

The Research and Data Analysis Webcast series has five more sessions this semester. The series was established to provide University faculty and graduate students with advanced training in research methods and data analysis.

Measurement Invariance and Applied Research will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 29. Three sessions will be held Friday, March 21: *Restriction of Range* from 9 to 10:30 a.m., *Discontinuous Growth Models* from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and *Strategy and Research Methods* from noon to 1:30 p.m. *Publishing Criteria for Qualitative Research* will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday, April 18. All sessions will be held in Modoc Hall 2008. Participants need to arrive 15 minutes early. RSVP to Sonya Lovine at lovinesd@csus.edu or 278-3668.

Submitted by Research Administration and Contract Administration

Faculty Assessment Coordinator

Professor Terry Underwood, Department of Teacher Education, has been appointed the faculty assessment coordinator starting spring semester of 2008. This appointment is based on the recommendation from the Selection Advisory Committee and approved by Provost Joseph Sheley.

Underwood has an extensive knowledge base and practice in student learning outcome assessment. He has been a leader in the College of Education's assessment planning efforts, and has engaged in state and national assessment initiatives. As faculty assessment coordinator he will work directly with deans, department chairs, program coordinators and faculty to facilitate the development of assessment strategies and tools that could offer promise of instructional and programmatic improvement.

Submitted by Academic Affairs

New director selected

Charlene Martinez has been selected as the new director of the Multi-Cultural Center and will begin work Jan. 30. Martinez most recently served as the assistant director of Student Activities at Mills College. Prior to that she was the assistant director of the Cross-Cultural Center at the University of California, San Diego. A welcome reception is being scheduled for early February.

Submitted by Student Affairs

Construction update

On Monday, Jan. 21, construction will begin to replace the 45+ year old irrigation system that waters the turf grass in the main quad. Additionally, the main quad will also be replanted in an attempt to preserve this most valued campus open space. It is expected that the project will take 60 days to complete, weather pending.

Submitted by Facilities Services

Human Resources

Catastrophic Leave

Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 16 hours of sick or vacation leave credits each fiscal year in one-hour increments. CSUEU, MPP, Unit 4, Unit 6 and confidential employees may donate up to a maximum of 40 hours per fiscal year.

If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained at www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#Disability, or by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves Office in Sacramento Hall 162, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Toni Johnson, Financial Aid

Gary Davis, Facilities Management

Lisa Collins, Admissions and Records

Rose Marie Fisher, Office of Graduate Studies

Kandi Sanders, Facilities Management

Julie Villescás, Photocopy and Technical

*Lien Nguyen, Admissions and Records

*Bonnie Jarvis, College of Continuing Education

*only vacation credits may be donated to these employees

On the Job with the Children's Center

On the Job with the Children's Center

The *Bulletin* spoke with Denise Wessels, director of the Children's Center:

What do people think you do?

Most people understand that the Children's Center provides child care for university families, but not

everyone understands that we are financially supported by student fees, so students always have priority for enrollment here. Faculty and staff can enroll here based on availability of space.

What do you really do?

We run a children's center, of course, providing child care for about 200 university families during a full semester. We are an unofficial lab school for child development programs, so people who are majoring in Child Development often do their internships here, and we often hire some of those students who begin as volunteers. Other students also do their internships or projects here. A Communication Studies class produced a professional quality orientation video for us in conjunction with Channel 10, a French class read children's books they had written in French to the children, and dance and music students work with the children also.

Describe your office.

It's pretty busy. I have two windows and a door that open up into the Children's Center, so when children are out in the main room, I have regular visitors throughout the day. How great is that – to have an office where children can come and go and visit you and brighten your day?

What surprises people?

Some people are surprised that the Children's Center is owned and operated by ASI (Associated Students, Inc.), and that we employ 80-90 students per semester. We are one of the largest on-campus employers of students – not only Child Development majors, but all other kinds of majors as well who just enjoy working with children.

What is your biggest challenge?

Our biggest challenge is meeting all the needs of all of our constituents—our students, their children, our staff, our faculty, our own employees—and doing a really good job. We're a nationally accredited program in the top seven percent of children's centers in the country, so we hold ourselves to very high standards.

What do you get asked the most?

A very common question is "Why can't I keep my child here after I graduate?" Our families are very treasured here and it's sad when they have to leave campus. It's a good thing they are graduating, as that is the goal of attending university, but they enjoy it here and we enjoy having them. When they graduate they have to find other care for their children because we're designed to serve student families. It's a bittersweet goodbye when parents graduate.

This Week in Hornet Action

Men's basketball

Wednesday, January 23

Sacramento State vs. Weber State, 6:05 p.m.

Friday, January 25

Sacramento State vs. Idaho State, 6:05 p.m.

Women's basketball

Thursday, January 24

Sacramento State vs. Weber State, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, January 26

Sacramento State vs. Idaho State, 1:05 p.m.

Gymnastics

Friday, Jan. 25

Sacramento State vs. San Jose State, 7 p.m.