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All THAT JAZZ —The fall 2007 Jazz Singers. Top row left: Ian Brekke, Robert Murray, Nate Reinking, Caitlin Clarke, Kristen Poirier and Sherrine Mostin. Front row: Anthony Williams, Tim Stephenson, Gaw Vang, Jessie

Clemens and Natalie Geeter.

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Negro League tribute game plays out history

Baseball Hall of Fame player Satchel Paige once said, "Don't look back: something might be gaining on you," but at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, Sacramento State will take a look back at an important time in baseball's history.

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Tokyo String Quartet

The Tokyo String Quartet kicks off the 2008 New Millennium Concert Series at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, in the Recital Hall of Capistrano Hall. Tickets are \$30 general admission and \$10 for students. The entire series of four concerts is \$70. Tickets are available at the Sacramento State Ticket office, 278-4323 or at www.tickets.com.

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Monday Briefing



Hazardous and Universal Wastes

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) provides training and assistance to campus departments on how to manage their hazardous materials and reduce their hazardous waste generation. Pollution prevention is one of the keys to maintaining a sustainable environment.

EHS works with disposal companies to recycle as much of the wastes as possible to ensure the minimum impact to the environment. Hazardous waste includes lab chemicals,

lubricants, paints, and solvents among others. EHS also collects universal wastes such as batteries, light tubes and thermometers.

Campus departments can call EHS at 278-5165 or 278-6456 to obtain proper labels and schedule a pickup or drop-off for hazardous and universal wastes. This service is provided at no cost to any campus department for routine items. For more information, visit the hazardous waste webpage at www.rms.csus.edu/ehs/hazwastedisp.html and/or the universal waste webpage at www.rms.csus.edu/ehs/universal_waste_mgmt.html.

ATHLETICS

Football signs 17 players to national letters of intent

The Sacramento State football team signed 17 student-athletes to National Letters of Intent, it was announced today by Hornet head coach Marshall Sperbeck. The group is comprised of five players who joined the team at the start of the semester and 12 who will enter the University in the fall.

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Sacramento State's Music Department is producing some great vocal jazz groups. That's no idle boast, that's the findings of jazz music's most prestigious publication, *Down Beat* magazine.

Two of the University's groups, Jazz Singers and C-Sus, won the magazine's Outstanding Performance Awards for collegiate groups in 2005. The next year they were declared Best Collegiate Vocal Jazz Groups in America and Canada.

Professor Kerry Marsh oversees the two ensembles along with another, Vox2, as director of the vocal jazz program. He's already sent a CD of the groups' music to *Down Beat* for consideration again this year.

Developing an award-winning group takes a lot of hard work, a good repertoire and something else. "It takes a little magic, too," Marsh says.

Marsh took over five years ago from Julie Adams, who oversaw the program's development its first 10 years and expanded it from one to two groups her last year. Marsh added the third ensemble, C-Sus four years ago.

The groups' make-up varies from year to year, depending on the available personnel. This semester C-Sus is an a cappella jazz choir of 18 singers. Jazz Singers is a mixed group of six students. Vox2 is the program's "entry-level" group, although Marsh isn't quite comfortable with that term, noting the outstanding pool of talent Sacramento State has. "None of the people making Vox2 these days are really beginners," Marsh says.

The singers also travel off-campus for concerts. Jazz Singers recently appeared at the Folsom Jazz Festival, and will perform at "Music on the Divide" in Grass Valley and the Columbia and Reno jazz festivals.

Twice in the past five years, Sacramento State jazz singers have taken a big tour of high schools in the Los Angeles area, stopping off at the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival on their way back last year.

Down Beat's critics aren't the only ones taking note of the program—it's catching the eye of more and more young people looking for a strong yet flexible curriculum with plenty of opportunities. Minnesota native Ian Brekke attended a two-year music school in Iowa before heading to Sacramento State after looking at other programs across the country. "I checked them all out and this one was the best fit," Brekke says. He even got the chance to work as a student teacher as a junior, an opportunity rarely afforded undergrads at other universities.

Jessie Clemens was attending high school in Santa Monica when Marsh brought the University's groups through the area five years ago. "I was completely enthralled with the Sac State jazz sound," she says. "I couldn't go to school anywhere else except here because I knew this was what I wanted to do."

She also includes one other item that completes the groups' award-winning recipe—camaraderie. Getting along with one another makes it easier to rehearse and bond in the shared experience of performing, Clemens says. "Friendship is very important in making our caliber of a group."

To learn more about the Jazz Singers and hear some of their music, go to <http://www.myspace.com/sacramentostatevocaljazz>. For more information about the jazz program, call the Music Department at 278-5155 or visit www.csus.edu/music.

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A total of 23,580 first-time freshmen, transfer and graduate students applied for admission to the University, compared to last year's total of 22,092. First-time freshmen for fall 2008 have thus far totaled 16,946, a 7.6 percent change from the 15,744 total for fall 2007.

The application deadline this year for incoming freshmen was moved up to March 1 under a system-wide mandate by the California State University.

The increase in fall 2008 admission was primarily due to increased efforts from Admissions and Records to shorten the turnaround time from application submission to admission.

"We began sending out fall 2008 admissions letters in mid-October," says Edward Mills, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. "Since then, we've been sending those letters out on a rolling basis. Our goal is to let students know within a few weeks of their application submission if they have been admitted.

"We want to help students make their decisions quickly," Mills says, "so they know what their options are, rather than make them wait."

Journal reporter addresses corruption in federal purchasing programs

A senior investigative reporter with the *Wall Street Journal* will visit Sacramento State to discuss ethics in the federal government at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 14 in the University Union's Hinde Auditorium.

Andrew Pasztor, who has been with the *Journal* for almost 30 years, has covered a wide range of stories for the publication including the Iran-Contra scandal, the Persian Gulf War and corruption in the Pentagon. He currently covers defense-related topics, white-collar crime, aviation safety and the global satellite industry.

Pasztor's talk will center on multi-billion dollar government contracts tainted by flagrant violations and scandals and corruption in the federal acquisition process.

He will also discuss high-profile criminal probes of some of America's most renowned companies including aerospace giant Boeing Co., which was involved in the largest procurement scandal to hit the Pentagon.

"Over the past two decades, Congress, the Pentagon and other executive branch agencies have created a torrent of laws and regulations to protect against corruption in acquisition decisions," says Pasztor. "But, federal initiatives failed to solve many basic problems and voluntary disclosure efforts by industry also have fallen short."

Pasztor is an award-winning author. His book, *When the Pentagon was for Sale*, is an investigative report on corruption in the U.S. defense industry before and after the fall of communism.

The lecture is presented by the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics through a grant by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. The center was founded in 2005 by the Philosophy Department as a complement to the department's teaching and scholarly focus on ethics.

For more information on the Center, contact Christina Bellon at 278-4162, or visit their website at www.csus.edu/cppe.

Career Center hosts series of job fairs

The semester is just underway, but as any employer will tell you, it's never too early to think about getting a job.

The University Career Center will hold its annual spring career fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the University Union Ballroom. The fair is primarily for students seeking entry level, full-time positions but part-time jobs, internships and co-ops may be available.

Other career fairs in the spring include an engineering fair sponsored by the College of Engineering and Computer Science, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, March 10; a government agency fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 19; and an educator fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, March 27. All fairs are in the University Union Ballroom.

The on-campus recruitment program runs March 10 to May 9 in Lassen Hall 2000. The program assists graduating seniors and alumni in interviewing with corporate, government and non-profit agencies requiring a bachelor's or master's degree.

Not ready to interview for jobs yet? The Career Center will hold mock interview workshops 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 28 in Lassen Hall 2000.

"Students can practice their interviewing skills with a professional recruiter who will provide valuable feedback and tips so students can become more comfortable with the interview process when the time comes," says Michelle Gorospe, career center event specialist.

Register for the workshop by contacting the Career Center at 278-6231.

The Center will also hold a resume makeover seminar from noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday, March 5 in the University Union Ballroom. Local employers will be on hand to offer tips on building a successful resume, Gorospe says. No reservations are required.

Finally, the Center will hold an interviewing etiquette dinner from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 10 in the University Union Restaurant. "Most students probably don't know this, but many interviews are conducted over lunch or dinner," says Gorospe. "This activity will teach them how to make small talk, network and interview while dining."

For more information on the career fairs and associated programs, contact the Career Center at 278-6231.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, Feb. 12

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 275

3 p.m., Executive Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

Wednesday, Feb. 13

9 a.m., Writing and Reading Subcommittee, Camellia Room, University Union

3 p.m., General Education Course Review Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 275

Thursday, Feb. 14

3 p.m., Faculty Senate, Foothill Suite, University Union

5 p.m., Faculty Senate reception, University Center Restaurant

Friday, Feb. 15

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Robert E. Humphrey, Communication Studies, book *Once Upon a Time in War: The 99th Infantry Division in WWII* will be published by the University of Oklahoma Press. Based largely on interviews with more than 350 members of the division, his narrative history traces the experiences of a unit that trained in Texas, was nearly overrun in the Battle of the Bulge, crossed the Rhine River on the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen and ended the war in Southern Bavaria.

Gale Justin, Philosophy, will present "Being" in the final argument against knowledge as perception in the "Theaetetus" for the west coast workshop on Plato's *Theaetetus*, at UC Davis in May.

Robert Halseth, Music, served as a clinician for Saratoga High School's three bands last month. He also guest conducted the Sonoma County High School Honor Band in Sebastopol and the Tulare-Kings County High School Honor Band in Porterville. This month, Halseth will conduct the California All-State High School Symphonic Band at Fresno's Saroyan Theater at the annual meeting of the California Band Directors Association.

Student Spotlight

Maria Xiong, Communication Studies, has been cited as the Best Matayom Teacher at Chitralada Palace School in Bangkok, Thailand. Xiong is one of four Sacramento State students serving as English teaching assistants at the school. Sacramento State students have been in Thailand since May 2007, and will return to campus in April.

Campus Announcements

Faculty/staff housing news

Two new pieces of information are available at the Ramona Village Faculty/Staff Housing website at www.enterprises.csus.edu/village/.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report has been published for public comment. Comments are due by March 17. Printed copies of the DEIR are available at Sacramento State's Library reference desk, and a PDF version is online at the Ramona Village website.

Also online are the survey responses and JD Franz Market Research's final report from the campus survey taken in December 2005. There have been 141 respondents who have requested and received priority status for the waiting list that begins after homes are designed.

Submitted by University Enterprises Development Group

Staff Employee Recognition

As a reminder, the deadline for submission of a nomination for the Staff Employee Recognition Award is Friday, Feb. 15. If you have been considering submitting a nomination for a fellow employee, please take the opportunity to do so.

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

Submitted by President's Office

Funding Alert Newsletter

The February issue of *Funding Alert* is now available. The newsletter is published monthly to alert the campus community to possible sources of external support for research, scholarly and creative activities. Both an abbreviated listing and a more detailed version are available on the website link, www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/index.htm.

Highlights include the NSF Information Technology Experiences for Students (ITEST) competition and targeted funding opportunity notices in the following areas: arts, humanities, education, community development, health, mental health, science and engineering.

For additional information, call Research Administration at 278-7381, or visit the link listed above.

Submitted by Research Administration

Violence and Sexual Support Services Program moves to Health Center

The Violence and Sexual Assault Support Services program, previously housed in the Women's Resource Center, is relocating to Sacramento State's Student Health Center, Room 125. The effective date of the move will be Friday, Feb. 8, with the program continuing to be coordinated by Jessica Heskin.

The Violence and Sexual Assault Support Services program was established to create awareness, to coordinate and centralize services for victims of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, or hate crimes and to educate the University community. The mission of the program, as well as existing services, will remain the same. The program will continue to provide direct advocacy services for victims of these crimes, as well as provide educational opportunities for the campus community.

For more information about the program, or to access services of the victim advocate, contact Jessica Heskin at 278-3799 or e-mail heskin@csus.edu.

Events

Book Sale

Sacramento State's Friends of the Library is having a special sale of business and economics books from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 6, 7, 15, 20, and 21. The sale will take place at the Book Bin on the lower level of the University Library. Hardback books will be \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. All proceeds benefit the library.
Submitted by Friends of the Library

Human Resources

New On-line Applicant Recruiting System

The Office of Human Resources will go-live with a new on-line applicant recruiting system, Recruiting Solutions, on March 3. In order to prepare for go-live, HR will not be posting vacancy announcements for staff or MPP positions from Feb. 18-29. The final posting date for staff and MPP position vacancies under the old system is Friday, Feb. 15. HR will continue to work with departments to fill vacancies posted under the current system. From Feb. 18-29, departments may continue to submit vacancy announcement to HR for posting in the new system following go-live. "New Request to Advertise" forms and procedures for search committee members to view on-line applications will be available prior to go-live. For questions, contact Elizabeth Redmond at [iredmond@csus.edu](mailto:redmond@csus.edu).
Submitted by Office of Human Resources

Staff Profile: Sarah Whyte – 30 years

Sarah Whyte knows a thing or two about quality improvement.

The director of Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement has been on campus in Administration and Business Affairs for 30 years, beginning as a clerical assistant. She worked her way up to assistant to the vice president, later assuming additional responsibility for the division budget, quality improvement program and a variety of special projects and initiatives.

Currently, she's planning for the future of the division in alignment with the campus' Destination 2010 initiative and new Strategic Plan.

"Quality improvement means striving for excellence within our organization," Whyte says. "We are always looking to improve in three areas: processes, how employees are treated and how customers are treated. Also, as custodians of the University's financial resources, we focus on proactive communication and relationship building to assist campus business partners with their stewardship responsibilities.

"Destination 2010 calls for the building of a welcoming campus," she says. "We do this in several ways. By streamlining and automating processes, we can facilitate access to campus services. In working on providing the best customer service, we become ambassadors of the campus. We strive to develop high employee morale to support that."

In addition, Whyte chairs two division committees—the Destination 2010 Leadership Council, a strategic planning body comprised of senior managers and staff, and START (Strategy Team: Achieving Results Together), which identifies strategies to strengthen the link between ABA staff and Destination 2010. "START is essentially a network that spreads news about ABA activities and gathers feedback from staff to help inform decisions," Whyte says. The team will focus on staff programs, particularly those centered on recognition.

The START staff members help to promote division-wide understanding of ABA's planning process through a Balanced Scorecard, a strategic framework which organizes the division's long-term goals into the four major categories that drive success: people, processes, customers, and stewardship and image.

This spring, Whyte will become chair of the California State University's Quality Improvement Planning Committee, charged with setting the direction for the Quality Improvement Program across the system.

Whyte was also appointed as a certified reviewer of the Baldrige improvement program of the California Awards for Performance Excellence (CAPE). CAPE is administered by the California Council for Excellence, a non-profit organization. CAPE encourages California organizations in all sectors to improve through a performance excellence program named for Malcolm Baldrige, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce from 1981-87. Known for his dedication to quality improvement as a key to the country's prosperity and strength, Congress named the Baldrige National Quality Award in his honor.

"As a Baldrige examiner, I'm able to evaluate applicants for the quality improvement awards," Whyte says, "And because of that, I have a wonderful opportunity to learn the best business practices and apply that knowledge to our division's processes."

This Week in Hornet Action

Men's basketball

Thursday, Feb. 14

Sacramento State at Montana, 6:05 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17

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

Women's basketball

Wednesday, Feb. 13

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

Thursday, Feb. 14

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

Gymnastics

Friday, Feb. 15

Sacramento State vs. Southern Utah, 7 p.m.

Indoor Track

Saturday, Feb. 16

Sacramento State at the Husky Classic, Seattle, Wash.

Softball

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Sacramento State vs. San Jose State, 1 p.m.