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In the event a pre-registered participant or his or her commute partner is required to work unscheduled overtime or experiences a qualifying emergency, guaranteed transportation is provided via taxi, or a rental car for those who live more than 20 miles from campus, up to six times in a 12-month period.

Employees who travel to and from campus at least three days per week—or 60 percent of their work schedule—by bicycle, bus, carpool, vanpool, light rail or walking may participate in the program. Some restrictions apply.

For details or to register, visit the Sacramento Transportation Management Association’s website at www.sacramento-tma.org or contact Noel Carolipio, Employee Transportation Coordinator, at ncarolip@saclink.csus.edu or extension 87527.

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Preview room gives Recreation and Wellness Center a running start

The new Recreation and Wellness Center is under construction and a year from being opened, but the campus community can get a look at equipment that may be in the Center and get in a free workout.

A preview room has been set up in the University Union to give students, staff and faculty a glimpse of what the new Center will offer. The room, across from Round Table Pizza, is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

The room is a fully-functional display of fitness equipment students, staff and faculty can expect in the completed Center, according to Mirjana Gavric, director of the Recreation and Wellness Center. "We want the people to get an idea of how much this center will improve the campus,” she says.

Equipment will be switched out every 40 days, says Ken Morton, associate director of the Center. "We want to show people all of the equipment that will be available to them, including weights, stationary bikes, elliptical machines and more.”

Currently, there are four treadmills in the room, and each has a small monitor with cable television and a digital display with programmable speeds and elevations. Two have iPod connection ports. The machines are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

After working out, students, staff and faculty can fill out a computer survey regarding the preview room. The campus community can also receive information on registration for the Center when it opens in September 2010.

For more information on the Recreation and Wellness Center Preview Room, contact Gavric at 278-7904 or visit www.csus.edu/union/RWC/index.htm.

Campus observes Cesar Chavez’s legacy

Sacramento State students, staff and faculty will observe the legacy of one of this nation’s most well-known community organizers on Cesar Chavez Day, Friday, March 20.

Chavez was a farmworker who led the fight for migrant workers’ rights. He co-founded the labor organization that eventually became the United Farm Workers.

“The objective of the event is to instill in students the desire to work toward social justice and the prosperity of the community,” says Maribel Rosendo-Servin, Associated Students Inc., chief of staff. “We want to create awareness of the current struggles and injustices of farmworkers and to apply Cesar Chavez’s legacy to use educational achievement for the betterment of the community.”

The day will begin with a musical and dance performance by Danza Azteca, followed by a showing of the documentary: The Fight in the Fields: Cesar Chavez and the Farmworkers’ Struggle. The two keynote speakers are Xico González, community artist and activist and Sacramento State professor; and Juanita Ontiveros, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation and chair for the Cesar E. Chavez Northern California Foundation.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., students will be placed in work groups to spend the day at a site helping the community.

“The students will be doing a variety of projects depending on the sites they are assigned,” says Rosendo-Servin. “Projects include preparing and serving the food at shelters, teaching the legacy of Cesar Chavez to elementary and middle school students and helping clean facilities.”

The day’s events wrap up at Sacramento State’s Aquatic Center with a luncheon barbeque. Students and helpers may use the Aquatic Center’s canoes and kayaks from 1:30 to 4 p.m.
For a complete list of Cesar Chavez Day activities, call ASI at 278-6784 or visit www.asi.csus.edu/chavez.html.

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"Alternative Break is a great opportunity to network with strong community-based organizations, develop personal and professional skills and connect with the campus and local community,” says Brendan McVeigh, community partnerships coordinator.

Sacramento State students interested in volunteering should contact the center at cecenter@csus.edu.

The Community Engagement Center's Alternative Break program began in 2007 and operates during spring and winter breaks. During the 2008 winter break, 44 students from 13 majors volunteered and weathered cold and rain while working in the community.

For more information on the Alternative Break program, visit www.csus.edu/cec/altbreak/ or contact McVeigh at (916) 278-4610.

**New master’s degree program fills critical need**

In today’s job market it might seem odd that a posting for a social worker with a master’s degree would go unfilled for months. But that’s the reality in some of Northern California’s rural counties.

There is a chronic shortage of qualified social workers to help provide mental health services in the foothills, says Robin Carter, director of Sacramento State’s Division of Social Work.

“It’s difficult to get master’s prepared social workers to move to remote areas,” she says.

To address the need, Sacramento State will begin offering a new master’s degree in social work open only to residents of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado and Tuolumne counties. The goal, says Carter, is to produce professionals who are “committed to the region.”

The new Rural Mountain County Master of Social Work program begins in the fall. Students will earn a master’s degree, with an emphasis in rural mental health, in three years. Applications for the program can be downloaded at http://www.hhs.csus.edu/sw/mswapplication.htm. The deadline to apply is March 20.

Graduates will work in their county’s public health department during the week assisting “those most in need and unable to access services,” Carter says.

Rita Downs, behavioral health services director for Calaveras County, says she’s excited that people in outlying counties can attend the University and advance their careers while still living in the rural areas they love.

Downs says the program draws on people with roots in the rural counties and who may have a better understanding of their neighbors’ needs. She points to the lack of adequate housing and transportation for many of their clients. Even reaching out can pose challenges because of the stigma still attached to mental health in some areas.

The counties pay the faculty costs with funding from the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) passed by California voters in 2004. Thirty graduate students will make up the inaugural class.
Students join world community at Model United Nations session

Sacramento State students will get a taste of international diplomacy when they travel to New York City for the National Model United Nations session, April 4-11.

Government Professor Ronald Fox will take 11 students to the annual session where they will debate and work with 2,300 students from across the United States and about 30 other nations.

The students will represent the Third World Network, a non-governmental organization that advocates for policies beneficial to countries in the Southern Hemisphere.

Topics for debate are chosen ahead of time from suggestions made by faculty and staff, and are based on contemporary issues debated in the U.N.

Fox started the University’s Model U.N. program in 1977, and this is the 23rd year Sacramento State students have participated. Students have won delegation awards at the spring New York session, including “Best Position Paper” three of the last five years.

Sacramento State students also take part in the American Model U.N., held in Chicago during the fall. At those sessions, Sacramento State’s delegation has won the “Overall Best Delegation” award five of the last six years, including four straight, representing Colombia, Brazil, Cuba and Venezuela. Sacramento State is the only school in the conference’s history to win more than two consecutive titles, and won last year for representing Mexico.

There are many rewards for the students, Fox says. Participants learn about the U.N., and international diplomacy while improving their communication and interpersonal skills. Most importantly, he says, is the enhanced awareness students gain about multicultural diversity through their interaction with delegates from around the world.

Sacramento State review accurately predicts jobless rate

A rise in the Sacramento region’s employment numbers was accurately predicted by a new publication produced by Sacramento State’s College of Business Administration and the CFA Society of Sacramento.

In the inaugural issue of the Sacramento Business Review, the authors forecast an expectation of 10 percent local unemployment and sharp job losses in the first quarter of 2009 at a time when the unemployment rate was still 8.1 percent.

According to a report released Thursday, March 5 by the state’s Employment Development Department, the Sacramento region’s unemployment rate reached a staggering 10.4 percent in January, up from 8.8 percent in December, and up from just 6.4 percent a year ago.

As predicted in the Review, the recent local job loss has been led by weakness in the retail, construction and financial sectors, partially offset by relative stability in the education, healthcare, and government sectors.

“With few signs of improvement visible in the near-term, we continue to expect a Sacramento recovery to begin in early 2010 at the earliest and could well be pushed out later,” says Sanjay Varshney, dean of Sacramento State’s College of Business Administration.
The Review is published twice a year, with the next forecast expected to be released during the summer. The current issue is available online at www.cba.csus.edu/ibrc/index.html.

For more information on the College of Business Administration, visit www.cba.csus.edu/ or call 278-6578. Information on the CFA Institute or the CFA Society of Sacramento is available at www.cfainstitute.org/.

Maya Soetoro-Ng to address leadership and service

The importance of leadership and service will be the topic when Maya Soetoro-Ng, sister of President Barack Obama, speaks on campus at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, in the University Union Ballroom.

Ng, who was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, is a high school teacher at a school for girls in Hawaii. She teaches world cultures, U.S. history and the Constitution and Peacemakers, a course she designed on the power of nonviolence. She is also a lecturer at the University of Hawaii's College of Education where she teaches multi-cultural education and the history of education.

Ng was invited to speak by Boatamo Mosupyoe, director of Sacramento State’s Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program. She and Ng are board members of Global Majority, a non-profit organization promoting non-violent conflict resolution.

The lecture is sponsored by the CWC, UNIQUE Programs and the Departments of Pan African Studies, Asian American Studies and Ethnic Studies.

For more information on the visit, contact Mosupyoe at 278-7570.

Sacramento State to host WAC gymnastics championships

Six of the top 50 college gymnastics teams in the nation will be on display at the Hornets’ Nest at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 21, when Sacramento State plays host to the Western Athletic Conference Championships.

The meet features a talented field from Sacramento State, Boise State, Cal State Fullerton, San Jose State, Southern Utah and Utah State.

Since the WAC reinstated gymnastics in 2006, the Hornets have captured two of the three conference titles. Sacramento State was victorious at Utah State in 2006 and Southern Utah in 2007 before placing fourth last season at Boise State.

The Broncos, who upended the Hornets last season at home, enter this year’s meet as the favorite. The team is currently ranked 23rd nationally which places them slightly ahead of San Jose State (29th) and Southern Utah (31st).

The Hornets enter the meet ranked fourth in the standings but are finally nearing full strength. The team, which has battled numerous injuries during the year, posted its highest score of the season (194.625) on March 13 en route to winning a four-team meet hosted by UC Davis.

Sacramento State last hosted a conference championship meet in 2003 when the team won the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title. That championship was part of a stretch in which the Hornets won seven conference titles in eight years, spanning 2000-07.

There are a limited number of tickets remaining for the WAC Championships. Tickets are available by calling the Sacramento State Athletics Ticket Office at 278-2222.
Book examines Clinton and Reagan economic legacies

In these tough financial times, the success of President Bill Clinton’s economic policies gets a second look in Jack Godwin’s new book, *Clintonomics: How Bill Clinton Reengineered the Reagan Revolution*.

Godwin is the chief international officer and director of Sacramento State’s Office of Global Education, a political scientist, and has extensive experience in business, government and higher education.

The book explores Clinton’s ability to demystify, but not oversimplify, the world around us. According to Godwin, “Clinton succeeded by repairing the flaws in Reaganomics and then presenting a governing philosophy appropriate for the 21st century and equal to the powerful forces of globalization.”

Godwin received a doctorate from the University of Hawaii, a master’s from San Francisco State University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a Fulbright scholar in Germany and Hungary and a Peace Corps volunteer in Gabon, Africa.

The book is $27.95 and is published by Amacom Books. For more on the book, visit [amacombooks.org](http://amacombooks.org) or contact Godwin at 278-6686 or at jgodwin@csus.edu.

**Faculty Senate**

**Monday, March 16**
2-3:30 p.m. - Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE) – California Suite University Union

3-4:30 p.m. – General Education/Graduation Requirement Policies Committee (GE/GRPC) – Sacramento Hall 275

**Tuesday, March 17**
1:30-2:50 p.m. – Curriculum Policies Committee (CPC) – Sacramento Hall 275

TENTATIVE - 3-5 p.m. – University ARTP (UARTP) – University Union Summit Room

3-5 p.m. – Executive Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

**Wednesday, March 18**
1-2:30 p.m. – Faculty Policies Committee (FPC) – Sacramento Hall 275

**Professional Activities**

**Scholarship**

**Ron Coleman**, Biological Sciences, recently presented talks about his research and the research of his students on cichlid fishes to various aquarium societies, including the Pacific Coast Cichlid Association (San Jose, Feb. 14), San Francisco Aquarium Society (March 6) and the Sacramento Aquarium Society (March 7).

**Bill Leach**, Public Policy and Administration and Center for Collaborative Policy, has co-authored a chapter on watershed management in *Toward Sustainable Communities: Transition and Transformations in Environmental Policy*, Second Edition (MIT Press 2009).

**Diego Bonilla**, Communication Studies, has had his third book, *Making Sense of Tracking Data: Connecting Interactive Storytelling, Computer Use, and Cognitive Processing*, published by editorial house VDM Verlag. Anchored in theoretical frameworks derived from mass communication, information science, and psychology, Bonilla shows the potential of integrating the design of interactive storytelling with actual
user experience. The concepts and the methods presented in the book give readers a clear path to understanding how digital media projects can be improved by taking advantage of tracking data.

**Recognition**

**Terry Cataline**, from the Office of the University Registrar, was given a Technology 2008 Focus Award at the California Community Colleges Board of Governors meeting Jan. 12. The Technology Award program, with co-sponsorship from the Foundation for California Community Colleges, honors campus projects and individual leaders who have identified and solved significant problems in a manner worthy of emulation. The award was presented for Cataline’s work on the California-wide Electronic Transcript Exchange Program (CCCTran). The new CCCTran system is in use by 30 California Community Colleges and 12 CSU campuses.

**Student Spotlight**

Thirty-six Sacramento State students participated in the March 2 Read Across America, reading to children in local schools. Participating students enrolled in Teacher Education courses taught by **Lynn Solari, Lana Daly** and **Jana Noel**, read books with more than 450 elementary school children in three local school districts. The Read Across America program corresponds to Dr. Seuss’ birthday and is sponsored by the National Education Association.

**Campus Announcements**

**Employee of the Month**
Gerald Helland and Ada Lai are the March Employees of the Month.

Helland is an analyst programmer for the Office of Institutional Research. His nominators said, "He has been providing critical data and generating reports for the university for more than 30 years." Gerald’s colleagues indicated that his broad range of knowledge and experience with regard to this University is unparalleled.

Lai is the business analyst assistant for University Enterprises, Inc., Dining Services. She was described as "Displaying a contagious enthusiasm for the job and her division." Her nominator said, "She has a positive attitude while handling several responsibilities concurrently and comfortably."

Details regarding eligibility, criteria and nomination procedures are available on the website at [www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm](http://www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm).

*Submitted by the Office of the President*

**Test Anxiety**
Psychological Counseling Services will offer test anxiety workshops this term. These workshops provide students with test-taking strategies, relaxation techniques and stress management skills. Workshops last 90 minutes and are in the second-floor conference room of the Student Health Center. The tests are free for all Sacramento State students, and no pre-registration is required.

Dates are noon-1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12; 3:30-5 p.m., Thursday, April 9; and noon-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 6.

For more information, contact Psychological Counseling Services at 278-6416.

*Submitted by Psychological Counseling Services*

**Faculty travel funds**
The Office of Research Administration, which formerly administered a Faculty Travel Grant program, has
increased the funds available from $60,000 to $75,000 for this fiscal year and has transferred the full balance of the funds directly to the deans.

The allocations to colleges are based on a formula which takes into account equally the overall funding rate of faculty by college in the RCA application process and also a calculation of F&A recovery rates and direct sponsored research expenses by college. This process will continue for the upcoming fiscal year.

Faculty interested in receiving funding for research and scholarly travel should contact their dean for more information on how to obtain funding.  
Submitted by Research Administration

**Managing Your Funded Grant or Contract workshop**
Research Administration is offering a Managing Your Funded Grant or Contract workshop from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 19, in the Hornet Bookstore Building Board Room (suite 3010). This workshop will provide principal investigators and project directors with an introduction to the administration of externally funded projects. Elements of award administration will be addressed including how to expend funds, hire and pay employees, obtain reimbursement and track project deliverables. To register, visit [http://www.csus.edu/research/registration/workshops.htm](http://www.csus.edu/research/registration/workshops.htm).  
Submitted by Research Administration

**Funding Alert**
The latest issue of *Funding Alert* is available. This 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 web at [http://www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/index.htm](http://www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/index.htm).

This month’s highlights include articles related to the economic stimulus bill along with targeted funding opportunity notices in the following areas: arts, humanities, education, community development, health, mental health, science and engineering.

Additional information about any opportunities announced in *Funding Alert* can be obtained by clicking on the given web address or by contacting Research Administration at 278-7565.  
Submitted by Research Administration

**Alumni Center open house**
The Alumni Center will hold an open house 4-6 p.m., Friday, March 27. The event is free and open to the campus community. A showcase of caterers will be at the center to provide samples from their menu.

To RSVP, visit [https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CSN/events/CSN2220501.html](https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CSN/events/CSN2220501.html).  
Submitted by the Alumni Center

**Sac State Night at the River Cats**
Tickets are available for the third annual Sac State Night at the River Cats Thursday, May 7, when the Pacific Coast League Champion River Cats take on the Reno Aces.

Tickets are on sale at the Recreational Sports Office located on the first floor of the University Union. Tickets are $7 each, or $5 each in groups of 10 or more. For information, call the Recreational Sports Office at 278-4111.  
Submitted by the Recreational Sports Office

**Sacramento Breakfast Briefings**
Sacramento State’s College of Continuing Education will hold a series of quarterly forums called Sacramento Breakfast Briefings. The forums are thought-provoking presentations by prominent government executives, business leaders, authors and others.

The first forum is 7:30-9 a.m., Wednesday, May 20, in the Alumni Center. The presenter is Secretary Kim Belshé, California Health and Human Services Agency. Single tickets are $45. Membership is $120 and
Grading brown bagger
The Center for Teaching and Learning and Writing Across the Curriculum will hold a brown bag, "Faster, Fairer, Easier Grading Using Rubrics" workshop from noon to 1:15 p.m., Thursday, March 19, in Library 4026. Confirm attendance at ctl@csus.edu or 278-5945.
Submitted by the English Department

New faculty workshop
A new workshop for preparing accessible instructional materials will be held from noon-1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, in Library Room 11 (lower level).

Participants will learn about Accessible Technology Initiative requirements, new course requirements, new instructional materials accessibility checklists, universal design concepts for teaching and learning and tips to create accessible Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Adobe PDF instructional materials.

To attend, RSVP by e-mail at cvera@csus.edu or call 278-2847. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Individuals needing reasonable accommodations for disability access should e-mail cvera@csus.edu or call 278-2847 at least five business days before the workshop.
Submitted by Services to Students with Disabilities

Commercialization for Researchers Webinar
The topic of the next webinar in the Essentials of Commercialization for Researchers course is "The Advanced Essentials of SBIRs and STTRs." The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs assist small businesses in bringing potential research projects to the marketplace. Collaboration with colleges and universities is encouraged by the SBIR program, while the STTR program specifically seeks to fund joint ventures between small businesses and university research partners.

The webinar will be broadcast from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 11, in the Hornet Bookstore Building Boardroom (suite 3010). Sacramento State faculty, staff and graduate students are invited to attend. For more on the series, or to reserve a seat, visit http://www.csus.edu/research/workshops/webinars/index.htm.
Submitted by Research Administration

Human Resources

Catastrophic leave donation program
Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits in one-hour increments each fiscal year. Bargaining Units 1, 8, 10 and 11 may only donate up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained at www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#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:
  Janelle Robinette, Nursing
  Julie Bradley, Math Department.
  Wandarah Anderson, Division of Social Work
  Michael Wilson, Economics
  Brittini Collins, University Transportation and Parking Services
  Candace Parke, College of Continuing Education
  Misty Sisneros, Community Engagement Center

Submitted by Human Resources

On the job talks with Early Assessment Program Office
The Bulletin spoke with Joy Salvetti, director of the Early Assessment Program.

**What do people think you do?**
I’m not sure. The Early Assessment Program is one of three programs I administer. In speaking with people, I think they believe it’s just another assessment we give to high school students during their junior year. Basically, they think it’s just one more test.

**What do you really do?**
The Early Assessment Program is a mechanism that truly addresses remediation in college. Some high school students accepted into college may look good on paper, but when they hit our doorstep we find they’re not ready to do the work. EAP determines high school juniors’ college readiness in English and Mathematics, and it allows students to do whatever work they need to do to become better prepared during their senior year. EAP has blossomed into a tool that really addresses the dichotomy between college eligibility and college readiness. We’re fortunate that we have a faculty member doing a research project on the benefits of the program and already her results provide strong evidence that EAP works to reduce remediation.

**Describe your office?**
We’re in Sacramento Hall housed under Academic Affairs. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Sheley is my direct administrator. My one staff person, Charlotte Van Wagner, is phenomenal. We are more a team than anything, and the fact we are running three programs speaks volumes to that. I do have three faculty who work directly with EAP, and they’re instrumental in growing the program: Marcy Merrill, Adele Arrellano and Tina Jordan.

**What surprises people?**
The fact that we are administering not only the Early Assessment Program, but two other programs as well: The Reading Institute for Academic Preparation and The Guardian Scholars Program.

**What is your biggest challenge?**
Probably the budget. My biggest challenge is showing the importance of each of the programs so that funds aren’t cut. As you well know, this is an annual occurrence. You never feel like you can ride on the success of a program. You always have to demonstrate its merit.

**What are you asked most?**
"What is EAP?: It’s often confused with Employees Assistance Program, another program on campus. So I’m careful with my acronyms. I also find myself having to explain that The Early Assessment Program is more than just a test. As we’ve discussed, it’s so much more than that.

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**This Week in Hornet Action**

**Baseball**
Tuesday, March 17
Sacramento State at San Francisco, 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 19
Sacramento State vs. Cornell, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 20
Sacramento State at Cornell, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 21
Sacramento State vs. Cornell, 11 a.m.

**Softball**
Capital Classic Tournament at Shea Stadium
Thursday, March 19
Sacramento State at Colorado, 1 p.m.
Sacramento State at BYU, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 21
Sacramento State at UNLV, 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 22
Sacramento State at Dartmouth, 9 a.m.

**Gymnastics**
Saturday, March 21
Sacramento State hosts the WAC championships, 6 p.m.

**Outdoor track**
Saturday, March 21
Sacramento State hosts the Hornet Invitational

**Women’s tennis**
Monday, March 16
Sacramento State vs. Northern Colorado, Rio Del Oro Racquet Club, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21
Sacramento State against Portland, TBA
Sacramento State against Portland State, 9 a.m.
Both games in Portland, Ore.

**Men’s tennis**
Monday, March 16
Sacramento State vs. Northern Colorado, Rio Del Oro Racquet Club, 1 p.m.

**Men’s golf**
No matches scheduled

**Women’s golf**
No matches scheduled

**Rowing**
No matches scheduled