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### Wind and Brass Extravaganza

Some of Sacramento State's finest performing artists will take the stage for the Faculty Gala Wind and Brass Extravaganza at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 9 in the Recital Hall of Capistrano Hall. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$5 for students and are available at the Sacramento State Ticket office, 278-4323 or at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com). The event is part of the University's New Millennium Concert Series.

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The *Bulletin* is taking a break. The campus is closed March 31 for Cesar Chavez Day and students are on spring recess through April 4. The normal weekly schedule resumes April 7. Items may be submitted to the *Bulletin* at [bulletin@csus.edu](mailto:bulletin@csus.edu) or faxed to 278-5290. The deadline is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before Monday publication. All submissions are subject to editing for style and space. More information is available at 278-6156.

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#### **Bicycling**

Bicycling is a great way to commute to the campus and get exercise at the same time. Sacramento State has a free bicycle parking compound at the foot of the Guy West Bridge. It is staffed by University Transportation and Parking Services student assistants from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays during the academic year. Additional bicycle racks are located throughout campus. Bicycle lockers are also available for rent for \$50 per semester (\$30 rental fee, \$20 refundable key deposit) through ASI Peak

Adventures at 278-6321.

To make the bike commute easier, Hornet Express shuttles and Sacramento Regional Transit buses are equipped with bicycle racks. Those interested in commuting with a "bike buddy" may visit [www.sacregion511.org](http://www.sacregion511.org) for a bicycle buddy match list. Sacramento area bike routes, bike maps, bike safety tips, California Vehicle Code bicycle laws and other information regarding your Commute Choices to campus are available from Noel Carolipio, Employee Transportation Coordinator, at [ncarolip@saclink.csus.edu](mailto:ncarolip@saclink.csus.edu) or extension 87527 .

## Bulletin Staff



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## **Sac State shows unified opposition to proposed budget cuts**

Hundreds of Sacramento State administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni packed the University Theatre and other overflow-accommodating rooms Tuesday, March 18 in a display of united and determined opposition to a proposal to slash California State University's budget by \$386 million in the 2008-09 fiscal year.

The meeting served as a kickoff to "Alliance for the CSU," a broad grassroots effort to convince the governor and Legislature of the wisdom of protecting, rather than cutting, the state's investment in the University.

"We're not just going to sit back and accept the budget cuts coming from the Governor and Legislature," Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez said at the lunchtime meeting before more than 600 supporters. "This is about access, and it's really about the promise of the Master Plan of 1960 that every qualified individual may take advantage of higher education."

Gonzalez called the massive grassroots effort to preserve the CSU budget unprecedented in his 29 years with the CSU. "You have to do everything you can, everywhere in public," he told the crowd. "We have to talk about the future, or our sons, daughters and grandchildren could be denied access to higher education."

CSU Trustee Bob Linscheid said he drove from Chico to attend the Sacramento event because of the magnitude of the crisis, and likened the campus community to a family that bands together in times of trouble. "Maybe the message is that we can work together for the good of our campus community. We're not going to be silent on this one," he said.

CSU Student Trustee Curtis Grima said students must play a pivotal role in the budget fight. "The proposed budget cuts affect us directly. They will limit access and affect the quality of education at CSU," he said.

Sacramento State student body president Christina Romero told the gathering via video that students must let the governor and legislators know that they'll fight for their right to pursue a college degree. "We are tomorrow's leaders, taxpayers, skilled workers. Ask them to make higher education a priority," she said.

Faculty Senate Chair Bruce Bikle said CSU's 40,000 employees, 425,000 students, and 2 million alumni can, if united, exert the political muscle to protect the CSU budget. "If we can get our neighbors, or the guy who bags our groceries, to understand, to contact their legislators and the governor and tell them these budget cuts don't make it, they'll listen. They'll have to listen."

California Faculty Association President Lila Jacobs led a chant of "Stop the cuts," and then outlined the stakes. "We graduate teachers, nurses, engineers, police, state workers; we graduate the infrastructure," she said. "When we can't do our job, the whole state is negatively impacted."

California State University Employees Union President Pat Gantt added that cuts to the CSU budget will harm all Californians. "CSU is part of the American dream because without a prepared workforce, California cannot move forward," he said.

Sacramento State Alumni Association president Sam Starks likened today's crisis to the struggles of prior generations. "They've had their crosses to bear. This is our cross," he said.

Also urging opposition to the cuts were campus employee union spokesmen Joseph Small, Michael Mullen and Craig Riggles, who each warned that the budget cuts place services provided by campus workers in peril.

Gonzalez hailed the broad campus unity. "We are working together. There will always be disagreements, but this is one thing we can all agree on," he concluded.

## Philosophy professor films story of Korean battle

It's not a well-known battle in the Korean War, but the standoff of thousands of enemy forces by a small group of American and Greek soldiers is finally being brought to light by a Sacramento State philosophy professor.

Professor Michael Epperson and his brother Christos are filming *Outpost Harry*, a documentary featuring historical photos, re-enactments, and interviews with the Greek and American veterans of the battle.

The fight began June 10, 1953, when about 3,600 Chinese forces attacked the Korean hill held by about 100 American soldiers. After holding on for six grueling nights, the Americans were joined by a company of Greek soldiers. The combined group was an interesting mix, Epperson says. The Americans were young, 18 and 19 years old, and many were inexperienced. The Greeks, in their 30s, were seasoned veterans and had something of a care-free attitude.

That first evening, the Greek soldiers went to the base of the hill, lit a bonfire, and started singing. The Americans thought they were crazy, Epperson says, but when the "party" drew a Chinese attack, the enemy was met by other Greek soldiers lying in ambush. When the full battle started later that night, the Greeks, outnumbered 30 to one, even launched a counter attack against the oncoming forces. "It's just an amazing story on a lot of different levels."

The Greek soldiers' experience and stoicism also bolstered the courage of the Americans, who had been worn out by six days of fighting. Even today, American veterans interviewed for the movie still look up to the Greek soldiers who fought alongside them, Epperson says. He and Christos also organized the first-ever reunion of the Greek soldiers for the movie.

The production crew has completed the interviews, and is gearing up for shooting the battle scenes in Red Bluff this summer. Initial funding of \$200,000 for *Outpost Harry* came from the movie's executive producer, Mike Pagomenos. Another \$400,000 has been contributed by Robert Baker, one of the battle's veterans.

This is the Eppersons' second historical documentary. Their first, *The 11th Day*, which told the story of Greek resistance during World War II, was released in 2005 and has appeared on the History Channel.

How does a philosophy professor become a writer and co-producer of war documentaries?

Epperson has always been interested in film-making, and says war is a particularly important topic in the field of ethics. Talking with the soldiers, he says, offers a unique perspective on the subject. "You get to the ethics of warfare more directly, without being solely an armchair philosopher."

Epperson joined the Sacramento State faculty three years ago in something of a homecoming. His mother is Liz Dokimos, a former professor of speech pathology and audiology. And Epperson took computer science and biology on campus at the age of 11 through the University's Discovery Program.

As a philosopher, Epperson's work on these documentary films explores war as a crucible revealing what it means to be human, bringing together humanity's best and worst qualities. "The mixture is explosive—sometimes horrific, sometimes dazzling—but always illuminating."

More information on Epperson and the University's philosophy department is available at 278-6424, [www.csus.edu/phil](http://www.csus.edu/phil) and [www.csus.edu/indiv/e/eppersonm/home/](http://www.csus.edu/indiv/e/eppersonm/home/).

### **Sac State students will use alternative break to serve community**

The term "spring break" usually conjures up images of carefree college kids, sunshine, beaches and revelry. But for at least a few dozen Sacramento State students, it means something considerably more

worthwhile.

Those students will use spring break week, March 31 to April 4, for various community service activities as part of Sacramento State's Alternative Break.

"It's a short-term community service commitment, from one to five days, for students who feel like they'd rather do something for others rather than just themselves," said program coordinator Brendan McVeigh.

The program began in spring 2007 with roughly 20 students, and grew to 53 last winter, he said. This spring's projects will include events honoring Cesar Chavez on his birthday, March 31, helping with an American River cleanup, assisting the Sacramento Food Bank, and homebuilding with Habitat for Humanity.

Participants in the program gain the satisfaction of helping others, gain valuable experience and learn more about their own service, leadership and teamwork skills and also form lasting friendships with their co-workers, McVeigh said.

For more information on the program, contact McVeigh at (916) 278-4954, or visit [www.csus.edu/cec/altbreak](http://www.csus.edu/cec/altbreak).

## **Summer programs for kids at Sac State**

Attention parents: when it comes to finding something for children to do during summer that's entertaining and worthwhile, look no farther—Sacramento State's annual vacation program offers all manner of fun, safe and, yes, educational activities.

Whether it be a slew of water sports, camping and outdoor activities, science adventures, athletic instruction or academic competition in programs in the disabled, Sacramento State has kids covered.

The University's Academic Talent Search provides more than 100 academically challenging, fast-paced summer courses for sixth-to ninth-grade students in subjects as diverse as web design and the Internet, cartooning, forensic science, photography and algebra. One-, two- and three-week courses are available from June 16 to Aug. 8.

The scientifically inclined may enjoy the Scientific Adventures Summer Camp. The nine week-long sessions from June 23 to August 22 include "Gizmos, Gadgets and Goop" "Space and Rocketry," plus "Science Detective and Extreme Sports."

Sac State's Aquatic Center at Natoma Lake presents plenty of water sports camps for youngsters ages 7 to 17 from June 9 through Aug. 29 (excluding the week of July 4th). These choices include canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, windsurfing and white-water rafting.

WAVE Camp provides 10-to-25 year olds with physical disabilities an array of activities including instructional and recreational aquatic programs.

Outdoor enthusiasts may flock to Peak Adventures, which offers three camps for participants age 9 to 18. The Green and Gold Camp (9-12) allows youngsters to explore the campus through river walks, swimming, and arts and crafts. The Adventure Camp features hiking, rock climbing, white-water rafting in Coloma and overnight camping for ages 12-15. Expedition Campers (15-18) spend a week backpacking with their peers, culminating with a white-water rafting ride down the South Fork of the American River.

If your kids are into sports, Sac State coaches and student athletes will lead several day camps on baseball, softball, volleyball and soccer for youngsters as well as teens.

For more information about specific programs, refer to the contact numbers and websites listed on the following schedule:

# Schedule of Sacramento State youth programs Summer 2008

## Learning

### Academic Talent Search

7750 College Town Drive, Suite 101

(916) 278-7032

E-mail: [ats@csus.edu](mailto:ats@csus.edu)

<http://edweb.csus.edu/projects/ATS>

One-, three- and five-week sessions offered throughout the summer to students in grades six through nine. Call for information on required testing and application process. The application deadline is April 18.

- Two one-week programs: June 16 - 20 and Aug. 4 - 8
- Two three-week programs: June 23 - July 11 and July 14 - Aug. 1
- One five-week program: June 23 - July 25

### Science Adventures Summer Camp

(888) 458-1812

[www.scienceadventures.com](http://www.scienceadventures.com)

Nine week-long camps this summer for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade. Begins June 23 - 27 and continues through Aug. 18 - 22.

## Recreation and sports

### Sacramento State Aquatic Center at Lake Natoma

1901 Hazel Avenue

(916) 278-2842

[www.csusaquaticcenter.com](http://www.csusaquaticcenter.com)

Programs from June 9 - Aug. 29 (excluding July 1-4) for ages 7 - 17 in sailing, windsurfing, wake boarding, canoeing, kayaking, waterskiing, jet skiing, rowing and more.

### WAVE Camp

(916) 808-6017

[www.accessleisuresac.org/wave.htm](http://www.accessleisuresac.org/wave.htm)

Water activities for youths and young adults ages 10 to 25 with disabilities. Two sessions offered July 7 - 11 for ages 10 to 16 and July 13 - 17 for ages 17 - 25.

### Peak Adventures Youth Camp

Peak Adventures

(916) 278-6321

[www.peakadventures.org](http://www.peakadventures.org)

- Green and Gold Camp for ages 9-12. Six week-long sessions from June 23 to Aug 15
- Adventure Camp for ages 12-15. Three sessions from June 23 to Aug, 1
- Expedition Camp for ages 15-18. One session from Aug. 4 to Aug. 8

### Sacramento State Athletic Camps

(916) 278-6481

[www.hornetsports.com](http://www.hornetsports.com)

Athletic day camps are available for children and teens in basketball, softball, volleyball and soccer. Contact the athletics department or check its website for updates on new summer sports programs. Registration forms are available online at [www.hornetsports.com](http://www.hornetsports.com).

## **April is Alumni Month at Sac State**

April may be famous for its showers, but at Sacramento State it's better known as Alumni Month, a time to recognize the work and accomplishments of current and future alumni through a series of exciting events.

Alumni Month kicks off with "Deserving Desserts," the annual mixer of the Alumni Association, 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 2 in the Alumni Center. The event, which is free to Association members plus one guest each, recognizes members for their dedication to the University and the Association. A wide array of desserts, refreshments and wine will be served. RSVP by March 28 online at [www.SacStateAlumni.com](http://www.SacStateAlumni.com) or call (916) 278-6295.

The fourth annual Sac State Night at the River Cats will be held at 7:05 p.m., Tuesday, April 15 at Raley Field. Sac State students and alumni will sing the national anthem, throw the first pitch and lead the seventh-inning stretch. There will be gifts and prizes for those wearing Sac State's colors, green and gold. Ticket information is available online at [www.SacStateAlumni.com](http://www.SacStateAlumni.com).

In appreciation of the professional achievements and community service of its alumni, the University and the Alumni Association will recognize the 2008 honorees of the Distinguished Service Awards at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 17 at the Alumni Center. For ticket information, visit <http://www.sacstatealumni.com/> or call (916) 278-6295.

Sac State alumni who work in and around the Capitol will be celebrated at the Alumni Capitol Picnic, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m., Friday, April 25 at the Capitol Building East Lawn. The event is free, and attendees must RSVP by April 21 at [www.SacStateAlumni.com](http://www.SacStateAlumni.com).

The second annual Stinger Wine and Food Classic, 6 p.m., Friday, April 25 at the Alumni Center features alumni-connected wineries, vineyards and food purveyors. Tickets are \$40 per person, and proceeds support athletic scholarships. Contact Toni Brown at [tbrown@csus.edu](mailto:tbrown@csus.edu) or (916) 278-4263 for tickets.

For more information on Alumni Month events, contact the Alumni Association at (916) 278-6295 or visit [www.SacStateAlumni.com](http://www.SacStateAlumni.com). For media assistance, contact Sacramento State's Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

## **Construction management students win big in Las Vegas**

When 12 Sacramento State engineering students went to Las Vegas they gambled that their design and construction ideas would impress the judges at the 89th annual Associated General Contractors of America and Associated Schools of Construction National Competition.

Their gamble paid off, and both six-person teams from the College of Engineering and Computer Science's Construction Management Department walked away with first-place finishes in the competition March 11. One team placed first in the Commercial Building Division and the other placed first in the Design-Build Division.

"I'm very proud of our students. It's remarkable how much good information they produced in a very short time," says Keith Bisharat, program coordinator for the department. "They worked as a team and no one wanted to let the others, or the school, down."

During the competition, 21 teams from around the country were critiqued on estimating, bidding, planning, scheduling, presentation skills, creativity, understanding of sound construction techniques and thoughtful methodology throughout a two-day simulated construction project.

The design-build team was given a request for proposal for a \$34.2 million, 70,000-square foot humanities building on the UC Irvine campus. "We received it at 6 a.m. and worked for 18 hours straight to produce a building design and construction management plan. It was a pretty brutal schedule but we got ours in first and it was in a half hour before it was due," says Isaac Dye, senior construction management student

The commercial building team's project included the construction of an aquarium in Seattle with a pier/pile foundation located over a body of water. Work included selective demolition of an existing structure as well as new construction of the aquarium itself.

"We had a lot of logistical issues to overcome such as where things would be stored, how to proceed safely and how to set up without interrupting the flow of business to the aquarium, which was still open," says Cliff Moore, senior construction management student. "We looked at the proposal and the drawings for about four hours trying to figure out what we were going to do."

In addition to the proposal, each team gave a presentation in front of a panel of judges.

"All the leg work is in the written proposal but the presentation has to be complete and comprehensive and meet the design request of the request for proposal," says Dye. "Taken together, it was weeks of work crammed into one day."

The Sacramento State teams made it to the national competition after claiming three first-place finishes in the Western regional competition in Sparks, Nevada Feb. 14-16. There, Sacramento State students took first in the Design-Build Construction Competition, the Mechanical Competition and the Commercial Building Competition, beating out schools in the Western region.

Sacramento State actually won three national construction management championships. The mechanical team won the Mechanical Division national title during the competition at Sparks in February.

The teams were sponsored by the Sacramento Construction Management Education Foundation and coached by faculty in the Construction Management Department and members of local construction companies.

The build-design team members include Dye, Matt Burnie, Ryan Sutton-Gee, Tracy Young, Hitesh Dewan and Carl Arevalo.

The construction team members include Moore, Phillip Wonders, Jonathan Cardin, Ryan Shope, Tyler Gahagan and Vanessa Guerra.

The mechanical team members include Chris Cormier, Eddy Deniz, Kyle Gray, Garrett McGuken, Patrick McGuirk, Matt Moore and CJ Zelnick.

For more information about the competition, contact the College of Engineering and Computer Science's Construction Management Program at (916) 278-6616.

## **University students make historic trip to NCAA Track and Field Championships**

For the first time in school history, Sacramento State had two student-athletes at the NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships, March 14-15 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Seniors **Raphael McFarlane** and **Daniel Imlach** qualified for the meet. McFarlane competed in the long jump and Imlach in the pole vault. This was the first appearance for either at the indoor championships.

At the meet, McFarlane earned All-America honors after a long jump of 24-09.75. He placed 13th overall in the field. However, he had the eighth best mark by American student-athletes and become the first Division I Indoor All-American in Sacramento State history.

Imlach missed receiving All-American honors by one point. He cleared 17-00.75 in the high jump and finished in a five-way tie for 10th place.

The path to the championships was very different for the two. McFarlane met the provisional standard in the long jump Feb. 9 at the Mountain States Games in Pocatello, Idaho, with a jump of 25-07.75.

Imlach met the provisional mark in the pole vault at the University of Washington's Last Chance Qualifier in Seattle March 15 and 16. His mark of 17-06.50 broke his own school record and is the 12th best in Division I this season.

McFarlane, who was named the Big Sky Conference Male Track and Field Athlete of the Meet at the conference championships earlier this month, leaves Sacramento State as one of two men to have qualified for both the NCAA Division I Outdoor and Indoor Track and Field Championships. McFarlane qualified for last season's outdoor championships in the 100-meter dash.

For more news about Hornet teams visit [www.hornetsports.com](http://www.hornetsports.com).

## **Young minds gather for annual science competition**

About 600 of the area's brightest middle and high school students will visit the campus as Sacramento State hosts the 22nd Sacramento regional Science Olympiad, Saturday, April 5.

Students will participate in science-based games, activities and projects that encourage learning in biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, problem solving and technology.

"Events like this, where science is presented as a fun series of challenges, not only helps young students learn, but gives them a hands-on opportunity to see how science applies to everyday life," says Jill Trainer, Dean of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. "Hopefully, this will help encourage them to continue to pursue educational careers in science and technology."

During the Olympiad, students will conduct experiments in 40 science-related areas including meteorology, energy consumption, food webs, heredity, food science and electronic circuitry.

The top three middle and high school teams will go on to compete at the Northern California Science Olympiad at the University of California, Merced April 26. Those winners are eligible to compete in the national competition May 30-31 at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

The Science Olympiad is a community program sponsored by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the Center for STEM Excellence, the College of Continuing Education and SMUD.

The Olympiad is an international nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

For more information on the Science Olympiad, contact Manuela McClary at (916) 278-5485. For media assistance, call Sacramento State's Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

## **Engineers Without Borders crop up in Panama**

A recent grant for a Sacramento State student organization will help farmers in Panama grow crops more efficiently

The Sacramento State chapter of Engineers Without Borders received a \$4,000 grant from the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund in February and will use the money to continue an irrigation project they began last year in Panama.

"Projects like this are important for students because it encourages innovation," says professor Saad Merayyan, faculty advisor. "They are going to remote areas with very little modern equipment or

technology and will have to rely on skills learned in the classroom to develop solutions to complex real world problems.”

EWB members will evaluate, design and construct a sustainable irrigation system to help farmers increase their crop yield. The project will serve hundreds of people in communities in Chagres, Panama.

“During the three-month dry season, the area traditionally does not receive even a drop of rain,” says Javier Soria, president of the Sacramento State EWB chapter. “Our goal is to help provide water so they can grow more crops. Right now, they survive off their crops. If they grow more crops they can sell the extra and have an income.”

EWB members visited Panama over spring break last year to assess the project site and gather information. They are planning to travel either over spring break or at the end of this spring semester.

“The EWB program helps us become more internationally aware of the problems around the world and makes us aware of how lucky we are in the U.S.,” says Soria. “We have fresh water readily available, but there are many nations that do not.”

Merayyan says students have discussed expanding their work to projects in Asia and Africa in future years.

“EWB receives proposals from non-government agencies about every six months. We will keep an eye out for more projects where we can have an impact, and help people improve their quality of life,” Soria says.

Although the grant will cover some of the cost of the trip, Merayyan said students will be conducting fundraisers in the community to help offset costs.

For more information on Engineers Without Borders, contact Soria at [csus.ewb.president@gmail.com](mailto:csus.ewb.president@gmail.com), or visit their website at <http://gaia.ecs.csus.edu/~ewb/projects.htm>.

## Faculty Senate

### Tuesday, March 25

1:30 p.m., Program Review Oversight Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 275

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

### Wednesday, March 26

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

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

### Friday, March 28

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, Green and Gold Room, University Union

## Professional Activities

## Scholarship

**Barbara Carle**, Foreign Languages, has published, “Introduction and English Translation of Two Poems by Rodolfo Di Biasio,” in the *Journal of Italian Translation*; translation of Rodolfo Di Biasio’s, “Poemetto dei naufragi e delle rottamazioni/Poem of Scrap Heaps and Shipwrecks,” in *Gradiva*; “The Sun in the Sepulcher: Six Poems by Gianfranco Palmery Introduction and Translation,” in *Gradiva*; “Seven Poems from Alfredo De Palchi’s *Essenza Carnale*,” translation and critical introduction, in *Italian Poetry Review*. She also presented a paper, “Bolaffio e Saba,” at the Catholic University of the Sacro Cuore in Milan.

**Mark V. Siegler**, Economics, co-authored two papers, "Sound and Fury: McCloskey and Significance Testing in Economics," and, "The Rhetoric of 'Signifying Nothing': A Rejoinder to Ziliak and McCloskey," which were published in this month's issue of the *Journal of Economic Methodology*.

**James Sobredo**, Ethnic Studies, **Gregory Kim-Ju**, Psychology, **Julie Figueroa**, Ethnic Studies, and **Gregory Yee Mark**, Ethnic Studies, published "An Ethnic Studies Model of Community Mobilization: Collaborative Partnership with a High Risk Public High School" in this month's edition of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

**James Sobredo**, Ethnic Studies, presented a lecture, "Contract Labor Migration from Iloilo" at the invitation of the Guam Humanities Council. He was also featured in the *Pacific Daily News* for his role as a visiting humanities scholar in Guam.

**Xin Ren**, Criminal Justice, spoke at the "Raising the Global Standards for Victims: The Proposed Convention on Basic Justice Principles for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power" Symposium in Mito Japan. She presented a commentary paper and joined a panel to formulate an action plan for the United Nations Congress on Crime and Justice that will convene in two years in Brazil.

**Darryl O. Freeman**, Government, presented a research paper, "Which State is Next Determining the Social-Political Construct Profile of States Conversion to Strict Voter Identification Requirements (1995 – 2005)," at the Southwestern Political Science Association annual meeting in Las Vegas.

**Daniel Clark Orey**, Multicultural Education, participated in a workshop at the University of Haifa and the Israel Institute of Technology that examined the connections between culture, creativity and learning in the teaching of math. The gathering in partnership with the John Templeton Foundation included 28 scholars from 14 countries.

## Recognition

**David Gharagozlou**, Economics, was cited by the Research Institute for Applied Culture of Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg in Germany for his book *Economic History in Comparison: Culture, Religion and Economic Development*.

## Campus Announcements

### Creating a strong on-line password

In this time of sophisticated hacking, passwords may be the best protection, whether a University account password or a bank account password. Simple passwords are easy to crack and given time, even more complex passwords may be compromised. Information Resources and Technology recommends using a strong password and changing it periodically.

There are some basic principles to creating a good password. The use of a meaningful phrase instead of a pass "word" can make an account more secure. Think of a meaningful phrase (I always happily obey my wife) and then use the first letters of that phrase plus a digit and a special character. From the above, you get "lahomw1\$."

A good password should be at least eight characters long—preferably longer. IRT has set the password parameters so that the next time employees change their password, it must have at least eight characters. Three of the following four things will also need to be included: uppercase letter, lowercase letter, numeric digit, or special character (includes space character).

*Submitted by Information Resource and Technology*

### Scholarships available to students taking Hellenic Studies courses

The Sacramento State Hellenic Studies program invites applications for the Senator Nicholas C. Petris

Scholarships. The minimum scholarship amount to be awarded is \$1,000. All applications must be turned in by Friday, April 18.

In honor of Senator Petris, the Sacramento State Hellenic Studies program will grant several scholarships to outstanding undergraduates of any major who are currently enrolled full time on campus, have a minimum 2.75 GPA and have taken at least one course from the Hellenic Studies minor. Applicants need not be a declared Hellenic Studies minor to apply.

All applicants are required to submit a transcript of grades at Sacramento State, a list of courses taken as part of the Hellenic Studies minor, a one- to two-page statement of purpose and one letter of recommendation.

Applications should be sent to:

Professor Katerina Lagos  
Director of Hellenic Studies program  
History Department  
Tahoe Hall 3089  
6000 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819-6059

For information about the Petris Scholarships and/or the Hellenic Studies minor, visit [www.csus.edu/hist/centers/hellenic\\_minor.html](http://www.csus.edu/hist/centers/hellenic_minor.html), or contact Lagos at [klagos@csus.edu](mailto:klagos@csus.edu) or 278-7103.

*Submitted by History department*

### **Communication class sponsored by Sysco Intel**

The Communication 158 class is being sponsored by the Sysco Intel Co. in conjunction with the International Anticounterfeiting Coalition to hold a week-long anti-counterfeiting campaign. The class as a whole will put on events from April 14-19. The class also designed the website [www.fearthefraud.com](http://www.fearthefraud.com) with the mission to educate the city of Sacramento on the dangers of buying counterfeit products. The goal is to have 10,000 online signatures promising to not buy counterfeit products.

Other universities have been sponsored by companies in conjunction with the IACC, but the California State University system is the only university on the West Coast that is involved with this campaign. For more information, visit [www.iacc.com](http://www.iacc.com).

*Submitted by Communication Studies*

## **Human Resources**

### **Sabbatical workshop**

The office of Human Resources will be conducting its annual Sabbatical Workshop from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 11, in the Foothill Suite of the University Union. The workshop is for full-time faculty and will provide information for those interested in applying for a Sabbatical or Difference-in-Pay Leave for the 2009-10 academic years. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited so RSVP by noon on Tuesday, April 1, to Lorena Solis at 278-6779 or [lsolis@csus.edu](mailto:lsolis@csus.edu).

For questions about eligibility, see Provision 27.2 of the Unit 3 Faculty Contract. For other questions, contact the office of Human Resources at 278-6169.

*Submitted by 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 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](http://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:

Linda Brufladt, Academic Information Resources & Technology

Mark Perry, Facilities Services

Lisa Collins, Admissions & Records

Julie Villescás, Photocopy and Technical Support

Sharon Kelley, Information & Resources Technology

\*Sabrina Conklin, Student Health Center

Martha Jean, University Transportation & Parking

\*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

## **Patty García**

**Hometown:** Arandas, Mexico.

**Major:** Spanish, minor in criminal justice. Plans to graduate in Fall 2007.

**Background:** Born in Mexico. Moved to Zamora, a small town in California near Woodland, when she was nine. Involved in the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). Community service chair for Latina sorority Sigma Omega Nu. Volunteered for Safe Rides and Cesar Chavez Day. Works with youth on probation for the Sacramento County Neighborhood Accountability Board.

**Influences:** "CAMP and EOP, those two programs really helped me. I took summer classes for six weeks through Summer Bridge and stayed in the dorms and had the opportunity to meet new people. So when school started, I knew the campus and I didn't feel lost."

**Highlight:** "I really like my professors, especially my Spanish professors. They're all nice and willing to help you. They say that if you need anything you can just come by. In the sorority you get to meet a lot of people not only in your sorority but other sororities and fraternities. The networking opens doors and those who are older can advise you on which classes you should take."

**Proudest accomplishment:** "I'm the first one out of my family to go to college. None of my cousins went to college, my sisters didn't go to college. I am the only one on my mom's or my dad's side."

**Destination:** "I want to work for the FBI. I applied for an internship with the FBI in Sacramento and am just waiting to hear back from them because it takes a while to do a background check. I would also like to work in the medical field as a translator."

## **This Week in Hornet Action**

### **Baseball**

Tuesday, March 25

Sacramento State at Stanford, TBA.

Friday, March 28

Sacramento State vs. Hawaii, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 29

Sacramento State vs. Hawaii, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 30  
Sacramento State vs. Hawaii, 1 p.m.

### **Softball**

Tuesday, March 25  
Sacramento State at San Jose State, 2 p.m.

### **Gymnastics**

Sunday, March 29  
Sacramento State at the WAC Championships in Boise, Idaho

### **Outdoor track**

Thursday, March 27-Saturday, March 29,  
Sacramento State host the Nike Elite

### **Men's tennis**

Friday, March 28  
Sacramento State vs. Eastern Washington (Rio Del Oro Racquet Club), 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 29  
Sacramento State vs. Weber State, (Sacramento State), 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 29  
Sacramento State vs. Idaho State (Sacramento State), 2 a.m.

### **Women's tennis**

Thursday, March 27  
Sacramento State vs. Eastern Washington (Rio Del Oro Racquet Club), 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27  
Sacramento State vs. Idaho State (Rio Del Oro Racquet Club), 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 29  
Sacramento State at Montana, 8 a.m.

Saturday, March 29  
Sacramento State at Montana State, 4 p.m.

### **Men's golf**

Thursday, March 27-Friday March 28  
Sacramento State at Cal Poly Men's Invitational in Arroyo Grande, Calif.

### **Women's golf**

No matches scheduled

### **Rowing**

Saturday, March 29  
Sacramento State vs. San Diego State at Lake Natoma, 8:30 a.m.