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Faculty Art Show

The Faculty Art Show continues through May 24 in the Library Gallery. The exhibition features works from about 30 Art Department professors. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.



E-Waste

E-waste, also known as e-scrap, includes monitors, CPU's, laptops, mice, printers, speakers, keyboards, keyboard trays, copiers, fax machines, televisions, radios, shredders, microwave ovens, telephones, pagers, VCR's, DVD players—almost anything with a cord. It also includes CD's, DVD'S and floppy disks. If an electronic item is still usable and in good shape, contact the property and receiving manager at 278-6015 for pick-up instructions.

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For more information, visit the "Sacramento State Recycles" website at www.fm.csus.edu/iwm.

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Sacramento State women leading the Big Sky Conference all-sports race

The Sacramento State women's program currently sits in first place among the Big Sky's nine teams in a race for the conference's all-sports trophy.

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Students gain life knowledge from women with life experience

Someone once said, "A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could, because someone else thought they could." And that is exactly what the Women Mentoring Women conference is about—mentors instilling confidence in mentees.

Sacramento State female students will meet with professional working women from the campus and community from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, April 25 in the University Union Ballroom for the annual Women Mentoring Women conference.

Attendees will participate in workshops, discussions, and most importantly, meet professional women who work in the students' career interest areas.

"The goal is to match Sac State women students with a mentor from the University or the Sacramento community in their area of interest for a day of discussion and workshops on various topics such as mentoring, career development and leadership," says Gloria Gonzalez, Women Mentoring Women committee chair.

This will be the fourth consecutive year for the conference. The idea was hatched five years ago when Gonzalez arrived at Sacramento State and found there were no mentoring programs of its kind on campus.

"Each year we focus on a different theme and try to attract a diverse group of women interested in forming a network of relationships that will foster growth and development for both the student and the mentor," Gonzalez says.

The mentoring event has been a success. Last year an estimated 120 people participated. And while the event is a lot of work, Women Mentoring Women co-chair and director of the Women's Resource Center Patricia Grady says it's worth it in the end. "This is a wonderful opportunity for Sac State women students to make connections with other women who are leaders in a variety of career fields. These connections can support and enhance the students' growth and development on both a personal and professional level."

This year's conference theme is, "The Challenge of Change – The Blessing of Balance." Students will have the opportunity to pair up with mentors for discussion and participate in two of five workshops focusing on topics such as balancing life, careers, personal health and money. Elaine Mayumi Whitefeather, an empowerment consultant, trainer, professional speaker and author is scheduled as the keynote speaker to close out the day's events.

For more information on the Women Mentoring Women conference, or to sign up for the event, visit www.csus.edu/wrc/wmw/.

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The awards recognize former Sacramento State students who have "brought distinction to themselves and the University through their accomplishments." It is a highlight of April's Alumni Month festivities, which celebrate the University's alumni.

This year's honorees are:

Distinguished Service Awards:

- **Michael Carter** spent many years as an education advocate in northern California. He also played professional football and is executive director of Open Heart Kitchen in the Bay Area.

- **John Gesek** won two Super Bowl championships playing offensive line for the Dallas Cowboys and is a partner in a financial advisory services firm.
- **Greg Knapp** ('86, Communication Studies) is the offensive coordinator for the NFL's Oakland Raiders. He held the same role with the San Francisco 49ers and the Atlanta Falcons.
- **Sia Nemat-Nasser** ('60, Civil Engineering) is the director of the Center for Excellence for Advanced Materials and Distinguished Professor of Mechanics and Minerals at UC San Diego.
- **Walter B. Schaub** ('76, Communication Studies) is a longtime Sacramento radio personality, known to most by his on-air names "Uncle Walty" and "Walt Shaw," and for his community involvement.
- **Paulette Trainor** has won numerous awards as an interior designer in the Sacramento area, as well as for her volunteer work.

Honorary Alumni:

- **Mark Drobny** is the founder of Drobny Law Offices. He is a member of the University Planned Giving Advisory Committee and has assisted in securing support for Sacramento State academic programs.
- **Pamela Stewart** is a retired business consultant who has been a valuable supporter of Sacramento State as a member of the President's Executive Committee and the University Foundation at Sacramento State.

Tickets for the Distinguished Service Awards are \$100 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 278-6295 or online at SacStateAlumni.com.

Students turn everyday items into cameras

Take a covered box, poke a tiny hole in it, and it's a camera. At least, that's all it takes for students in Sacramento State's pinhole photography class to produce stunning works of photographic art.

Their work will be on display in Kadema Hall's Witt Gallery, April 28 through May 2. Gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A closing reception will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 2.

"Any light-tight, dark chamber, such as various kinds of boxes, cans or other containers, can be used," art professor Roger Vail says.

Light enters through the pinhole and forms an image on the film placed in the back of the box. Because there's no glass lens, the pinhole camera offers unlimited depth of field and focus, meaning that close-up and distant images will be in sharp focus, Vail says.

But creating great photographs isn't the only goal of the class; the students have to be creative making the cameras as well. While an old shoebox will make a decent pinhole camera, Vail's students use materials a little more unconventional, from gasoline cans to Lego blocks.

"The assignment is to be as creative as possible in making them," Vail says. "The requirement, of course, is that they must work."

With the arrival of digital photography and the computer manipulation of its images, why even bother with a course such as this?

"Pinhole photography offers the photographer an opportunity to work closely with the basic elements of image formation," Vail says.

The camera doesn't have a viewfinder, so the photographer needs to pay close attention to camera placement. There's no automated shutter, so the photographer also needs to consider time in exposing the film to light.

The ultimate goal, Vail says, is to increase the photographer's ability to handle and manipulate the photographic elements. "Each student will arrive at a unique set of conclusions."

For more information, call 278-7512.

Panel looks at the good and bad of lobbying

Ethical lobbying may sometimes seem like an oxymoron, but it makes for great debate. Sacramento State will host a forum that examines the topic from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, April 8, in the University Union Hinde Auditorium.

The panel discussion, organized by Sacramento State's Center for Practical and Professional Ethics and the Center for California Studies, looks at the role lobbyists play in the legislative process, ways to make the practice more resistant to possible corruption, regulation of the industry and challenges in maintaining personal integrity.

"As with all human practices, there is room for corruption in lobbying, but there is also room for ethical practice," says Christina Bellon, director of the Center for Practical and Prof Ethics.

Panelists include:

- Timothy Hodson, executive director of Sacramento State's Center for California Studies.
- Whitney Barazoto, government affairs director with the Fair Political Practices Commission which interprets and enforces political campaign, lobbyist, and conflict-of-interest laws in California.
- Dennis Mangers, president of the California Cable and Telecommunications Association.
- Patrick Johnston, a senior consultant for Health Net and a legislative advocate for McGraw-Hill Education.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is presented through a grant by the Sacramento Region Community Foundation to promote ethical practices and behavior within the University and community by presenting a series of speakers, events and workshops on governmental and political ethics during the year.

For more information on the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics, contact Bellon at 278-4162, or visit their website at www.csus.edu/cppe.

Pioneering mountain climber to share story with campus

Mountain climber, scientist, inspirational speaker and author Arlene Blum will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library, 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, in the University Library Gallery.

Blum led the first American and all-women's ascent of Annapurna I in the Himalayas. Annapurna I is one of the highest summits in the world. She also led the first women's team up Mt. McKinley and was the first woman to attempt Mt. Everest.

She has written two books and her first one, *Annapurna: A Woman's Place*, was selected by *Fortune Magazine* as, "one of 75 books that teach you everything you really need to know about business."

Her new book, *Breaking Trail: A Climbing Life*, chronicles her achievements as a climber and as a scientist. Blum has a doctorate in biophysical chemistry and has taught at Stanford University, Wellesley College and UC Berkeley. Her research was instrumental in banning cancer-causing chemicals used as a flame retardant on children's sleepwear.

"With her extensive background she will appeal to a variety of people including climbers, scientists, women, writers and adventure enthusiasts," says Sally Hitchcock, University Library outreach coordinator.

The lecture, part of National Library Week, is free and open to the public.

For more information on the lecture, contact Hitchcock at 278-5954.

LegiSchool students question state leaders about health care policy

California high school students questioned state leaders about health care issues at a press conference at the state Capitol on Thursday, April 3, as part of a day-long Student Legislative Summit sponsored by Sacramento State's LegiSchool Project.

The students questioned Senate President Pro Tem-elect Darrell Steinberg, Assembly member Alan Nakanishi, and health care lobbyist Anthony Williams about health issues and various reform proposals.

"The panelists were impressed with how challenging the students' questions were," said LegiSchool project director Sara Vogel. "They were not soft at all. The students were very knowledgeable about the issues."

Students were selected to participate through LegiSchool's statewide essay contest, "Health care in California: Is there a cure?" The students were asked to analyze recent health care reform legislation and to offer ideas to improve the state's current system.

The student questioners and their high schools were Edward Chau, Upland; Slava Fedorchuk, Newport Harbor; Sandra Gonzalez, San Ysidro; Patrick Huie, Oakland; Mardo Iknadiossian and Ross Stuart, Mount Shasta; and Erika Klein, Ariel Nicole Murphy, Kathryn Payne and Derek Tat from the Los Angeles High School for the Arts.

Sac State seniors can gear up to graduate at annual Grad Fair

Sacramento State's seniors can take care of an array of graduation needs by attending the University's annual Grad Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 15 at the University Union Ballroom. Past fairs have served more than 1,000 students.

At the fair, the soon-to-be graduates can purchase caps and gowns, order announcements and rings, get information about post-college life including jobs, health insurance, moving, master's programs and more, and get answers to any graduation-related questions. The fair also offers discounts on Alumni Association memberships and diploma frames. Additionally, Chappell Graduation Images will take cap-and-gown graduation portraits. Prize drawings will be held and refreshments will be available.

The Grad Fair is sponsored by the Hornet Bookstore, Sac State Alumni Association, and Commencement Office. Chappell Graduation Images and the California Highway Patrol are vendor sponsors.

For more information, call the Hornet Bookstore at 278-6446.

Faculty Senate

Monday, April 7

2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE), Capital Room, University Union

3 p.m., General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

Tuesday, April 8

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

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

Wednesday, April 9

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

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

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, Camellia Room, University Union –NOTE ROOM CHANGE

Professional Activities

Scholarship

David Zuckerman, Communication Studies, published a chapter entitled "To Say You Have No Opinion is to Insult People: A Gebserian Analysis of Identity in Northern Ireland" in the peer-reviewed annual *Communication, Comparative Cultures and Civilizations* (Volume 1), published by Hampton Press. This work applies semiotics, hermeneutics and phenomenology to the political murals of Belfast to explain identity and loyalty in Northern Ireland's "troubles."

Charles Martell, Emeritus Dean and University librarian, published "The Ubiquitous User: A Reexamination of Carlson's Deserted Library in portal: Libraries and the Academy and The Elusive User: Changing Use Patterns in Academic Libraries 1995 to 2004," in *College & Research Libraries*. His forthcoming articles include "The Absent User: Physical Use of Academic Library Collections and Services Continues to Decline 1995-2006," in *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, "Fresh Start in a Neighborhood Library," in *Public Library Quarterly*, and "First Time in a Neighborhood Library," in *Public Library Quarterly*.

Doug Rice, English, published "Remains of (A Prayer for) Kathy Acker," a section of his memoir-in-progress, in the new issue of *ZYZZYVA Journal: The Last Word West Coast Writers & Artists*. He also gave a reading from his memoir at the John Fowles Center for Creative Writers at Chapman University on March 24.

Roger Sullivan, Anthropology, had a co-authored paper on his drug research published in *Proceedings of the Royal Society*.

Caio Miguel, Psychology, presented with his students the following papers at the California Association for Behavior Analysis Conference in Orange County (Feb. 21-22): "Categorization of Stimuli by Motor Responses in Preschool Children," "The Emergence of Untrained Minds and Tacts," and "Behavior Analytic Methodologies for Teaching Complex Language and Social Skills to Children with Autism."

Becky Penrod, Psychology, presented with her students the following papers at the California Association for Behavior Analysis Conference in Orange County: Feb. 21-22: "An Evaluation of the Role of Differential Reinforcement in the Treatment of Food Selectivity," "A Comparison of Simultaneous Versus Sequential Presentation of Novel Foods in the Treatment of Food Selectivity," and "An Evaluation of the Difference Between Rewards and Reinforcers as It Relates to the Overjustification Effect from a Behavior Analytic Perspective."

Ron Coleman, Biological Sciences, participated in two "Dinner with a Scientist" events this spring. The program brings fifth- through 10th-graders together with scientists to interest young people in careers in science. The first was March 11 at the Stockton Grand Hotel and the second was March 21 at UC Merced. The latter was written up in the Saturday, March 22 issue of the *Merced SunStar* newspaper, which included a photo of Coleman explaining to a student how to use an underwater camera.

Mary Mackey, English, recently appeared on the Public Television show "Across Indiana" discussing her new novel *The Notorious Mrs. Winston*. The station has made this interview and a reenactment of scenes from the novel available at <http://www.wfy.org/acrossindiana.asp> (Episode #1810). Mackey also recently read from *The Notorious Mrs. Winston*, from her poetry collection Breaking the Fever and from her contribution to the anthology My California at the Benicia Public Library. Reading with her were writers Kathi Kamen Goldman and Gerarld Halsam.

Lisa Beutler, Center for Collaborative Policy, moderated a panel on land use, energy and water at the League of California Cities Planners Institute and Mini Expo held in Sacramento on March 27.

Recognition

David Gharagozlou, Economics, was honored by the Research Institute for Applied Culture at Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg. His book, *Economic History in Comparison: Culture, Religion and Economic Development*, was cited as "one of the best interdisciplinary works with Economics, History, and Philosophy."

Sacramento State's student-run newspaper website, **statehornet.com**, is a finalist in the Associated Collegiate Press Online Pacemaker contest. The winner will be announced at ACP's fall conference in late October. But being a finalist means statehornet.com is one of the nine best four-year university newspaper websites published by a non-daily newspaper. For more information about the contest, go to www.studentpress.org/acp/winners/opm08.html.

In the News

James Sobredo, Ethnic Studies, was interviewed on PBS program "Mabuhay", which was broadcast on Feb. 26. Sobredo was a visiting humanities scholar for the Camp Roxas Project about Filipino immigration to Guam.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was interviewed on: Jan. 30 on KXTV Ch. 10 about who the next Democratic and Republican presidential nominees will be in the upcoming presidential election; on Jan. 31 on Capital Public Radio and on Feb. 1 on KMAX Ch. 31 about Gov. Schwarzenegger endorsing Republican presidential nominee John McCain; on Feb. 4 on KCRA Ch. 3 about Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama's upward trend among voters and celebrity endorsements; on Feb. 4 on KCRA Ch. 3 about how new voters could influence outcomes at the polls; on Feb. 4 on KFBK about how media coverage has influenced voters in the primary presidential elections; was quoted on Feb. 2 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the possibility of Kevin Johnson running for mayor and the effects it would have on current Sacramento mayor Heather Fargo's campaign budget; on Feb. 4 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about the importance of winning California's votes in the presidential primary elections; on Feb. 6 in Walnut Creek's *Contra Costa Times*, Pleasanton's *Valley Times* and the *Oakland Tribune* about why Proposition 93 will fail at the polls in California's elections; on Jan. 2 in the *Alameda Times Star* and Fremont's *Argus*, and on Jan. 13 in Vacaville's *Reporter* about why the Central Valley is growing; on Jan. 16 in the *San Mateo Co. Times* about why Gov. Schwarzenegger maintains his popularity; on Jan. 21 in Vacaville's *Reporter* about taxpayer groups battling elected officials on a June ballot item that would allow the government to seize private property for development; on Jan. 28 in Stockton's *Record* about why Proposition 93 is losing voter support in the California elections; on Jan. 27 in Pinole's *The Sunday Times* and the *Monterey Co. Herald*, and on Jan. 30 in Woodland's *Daily Democrat* about voters having confidence in both Democratic presidential nominees Hillary Clinton's and Barack Obama's ability to end the conflict in Iraq; on Feb. 6 in Woodland Hills' *Daily News* and in Modesto's *Bee* about why the Indian gambling propositions were approved at the California polls; on Feb. 6 in Hayward's *Daily Review*, Pleasanton's *Tri-Valley Herald* and Pinole's *West County Times* about why Proposition 93 could fail in the polls; on Jan. 25 in the *Mission Viejo News* and the *Coto de Casa News* about California's opinions on Indian gaming casinos; on Feb. 15 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about automated calls from presidential candidates during primaries; on Jan. 28 in Escondido's *North County Times* and on Feb. 1 in Manteca's *Bulletin* about why Proposition 92 will not pass at the California polls; on Feb. 7 in the *Los Angeles Times* about Gov. Schwarzenegger and the legislature; and on Jan. 17 in Sacramento's *News and Review* about Rep. Charlie Brown not being able to campaign against Rep. John Doolittle for a congressional seat.

Kimberly Nalder, Government, was quoted on Feb. 1 in the *Sacramento Bee* about Democratic and Republican presidential nominees campaign music choices.

Roberto Pomo, General Education Honors Program, was quoted on Feb. 4 in the *Sacramento Bee* about recommendations for movies that accurately portray black history. **Michele Foss Snowden**, Communication Studies, was quoted in the same story.

James Cox, Government, was quoted on Feb. 1 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the likelihood of financial contributions made to Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's campaign being from the local Mormon community.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted on: Feb. 6 in the *Sacramento Bee* about how absentee voting changes election-day dynamics; on Feb. 2 in the *Sacramento Bee* about new voters that Democratic presidential nominees Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have drawn in; on Feb. 1 in Pinole's *West County Times*, Pleasanton's *Valley Times*, the *San Mateo Co. Times* and Walnut Creek's *Contra Costa Times*, on Feb. 2 in Woodland Hills' *Daily News* and on Feb. 4 in San Jose's *Mercury News* about why term limits for government positions fail; on Jan. 9 in the *Pasadena Star News* about California legislators and their budget powers; on Jan. 9 in Escondido's *North County Times* about why absentee voters are important in primary elections; on Jan. 12 in Escondido's *North County Times* and on Jan. 16 in Porterville's *Recorder* about this year's California congressional races and Democratic prospects; and on Jan. 18 in Escondido's *North County Times* about economic fights behind gambling propositions.

Tom Monteith, Art, was quoted on Feb. 7 in the *Sacramento Bee* about former art student turned artist B. Joseph Valenzuela.

Nancy Kalish, Psychology, was quoted on Feb. 7 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the dangers of people rekindling lost loves via the Internet.

Sanjay Varshney, College of Business Administration, was quoted on Jan. 25 in the *Sacramento Business Journal* about business trends in the Sacramento region.

Sigrid Bathen, Communication Studies, was quoted on Jan. 24 in Sacramento's *Capitol Weekly* about what the job of a public information officer entails.

Michael Semler, Government, was quoted on Jan. 30 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* about the fight between Republican presidential nominees for primary election wins in Florida and California.

David Swim, Criminal Justice, was quoted on Jan. 9 in Stockton's *Record* about the baby boomer generation retiring from California's city police departments.

Kerry Marsh, Music, was quoted on Feb. 22 in *The Sacramento Union* about Sacramento State's vocal jazz groups.

Chris Taylor, Astronomy and Physics, was interviewed on Feb. 20 on KXTV Ch. 10 about the lunar eclipse.

Robert Waste, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted on Feb. 27 in the *Sacramento Bee* about what West Sacramento used to be like.

Fred Baldini, Kinesiology and Health Science, was quoted on Feb. 28 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the current Hornets Nest facilities.

Suzanne O'Keefe, Economics, was quoted on Feb. 8 in the *Sacramento Business Journal* about Sacramento's economic prosperity and business climate.

Emir Macari, Engineering and Computer Science, was quoted on Feb. 15 in the *Sacramento Business Journal* about forensic engineering.

Ted Lascher, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted on Feb. 7 in the *East Sacramento News* about research that UC Irvine philosophy and political science professor Kristen Monroe has conducted on altruism.

Campus Announcements

2008 Project/Activity Grant spring application deadline approaching

The University Enterprises, Inc. (UEI) Project/Activity Grant (PAG) Program is an important source of funding for projects and activities which contribute to the overall health and vitality of the campus and the campus community. This is the primary mechanism whereby UEI provides support, more than \$90,000 annually, for innovative and original campus projects and critical ongoing campus activities. For 2008, particular emphasis is on projects which align with the campus Strategic Plan, which may be found at www.csus.edu/acaf/strategicplan121707.pdf.

The 2008 PAG spring application deadline is 5 p.m., April 25. Note: The application maximum is now \$10,000 for the New Initiatives Fund.

Campus/Project Impact Fund (\$40,000 - \$50,000 available) Activities supported are one-time or ongoing annual events, including those events frequently ineligible for general fund support. Funding consideration, with a request limit per project of \$2,000, normally is on a one-time basis, however, multi-year funding may be awarded to activities that are an integral part of the University, achieve high visibility and make significant contributions to the campus community.

New Initiatives Fund (\$40,000 - \$50,000 available) Designed to stimulate the offering of new initiatives to advance student, faculty and staff learning and which enhance connections with the broader campus community. Activities and projects cannot be funded for more than two years, with a request limit of \$10,000 (increased for 2008), and a catering maximum of \$2,000.

Workshops to present and discuss the revised guidelines will be offered in mid-April. Visit the PAG website at <http://www.enterprises.csus.edu/pag>, or contact Ann Carlson at 278-6025 or annc@csus.edu for more information and to register.

Submitted by Research Administration and Contract Administration

Responding to Graduate Theses

Writing Across the Curriculum invites anyone interested to attend a campus-wide workshop on responding more efficiently and effectively to graduate theses. The workshop will take place from noon to 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, in the University Union Walnut Room.

RSVP to Dan Melzer, University Reading and Writing coordinator, at 278-6925 or melzer@csus.edu.

Submitted by English Department

P.E. Majors Club to help school for homeless children with "sprayCAN" art

The P.E. Majors Club is hosting a "sprayCAN" event in the Library Quad from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 15. At the event, a member of the P.E. Majors Club will create art using a variety of techniques with spray paint. The artwork is not planned but influenced by music which will be provided by student-run radio station KSSU. The art will be for sale with proceeds from the event going toward the purchase of much needed sports equipment for the Mustard Seed School, the school for homeless children run by Loaves and Fishes.

For more information, e-mail pemajors@gmail.com.

Submitted by Health and Human Services

Photography presentation: Composition and Light

Sacramento State's Department of Design will host a lecture by internationally known nature photographer Lewis Kemper from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 16 in Sequoia Hall Room 301. The lecture is sponsored by Canon, U.S.A., Inc. and Sacramento State.

At the free presentation, entitled "Composition and Light," Lewis will talk about how he uses color in his images to create mood and impact. He will also share his techniques, experiences and insights for creating dynamic nature images as well as ways to improve images. He will end the evening by sharing a slide show of waterfalls, landscapes and icebergs from a recent trip to Iceland.

For more information, contact Jennifer Wu with the Department of Design at jlwu@saclink.csus.edu.
Submitted by Department of Design

Disability Awareness Day events

"Recreation Without Barriers" will be the focus of Disability Awareness Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, in the University Union Ballroom II. The event will include a presentation and demonstration by Paralympic silver medalist and A-WON Handcycles designer Alejandro Albor, demonstrations of adaptive sports, and resources and information on accessible recreational opportunities for all individuals, including persons with disabilities.

Events are free and open to the public. For more information or to request reasonable accommodations for the event, contact Services to Students with Disabilities at 278-6955 or 278-7239 (TDD). For more information about Albor, visit <http://www.awonalbor.com/>.

Submitted by Services to Students with Disabilities

Physics and Astronomy colloquia

The Physics and Astronomy Department will hold the following colloquia:

Thursday, April 10 - Vera Margoniner, Sacramento State physics professor

Time: 4:20-5:30 p.m.

Location: Mendocino Hall 1015

Thursday, April 24 - Thomas Cahill, UC Davis physics professor

Time: 4:20-5:30 p.m.

Location: Mendocino Hall 1015

The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information on the colloquia, go to www.csus.edu/physics under "events," or go to the campus calendar at <http://www.calendar.csus.edu/> and search "physics."

Submitted by Physics and Astronomy

Student System Users Group - Open Forum

Administrative Computing Services, Student Financial Services Center and Student Affairs will host a "Student System Users Group - Open Forum," 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, in the University Union Foothill Suite. All are invited to attend this open forum which will include updates from the functional leads of the various areas in Student Administration Projects that will be rolled out to the campus in the near future and time for questions.

Submitted by IRT

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, 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

Martha Jean, University Transportation & Parking Services

Lisa Roberts, University Library

Lisa Collins, Admissions & Records

Mark Perry, Facilities Services

Julie Villegas, Photocopy and Technical Support
*Sabrina Conklin, Student Health Center
Sharon Kelley, Academic Information Resource Center

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

25 Year Profile: Donald Agostinelli



Donald Agostinelli

Not many people would put moss at the top of their gift wish list, but Biology department technician Donald Agostinelli would love to get his hands on one particular variety.

Agostinelli oversees the department's greenhouses next to Mendocino Hall, making sure all its 2,500 plants are watered, fertilized and comfortable at just the right temperature and humidity.

There are three greenhouses. One features a wide variety of plants from temperate and tropical climates. A second boasts a number of cacti and other flora from drier climates. And the third is used for research by graduate students.

The selection runs from the simple to the complex. "We start with blue-green algae and work right up to flowering plants," Agostinelli says.

The facility is tops in its field when it comes to providing plants for student observations and experiments. "It's a pretty good teaching collection," Agostinelli says, as he wends his way around tables of flowers, through hanging vines and past towering bushes. A pallet of tree cuttings he passes may eventually make it to Sacramento State's arboretum.

Agostinelli has always been interested in plants. He started out working in a commercial nursery, then joined SMUD as a tree trimmer and construction worker. He believes his combined experience with plants, construction and heating and air conditioning systems helped him win the job almost 26 years ago.

He much prefers working with plants than animals. "They don't bite, they don't fly off when you try to count them, they just stay there," Agostinelli says.

And, yes, the assortment does feature the exotic, including a room of insect-eating plants such as Venus flytraps, a highlight of grade-school tours. "When little kids come here, that's the first thing they want to see," Agostinelli says.

But, as with any collection, it's never quite complete. Acknowledging that it may sound a bit unusual to some people, Agostinelli says he would really like to get a sample of a specific moss that is found in Australia and Asia. First-year botany students are taught that moss doesn't grow more than 6 inches tall because it doesn't have a vascular system, Agostinelli says. This moss, though, grows up to four feet.

"It would be wonderful to have those kinds of things," he says. "Things like that are still a challenge to me."

This Week in Hornet Action

Baseball

Friday, April 11

Sacramento State vs. San Jose State, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Sacramento State vs. San Jose State, 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 13

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

Softball

Saturday, April 12

Sacramento State vs. Portland State, noon

Sunday, April 13

Sacramento State vs. Portland State, noon

Gymnastics

Saturday, April 12

Sacramento State at NCAA Regional in Corvallis, Ore

Outdoor track

Thursday, April 10 –Saturday, April 12

Sacramento State at the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational in Los Angeles

Men's tennis

Saturday, April 12

Sacramento State vs. Portland State at the Rio Del Oro Racquet Club, 1 p.m.

Women's tennis

Sunday, April 13

Sacramento State at Cal Berkeley, 1:30 p.m.

Women's golf

Thursday, April 10

Sacramento State at the Northern Arizona University Preview

Rowing

No matches scheduled

