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Light and Composition

A slideshow of Icelandic landscapes will conclude a free lecture by renowned nature photographer Lewis Kemper at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 16 in Sequoia Hall Room 301. "Light and Composition" is designed to show beginning photographers how to improve their images. Seating is limited to 120 people. Call 278-3962 for more information.

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The Hornet Express shuttle is free to Sacramento State students and employees. The Hornet Express provides a convenient mode of transportation around the campus loop and to and from locations near campus. Hours of operation are 6:50 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. during the fall and spring academic semesters. Riders should show their OneCard to the shuttle driver upon boarding.

The Campus/La Riviera shuttle serves College Greens, Watt Avenue, Folsom Blvd. and the Sacramento State perimeter loop. The Morse/Fulton shuttle provides service to the Morse Avenue, Fulton Avenue and Fair Oaks Blvd. areas. The Arden/Cal Expo shuttle provides service to the Howe Avenue, Exposition Blvd., Heritage Lane, Arden Way, Bell Street, Northrop Avenue and Cadillac Drive Areas.

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Disability Awareness Day to focus on “Recreation without Barriers”

“Recreation without Barriers” is the theme for Disability Awareness Day at Sacramento State on Wednesday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in University Union Ballroom II. The event will feature information about and demonstrations of sports and recreational opportunities available for all people, including those with disabilities. The event is free and open to the public.

The featured guest is famed Paralympics silver medalist and handcycle designer Alejandro Albor. He will give a lecture and provide a demonstration of handcycling—bicycling by hand rather than leg power--beginning at 11 a.m. in University Union Ballroom II.

The event is intended to provide information about recreational opportunities available to disabled and other people, and to offer inspiration and highlight the importance of perseverance, says Melissa Repa, co-director of Services to Students with Disabilities.

The event is coordinated by Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration students, Services to Students with Disabilities, and TRIO Student Support Services Program, in collaboration with other campus and community resources including Veterans’ Affairs and Therapeutic Recreation.

Sign language will be available. For more information, or to request reasonable accommodations, contact Services to Students with Disabilities at 278-6156.

RN Lobby Days coming to Sacramento State

RN Lobby Days, an annual statewide event for California nursing students, faculty and RNs, will kick off in the Sacramento State Ballroom, Sunday, April 20, from 9 am to 5 pm. Participants will learn about new bills affecting nursing education, nursing practice and health care and then visit the State Capitol on April 21 for tours and meetings with Legislators (1201 K Street, 15th Floor).

The conference will open with remarks from University President Alexander Gonzalez, College of Health and Human Services Dean Marilyn Hopkins, and Nursing Division Chair Ann Stoltz. Guest speakers include legislators, members of the Board of Registered Nursing and nurses running for political offices.

“This will be an excellent opportunity for Sacramento State to demonstrate its support for nursing practice and help educate the nursing community about the legislative process and political advocacy,” says Hopkins.

During the April 20 program, Senator Jack Scott and Assemblyman Thomas Berryhill will be honored for their work in authoring legislation for nursing education during the past year.

On April 21, conference attendees will take a tour of the Capitol building, visit local legislators and enter the Assembly Chambers to view how bills are introduced, discussed and voted on.

“RN Lobby Days is a wonderful event for nursing students, faculty and RNs to get hands-on experience as a political advocate for the nursing profession and health care delivery in California,” says Sacramento State Nursing Professor and American Nurses Association/California President Louise Timmer.

The event is sponsored by the American Nurses Association/ California and the Campus Nursing Students Association (CNSA).

For more information or to sign up for the event, contact the American Nurses Association/California at (916) 447-0225 or visit www.anacalifornia.org.

Sac State Jazz Singers win DownBeat award

If Sacramento State’s Jazz Singers were a Cole Porter song, it would be “You’re the Top.”

The group has been named co-winners of the 2008 Best Collegiate Vocal Jazz Group award by *DownBeat* magazine, the premier publication for jazz music. The news is scheduled to be formally announced next month, says jazz vocal director Kerry Marsh. This is the fifth *DownBeat* award for the vocal jazz program in the last four years.

Such accolades put Sacramento State in the top tier of jazz programs, with universities such as North Texas, Western Michigan and Miami, Marsh says. "It means a lot to the students' futures that they can say they graduated from a *DownBeat* award-winning school or, even better, won one themselves."

Marsh doesn't know yet who the other co-winners are. It may be one other university or it could be two or three, he says.

The Jazz Singers are one of three vocal jazz groups at Sacramento State. The others are C-Sus and Vox2. The composition of each group changes from semester to semester, depending on the student singers available at the time.

The program also draws students from all over the country. Marsh says when he joined the program five years ago he set out to put Sacramento State on the short list of colleges jazz students would consider, and it appears he has succeeded at that goal.

Awards such as the *DownBeat* honor can only add to Sacramento State's increasing prestige and further enhance its environment of high standards and great music.

Go to <http://www.myspace.com/sacramentostatevocaljazz> to listen to the jazz groups. For more information, call the Music Department at 278-5155 or visit www.csus.edu/music.

"Fear the Fraud" provides real experience for Sacramento State students

Some of Sacramento State's public relations students are stepping out from behind the desk to team up for a hands-on experience with help from the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition (IACC).

The IACC's college outreach program allows high-level public relations classes to develop and carry out their own anti-counterfeiting campaign on their campus. Sacramento State's Public Relations Planning and Management class is being sponsored by the company with a \$5,000 grant and is the only university on the West Coast to be involved with this campaign.

"We want to show the high caliber of our students," says Sacramento State student and "Fear the Fraud" media relations representative Suzanne Lambert-Ledbetter. "Most learning is static and this is us conceiving, creating and implementing an actual campaign."

Counterfeit products can include clothing, food, cosmetics, jewelry and even medicine, of which the FDA estimates 10 percent to be counterfeit, Lambert-Ledbetter says. "This is a major issue, and I don't want my father, mother or future child to be affected by it."

To promote awareness about fraudulent products, the student public relations team will hold anti-counterfeiting awareness events April 14-19. T-shirts and wrist bands will be distributed, all of which were funded by the grant and are included as part of the students public relations plan.

In addition to preparing events and public relations strategies, the students prepared a website and an evaluation test that samples student opinions about counterfeit items. The test will help the team in evaluating whether their campaign tactics made an impact on the student population.

"It provides students a real time, real world opportunity to learn," Communication Studies professor and campaign adviser Tim Howard says. "I've been able to see them at a new level—not only their academic performance, but their hands on work experience."

However, their campaign goals reach beyond the campus. The student team hopes to obtain 2,500 pledges through its website to not purchase counterfeit items.

As far as personal goals for the students, Lambert–Ledbetter would like nothing more than the “satisfaction of successfully running a PR campaign with 50 classmates from conception to completion without too many hitches.

“This really gives us the experience of learning about a campaign and participating in it—it’s such a great opportunity for us,” Lambert-Ledbetter says.

For more information on the “Fear the Fraud” campaign and events, visit www.fearthefraud.com. For more information on IACC, visit www.iacc.org.

Lecture looks at environmental history in the making

To paraphrase Mark Twain, everybody talks about the environment, but nobody does anything about it.

Perhaps that was true some years ago, but there are a growing number of groups and individuals trying to make a difference today including Jim Baxter and Jeffrey White of the California Environmental Legacy Project.

The two will look to the past and the future to explore California’s changing environment at the next Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) lecture, 7 p.m., April 29, in the University Union Redwood Room.

Baxter is a biology professor and chair of Sacramento State’s Department of Biological Sciences Graduate Program. White is a biology professor and director of the Redwood Science Project at Humboldt State University. Both are co-founders and co-directors of the Legacy Project, a statewide collaborative effort among scientists, educators and media professionals to enhance public understanding about California’s changing environment.

The Legacy Project uses educational programs and media resources to explore our relationship to a rapidly changing environment.

“This won’t be your standard didactic presentation,” Baxter says. “We view it something like a three-act play. In act one, we frame the problem through a series of vignettes. In act two, we explore where we are today by using dramatic imagery to examine our relationship to environmental change and the dire implications of doing nothing or doing too little. In act three, we present the Legacy Project as one solution using California as a national case study.”

Baxter and White are working with state and national parks, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Public Broadcasting Service to produce a television series for national broadcast and companion programs throughout California on the state’s environmental legacy.

“The program uses artful storytelling and interactive digital media to take viewers on a journey of discovery and inquiry into California’s past, present, and possible future environments,” Baxter says.

This is the final installment of four STEM-sponsored lectures held each academic year. All lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information on the lecture topic, contact Baxter at 278- 4047.

Garcia receives California State University QI award

Stephen Garcia, the University's vice president for Administration and Business Affairs, received the California State University's 2008 Quality Improvement Champion of the Year award. The award is presented annually and recognizes the efforts of a California State University employee who has demonstrated leadership in the pursuit of quality improvement.

Garcia was not available to receive the award in person at the CSU QI Symposium at the February 27 ceremony, but was presented with the award at the bi-monthly The California State University's Chief Administrators and Business Officers meeting on campus Wednesday, April 9.

Garcia received the award through his extensive leadership for quality improvement programs on two CSU campuses: California State University, San Marcos, where he served as vice president for Finance and Administrative Services from 2000 to 2004; and at Sacramento State, where Garcia has served as vice president for Administration and Business Affairs since 2004.

Additionally, Garcia was lauded for his focus on communication and staff engagement through personal attention, inclusion of staff in planning activities and support for a variety of staff-focused programs, including recognition opportunities, newsletters and committee memberships, among others.

"Vice president Garcia's priorities and high standards are communicated at every opportunity, as are his words of appreciation for the work and accomplishments of staff," says Sarah Whyte, director of ABA's strategic planning and quality improvement. "He has brought a new level of enthusiasm to the staff in Administration and Business Affairs."

"I am extremely proud to receive this award on behalf of the many fine staff and managers of the Administration and Business Affairs division both at Sacramento State and Cal State San Marcos," Garcia says. "President Gonzalez has provided the vision and the type of leadership at both campuses that inspires us to achieve and accomplish many things for the students that attend our fine institution. My sincere appreciation goes to those who nominated me."

University sows plans for Earth Day

Sacramento State's Earth Day observance will encompass the last half of April and beyond with a variety of activities celebrating the planet through May Day.

The celebration kicks off with a free exhibition, "Art with the Earth in Mind," in Kadema Hall's Witt Gallery. Curated by Sue Anne Foster, the show features 27 pieces and runs April 14-18 with a closing reception at 5 p.m., Friday, April 18. Gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Valley Sculpture Artists invited residents of the Sacramento region to submit work that visually expresses Earth issues. Topics include nature, global warming and overpopulation.

Sacramento's main event, hosted by the Environmental Council of Sacramento and Friends of ECOS, will be held at Southside Park, 8th and W streets, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, April 20. The day begins with a contra dance demonstration presented by the Sacramento Contra Dance Society and continues with performances throughout the afternoon by Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers, Paloma Negra and Crazy Ballhead. There will be food and dozens of displays, booths and activities for all ages, including environmentally friendly products, community organizations, hands-on arts and crafting, and a wellness grove. The entire event will be powered by solar and biodiesel generators. Visitors can also shop at the weekly Farmers Market across W Street.

Sacramento State's Environmental Student Organization continues the University's observance through May Day. ESO will have a booth and live music in the Library Quad from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 21 and 22.

Angus Wright, Sacramento State's professor emeritus of environmental studies, will speak at 4 p.m., Thursday, April 24, in the University Union Hinde Auditorium. His topic is "This is the time—Building a New

Environmental Movement." Wright is a co-founder of the Environmental Studies program at Sacramento State and the author of *The Death of Ramon Gonzalez: The Modern Agricultural Dilemma*.

Oil on Ice, a movie written by Stephen Mose about the controversies surrounding proposals to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, will be screened from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in the University Union Delta Suite. The film includes firsthand information on the Gwich'in Native Americans and their perspective on the Porcupine Caribou Herd. The screening includes an introduction by Mose and a reception after the movie.

For more information on the art exhibit, go to safoster@csus.edu. For details on the University's Earth Day events, contact professor Michelle Stevens at stevensm@csus.edu, or 278-2914.

Philosophy symposium examines "Young and Old"

Discussions on the nature of aging and the relationship between young and old will take center stage at the Department of Philosophy's annual Nammour Symposium, 10 a.m.–noon and 1–3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22 and 23 in the University Union Hinde Auditorium. The symposium is free and open to the public.

Four panel discussions will be held; three will be made up of professors from philosophy as well as other departments, and one will constitute student winners of the Nammour Student Essay Competition. Each discussion will examine this year's theme, "Young and Old."

The first panel, featuring Ann Stoltz (chair of the Division of Nursing), Cindi Strutz-Sreetharan (Anthropology) and Christina Bellon (Philosophy) will be held from 10 a.m. - noon on Tuesday, April 22. The panel will explore the age-old question, "On Growing Up: How Do Kids Get Wired for Responsibility?"

"Intergenerational Debt: What do Young and Old Owe to Each Other?" is the topic of the second panel discussion, held from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, April 22. Panel participants include economics professor Stephan Kroll, philosophy professor Russell Disilvestro and gerontology chair Cheryl Osborne.

Student essay competition winners will discuss the topic of their award-winning papers, "Is Aging a Disease?" from 10 a.m. - noon, Wednesday, April 23.

Sacramento State philosophy professors David Frelove and Scott Merlino, as well as Cosumnes River College philosophy professor Rick Schubert, will conclude the symposium with their discussion, "Master and Wisdom: Do They (Only) Come with Age?" from 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, April 23.

The symposium is named in honor of philosophy professor Jamil Nammour, who taught at Sacramento State from 1969 to 1986. The first symposium was held in the spring of 1979.

For more information, contact the Philosophy Department at 278-6424.

"The Politics of Play and Performance" theme of annual interdisciplinary conference

Sacramento State's third annual interdisciplinary Artful Strategies & Necessary Risks conference will have "The Politics of Play and Performance" as its theme. The conference will be held April 18-19 at the University Union. It is free and open to the public.

The forum will bring together scholars from diverse disciplines to consider how aspects of play and performance affect everyday life, are deployed to achieve particular ends, and reflect various social and cultural events and practices.

The conference is organized by Sacramento State professors Erin Stiles (Humanities and English Studies), Cindi SturtzSreetharan (Anthropology), Hellen Lee-Keller (English), Wendy Matlock (English) and Victoria Shinbrot (Humanities and Religious Studies).

For information, call 278-6567 or visit www.csus.edu/asnr/index.html.

Sacramento State springs into action to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April is typically associated with spring weather and new beginnings. But April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month, bringing awareness to an issue of particular concern to the University.

At a college campus, where an estimated one in five women will be a victim of sexual assault in their college career, it's an important topic to address, says director of the Women's Resource Center Patricia Grady, who is helping sponsor the events.

"Raising awareness is the primary issue," Grady says. "We want women and men to be aware of sexual assault and what they can do to prevent it."

Sacramento State's "Women Take Back the Night" event will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 17 in the University Union Hinde Auditorium. Speakers include a member from the campus community who is a survivor of sexual assault, along with executive director of Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE), Beth Hassett. A rally-walk will follow the speaker presentations, and Glow-in-the-dark "No Woman Left Behind" bracelets will be distributed at the event.

Male Sacramento State students will have the opportunity to show their support by donning high heels at the annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" from noon to 3 p.m., Tuesday, April 22 in the library quad. "It's a way for men to publicly stand up against sexual violence," says Jessica Heskin, victim advocate for Violence and Sexual Assault Support Services. According to www.walkamileinher shoes.org, 81 "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" events are scheduled throughout the nation for 2008.

The entire campus community is encouraged to support Sexual Assault Awareness Month with "Jeans for Justice Day on the Quad" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 23 in the Library Quad. Various community and campus organizations will have booths and information available about sexual violence issues. The "Clothesline Project," a display of T-shirts with student messages and violence accounts written on them, is among some of the planned interactive events for the day.

While the topic of sexual assault and violence is a serious issue, Heskin hopes that taking a fun and creative approach will encourage student participation and help build awareness.

"It's a fun, creative way to get students out to the events and for them to gain awareness about sexual violence," Heskin says. "If I can get one person to change their mind about sexual violence or bystander behavior and actions, I would be happy."

For more information on Sacramento State's Sexual Assault Awareness Month, contact Jessica Heskin at (916) 278-3799 or Patricia Grady at 278-7388.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, April 15

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

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

3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, Delta Suite, University Union

Wednesday, April 16

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

Thursday, April 17

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

Friday, April 18

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275 – **Tentative**

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Alyson Buckman, Humanities and Religious Studies, presented an essay entitled, "[Not] A Class Act, or 'Check out Slut-o-rama': Faith LeHane and the Polemics of Class," at the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association in February. Buckman also presented at the national Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association in March with an essay entitled, "'You've Always Been the Head Pilgrim Girl': Stars Hollow as Embodiment of the American Dream."

Terry Cataline, Admissions/Records, was a co-presenter of "Electronic Transcript Exchange in the 21st Century" at the Alliance/Peoplesoft Higher Education Users Group meeting in Las Vegas, March 10-13. The session introduced the new statewide CCCTran electronic transcript system developed by the California Community College system. Also included in the session was an overview of the new transcript business processes developed between the four Los Rios Community Colleges and Sacramento State, as the new CCCTran system began production in the Sacramento area in mid-2007.

Kevan Shafizadeh, Civil Engineering, co-authored a paper, "Rational Models for Setting All-Red Clearance, Yellow Clearance and Green Extension Intervals," which was presented at the 2008 Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Technical Conference and Exhibit in Miami on March 31. Shafizadeh also gave a presentation titled, "Technological Challenges for a University Transit Link to Regional Light Rail in Sacramento," at the 2008 American Public Transit Association Transportation and University Communities Conference in Reno on April 6.

Dan Melzer, English, was part of the panel, "Assessment, Placement, and Institutional Change," at the Conference on College Composition and Communication on April 4 in New Orleans.

Recognition

Charles Postel, History, won two distinguished awards for his book *The Populist Vision*. Postel received the Frederick Jackson Turner Award for "an author's first book on a significant phase of American history." The award was presented by the Organization of American Historians. He also won the Bancroft Prize for a "distinguished work in American History." The award was presented by Columbia University.

Student Spotlight

Robyn Bilski, Biological Sciences, gave a presentation entitled, "The effects of structural enhancement on Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) spawning habitat," at the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cal-Neva Chapter of the American Fisheries Society on April 3 at Tahoe City, California. This work is supervised by **Ron Coleman** (Biology) and **Tim Horner** (Geology).

Campus Announcements

Robert J. Else memorial service

A memorial service for Robert J. Else will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 19 at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Boulevard in Sacramento. Else, for whom the Else Gallery is named, was a retired art professor and department chair. He taught at Sacramento State for 29 years and died Jan. 4 in Palo Alto at the age of 89. Donations to an art scholarship fund may be made to the University Foundation at Sacramento State and include "Professor Robert J. Else Scholarship" on the memo line.

Submitted by Public Affairs

Wine and Food Classic

The second annual Wine and Food Classic sponsored by the Stinger Athletic Association will be held 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, April 25 in the Alumni Center at Sacramento State. All proceeds from this event help provide scholarships to student athletes. A total of 16 wineries will be pouring, and food samplings from a variety of area restaurants will be presented. With few exceptions, the wineries and restaurants are owned or operated by Sacramento State alumni. A silent auction and raffle will take place at the event and donations include fine dining gift certificates, sporting events, art work and wine. Tickets are \$40. To purchase tickets, contact Toni Brown at 278-4263.

Submitted by University Advancement

Staff Employee Recognition Program

Sacramento State is continuing the Staff Employee Recognition Program. Nominations are due by May 16. Names of recipients will be announced in June. The benefits of being honored by the Staff Employee Recognition Program include a reserved parking space for the quarter in one of several lots (employee's choice), a congratulatory letter from the President, an award certificate and an article with a photograph on the University's website.

Complete details regarding eligibility, criteria and nomination procedures are available at

www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm.

Submitted by Office of the President

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies presentation

The College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies will present "When is Extremism Necessary?," from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 16 in the University Union Orchard Suite. The interdisciplinary colloquium and audience discussion, moderated by Anthropology professor Pei-Lin Yu, will feature the following:

Professor Andrew Hertzoff, Government
"The Necessity of Desire"

Professor Kevin Wehr, Sociology
"The Eco-Terror Hoax: Extremist Resistance to Domestic Security and the Culture of Fear"

Professor Michelle Stevens, Environmental Studies
"An eco-centric view of the war in Iraq: restoring the marshes, killing the people"
Submitted by SSIS

Research webcast

The Office of Research Administration and the Office of Graduate Studies, in conjunction with The Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis (CARMA), will present the CARMA Consortium Webcast Program. This series has been established to provide University faculty and graduate students with advanced training in research methods and data analysis. The next session, "Publishing Criteria for Qualitative Research," presented by Michael Pratt, University of Illinois, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday, April 18 in Modoc Hall 2008.

For more information on the CARMA Consortium Webcast Program or to RSVP to the event, contact Jan Burnaugh at janb@csus.edu.

Submitted by Research Administration and Contract Administration

2008 PRIDE Week events

Sacramento State's PRIDE Center, in association with the University Union UNIQUE Programs, Queer Straight Alliance, KSSU, L.E.N.S, Women's Resource Center, Multicultural Center, Student Activities and Academic Advising, will present the 2008 PRIDE Week events April 22-25.

Tuesday, April 22

Julia Serano (author of *Whipping Girl*) speaks about her life as a Transsexual Lesbian Biologist
University Union Ballroom III, 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

"Guess Who's Gay?"

University Union Hinde Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m.

Note: Parking is not free for this event.

Thursday, April 24

Kings of Drag Performance

University Union Hinde Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 25

Seventh Annual Gender Bending Extravaganza

University Union Hinde Auditorium, 7 to 9 p.m.

All events are free with free parking available on the top floor of Parking Structure III near Hornet Stadium. For additional information, contact Alexa Harris at 278-8720, or e-mail pride@csus.edu.

Submitted by the PRIDE Center

STEM May 9 Brownbag

Professor Boris Koichu, Department of Education in Technology and Science, at Technion (Israel Institute of Technology) in Haifa, Israel will share the discussion "What is a Beautiful Problem? A Students' Perspective," from noon to 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 9 in Modoc Hall Room 2010.

Professor Koichu will share results from an ongoing project on the aesthetic aspects in problem solving. Professor Koichu's group is studying factors that influence students' aesthetic judgment involving both the "interesting" and the "non-trivial."

For more information, contact The Center for STEM Excellence at 278-2789 or professor Daniel Orey at orey@csus.edu.

Submitted by Teacher Education Department

April issue of Funding Alert available

The April issue of *Funding Alert* is now available. The newsletter is published monthly to alert the campus community to possible sources of external support for research, scholarly and creative activities. Both an abbreviated listing and a more detailed version are available on the Web at

www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/index.htm.

Highlights include an announcement by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for funding availability, as well as targeted funding opportunity notices in the following areas: arts, humanities, education, community development, health, mental health, science and engineering.

Additional information about any of the opportunities announced in *Funding Alert* can be obtained at the given Web address, or by contacting Research Administration at 278-7565.

Submitted by Research Administration and Contract Administration

Human Resources

New CMS Benefits Administration Module

The Office of Human Resources implemented a new automated CMS Benefits Administration Module effective

Monday, April 7. The new module will manage multiple employee benefit programs and determine eligibility. A self-service component will be added at a later date to allow employees to make changes to their benefits.

Because "BenAdmin" determines benefit eligibility immediately upon entry of employee information, timely entry of all personnel actions into CMS will be even more critical. HR/Benefits is requesting that departments and program centers process personnel transactions that affect benefits as soon as possible. Delay in processing personnel transactions for new hires, for example, will delay benefit eligibility determination and may be a disadvantage for the employee or prospective employee.

For questions regarding this new module, contact the Benefits Office at 278-6213.

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.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:

Martha Jean, University Transportation and Parking Services

Lisa Collins, Admissions and Records

Mark Perry, Facilities Services

Julie Villescias, Photocopy and Technical Support

*Sabrina Conklin, Student Health Center

Sharon Kelley, Academic Information Resources Center

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

Staff Profile—Judy Evey

There's an old saying, "Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger." For Judy Evey, those words ring true. She is a two-time cancer survivor, and she is doing her part to help other cancer patients find their inner strength to fight the disease.

"The 'C' word is not to be feared," says Evey. "You have to have a positive attitude through the whole process and do what it takes to get through it."

Evey, who has been at Sacramento State for 37 years, is a grant administration specialist with Sacramento State's Office of Research Administration and Contract Administration. She helps ensure proper administration and compliance of grants, contracts and other sponsored agreements the University faculty and staff receive. She reviews award documents and helps recipients with the requirements necessary to maintain their funding.

In 1998, Evey was diagnosed with endometrial cancer. She underwent surgery but was diagnosed with it again in 2000. She is currently cancer free.

In 2006 she became involved with the Sacramento State, UC Davis Cancer Center Partnership on Health Disparities after reading an e-mail announcing the partnership and asking for volunteer support. "It took about five seconds for me to e-mail back to volunteer," Evey says. "I wanted to give back to the community."

The partnership's goal, she said, is to reduce disparities for underserved populations, many of which have language, religious, social or cultural barriers that may prevent clear communication with their doctor.

"I love my job, and I love working with the partnership," she says. "It's different and challenging and I'm personally involved."

This Week in Hornet Action

Baseball

Tuesday, April 15

Sacramento State at UC Davis, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Sacramento State vs. Hawaii Hilo, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Sacramento State vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 20

Sacramento State vs. Hawaii Hilo, 1 p.m.

Softball

Saturday, April 19

Sacramento State at Loyola Marymount, noon

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Gymnastics

No events scheduled

Outdoor track

Wednesday, April 16 –Saturday, April 19

Sacramento State at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays, Walnut Calif.

Saturday, April 19

Sacramento State at the Woody Wilson Invitational, Davis, Calif

Men's tennis

No matches scheduled

Women's tennis

No matches scheduled

Women's golf

No matches scheduled

Rowing

No matches scheduled