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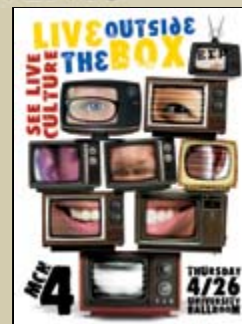
PROFILE



Lloyd "The Hornet" Snelson

The Distinguished Service Awards are given by the Alumni Association each year to alumni and friends of the University in recognition of their contributions to the campus and the community. [View Audio Slideshow of D.S.A recipients.](#)

EVENTS



Featured Event- Multicultural Night 4

Multicultural Night 4, a free annual event, will feature spoken word, fraternity/sorority stepping, poetry, comedy and cultural dancing. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 in the

the newest Sacramento State student housing, campus officials announced.

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

During the month of April, sexual assault awareness and prevention is examined throughout the United States. Sacramento State is doing its part to increase this awareness through a number of events on campus.

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University Ballroom. Sponsors for the event include UNIQUE, Epsilon Sigma Rho, the Multicultural Center and Associated Students, Inc.

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ATHLETICS

Men's basketball signs college of the Siskiyou big man Justin Eller

The Sacramento State men's basketball squad announced its first signee of the 2007-08 recruiting class with the inking of 6-8, 240-pound forward/center Justin Eller of the College of the Siskiyou, it was announced by Hornets' head coach Jerome Jenkins. Eller will enroll as a sophomore at Sacramento State in the fall, and will have three years of eligibility with the Hornets.

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For vanpool lists, please visit www.sacramento-tma.org or call (916) 441-7074. You may also contact Alfredo Orozco, Employee Transportation Coordinator at orozcoa@csus.edu or call extension 87527.

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Plans completed for new Rec Center

If CSU Board of Trustees approves details, work to start next year

Sacramento State is one step closer to breaking ground on a 150,000 square-foot Recreation and Wellness Center, an innovative facility that will combine exercise offerings with a state-of-the-art student health center.

In May, campus officials will take the schematic drawings for the \$71 million project to the CSU Board of Trustees for final approval, which would allow work to begin next March.

Plans for the student-funded center received a go-ahead late last week from a campus advisory board of students, community members and University staff. And architectural renderings for the center have already received a positive review from the California State University system's capital planning and design committee in March.

The new drawings, renderings and other details about the center are available online at www.SpanosSportsComplex.com.

The Recreation and Wellness Center is part of the Spanos Sports Complex at the south end of campus, a multi-phase project for which the University has secured more than \$25 million in private support. The center is funded primarily through a student fee approved by students in a 2005 referendum.

The first phase of the Complex, the Broad Athletic Facility, should be completed in March 2008. That will allow demolition of the field house currently on the site where the Recreation and Wellness Center will be built.

At 150,000 square feet, Sacramento State's facility will be the largest such center in the CSU system. It could also be the first campus building to be certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, which recognizes "green" features such as sustainable site development and indoor environmental quality. As designed, the facility should be able to meet criteria for a LEED silver certification for new building construction.

The center—which is expected to be open in August 2010—will provide a range of recreation options for students including workout facilities with both cardio and weight equipment, a climbing wall, an elevated indoor track, multiple-use athletic courts for intramural sports, and fitness classrooms. There will also be locker rooms, a child care center, meeting rooms, a café, and space for equipment rental and recreational sports offices.

It also will also feature a full-service student wellness center integrated with the recreation center—students can see a doctor who in turn can make them an appointment with a fitness trainer. It will have examination rooms, and facilities for x-ray, nutrition counseling, sports medicine, physical therapy and optometry. Outside, a large quad will connect the center with the University Union and Tahoe Hall.

For more information on the Recreation and Wellness Center, visit www.SpanosSportsComplex.com.

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Some students catch up on sleep during spring break. Some visit relatives. Some blow off steam at beach parties. And some build irrigation systems for small villages in developing countries.

The Sacramento State chapter of "Engineers Without Borders" went to Panama over the spring break to begin work on a project to provide irrigation water to a small village during the dry season.

"The students had a unique opportunity to see an infrastructure project from the beginning to the end," says Professor Ed Dammel, who accompanied the four civil engineering and one mechanical engineering students.

Professor Saad Merayyan, the campus advisor for Engineers Without Borders projects, assisted the students in applying for the project through the Engineers Without Borders website. With the help of Dean Emir Macari and the industrial partners participating in the Civil Engineering Department's "Evening with the Industry" event, Merayyan was able to secure funding for the group's trip to Panama.

"Our students have a unique global perspective that many at other campuses don't," says Merayyan. "They've seen more of the world, many are bilingual, and they communicate and interact well with other cultures."

The project was the first of two to three assessment trips to the village of Guabas Arribas in the Anton district of the Cocolé Province, west of the Panama Canal. Implementation trips will follow, and a post-assessment visit will conclude the expeditions to the village.

"The temperature in Panama is the same year round, with highs in the mid-90's and lows in the 70's," says Dammel. "The only change in the climate is the precipitation. The rainy season is typically mid-April through December, so our job is to help them develop a dry-season irrigation system."

When the team arrived in Panama, they had a few surprises. They thought they would be working with relatively flat ground fields but instead found very hilly land with poor soil quality. The village population of 100 residences was also spread out over 8 kilometers. "Getting water to each of the farm plots was going to be more challenging than we thought," Dammel says.

Another challenge was designing an irrigation system that could be built with resources from the area and maintained by the villagers themselves, since the team could not provide assistance once they left. "The students really need to think the design through and anticipate any problems that could occur," says Dammel.

The team, which returned from Panama on March 31, is currently evaluating a pump design that utilizes solar power and is attempting another assessment trip in June. Although some of the students will have graduated by then, others will remain on the team and brief students who will be new to the project.

"The idea behind this is to improve lives in the developing world," says Dammel. "Our students and faculty are making a real difference."

And engineering majors aren't the only group of students who can change lives in the Engineers Without Borders projects, says Merayyan. "We're also looking for the expertise of health science, business administration and communication majors, just to name a few," he says. "There are still issues with figuring a budget, writing a report, so many things. We can all change lives by sharing our knowledge."

For more information on Engineers Without Borders, contact Merayyan at merayyan@ecs.csus.edu or chapter president Alexander Daniel at csus.ewb.president@gmail.com. For more information about the Panama project, contact Dammel at dammele@ecs.csus.edu.

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The award ceremony will be in the Alumni Center at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 23. Professor Porbaha's lecture is titled "Innovative Technologies to Accelerate Geoconstruction." A reception will immediately follow the lecture, and the campus community is invited to attend.

"California, like Japan, is a seismic-prone area," says Porbaha. "That, coupled with the soft soil, provides much instability. Improving the quality of the soil is time-consuming. However, some innovative techniques have been used in Japan to improve the quality of the soil that can be applied here in California."

Porbaha studied these innovative technologies through a U.S.-Japanese research exchange as a Fellow of the Science and Technology Agency of the Japanese National Laboratory.

And those techniques can be used on improving the soil on construction sites. "Time is money and is of the essence on construction projects," says Porbaha, "so in my lecture I'll address geoconstruction technologies that can accelerate construction on California's deteriorating infrastructure system."

Land aging and traffic are significant factors in California's weakening infrastructure. "We can provide innovative solutions to expedite the construction process while ensuring a high level of safety and reliability," he says.

Porbaha went on to say that "development in the past spread beyond urban areas, but we're running out of room and consequently having to build in urban areas, which typically have softer soil than its suburban counterparts."

The President's Award for Research and Creative Activity was established in 1989 and is given each year to recognize extraordinary research and creative activity over the past five years by a Sacramento State faculty member. Nominees for the award must be in their first ten years of service at Sacramento State.

Porbaha is the eighteenth recipient of this award.

For more information, call 278-7565 or visit www.csus.edu/research.

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At the annual Phi Beta Delta national conference, March 27 – 31 in San Antonio, Texas, Sacramento State's Omicron Chapter members received significant recognition for their work.

Professor Thomas Knutson, Communication Studies, is the 2007 recipient of the Society's Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education. Knutson is a past President of Phi Beta Delta. Janis Silvers, study abroad advisor in Global Education and an officer for the Omicron Chapter, won the Edward S. Blankenship Leadership and Service Award. The same award was won in 1997 by Monica Freeman, coordinator of International Programs at Sacramento State and long-time member of the Society's Board of Directors. This year, Freeman was named President-Elect of Phi Beta Delta.

Also at this year's conference, Professor Jim Chopyak, Department of Music, presented a paper on "Islamic Fundamentalism, Change, and Music in Malaysia." Professor Catherine Turrill, Department of Art, was elected Regional Vice-President for the West, the branch of Phi Beta Delta to which western and southwestern universities belong.

Established in 1987, Sacramento State's Omicron Chapter hosts a reception for international research scholars each semester and raises funds for scholarships for international study, among other activities. Sacramento State is a two-time winner of Phi Beta Delta's Outstanding Chapter Award.

As part of its fund-raising activities this semester, the Omicron Chapter is sponsoring a souvenir sale and silent auction at the Study Abroad Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 in the Library Quad. The sale will feature a variety of items that Chapter members have acquired on trips abroad.

For additional information about the Omicron Chapter, visit www.csus.edu/oge/PhiBetaDelta.htm. For additional information about Phi Beta Delta, visit www.phibetadelta.org/. For media assistance, contact the Sacramento State Public Affairs office at 278- 6156.

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Channing won awards and set records in 1962 for her portrayal of the flamboyant, matchmaker Dolly Levi in the Broadway show, *Hello, Dolly*.

Channing is traveling and performing at public universities throughout California as part of an effort to support the arts in public education. Ticket revenue will be used to establish a scholarship fund for the University's performance students. Channing will also make a gift of \$10,000 to the University to help establish the fund.

VIP tickets are \$100 and include a post-performance cast party. General admission is \$25, and student admission is \$15. General and student admission tickets can be purchased at the Sacramento State Ticket Office at 278-4323 or at tickets.com.

University loft living coming for Sacramento State students

The nearly completed Upper Eastside Lofts on 65th Street will soon be the newest Sacramento State student housing, campus officials announced.

Under a new agreement, the lofts will serve as a near-campus student community for at least the next 15 years. They will be ready for students to move in by the upcoming fall semester, and reservations are now being accepted.

The project—part of a campus effort to expand housing options—is one of three projects underway, including a new on-campus residence hall and a University Housing Village for faculty and staff, about a mile off campus.

More than 440 students will be able to live in the Lofts. Residential advisors will live in units on site, and residential life programs will be integrated with other campus life programs.

"This is a great opportunity to offer a variety of housing options to our students," says Ed Jones, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Campus Life. "The Upper Eastside Lofts combine the traditional community living model with an upscale housing design. We like to think of these apartments as a 'preview' of what our students will live in, on their own, once they graduate and enter the world as working professionals."

University Enterprises Development Group, an auxiliary of Sacramento State, entered into the 15-year master lease for the Upper Eastside Lofts, as well as a management agreement with student management company Allen & O'Hara for the residential program of the project.

"We think this is an innovative solution to the University's need for more student housing, and we're proud of our role in helping it happen," says Matt Altier, executive director of University Enterprises, Inc.

The project is located in the city's new University Transit Village redevelopment zone on the corner of Folsom Boulevard and 65th Street. The property is zoned as both commercial and residential. A total of six retail live/work units will be in the front of the property, facing 65th Street, and a 10,655 square foot building will face Folsom Boulevard. The 135 residential units will be located in the back of the property.

Students can reserve their spots now, and the units will be ready for them to move in for the fall 2007 semester.

The units' interiors have an "urban loft" design with high, open ceilings, a large living space, full kitchens with modern appliances and granite and stainless steel finishes, an in-unit laundry, balconies and study areas. The average unit space is more than 700 square feet. The community includes a swimming pool and club house.

The units will be furnished and all utilities paid.

The lofts are located within easy biking and walking distance to the campus. It is adjacent to light rail, and the planned Sac State Tram will make stops in front of the lofts. Through the City's effort to transform this area, many new restaurant and retail choices are already available – with many more coming, including those that may be placed within the new Sacramento State student community.

Allen & O'Hara, a professional student housing management company, will be responsible for leasing the units and managing the residential program while working closely with campus Student Housing programs. The leasing office will be located on campus at the Del Rio Suite in the River Front Center.

For more information, contact University Enterprises at 278-7001.

Athletics program receives full NCAA certification

The NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification announced that Sacramento State has successfully completed the Association's second cycle of athletics certification.

Sacramento State athletics was one of 41 universities to earn the Association's highest level of certification. A designation of 'certified' means the institution is considered to be operating its athletics program in substantial conformity with operation principles adopted by the Division I membership.

The diverse list of schools joining the Hornets in this year's cycle of certification include such notable institutions as the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Oregon, the University of Florida and Harvard University.

"I think this demonstrates that we have developed a well-rounded Division I athletic program – one that successfully contributes to our student-athletes' academic, social and athletic success, and one that is clearly committed to equity and integrity," Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez said. "I want to thank the steering committee, under the leadership of Provost Joseph Sheley, for its efforts during the certification process.

"This was a long process that covered every aspect of Athletics and the program's interaction with the greater campus community."

The certification process, which began in the summer of 2005 with the development of a 141-page self study report, included a review of the athletics program covering the primary components of governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, equity, and student-athlete well-being.

A 22-member steering committee was created at Sacramento State to provide broad-based participation in the self-study process and included faculty, students and members of the general community.

The process could have culminated with one of three possible outcomes: certified; certified with conditions; or not certified.

"I am thrilled with the NCAA's decision to certify our program without conditions," Sacramento State Athletic Director Terry Wanless said. "This is a reflection of our University's commitment to excellence in our athletic program and the efforts of our staff to make the athletic experience a valuable asset to our student-athletes."

Sacramento State is one of 326 NCAA Division I institutions nationwide to participate in the certification process.

Disability Awareness Day focuses on accessible technology

Disability Awareness Day will highlight accessible learning through technology from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., on Wednesday, May, 2, at various campus locations. Events will begin at 9 a.m. with demonstrations of assistive technology and a tour of the Services to Students with Disabilities High Tech Center located in the Academic Information Resource Center, Rooms 2010 and 2011.

A complete schedule of the day's activities is available at www.csus.edu/sswd/disabilityawareness.html.

Examples of assistive technology include computer software that recognizes voice commands for those who are mobility impaired and screen readers that help navigate a keyboard for someone who is blind. Speech synthesis software can also be beneficial for those who have learning disabilities.

"These technological advancements can provide access for all," says acting co-director of Services to Students with Disabilities Melissa Repa. "Our hope is these events will create dialogue in the campus community about accessible technology, universal design for learning, and accessibility of education for all students," says Repa.

The event is co-hosted by Services to Students with Disabilities, TRIO Student Support Services, Center for Teaching and Learning, Academic Technology and Creative Services, and the University Library.

For more information about the event, contact Services to Students with Disabilities at (916) 278-6955 or visit www.csus.edu/sswd/disabilityawareness.html.

New Faces

Jessica Bagger

Professor, College of Business Administration

Background and expertise:

Professor Jessica Bagger, new to the College of Business Administration since fall 2006, has been involved in consulting/research projects regarding work-life conflict, particularly policies directed at alleviating that conflict, such as telecommuting. In that capacity she has worked with the Tucson Police Department, Durrant (a nationally architectural and engineering firm) and Lands' End, an online clothing retailer.

"At Lands' End, it was interesting speaking to the telecommuters, their co-workers and company management," says Bagger, "since their perspectives on this flexible work arrangement differs greatly depending on their own relation to the telecommuter, as well as their own values and work habits." Bagger found that while telecommuting may cause resentment among those who work in the companies' offices, organizations must offer flexibility to attract and retain knowledgeable workers.

As a result, the organization has to deal with the resulting unfairness issues. "Telecommuting may be a viable option for companies, as tardiness or absenteeism can cost companies an extraordinary amount in terms of lost production," she says.

Bagger has conducted extensive research on the impact of work-life issues on organizations and their workers and the human resources policies being implemented to address those work-life issues. She is currently teaching upper-division courses in human resources and is impressed with Sacramento State's students. "I enjoy the time I have with the students," says Bagger. "They work hard and they're very ambitious."

A relative newcomer to the U.S., Bagger grew up in Sweden and moved to Tucson, Arizona nine years ago. She attended the University of Arizona, where she earned a B.A. in psychology, a B.S.B.A. in management and international business, an M.S. and a Ph.D. in management.

Doug Adams

Counselor, Employee Assistance Program

Background and expertise:

A counselor in private practice since 1987, Doug Adams came on staff at the Employee Assistance Program in November 2006 as an EAP clinician.

"I've worked with several employee assistance programs over the years," says Adams. "This a great benefit to employees, and the programs have helped so many people."

Adams, who received a B.A. in social ecology at U.C. Irvine and a master's degree in social work at Sacramento State, provides individual, couples and family therapy through private sessions as well as classes in stress management, coping with change and parenting. He has also worked with University supervisors and employees in private sessions on a variety of issues.

"Employees and their families are offered up to six sessions a year," says Adams. "And it's a truly confidential service. No records are released about the sessions without the employee's expressed written consent. Also, employees aren't docked for their time if they have a session during work hours."

And being informed is key to staying healthy, says Adams. "We have a monthly newsletter that addresses the importance of living a healthy life, both physically and mentally." Those interested in automatic e-mail delivery of the newsletter can sign up at www.csus.edu/eapprogr/living.htm.

Acclaimed author to speak on campus

Acclaimed author William T. Vollmann will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Library at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 in Sacramento State's University Library Gallery. The event is free and open to the public.

Vollmann is the author of sixteen books of fiction and journalism. His epic novel, *Europe Central*, won the 2005 National Book Award. His most recent work, *Poor People*, has won critical acclaim in periodicals such as the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *New York Times*. His language, plots and characters have brought comparisons to Tolstoy, Dickens and Faulkner.

The Friends of the Library is a group whose mission is to help the University Library meet the growing and changing needs of the campus and the community. Since its founding, the group has established the Book Bin, a permanent book sale area on the Library's lower level; established a monthly book group; hosted special events and presentations by well-known writers; and raised and donated funds for library materials and needs. Its annual meeting is part of the celebration of National Library Week.

For membership and general information about the Friends of the Library, contact Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954 or visit library.csus.edu/friends.

Faculty Senate

Monday, April 16

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

3 p.m., General Education/Graduation Policies Committee

Tuesday, April 17

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, RVR 2018 (note room change)

Wednesday, April 18

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

Professional Activities

Students

Jason Talanian, Kinesiology and Health Science alumnus, has co-authored a research paper titled "Two weeks of high-intensity aerobic interval training increases the capacity for fat oxidation during exercise in women" published in the *Journal of Applied Physiology*, April 2007; co-authored a research paper titled "The effects of training in hyperoxia vs. normoxia on skeletal muscle enzyme activities and exercise performance" published in the *Journal of Applied Physiology*, March, 2007; and co-authored a paper titled "Adrenergic regulation of HSL serine phosphorylation and activity in human skeletal muscle during the onset of exercise" published in the *American Journal of Physiology, Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative*, October, 2006.

Scholarship

Haroldene Wunder, Accounting, presented a paper titled "Tax Risk Management in the Post-Sarbanes-Oxley Era" at the 2007 Western Decision Sciences Institute's annual meeting in Denver, April 3 - 7. The manuscript received the Conference's Accounting II, Audit/Financial/Tax Track Best Paper Award.

Darryl O. Freeman, Government, delivered a paper titled "The Paradoxical Implications of Mexico's Official Color Blind Public Policy and Its Racist Perception in Afro-American Political Thought" at the Southwestern Social Science Association's eighty-seventh annual meeting held in Albuquerque, NM on March 15.

Donald Carper, College of Business, delivered a paper titled "Undiagnosed Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Commercial Truck Drivers: Legal Implications to Drivers, Employers, and Health Care Professionals" at the Western Academy of Legal Studies in Business on March 31, in Monterey, California.

Roger Sullivan, Anthropology, coauthored two posters at the 32nd annual meeting of the Human Biology Association, in Philadelphia, PA. The posters were titled "Comparative Reduction in Cytochrome P450 Genes in Homo sapiens: Implications for Hominid Diet Shift and Encephalization" and "Plant Neurotoxins and Brain Development: Implications for Encephalization in Homo."

Celeste Roseberry-McKibbin, Speech Pathology and Audiology, was named a Fellow of the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association in November 2006, an honor given to approximately 30 speech pathologists in the United States each year.

Tony Platt, Social Work, has accepted an invitation to talk about his book *Bloodlines: Recovering Hitler's Nuremberg Laws, From Patton's Trophy to Public Memorial* at the Topography of Terror Museum in Berlin on July 5; and at the Documentation Centre Nazi Party Rally Grounds, Museum of the City of Nuremberg on July 6. The Topography Museum is located on the site of the Gestapo headquarters, and the Documentation Centre is located on the site of the infamous Nazi rallies.

In the News

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the Feb. 24 *Pasadena Star News* and *Monterey County Herald* and the Feb. 25 *Woodland Daily Democrat* about California legislators proposing laws just before the deadline; in the March 16 *San Francisco Chronicle* about presidential candidates adapting to California's new primary election date; in the March 13 *Orange County Register*, in the March 17 *Contra Costa Times* and *Pleasanton Valley Times*, and the March 19 *Marin Independent Journal*, *San Jose Mercury-News* and *Oakland Tribune* about Senate Leader Don Perata locking three Democratic Senate members out of their offices for a day.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted: in the March 17 *West County Times* and the March 19 *San Mateo County Times*, *Hayward Daily Review* and *Alameda Times Star* about Senate leader Don Perata's punishment of three members of his own party; in the March 12 *West County Times* and *Pleasanton Valley Times* about Rep. Guy Houston being the only Bay Area Republican in an elected, partisan seat; in the March 25 *Marin Independent Journal*, the March 26 *San Jose Mercury-News* and the March 28 *Santa Rose Press Democrat* about raises Gov. Schwarzenegger has given to his office staff; and was appointed to the Fair Political Practices Commission, as reported in the Feb. 15 *San Diego Tribune* and *Los Angeles Metropolitan News Enterprise*.

Nancy Shulock, Institute for Higher Education and Leadership Policy, was quoted in the March 7 *West County Times* and *Hayward Daily Review* and the March 8 *Tri-Valley Herald* about low fees not easing the cost of community colleges for students; in the March 20 *San Jose Mercury-News* and the March 21 *Oakland Tribune* and *Tri-Valley Herald* about community colleges' internal audits on the performance of its students.

Laurie Gardner, Charter Schools Development Center, was quoted in the March *East Bay Business Times* about the characteristics of successful charter schools.

Bruce Bikle, Criminal Justice, was quoted in the Feb. 21 *San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune* and *Pasadena Star News* about U.S. states' reluctance to provide governors and executives unchecked powers when it comes to solving the prison overcrowding problem.

Irene Bersola-Nguyen, Bilingual Multicultural Education, was quoted in the Feb. 17 *Victor Valley Daily Press* about the mental benefits of being bilingual.

Dave Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy, was featured in a March *Prosper Magazine* story about a research paper he authored about humor's affect on workplace relationships.

Maureen Smith, Kinesiology and Health Science, was quoted in the March 24 *Sacramento Bee* about the psychological effects of losing games for high school athletes.

Tim Fong, Ethnic Studies, was interviewed on KCRA Channel 3 on March 18 about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Amy Liu, Sociology, was interviewed on KFBK 1530 and Capital Public Radio on March 19 and 20 about her survey showing the war in Iraq becoming increasingly unpopular among Sacramento area residents; and on KFBK 1530 on March 23 about her survey showing flood risks are not being taken seriously by Sacramento area residents.

Scott Gordon, Computer Science, was interviewed on Capital Public Radio on March 28 about his asphalt museum.

Campus Announcements

Second annual interdisciplinary conference

The Department of Humanities and Religious studies presents the second annual Interdisciplinary Conference, titled "Artful Strategies/Necessary Risks: The Shifting Borders Between Success and Failure." The conference will begin at noon on Friday, April 20 in the University Union Orchard Room and continue through Saturday, April 21. The event will feature lectures examining the shifting borders between success and failure in literature, the arts, history, anthropology, sociology, law, politics, religion and related fields. The conference is free and open to the public. For more information and a conference program, visit www.csus.edu/hum/asnr/index.html or call 278-5336.

Submitted by Humanities and Religious Studies

Sixth annual Sac State Women Take Back the Night

Sacramento State's sixth annual "Women Take Back the Night" will provide for an evening of speakers, motivation, activism and inspiration, culminated by a march through the University campus taking back the night. Men are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 278-7388 or visit www.csus.edu/wrc.

Submitted by the Women's Resource Center

Professor to speak about world record for speed

Mechanical Engineering professor **Joe Harralson**, who was part of a team that designed and built a motorcycle that set a new world record for speed with a two-wheeled vehicle will present a lecture on this experience at noon on Friday, April 20, in Riverside Hall 1015. All are invited to attend.

Submitted by Mechanical Engineering

Faculty Center available through My Sac State

The CMS Project Team has announced the availability of the Faculty Center through My Sac State. The Faculty Center has been automatically granted to all instructors and includes the ability to:

- View current and previous term teaching schedules
- View current and previous class rosters
- Send a message to students listed on the current roster
- Search the Schedule of Classes
- Search for another faculty member's teaching schedule

Additional functionality is available to advisors and access can be obtained by:

1. Completing the *Information Security Program Training* offered through [LearnerWeb](#)
2. Submitting a [Request for CMS Student Administration User Access form](#) to the CMS Project Office, ARC 2008

This Advisor access includes the ability to search for any student and view that student's academic information; address; class schedule; enrollment appointments; grades; telephone number; to do list and transfer credit report. Interested faculty may attend an [instructor-led training](#) or access [online tutorials](#) at your convenience. For more information, contact the [CMS Help Desk](#).

Submitted by CMS

Crisis in Darfur examined

Soheir Stolba, co-founder of the SHARE Institute, will discuss the casualties from the genocide in Darfur, particularly the political and humanitarian standpoints, at noon on Tuesday, April 17 in the Hinde Auditorium. The films "Darfur Destroyed" by Human Rights Watch and "Peace Under Fire" by the United Nations will be shown. Advocacy opportunities will also be discussed. For more information, call 278-7388 or visit www.csus.edu/wrc.

Submitted by the Women's Resource Center

High school, community college counselors' conference on campus

The Outreach, Admissions and Records Office has invited counselors from more than 200 service region high schools and community colleges to attend the High School and Community College Counselors Conference

from 7:45 a.m. -2 p.m. on Monday, April 23 in the University Union Ballroom. The purpose of the conference is to provide updates on the University that will include information on admission and enrollment, academic majors, and support programs for freshmen and transfer students. Area counselors who wish to participate in this free event must register by Wednesday, April 18 at www.eventville.com/Catalog/EventRegistration1.asp?Eventid=1002481. For more information about the event contact Barbara Sloan, associate director of Outreach, Admissions & Records, at 278-7881 or sloanbt@csus.edu.

Submitted by Outreach, Admissions and Records

Webcasts offered to faculty, graduate students

The Office of Research Administration and the Office of Graduate Studies, in conjunction with The Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis, are pleased to 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 following webcasts will be offered on Friday, April 20, in Library 11:

8:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Longitudinal Data Analysis

Professor Robert Ployhart, University of South Carolina

10:30 a.m.-noon

Latent Growth Models for Longitudinal Data

Professor Robert Vandenberg, University of Georgia

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Repeated Measures for ANOVA and MANOVA

Professor Jorge Mendoza, University of Oklahoma

Submitted by Research Administration

Denim Day

Wear denim jeans to work/school to protest sexual violence on Wednesday, April 25. Denim Day was started after an Italian court blamed a victim for her own rape because her jeans were tight and she would have had to take her pants off herself, thereby facilitating her own assault. Women around the world protest by wearing jeans on this day. Stop by the Women's Resource Center for a "Why Denim?" button. For more information, call 278-7388 or visit www.csus.edu/wrc.

Submitted by the Women's Resource Center

Public invited to Executive MBA info session

The College of Business Administration's Graduate and External Programs office presents a public information session for its Executive MBA program on Tuesday, April 17 from 5:30-6:30pm in Napa Hall. Reservations are required and can be made at www.emba.csus.edu. For more information, call 278-5974.

Submitted by the College of Business Administration

Walk a mile in her shoes

Sacramento State men will walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes at noon and 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 in the Library Quad to help gain a better understanding and appreciation of women's experiences. Shoes will be provided. For more information, call 278-7388 or visit www.csus.edu/wrc.

Submitted by the Women's Resource Center

Events

Summer Culinary Academy for Youngsters

University Enterprises at Sacramento State will offer a summer culinary academy for children ages 8-13. There are two eight-day sessions of hands-on learning opportunities available: June 18-28 and July 9-19. Classes are held Monday-Thursday from 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m. Presented on the Sacramento State campus

under the direction of the campus Executive Chef Ruedi Egger, who created the program, the cooking school is an ideal and fun opportunity to educate and inspire even the most unlikely junior master-chefs. Each session is limited to 24 participants, so early registration is encouraged. For more information contact Dining Services at 278-6376.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Merchandise/Food

Spring has sprung in University Center Restaurant

Spring menu items at the University Center Restaurant include a fresh fruit salad, smoked Gouda and turkey Panini, salmon or tri-tip Caesar salad and baked ziti (pasta baked with asparagus, portabella mushrooms, carrots, broccoli, and beans). The new spring menu items join traditional favorites including fish & chips and lasagna on the University Center Restaurant menu. A private dining room is available for luncheon meetings or parties. Reservations are not required, but recommended: call 278-6100. Hours for breakfast are 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; lunch hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Friday. More information at www.dining.csus.edu/area/ucr.html.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Togo's catering available

Togo's catering can offer fare for club meetings, office parties, speaker events, and end-of-year celebrations. Items available include sandwich trays, salads, appetizers, box lunches and desserts. Call 278-8646 to order for on-campus pick up. Call 24 hours in advance for large orders or party-sized footer sandwiches. VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Sacramento State's OneCard are accepted. The Togo's catering menu is available at www.dining.csus.edu/pic/togos/togos_menu.pdf.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Human Resources

Catastrophic Leave Donation Program

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 a maximum of 40 hours per fiscal year.

If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained by going to www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#Disability, or by visiting the Human Resources, Disability Leaves Office in Sacramento Hall 162, or by calling extension 278-3522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Gary Davis, Facilities Services

Rose Marie Fisher, Graduate Studies

Charlotte Xanders, Library

*Mical Shilts, Family & Consumer Sciences

*Pamela Sanger, Communication Studies

*only vacation credits may be donated to these employees

Submitted by Human Resources