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### *Lorca in a Green Dress*

Arriving in purgatory, a renowned Spanish poet confronts various aspects of his personality and life in Sacramento State's production of *Lorca in a Green Dress*. The play will be staged in Playwright's Theatre. Performances continue this week at 6:30 p.m., May 7-8; 8 p.m., May 9-10; 2 p.m., May 11;



### Hazardous and Universal Wastes

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) provides training and assistance to campus departments on how to manage their hazardous materials and reduce their hazardous waste generation. Pollution prevention is one of the keys to maintaining a sustainable environment.

EHS works with disposal companies to recycle as much of the wastes as possible to ensure the minimum impact to the environment. Hazardous waste includes lab chemicals, lubricants, paints and solvents among others. EHS also collects universal wastes such as batteries, light tubes and thermometers.

Campus departments can call EHS at 278-5165 or 278-6456 to obtain proper labels and schedule a pickup or drop-off for hazardous and universal wastes. This service is provided at no cost to any campus department for routine items. For more information, visit the hazardous waste webpage at [www.rms.csus.edu/ehs/hazwastedisp.html](http://www.rms.csus.edu/ehs/hazwastedisp.html) and/or the universal waste webpage at [www.rms.csus.edu/ehs/universal\\_waste\\_mgmt.html](http://www.rms.csus.edu/ehs/universal_waste_mgmt.html).

and 10:30 a.m., May 9. Tickets are \$5, \$8, \$10 and \$12 and available at the Sacramento State Ticket office, 278-4323 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com). Call 278-6368 for more information.

### Campus Calendar of Events

## ATHLETICS

### Haupt, McCoy, Flores, Genovese, Blair and Bessolo receive end of the year student-athlete awards

Seniors Lindsay Haupt (volleyball), Katie McCoy (soccer) and David Flores (baseball) were selected as Sacramento State's Student-Athlete of the Year Award winners, while Melissa Genovese (gymnastics), Ryan Blair (baseball) and Tim Bessolo (football) each received the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award at a ceremony at Sacramento State.

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## **USGS reorganization fills another office at Sacramento State**

It may not be earthshaking news for some, but the U.S. Geological Survey has been increasing its presence on campus. What started off as a single water science center 10 years ago has grown into a plethora of offices with far reaching responsibilities.

Earlier this year, the USGS Regional Executive's Office for the Pacific Southwest Area was established here. The office, located in Modoc Hall, is responsible for all USGS science in California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Hawaii.

It also oversees the Southern California Multi-Hazard Demonstration Project, a research program to help communities in Southern California plan for physical hazards such as earthquakes, flood, fires and mudslides, and oversees the USGS volcano observatories in Alaska, Washington and Hawaii.

"It's exciting for us to be part of the university environment," says Michael V. Shulters, acting USGS Southwest Regional Executive and the longtime director of the California Water Science Center. "As a federal science agency, it's important to be close to so many of the things a university campus provides."

USGS has been a part of the campus since 1997 when the California Water Science Center moved into Placer Hall from its offices in suburban Sacramento. The center, which specializes in California water issues, became the first USGS water science center to relocate to a university campus.

In 2004, the USGS moved several more offices into Modoc Hall: the Western Ecological Research Center's management office, the Southwest Geographic Science Team, the Western Remote Sensing and Visualization Center, the Office of Western Regional Services, and the Western Region Geographic Information Office.

"USGS scientists really benefit from the ready access to the many departments on campus and the ability to interact with faculty and students," Shulters says.

Approximately 300 USGS employees now work on campus.

The USGS is the nation's largest natural-science agency and has the principal responsibility within the federal government for mapping the nation, assessing its geological resources and hazards, understanding its natural biological resources and providing hydrologic information for appraising the nation's water resources.

For more information about the USGS, contact Shulters at 278-9551 or Public Affairs Specialist Jim Nickles at 278-3016.

## **Commencement Schedule**

The schedule for Sacramento State Spring Commencement is:

### **Friday, May 23, Arco Arena**

- 12 p.m., College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (candidates assemble 11:30 a.m.)
- 3 p.m., College of Arts and Letters (candidates assemble at 2:30 p.m.)
- 6 p.m., College of Business Administration (candidates assemble at 5:30 p.m.)

### **Saturday, May 24, Arco Arena**

- 8:30 a.m., College of Health and Human Services (candidates assemble at 8 a.m.)
- 11:30 a.m., College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (candidates assemble at 11 a.m.)
- 2:30 p.m., College of Engineering and Computer Science (candidates assemble at 2 p.m.)
- 5 p.m., College of Education (candidates assemble at 4:30 p.m.)

## **Forum to gauge opinion on future of mass transit in Sacramento**

You may not be able to do anything about rising gas prices, but you can have a say in the future of mass transit in Sacramento.

The Sacramento Regional Transit District will hold a public forum to present its transit master plan from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, May 8 in the University Union's Lobby Suite. The event is open to the campus community and refreshments will be served.

"RT is preparing for the region's growing and changing transportation needs by updating the transit master plan," said Laura Washburn, SRT marketing director. "The updated plan will guide us in developing and delivering projects and programs to the Sacramento community through 2035. In order for the plan to be successful, we need feedback from everyone including Sacramento State students, staff and faculty."

The last Transit Master Plan was produced in 1993.

SRT will also present its master plan for public feedback from 6 to 7:30 p.m., May 29, at the Alumni Center.

For more information on the forum, contact Washburn at (916) 556-0302.

## **Three schools join forces for Sac State's 'Choralfest'**

Sacramento State's choral groups will join with those from Christian Brothers and Oakridge high schools for "Choralfest," the University's final choir concert of the season.

The performance will be held in Sacred Heart Church, 39th and J streets, at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 17. The University's three groups—Men's Chamber Choir, Concert Choir and University Chorus—will host the Honors Chorale from Christian Brothers and the Oakridge High School Chamber Singers from El Dorado Hills.

Sacramento State's offerings include "Tshotsholoza," a Zulu piece with "lots of energy and excitement," says University choirs director Donald Kendrick. Other pieces include Urmas Siisask's "Benedictio" and works by Stephen Foster.

The Honors Chorale, under the direction of Ronald Slabbinck, will perform "Jabula Jesu" by Stephen Hatfield, and "Wade in the Water" by Moses Hogan. The Chamber Singers, directed by Natalie Miller, will perform Eric Whitacre's "Lux Aurumque."

The choral combo is an annual concert event for Sacramento State. "I try to invite a variety of local choirs to share a concert with us," Kendrick says. "It's great for their choirs to hear college students and it's a great recruiting tool for our Sac State program, too."

"The experience of sharing a concert with such an exemplary university choral program gives Christian Brothers students the opportunity to grow musically and professionally," Slabbinck says.

Miller echoed those sentiments and noted that Oakridge doesn't have a performance facility and the Chamber Singers have to use the school's gymnasium. "So this is a real treat to perform at Sacred Heart."

All three conductors expect the event to be a great experience for them, their students, and, of course, the audience.

“When we come together to sing, we put aside our worries and allow ourselves to be engaged in beauty,” Kendrick says. “The audience can feel this and is also caught up in the inspiration and delight of it.”

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the Sacramento State Ticket Office, 278-4323 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

For more information, call the Sacramento State Music Department at 278-5155 or visit [www.csus.edu/music/choral/](http://www.csus.edu/music/choral/).

### Reception honors retirees

President Alexander Gonzalez and senior administrative staff will host a reception honoring retiring University employees from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, in the Library Gallery. The campus community is invited to attend the event. Those interested in attending should call the RSVP line at 278-4040.

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Sacramento State Department</b>	<b>Years</b>
Addicott, Margaret	Speech Pathology/Audiology	11
Andersen, Jan	Family/Consumer Sciences	8
Bayley, Bruce	Family/Consumer Sciences	5
Cantrell, Byron	Special Education/Rehab & School Psychology	5
Colberg, Deborah	Athletics	31
Hreljac, Alan	Kinesiology & Health Science	8
Koehler, Mary	English	25
Martinez-Douglass, Linda	Counselor Education	20
Meinert, James	Business Administration	22
Nelson, Robyn	Nursing	34
Reihman, Mary Ann	Biological Sciences	30
Rodgers, Jeanne	English	13
Stradley, Robert	Music	30
Takeuchi, Laurence	Business Administration	26
<b>To FERP</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Years</b>
Cooper, Lynn	Social Work	31
Gelus, Marjorie	Foreign Languages	24
Goldsworthy, Candace	Speech Pathology & Audiology	25
Hammond, Lorie	Teacher Education	11
Marshall, Frederick	English	19
Pittman, Deborah	Music	16
Radimsky, Anne-Louise	Computer Science	28
Wang, Chiang	Business Administration	21
Williamson, Arthur	History	20
<b>Off FERP</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Years</b>
Borer-Skov, Londa	Chemistry	34
Calandri, Kevin	Economics	31
Campbell, Duane	Bilingual Education	38
Carper, Donald	OBE	31
Chambers, Henry	History	36
Clark, John	MGMT	27

Cross, Janet	Teacher Education	39
Elfenbaum, Louis	Kinesiology & Health Science	37
Erlich, John	Social Work	34
Etterbeek, Wallace	Mathematics	40
Fitzwater, Michael	Geography	35
Glovinsky, Ben	Music	42
Goldsmith, Joachim	Criminal Justice	35
Goodfellow, Reginald	OBE	31
Harralson, Joseph	Mechanical Engineering	28
Heller, Mahlon	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	22
Hennelly, Mark	English	37
Hurley, Robert	Criminal Justice	31
Jaffa, Robert	Mathematics	42
Jamieson, John	English	39
Jensen, Arthur	MGMT	37
Kando, Thomas	Sociology	38
Langham, Jeri	Biological Sciences	37
Mackey, Mary	English	35
Marrow, Joanne	Psychology	32
Mayer, Carole	Speech Pathology	30
McCrystle, Michael	Criminal Justice	18
Meindl, Robert	English	3
Moore, Joel	Civil Engineering	31
Moulds, Elizabeth	Public Policy & Administration	41
Osborn, Kathleen	Nursing	29
Perlick, Walter	MGMT	12
Platt, Anthony	Social Work	31
Richardson, Robert	Geography	30
Rogers, Martin	Psychology	4
Russell, John	Chemistry	39
Santora, Ronald	English	35
Shea, Michael	Physics	38
Spray, Gary	Teacher Education	33
Stanley, Craig	OBE	27
Tomine, Chris	Civil Engineering	32
Yang, Yung	Economics	33
Yousif, Salah	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	38
<b>Staff &amp; MPP</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Years</b>
Aguayo, Maria	Admissions/Records	35
Aguinaldo, Liberato	Facilities Services	33
Armas, Kenneth	Facilities Services	5
Barrick, Holly	UCCS	38
Barton, Ann	Student Health Center	17
Berger, Janine	Human Resources	7
Black, Stephen	Development	22
Bowyer, Carolyn	Library	17
Brown, Colin	Facilities Services	26
Camp, Nancy	Education	32
Chiang, Marilyn	Business Information Services	7
Collins, Cynthia	University Enterprises Inc.	12
Cook, Naomi	CBA/Undergraduate Programs	5

Cornett, Phyllis	UCCS	26
Dunham, Kathleen	UCCS	30
Dunham, Gary	UCCS	29
Eiferle, Jane	Kinesiology & Health Sciences	6
Ferguson, Marilyn	Special Education	30
Gnagy, William	Public Safety	13
Grant, Ronald	Business Operations & Administration	19
Hobbs, Deborah	IRT	4
Jones, Donald	Student Health Center	5
Jones, Joseph M.	UCCS	16
Knight, James	Facilities Services	29
Leon, Maria	Facilities Services	7
Lockmiller, E. Eugene	Public Safety	5
Lyman, Rachel	Physics/Astronomy	23
Matthews, Robert	UTS	20
McCord, Kathleen	CBA	39
Miller, Jenny	IRT	35
Mills, Maria Teresa	Academic Information Resources	29
Nonog, Freddie	Facilities Services	33
Panell, Gerald	Facilities Services	5
Peper, Christye	Career Center	27
Petersen, Barbara	Admissions/Records	23
Puthuff, Mary Jo	Administration & Business Affairs	33
Scott, Bruce	Engineering and Computer Science	20
Smith, Gwen	Engineering and Computer Science	28
Solis, Karen	Student Health Center	9
Sparks, Stephen	IRT	35
Spencer, Darlene	Student Health Center	16
Thomas, Rosetta	Facilities Services	24
Thompson, Bonnie	Facilities Services	27
Van Alstyne, Janice	Financial Services	33
Watson, Kristin	Human Resources	27
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All employees on the list have submitted a notice of intent to retire to the University.

## Faculty Senate

### Monday, May 5

2 p.m., CODE, Capitol Room, University Union

3 p.m., GE/GRPC, Sacramento Hall 275

### Tuesday, May 6

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

3 p.m. UARTP, Riverside Hall, Dean's office

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

## **Wednesday, May 7**

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

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

## **Thursday, May 8**

### **Professional Activities**

#### **Recognition**

**Otis Scott**, dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, was awarded the Medallion of Honor by the *Sacramento Observer* newspaper for his contributions as an educator.

**Nancy Fox**, senior director, University Transportation and Parking Services, was re-elected by the board of directors to serve as president of the Sacramento Transportation Management Association.

#### **In the News**

**David Zuckerman**, Communication Studies, was interviewed on April 28 on KQCA Channel 58 and KCRA Channel 3 on the topic of Miley Cyrus and the sexualization of girls in the media.

#### **Scholarship**

**David Booher**, Center for Collaborative Policy, made a presentation on "Climate Change and Planning: The Emerging California Policy" at the UC Berkeley Institute of Urban and Regional Development, on April 24.

### **Campus Announcements**

#### **Campus Forum - Dean of SSIS**

Candidates for the position of dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies will soon be visiting campus. All interested faculty, staff and students are invited to meet with the candidates on the dates indicated below. Any written comments should be sent to Academic Affairs in Sacramento Hall Room 230, ZIP 6016, or e-mailed with subject line "SSIS Dean Comment" to [sheleyj@csus.edu](mailto:sheleyj@csus.edu) by 5 p.m., Thursday, May 8.

Interview Schedule:

David Lanoue  
Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science  
University of Alabama  
Monday, May 5, 10 to 11 a.m.  
University Union's Orchard Suite II

Sunil Kukreja  
Professor and Chair, Department of Comparative Sociology  
University of Puget Sound  
Wednesday, May 7, 9 to 10 a.m.  
University Union's Orchard Suite II  
*Submitted by Academic Affairs*

#### **UTAPS celebrates Bike to Work Day**

The Sacramento State community is invited to celebrate Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 15. This event is celebrated throughout the region annually, and this year students, faculty and staff who bike to campus on May 15 will receive a coupon for a free personal pizza from Round Table in the University

Union (while supplies last). Cyclists who participate in the event can receive a coupon by going to the Bicycle Compound (located adjacent to the Guy West Bridge) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, May 15 with their OneCard and bicycle.

In addition, Regional Transit will offer free rides to all bicyclists on Bike to Work Day, and bikes are also welcome on the Hornet Express. For more information about the event, contact UTAPS employee transportation coordinator Noel Carolipio at 278-7527, or visit [www.mayisbikemonth.com](http://www.mayisbikemonth.com).  
*Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services*

### **Open campus forum - Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning**

Interested faculty, staff and students are invited to meet with candidates for the position of director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Any written comments should be sent to Academic Affairs in Sacramento Hall 230, ZIP 6016, or e-mailed with subject line "CTL Director" to [mikelee@csus.edu](mailto:mikelee@csus.edu) by 5 p.m., Friday, May 9.

Interview Schedule:

Janet Hecsh  
Associate Professor, Department of Teacher Education  
Wednesday, May 7, 2 p.m.  
University Union's Sequoia Room

Kimo Ah Yun  
Professor, Department of Communication Studies  
Wednesday, May 7, 3:30 p.m.  
University Union's Oak Room  
*Submitted by Academic Affairs*

## **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](http://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:

Steven Borden, Facilities Services  
Martha Jean, University Transportation & Parking Services  
Lisa Collins, Admissions and Records  
Sharon Kelley, Academic Information Resources Center  
Aleia Luster, Student Activities

### **Outstanding Teacher: Betty Ronayne**

There are many ways to describe Betty Ronayne -- award-winning teacher, reference librarian, TV star.

Ronayne received the Outstanding Teaching Award for her work training students how to find their way through databases while researching projects and papers. Winning the award was "very gratifying," Ronayne says, especially for acknowledging the role of librarians.

One of two education librarians, Ronayne works with the University's College of Education, primarily helping graduate students on their way to earning their master's degrees.

Ronayne received her bachelor's degree from San Diego State and her master's from Kent State in Ohio. She was hoping to move back to San Diego from her instruction librarian post at Johns Hopkins University 16 years ago, not realizing her alma mater was a very popular destination for a lot of professors.

So she landed at Sacramento State and, three years later, decided it was the place to settle down. "The students I met on this campus were the most motivated and eager to learn of any of the places I've worked," Ronayne says, crediting the faculty for instilling that kind of outlook.

Technology has made a lot of changes in Ronayne's work over the years. When computers first proliferated in libraries, it was the librarian's job to learn how to search databases with very complicated search protocols, says Ronayne. "Just as we got really top-notch, able to do this, the whole attitude changed ... where the students would be taught how to do their own research," she says.

Librarians had to make the transition from doing very high-level searching, to teaching students how to do their own research at a more general level, says Ronayne.

That doesn't mean computers have taken over every function. At the beginning of her courses, Ronayne gives the students a packet of handouts to guide them through the process. She once eliminated the paper documents since the information is online and in the databases, but heard from students and faculty that the handouts gave them an extra level of comfort. So she brought them back.

Ronayne's teaching experience includes some television time. When she and Debbie Rogenmoser created the Distance Education Support program, it was broadcast on television and cable stations established for that purpose.

The two didn't find out they would be teaching a live class until a week before the first broadcast. "After we did it once, it was kind of exciting," she says. Ronayne was even stopped occasionally by people who had seen her on TV. The courses are now available on the Internet, but Ronayne hasn't forgotten her media exposure. "I got just a little taste of how it feels to be a rock star," she laughs.

More changes are coming for libraries, according to Ronayne. The future will likely include making information available through podcasting and streaming video, says Ronayne, as librarians aim to give students more "end-user empowerment -- making it easier for students to work from wherever they happen to be located, not in the library."

## **This Week in Hornet Action**

### **Baseball**

Friday, May 9

Sacramento State at Nevada, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Sacramento State at Nevada, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 11

Sacramento State at Nevada, 1 p.m.

### **Softball**

No games scheduled

### **Outdoor track**

Saturday, May 10

Sacramento State at the Aggie Twilight, Davis, Calif.

**Men's tennis**

Friday, May 9-Sunday, May 11

Sacramento State at NCAA Tournament

**Women's tennis**

Friday, May 9-Saturday, May 10

Sacramento State at NCAA Tournament

**Rowing**

Friday, May 9-Saturday, May 10

Sacramento State at the Dad Vail Regatta, Philadelphia, Pa.