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The Dean's Awards are in their second year, recognizing the top student from each college for academic achievement and contributions to their communities. This year's recipients are:

Raeanne Garcia, College of Education: In addition to her child development work on campus, Garcia has worked in both elementary and Head Start classrooms. One faculty member said her written work was so outstanding that it should be photocopied for future reference. She plans to enter the University's bilingual multicultural teaching credential program and hopes to teach children from lower socioeconomic backgrounds in a California public school.

Natasha Fischang, College of Health and Human Services: Fischang was one of only 10 applicants chosen to enter the doctoral program in audiology at San Diego State. She has worked as a research assistant for one of her professors and was selected as a teaching assistant. Her volunteer work began in high school and continued on through her college career and include helping homeless women and children, and organizing a conference that helped raised funds to provide speech and hearing services to low-income families.

David Porter, College of Engineering and Computer Science: The father of five began taking engineering courses on a part-time basis six year ago while supporting his family as an automotive technician. In spite of the competition for his time he is graduating with the highest grade point average in his class. He also volunteers in the community, putting his technical skills to use on community projects. He is active in Boy Scouts, his church and the engineering honor society.

Andro Carmelo Rios, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Rios, a chemistry major, has received several scholarships including being both an American Chemical Scholar and a McNair Scholar. He was selected for a summer research program at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and worked on research projects in organic chemistry and analytical chemistry with two of his professors. He has presented two talks at an American Chemical Society meeting and will present two more talks at professional conferences. He has worked as both a tutor and a teaching assistant.

Heidi Wynn Stevens, College of Business Administration: The accountancy major has received five scholarships and awards since May 2004 including the Dr. Guy A. West Scholarship. She is active in Beta Alpha Psi, the honor society for financial information students and professionals, and she has held several leadership positions in the organization. She has also been a member of the Inter-Business Council. She has completed internships with Investor's Bank and Trust and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Faythe Vollrath, College of Arts and Letters: Vollrath is an accomplished harpsichordist. While holding a 4.0 GPA, she has been very active in the community including being choir director for a local church, a volunteer judge for high school debate tournaments, a Latin tutor and a student teacher for the University's piano pedagogy program. She received a Scholastic All American Debater Award for academic excellence and service to her community. She will graduate with a degree in piano performance and a minor in Latin.

Deborah A. Ward, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies: When she receives her anthropology degree this month, Ward will be the first in her family to complete a college degree. She has worked on archeological field projects to generate research support and training opportunities for her fellow students. As a McNair Scholar, she presented a research paper at last year's national conference and to the Maidu Tribal Advisory Council. She plans to use her studies to make more information available about the cultural histories of Native Americans in California.

For a complete schedule of spring commencement ceremonies, visit www.csus.edu/commence.

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It has been a typically busy semester for Professor Ted Lascher. In the past several months he has turned out research papers for journals on subjects such as macropartisanship in California, ideological trends in the state, and incumbents and their constituencies. And another is on the way looking at compensation for victims of terrorism.

"I enjoy having the opportunity to do a wide range of research. Scholarly work is encouraged here at Sacramento State and it doesn't have to be in a narrow area," said Lascher, who has been named the recipient of the 2005-06 President's Award for Research and Creative Activity.

Lascher, chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration, will receive the President's Award at a ceremony at 4 p.m., Monday, May 15 in the Hinde Auditorium. After the ceremony, he will deliver a lecture titled "How California Became a 'Blue State:' Trends in Ethnicity, Ideology and Political Party Identification." A reception will follow in the Orchard Suite.

The award is given annually to a faculty member who has made significant contributions to an academic discipline through scholarly activity, research and publication or creative/artistic endeavors. Lascher is the author or co-author of three books and more than dozen articles in refereed journals. His article "Constituency Size and Incumbent Safety: A Reexamination" recently won an award for best article of 2005 in *Political Research Quarterly*.

In his upcoming lecture, Lascher will discuss how California has increasingly become a state of voters who identify with the Democratic Party despite the election of Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Lascher says there have been two eras in recent state political history. First was a period of increasing Republican identification from about 1980 to 1991, followed by an era of increasing Democratic identification, with Democrats attracting more Latino and Asian American voters.

Lascher says that the movement of California Latinos to the Democratic Party is similar to an earlier movement to the Democratic Party 40 years ago by African Americans, who favored President Lyndon Johnson and his support of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 over Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater. He says Latino voters still remember Proposition 187, a measure aimed at barring many public services to illegal immigrants, and its support by Republicans such as Pete Wilson.

"There is reason to think that widely shared attitudes about anti-immigration efforts may have pushed Latinos toward the Democratic Party, especially those who were young at the time or new to the country," Lascher says. "It might also have been the case for Asian Americans as well."

Lascher says it is unclear if increased dissatisfaction with the Republican Party by Latinos will continue. The Republican Party may have more of an opportunity to attract Latino voters with the election of Schwarzenegger with his message of inclusion and with his background as an immigrant himself, says Lascher.

He says the debate on immigration will be an important factor for Latinos in deciding their political party identification.

"I think that Republican strategists need to worry that the political imagery that Latinos associate with the parties may already have become frozen as has occurred for other groups following periods of major social conflict," Lascher says.

— Ted DeAdwyler

New engineering dean named

Emir Jose Macari has been named dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Sacramento State. The appointment is effective Aug. 1.

"I am extremely pleased that Dr. Macari accepted the position of Dean," said Ric Brown, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "He is a teacher, scholar and community leader. He will lead a great college to an even higher level."

Macari is currently dean of the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology at the University of Texas at Brownsville. Prior to that, he served as the program director for the Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology at the National Science Foundation.

He spent five years as the chair and Bingham C. Stewart Distinguished Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Louisiana State University. At the Georgia Institute of Technology he taught both engineering and public policy and at the University of Puerto Rico he was a professor and director of Civil Infrastructure Research Center. He has also worked as a civil engineer in private industry and has been a fellow at NASA.

Macari holds both a doctorate and a master's degree in civil engineering geomechanics from the University of Colorado. He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering geomechanics from Virginia Tech University.

Honors program headed for successful start

Sacramento State's new honors program seems to have struck a chord with potential students. More than 100 students have applied to the program which begins in the fall, says interim director George Craft.

Of course, Craft notes, it's hard to know how many will actually show up. The plan is to have about 60 students in each cohort.

To increase the odds of keeping most of those students, faculty and staff associated with the honors program have been in contact with each of the students to answer questions and generally encourage the students to take advantage of the opportunity to join the program by attending Sacramento State. "We have called every student admitted to the program at least once," Craft says.

Craft thinks that there's a good chance some of these highly qualified students wouldn't have come otherwise, so the personal touch seems to be appreciated. "We've had students say that 'No one else called us.'"

Recruitment efforts for the program have mostly been through high school counselors who received a postcard describing the new program. Then as soon as fall applications started coming in, faculty and staff from the honors program e-mailed any student with a 1200 SAT score or a 3.5 GPA, directing them to the honors website and inviting them to apply.

In addition to coursework, the honors program will provide social opportunities as well. The new honors office in Foley Hall will feature a large student lounge where students can socialize and study.

"For students to be immersed and committed to an honors program there needs to be life outside the academy," says Roberto Pomo, who was recently named the new director of the program. "An active social life is an integral part of the academic experience."

Among the plans for other out-of-the-classroom activities is a colloquia series where student can meet informally with scholars, such as an evening with the University's deans. "They all started out as students," Pomo says. "How did their academic experience contribute to who they are now?"

Plans also call for culturally driven field trips such as to the theatre, galleries or the ballet both in Sacramento and, if funding permits, in the Bay Area.

With the first group of students arrive this fall, they will find a first-year curriculum for the program firmly in place, Craft says. The second year's courses have been planned but aren't yet approved and the upper-division courses are still in the development stage.

Three of the courses in both the fall and spring semester will be honors courses such as Education, Self-Examination and Living, World Civilizations I: to 1600 and World Civilization II: 1600 to the Present, Mathematical Reasoning, Public Speaking, and Critical Thinking.

The courses are all designed to have global outlook. Pomo hopes to expand on this commitment to internationalization by encouraging each of the students to study abroad for at least a semester during their junior year.

The honors program is fairly intensive, Craft says, and it will require a lot of energy, coordination and attention on the part of faculty. To help them prepare, there will be an honors faculty workshop on May 12 led by Gail Zimmerman who teaches in the HIS program at McClatchy High School.

For more information, contact Craft at 278-6340 or Pomo at 278-6368.

Letter from the President

As printed in the State Hornet,
May 3, 2006

To the Campus Community:

In the past few weeks, there has been much news about plans for the new Alex G. Spanos Sports & Recreation Complex. Unfortunately, there has also been information that is misleading, exaggerated or just plain wrong. I would like to clarify a few things.

First, we are moving forward with the Recreation, Wellness and Events Center. We have raised the initial \$25 million I promised to raise, and I will continue to find funding and partners. The RWEC is an important component of Destination 2010 – an initiative to make this a destination campus for the West and a premier metropolitan university. By early summer, we will finish the "programming" phase in which we determine exactly what spaces will go into this building. The next step, this summer and fall, is to have the architect complete more detailed drawings. I expect to begin construction in early 2008 and open by 2010.

Recently, there was confusion when the Associated Students asked me not to fund the Broad Athletic Facility as part of the larger Spanos Sports & Recreation Complex. They believed that since the Broad Facility was not part of the original student-approved plan, its construction costs should not come out of the \$25 million I promised to raise before the new student fee took effect. While we did not specifically mention it in the student referendum two years ago, we have always known the old field house would need to be replaced. And sure enough, the architect has recommended that we demolish it in order to make sufficient room for a major Recreation, Wellness and Events Center. I have consulted the University's legal counsel on this issue and counsel has determined that the Broad Athletic Facility is a necessary part of the overall Complex. Therefore, there is no reason to delay the project and we will move forward as planned.

The Spanos Sports & Recreation Complex will be the largest project ever built at Sacramento State. With well over 300,000 square feet of new construction, as well as a major renovation of Hornet Stadium, it must be built and funded in stages. My administration is committed to building it all, and we will continue to raise money until we have done it. The Complex includes:

The Recreation, Wellness and Events Center, at approximately 150,000 square feet, will be an important new part of student life. Though the list still needs to be finalized, the building is likely to include a fitness center, recreational courts, rock-climbing walls and a health center. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2008 and be completed in 2010.

The Broad Athletic Facility (pronounced "BRODE") is a 26,000 square-foot field house to the south of the stadium that will include a team weight room, coaches' offices and other space for intercollegiate athletics. Groundbreaking will be in fall 2006 with completion expected in late 2007.

The Arena will be to the east of the stadium and is envisioned as seating up to 8,000 for events such as intercollegiate basketball, commencement and concerts. It is expected to be at least 160,000 square feet. We are looking for a private partner to help build and operate it.

Hornet Stadium will be renovated with upgraded seating, boxes, concessions and other amenities. Seating capacity and other details are still being developed

Finally, I am making a renewed commitment to keeping you informed with a new project website: www.SpanosSportsComplex.com. You can also learn more about our ambitious Destination 2010 initiative at www.csus.edu/Destination2010.

It is inevitable that, despite all of our best efforts, there will be some confusion and miscommunication as part of the changes happening at Sacramento State. But I hope you agree that this is a small price to pay for the outstanding facilities we will gain.

I want you to know that nothing will change my enthusiasm for this project and this campus.

Sincerely,

Alexander Gonzalez
President

It's official, Hornets take Causeway Cup

When Sacramento State third baseman David Flores scooped up a ground ball and threw to Brian Blausler at first base on April 25, it not only secured the squad's 9-6 win over UC Davis, it wrapped up the 2006 Causeway Cup competition between the Hornets and Aggies.

In just its second year of existence, the Causeway Cup—a competition between Sacramento State and UC Davis that awards points for each event in which the two programs compete—has rekindled a rivalry between two athletic programs that have battled head-to-head for the better part of six decades.

In all, the Hornets and Aggies competed against one another 27 times this year in 18 sports sponsored by both programs. When the dust settled, Sacramento State had proven the victor in 17 of those meetings and outdistanced UC Davis, 66.25 to 38.75.

"I am proud of our coaches and student-athletes," Sacramento State Director of Athletics Terry Wanless said. "UC Davis has a strong and successful athletic program that we greatly respect."

"We have been committed to sponsoring a broad-based athletic department at Sacramento State and I really believe that a victory in the Causeway Cup speaks to our real strength as a program. Our success lies not in the accomplishments of one or two sports, but in the overall level of excellence throughout the entire program."

Although Sacramento State and UC Davis began competing against one another on the athletic field in 1948, differences in conference affiliations and NCAA classification have limited the number of competitions between the two schools over the last 15 years.

With the Aggies' recent move to NCAA Division I status, the two programs have committed to renew their rivalry in 18 sports that both schools sponsor on an annual basis.

For a complete listing of this year's Causeway Cup scores and a detailed explanation of the Causeway Cup scoring system, visit <http://www.hornetsports.com/info/causewaycup/index.asp>.

— *Sports Information*

Students to teach in Thailand's royal palace school

Four Sacramento State students will have the opportunity to teach in the presence of royalty thanks to two Sacramento State professors' strong ties with Thailand.

Communication Studies Professor Thomas Knutson and English Professor Richard Adams have established a new program where students will teach at the Chitralada Royal Palace School in Bangkok. Knutson said the school was originally only for the royal family but has now expanded to 1,500 students. The Sacramento State students will leave on May 15 and will spend 10 months teaching English to students in grades equivalent to seventh through 10th in America.

"It's a life-changing opportunity," Knutson said. "Working over there will be absolutely invaluable to them."

H.R.S. Princess Maha C. Sirindhorn and other school officials approved Kyle Hardwick, Casey Mayville, Dwight Turner and Jen White for the program from a pool of 20 student applicants.

Knutson said his connection with the school was established because his friend Geoffrey Hattersly, a former speech writer for Margaret Thatcher, is the director of the school's English program. Knutson is also well-versed in the Thai way of life and has taught and conducted research at several Thai universities for more than 10 years. He also helped establish a school in Nong Khai, Thailand called the First Global Community College in 1994.

If the program is a success, Knutson said he would like it to continue every year and hopes it will expand. Knutson said the students will be paid \$400 U.S. a month and provided accommodation close to the school.

To get the students adjusted to living and working in a different culture, Knutson and Adams held a seminar for the students on Thai culture. Turner, a junior majoring in communication studies, said students who had previously been to Thailand offered advice at the seminar and two Sacramento State Thai students spoke about the differences they encountered going to college in the United States.

"It was really good to see both sides," Turner said. "They taught us the cultural values, the big differences and what it is like to live in Bangkok."

Hardwick, a graduating English major, said he is excited but feels he will still experience a slight culture shock when he gets there. He said while he is not very familiar with the language he doesn't think it will be an issue because the Thai students are encouraged to absorb as much English as possible.

Hardwick said each student will teach their own class but will be provided with textbooks, lesson planners and a translator.

Communication studies senior Mayville said she has had previous experience tutoring students in Mexico and feels the opportunity will be valuable to her career plans to work in the translating industry in some capacity.

For more information contact Knutson at 278-6941.

Last Bulletin

The May 15 edition of the *Sacramento State Bulletin* will be the last of the academic year. The first edition for next year will be Monday, Aug. 28.

Items may be submitted to the *Sacramento State Bulletin* at bulletin@csus.edu. The deadline is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before Monday publication. All submissions are subject to editing for style and space.

More information is available at 278-6156.

Professional Activities

Student Spotlight

Meghan Farley, anthropology graduate student, won first place in the student paper competition at the 77th annual meetings of the Southwestern Anthropological Association for her paper entitled "'Armed with Truth and Fire': Discursive Formulations of Indigenous Resistance in Chiapis." The award includes a \$200 prize and publication of her paper in the association newsletter. The meetings, held April 27-30 in Pasadena, also featured graduate student research papers by **Stacy Peacher**, "Applied Medical Anthropology: Three Research Projects in Ethnically Diverse Communities," and **Kristina Casper-Denman**, "When Rocks Collide: Stones and Symbols at the Maidu Interpretive Center."

Recognition

Catherine Christo has been named University Assessment Coordinator. Christo is the School Psychology Program Coordinator in the Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation and School Psychology in the College of Education. Christo also serves on the campus National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education committee and has worked with various departments across campus in departmental reviews. She is a program reviewer for the National Association of School Psychologists and has reviewed submissions from throughout the country.

Terri Castaneda, Anthropology, was elected president of the Southwestern Anthropological Association during the association's annual meeting April 27-30 in Pasadena. Castaneda served as a panelist for the session "Toward an Anthropological Research Agenda in China" and chaired the session "Reproducing Kinship: Making and Managing Contemporary Meanings of Family." The 78th annual meeting of the association will be held next April in Sacramento. Individuals interested in serving on the SWAA annual meeting planning committee can contact her at tac@csus.edu.

Arnie Golub, Psychology, is the new president of Phi Kappa Phi for the 2006-07 year. Other officers elected are professors Jeri Langham, vice president; Joe Digiorgio, treasurer; Rebecca Cameron, secretary; Kal Gezi, public relations; Paula Eldot, member-at-large; and Sutee Sujitparapitaya, president-elect.

Scholarship

Spencer Freund, Academic Affairs/Telecommunications, spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony launching the city of Sacramento's wireless Internet access on April 4. After, he was interviewed by Channel 10 about the future of wireless technology.

Edward Baranowski, Foreign Languages, presented a paper entitled "Defining the Spanish Future Subjunctive" at the 59th annual Kentucky Foreign Language Conference at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, April 20-22.

Liam D. Murphy, Anthropology, presented a paper entitled "Risky Ritual: Language and Religion in Post-Conflict Belfast" at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Anthropological Association.

Raghuraman Trichur, Anthropology, presented a paper entitled "Tourism and Nation-Building: Goa's Postcolonial Predicament" at the 77th annual meeting of the Southwestern Anthropological Association held in Pasadena April 29.

Rob Wassmer, Public Policy and Administration, was an invited expert to a forum held in the City of Woodland on April 23 to discuss the pros and cons of a proposal to institute an urban limit line. His co-authored article "Beyond The Basics: The Effects Of Non-Core Curricular Enrichments on Standardized Test Scores at High Schools," was published in the Summer 2006 edition of the refereed *Michigan Journal of Public Affairs*.

Ted Lascher and **Rob Wassmer**, Public Policy and Administration, had their article "Who Supports Local Growth and Regional Planning to Deal with Its Consequences" published in the May 2006 edition of the refereed journal *Urban Affairs Review*.

Francis Yuen, social work, is the co-author of a new book *Social Work for the Twenty-First Century: Challenges and Opportunities* published by Praeger Publishers this month. The book provides critical analyses and discussions on the state of the social work profession.

Robert Halseth, Music, served as adjudicator and clinician for the wind program at Campolindo High School on April 21 in Moraga. On April 22, Halseth served as conducting commentator at the Pacific Western Concert Band Festival at University of the Pacific in Stockton.

Mark Stoner, Communication Studies and Center for Teaching and Learning, delivered a course titled "Exploring Principles of Instructional Communication" to the Didactica Program at the University of Zurich in March. He also delivered lectures at the University of Switzerland in Lugano, at Franklin College, and at the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom. He is now a visiting fellow at University of Lancaster with the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning.

Jeff Lustig, Government, delivered a paper "The Fiscal Crisis of the Campus: The View from California" to the National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education Conference at the Baruch Center, New York on April 3. He delivered a paper, "Urban Communes and Utopias of California in the '60s," to the "West of Eden" Conference at UC Berkeley on March 25.

News Digest

Velha Goa reception

A closing reception for the Velha Goa exhibit, Series III, will be held from 1-3 p.m., Thursday, May 11, in the Anthropology Museum in Mendocino Hall.

Details: 278-6067

Technology workshops planned

Academic Technology and Creative Services, and Computing, Communications and Media Services will offer the following workshops during the summer:

- WebCT version 6 workshops will be offered twice starting June 16 and July 17. The workshops provide hands-on, step-by-step instructions on how to create online courses or online materials using WebCT version 6. The "Introduction to WebCT 6" and "The Basics" workshops are the foundations for the other topic-based WebCT workshops offered.
- Web skills classes such as Web Design, Introduction to Web Accessibility, Faculty Web Sites, Dreamweaver, Images for the Web, Cascading Style Sheets, Using Sac State Web Templates, and StudyMate
- Toolbook Assistant 8.5 (Windows only) workshop on creating attractive, highly responsive interactive quizzes and presentations.
- Creating Movies with Pinnacle (PC users)
- Communication Tips for Altiris Vision and PowerPoint
- Digital design essentials with Photoshop Elements, image acquisition, image scanning, printing, web publishing, and archiving and managing digital images
- Go Paperless with Adobe Acrobat workshop on creating PDF documents using several different options, as well as viewing navigating and modifying content with Adobe Acrobat

Academic Technology and Creative Services staff will also be available for consultation on a drop-in basis in the open lab session each Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in Academic Information Resource Center 3013 for faculty working on technology-related course material.

For questions regarding these workshops, or any other academic technology related issue e-mail training@csus.edu, visit the Academic Technology and Creative Services office located in ARC 3005, or call 278-3370.

The Technology Workshop Schedule for Faculty and Staff Training can be found at www.csus.edu/uccs/training/.

Picnic time is near

The Annual USA Staff Appreciation Picnic will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, June 2 at the Outdoor Theatre. This year's event will have a Western theme with food, entertainment and prizes.

With sponsorship from the President's Office, University Enterprises and the University Staff Assembly, one complimentary ticket each is available for staff members who choose to attend.

Individuals can pick up their tickets by contacting their USA Representative after May 8 but no later than May 19. General tickets for non-staff members can be purchased for \$10 from any University Staff Assembly Representative. No tickets will be available at the event.

Details: www.csus.edu/usa

Campus Announcements

Summer hours

This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, the campus will again adopt a modified work schedule with normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours will be effective on Tuesday, May 30 and continue through Friday, August 18. Authorized supervisors may modify individual work schedules to address special situations as long as offices are staffed during these announced hours.

As in past summers, this schedule enables the University to realize substantial budget savings by reducing energy consumption during the late afternoon hours when energy demand is highest.

For questions or concerns that cannot be answered by individual office supervisors or managers, contact Elizabeth Redmond, interim associate vice president for Human Resources, at 278-4488 or via e-mail at lredmond@csus.edu.

Hornet Bookstore groundbreaking

University Enterprises announces that there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for construction of Sacramento State's new Hornet Bookstore building on Thursday, May 11 at 2 p.m. in front of the redwood grove adjacent to Parking Structure II.

Located on a major pedestrian thoroughfare near the University Union and Serna Plaza, the three-story, 93,000 square-foot building will add a bold retail component for students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors. When completed in 2007 it will house the University's bookstore, operated by the Follett Higher Education Group, and University Enterprises administrative offices.

Catastrophic leave donations

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. CSEA, MPP, Unit 6, and Confidential employees may donate up to a maximum of 40 hours per fiscal year. Unit 4 employees may donate up to a maximum of 32 hours per fiscal year.

Employees interested in donating time can obtain a donation form by visiting www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#Disability, by visiting the Human Resources Benefits Office in Sacramento Hall 162, or by calling extension 278-6213.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation program: Kevin Calandri, Economics; Corrina Carlock, Admissions and Records; Jerry Cook, Family and Consumer Sciences; Christine Kellerman, College of Health and Human Services; Earl Kymala, Math; Jane Roberts, History; and Ondria Small, College of Continuing Education.

Volunteers needed for NCAA Outdoor Championships

More than 1,000 of the top collegiate athlete in the nation will compete June 7-10 on the Sacramento State campus in a nationally-televised event—the 2006 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Celebrating its 100-year anniversary, the Outdoor Track and Field event is the oldest championship sponsored by the NCAA as well as the largest championship in terms of participants.

It takes hundreds of volunteers to put on an event of this magnitude, so the local organizing committee is asking for help. Anyone interested in volunteering in one of the numerous positions available during this championship event can do so by contacting Lois Mattice, Sacramento State associate athletics director, at 278-7548.

On the Job with the Ticket Office

The *Bulletin* spoke with Scott Gephart, manager of the Sacramento State Ticket Office.

What do people think you do?

"People think that we sell tickets to all Sac State events. And some think that we sell parking passes. People also think that we're the operator, since we get a lot of calls from people wanting to be transferred to another department."

What do you really do?

"We sell tickets to Sac State events and we are also a Tickets.com outlet. Being a Tickets.com outlet, we are able to sell patrons tickets to other events in the area like shows at the Memorial Auditorium and Community Theatre. We also sell discount tickets to Universal Studios, Marine World and Great America. Plus, we're very good at giving directions to the parking pass machines."

Describe your office.

"We have a cozy little office outside of the Student Union near Burger King on the first floor. We are open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. while classes are in session and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the breaks. We also have satellite offices in other buildings that we use to sell tickets and distribute Will Call tickets."

What surprises people?

"That we sell tickets for venues other than just Sac State events and that we sell discount tickets to some theme parks as well."

What is your biggest challenge?

"Getting the word out that we sell tickets for the other Tickets.com venues and getting students to purchase their tickets early. They get so upset when we're sold out on the night of some performances, but there's nothing we can do. If it's sold out, it's sold out."

What do you get asked the most?

"Can you hook me up with some free tickets?"

"Do you sell parking passes here?"

"Do you still have tickets for...?"

Time to break out the caps and gowns

Spring Commencement schedule**Friday, May 19**

College of Arts and Letters, 12:30 p.m., Hornet Stadium

College of Engineering and Computer Science, 5 p.m., Outdoor Theatre

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, 7 p.m., Hornet Stadium

Saturday, May 20

College of Health and Human Services, 8 a.m., Hornet Stadium

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, 10 a.m., Outdoor Theatre

College of Business Administration, noon, Hornet Stadium

College of Education, 6 p.m., Hornet Stadium

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