

## THIS WEEK

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**CATCH THE ART BALL**—Lots of art, fun, and perhaps a little craziness will be offered up 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the annual campus-wide Art Ball. Kadema Hall, the Library Gallery and the Art Sculpture Lab are a few of the venues where participants will find paintings, sculpture, and performance art, not to mention food and live music.

### 2009 spring commencement schedule

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## EVENTS



### Choralfest 2009

Sacramento State's choirs welcome Ponderosa High School's Chamber Choir and the Weimar Academy Choir for *Choralfest 2009* at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16, at Sacred Heart Church, 39th and J Streets. The concert will include works by Ola Gjeilo and Blake Henson. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at Sacramento State's Ticket Office,

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#### **Mini-Bin**

Mini-Bins are available to help with the clutter in your office! These small trash bins clip on to the side of your desk-side commingled (blue) recycling bin. If you would like one, let us know. We will then take away your large trash bin, and promise to return it should you find the mini-bin doesn't work for you. Since you already recycle everything you can in your commingled container, you may not be aware of how little trash you actually throw away. You can get one of these small trash receptacles by contacting Facilities Services Customer

Service at 278-6242.

278-4323 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

## Campus Calendar of Events

### ATHLETICS

#### **Konikov named Big Sky coach of the year; Stryhas and Harbatsiuk invited to NCAA doubles championship**

Sacramento State head men's tennis coach Slava Konikov was named the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year, and the Hornet doubles team of Kiryl Harbatsiuk and Anton Stryhas were selected to compete later this month at the NCAA Div. I Men's Doubles Championship.

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## **Bulletin Staff**



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## **Catch the Art Ball at Sac State**

Anything can happen and usually does at Sacramento State's annual Art Ball, which rolls across campus from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, May 15, at Kadema Hall, the Art Sculpture Lab, the Library Annex Gallery, and other venues on the University grounds.

The free event celebrates the Art Department's graduating seniors and master's students with special showings of their works and those of other students, along with live music, food, and performance art.

Celebrants have been known to don wild costumes, march in parades around the campus, or stage brief dramatic performances.

This year, revelers will want to catch the Traveling Road Show and Celestial Blue Thunder in the Kadema breezeway beginning at 6:30 p.m. The road show is a performance art presentation based on body extensions and created by Professor Andrew Connelly's students.

Celestial Blue Thunder is an art car created by Professor Robert Ortbal's students. This could be the vehicle's first stop on a summer tour to include the State Fair and possibly the Burning Man celebration in Nevada.

The Graduate Show receptions will be held 6-7 p.m., in the Witt Gallery, and 7:30-9 p.m., in the Library Annex Gallery. The Senior Show reception is 5:30-9 p.m. in the Else Gallery.

More art—paintings, ceramics, sculpture—will be exhibited throughout the evening in Kadema 131, 264, 266 and 268, and Art Sculpture Lab 106, 108 and 110; Art and Art History presentations will be held 6:30-8 p.m. in Kadema 145; and a New Media Exhibition will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Mariposa 1007.

For more information on the Art Ball, contact the Art Department at [www.csus.edu/art](http://www.csus.edu/art) or 278-6166.

## **Black Graduation Celebration**

The Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program will sponsor the 23rd annual Black Graduation Celebration, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, May 18, in the University Union Ballroom.

Graduates are asked to arrive at 5:30 p.m. Students must be in cap and gown, but may wear Kente or ethnic caps and scarves.

The event is open to all students and the ceremony is open to the public.

For more information, contact Kimberley A. Folkes, Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program coordinator, 278-5363.

## **Sacramento State athletes are improving academically**

The NCAA released the 2007-08 Academic Progress Rate (APR) information today, and data for Sacramento State athletics shows significant improvement across the board.

An APR score is generated by assigning each scholarship student-athlete one point for remaining eligible each semester and one point for each semester in which they return to school. An institution then divides the number of eligibility and retention points earned by the number of points possible.

An APR score of 925 or higher, according to the NCAA, should matriculate into a graduation success rate of approximately 60 percent or higher.

This past year, the Hornets had nine teams post a perfect 1,000 single-year score. In addition, 19 of the 20 sports at Sacramento State recorded single-year APR scores above 930.

Moreover, Sacramento State has 13 teams scoring above a 925 APR for their multi-year rate and an additional two programs within two points of that mark.

"We are extremely pleased with our APR scores this year," Paul Edwards, director of the Student-Athlete Resource Center, says. "It is an indication that the hard work of a lot of people on campus is beginning to pay off.

"A lot of credit goes to our coaches for understanding the process more completely, putting in additional hours of academic monitoring and helping the student-athletes to more clearly focus on their academics."

Earlier this year, the Hornet women's basketball program received an APR public recognition award for ranking in the top 10 percent of all squads nationally in their respective sport. The women's basketball team was the only squad to receive the honor in the state and was the lone entry on the list in the Pacific time zone.

## **Two campus projects may gain LEED rating**

Two new Sacramento State projects – the American River Courtyard student housing complex and the Recreation and Wellness Center – are expected to receive a LEED Silver rating, pending review by the U.S. Green Building Council.

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council to encourage environmental awareness by government agencies, architects, engineers, developers and builders. The council awards a rating among four levels: Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

American River Courtyard, which opens this fall near the J Street campus entrance, will offer apartment-style housing for second-year returning resident students and transfer, international and graduate students. The 209,050-square-foot hall will offer 600 beds in suite-style configurations.

The Recreation and Wellness Center, scheduled to open in fall 2010 at the north end of Hornet Stadium, will be a 150,845-square-foot multi-use facility with courts, weight and fitness rooms, a climbing wall, indoor track and new student health center.

Under a California State University executive order, all new campus buildings and facilities must be designed and constructed with the goal that they outperform the applicable energy code by a minimum 15 percent and obtain at least a LEED Silver rating. The order calls for efficient water use, low life-cycle operating costs and optimal indoor air quality. Building contracts must encourage recycling and the use of environmentally friendly construction materials.

The American River Courtyard project outperformed the energy code by "an outstanding 25 percent," according to Victor Takahashi, director of Facilities, Planning and Construction Services. The Recreation and Wellness Center project incorporated advanced, low-emitting skylights to reduce solar impact yet provide substantial daylight.

Takahashi noted that both projects incorporate many environmentally friendly measures, including:

- Preferred parking for low-pollution vehicles.
- Sidewalks and other fixtures designed to minimize heat.
- Exterior lighting designed to reduce light pollution.
- Water-reducing fixtures such as toilets and shower heads.
- High-efficiency air handlers, chillers, boilers and lights.
- CO2 sensors that monitor indoor air quality.
- Ban on use of ozone-depleting refrigerants.
- Green housekeeping.

Separation of construction waste such as cardboard, concrete, wood and metals.

## **IRT provides campus community with free storage space**

Information Resources and Technology can't do much about conquering time, but they are trying to do something about space.

Sacramento State faculty, staff and students now have two gigabytes of free secure space to store documents and other information and to access them using any computer in any location at any time.

"What this means for anyone with a SacLink account is convenience," says Maureen McQuestion, director of IRT's customer service center. "Instead of storing large files on a flash drive or portable hard drive, people can simply upload their documents and retrieve them when needed. That will be especially handy for anyone who has to travel and make a presentation. Their files will be as readily accessible as their mail."

McQuestion said files are automatically backed up on campus-wide SacFiles servers and files are shielded by several firewalls and private security measures.

SacFiles is compatible with Windows XP, Windows Vista and Mac OSX. Directions for accessing SacFiles storage space are available at [www.csus.edu/irt/services/SacFiles](http://www.csus.edu/irt/services/SacFiles).

For assistance, visit the IRT Service Desk in AIRC 2005, or call 278- 7337.

## **Library books Stress-Free Zone to help students during finals**

In preparation for finals, a Stress-Free Zone will be set up in the browsing section of the University Library Lobby, (between the Circulation Desk and the Art Gallery), 1-7 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 11-15, and Monday through Tuesday, May 18-19.

The Stress-Free Zone contains comfortable chairs, the library's newest books, cards, games and puzzles. The Zone also features a poetry composition wall, a paper airplane building station and short films and cartoons in room 0136 on the lower level. Alicia Patrice, a certified yoga instructor, will offer free relaxation sessions at 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 13, in the Library Art Gallery.

A dramatic poetry reading, featuring Sacramento State theatre students, is 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, and Cary Kelly, a Sacramento State alum and "Cat in the Hat" will hold an escape to childhood story time presentation on Thursday, May 14.

Quiet study areas will be upstairs and on the lower level.

For more information contact Linda J. Goff, Head of Instructional Services for the library at 278-598, e-mail [ljgoff@csus.edu](mailto:ljgoff@csus.edu) or visit the library web site <http://apps.lib.csus.edu/blogs/>.

## **Student government leader picks up statewide honor**

Sacramento State honors student Nicole Anderson is a vocal force when it comes to student government. Her work as the secretary of state affairs for Associated Students, Inc., including her advocacy for affordable tuition before the California Legislature, has been recognized statewide.

Those efforts helped earn her the CSU Student Advocate (CSSA) of the Year Award at the California State Student Association's 50th anniversary celebration. The CSSA represents the 450,000 students in the CSU system and gives student representatives an opportunity to learn leadership and advocacy skills to shape public policy.

Anderson traveled to the Capitol more than a dozen times this school year on behalf of ASI, and legislative staff members know her by name. Receiving the award has been "very empowering," she says. "I've been

putting a lot of effort in going to the Capitol. It shows my activities were not going unnoticed.”

Roberto Pomo, director of the University’s Honors Program, calls Anderson “a solid student leader. This young woman has been wonderfully committed since the first day she set foot on campus.”

Anderson says the award recognizes their lobbying efforts at the Capitol for a quality, affordable education and reflects “the high caliber of students who attend Sacramento State.”

Anderson is majoring in international relations. She has received a commission from the Marine Corps and plans to become a judge advocate general for the service.

This is the second year in a row that a Sacramento State student has been honored as the CSU Student Advocate of the Year. Roberto Torres, the current ASI executive vice president and ASI president-elect, received the award in 2008.

## **Second-to-last edition of the *Bulletin***

This is the second-to-last edition of the *Sacramento State Bulletin* for the spring semester. The Monday, May 18 edition will be the last for the semester. The first edition for the next academic year will be Monday, Aug. 24.

*Monday Briefing* will continue through the summer. *Monday Briefing* is a way for campus units to communicate items related to the campus and campus-related activities. These items can range from policy announcements from the President’s Cabinet, to reminders about vacation use to retirement parties. The basic requirement is that the announcement should be of interest to a broad number of faculty and staff members.

Items for *Monday Briefing* may be submitted by visiting [www.csus.edu/bulletin/mondaybriefingsubmit.htm](http://www.csus.edu/bulletin/mondaybriefingsubmit.htm).

The deadline is 11 a.m., the Thursday before publication. All submissions are subject to editing for style and space. More information is available at 278-6156.

## **Faculty Senate**

### **Tuesday, May 12**

1:30-2:50 p.m. – Curriculum Subcommittee (CPC) – Sacramento Hall, 275

3-5 p.m. – Executive Committee – Sacramento Hall, 275

### **Wednesday, May 13**

9-10 a.m. – Writing and Reading Subcommittee (CPC) – Camellia Room – University Union

3-4:30 p.m. – General Education Course Review Subcommittee (GE/GRPC) – Sacramento Hall, 275

### **Thursday, May 14**

8:30-10 a.m. – Graduate Studies Policies Committee (GSPC) – Sacramento Hall, 275

3-5 p.m. – Faculty Senate – Foothill Suite, University Union

## Professional Activities

### Scholarship

**Lindy Valdez**, Liberal Studies/Kinesiology and Health Science, was awarded the 2008-2009 Outstanding Faculty Advisor award for California from the Student California Teacher Association (SCTA), April 25, in Los Angeles. The Sacramento State student SCTA chapter on campus was also awarded outstanding student chapter in the state.

**Roger Sullivan**, Anthropology, co-authored a poster presented at the annual International Meeting for Autism Research in Chicago.

**Ron Coleman**, Biological Sciences, gave an invited talk in the Program in Science Learning series at Rutgers University entitled, "How to Use Case Studies to Teach Concepts of Evolution" on March 31.

**Marie Torregrosa**, Faculty Student Mentor Program, presented on, "The Evolution of the Mentoring Framework and the Faculty Student Mentor Program's Practices at CSU, Sacramento," at the International Mentoring Association Conference.

**Adriana Echandia**, College of Education, and **Bridget Parsh**, College of Health and Human Services, Faculty Student Mentor Program, co-presented on "Working with Students to Help Students: Overcoming Obstacles" at the International Mentoring Association Conference.

### Student spotlight

**Angelo A. Williams**, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, presented at the 2009 American Education Research Association Conference as symposium chairperson for the discussion, "Examining the Conditions of Latina and Latino High School Students Within a Multicultural/Multiethnic Context." He also has been appointed interim dean of Enrollment Management and Student Services at Cosumnes River College in the Los Rios Community College District.

### Campus Announcements

#### Employee of the Month

Robin L. Pollock and Arlette M. Barnard are University employees of the month.

Pollock is the administrative analyst/specialist, in the [College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies](#). Her colleague described her as "a dedicated mentor who coaches and encourages her colleagues to understand the advantages of professional development opportunities."

Arlette Barnard is the special assistant to the executive director of University Enterprises, Inc. Her nominator mentioned, "Arlette is always willing to share her expertise with those who need it, and is an excellent example of an employee who takes seriously the value of creating a welcoming environment."

Nominations are being accepted for the new academic year for the Staff Employee Recognition Program. Names of the recipients will be announced in September.

Details regarding eligibility, criteria, and nomination procedures are available on the website link: <http://www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm>

*Submitted by the Office of the President*

#### Topping out ceremony

The University Union will hold a topping out ceremony to celebrate another milestone in the construction of the Recreation and Wellness Center (the WELL) beginning at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, in parking lot 12.

The topping out ceremony has a long history and it signifies the placement of the last beam on top of a building. The campus community is invited to sign the last beam that day before it is hoisted to the top of the structure.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. with the beam signing, and the beam will be lifted into place at 11 a.m. Free food and music will be available starting at 11:30 a.m.

*Submitted by the WELL*

### **Research Funding Update**

The May issue of Research Funding Update (formerly known as Funding Alert) is available. This update is published monthly to alert the campus community to possible sources of external support for research, scholarly and creative activities. An abbreviated listing and a more detailed version are available on the web at <http://www.csus.edu/research/funding/update>.

This month's highlight includes the National Science Foundation's \$9 million funding availability and targeted funding opportunity notices in arts, humanities, education, community development, health, mental health, science and engineering.

Additional information about any of the opportunities announced in Research Funding Update can be obtained by clicking on the web address or by contacting Research Administration at 278-7565.

*Submitted by Research Administration*

### **USA elections**

Nomination statements and ballots for voting for staff representation on campus committees have been distributed by University Staff Assembly (USA) representatives. Your vote will help determine who will represent the staff community on various campus committees. Ballots are due on May 15. For more information, contact your USA representative or visit <http://www.csus.edu/usa/>.

*Submitted by USA*

### **Special election forum**

The Department of Government presents a forum on the May 19 special election noon, Thursday, May 14, in the University Union Delta Suite.

Academic experts will present a non-partisan "explainer" on the special election ballot measures. Sacramento State government and public policy professors will help to clarify the context, impact, and meaning of Props 1A-1F.

*Submitted by the Department of Government*

### **Modified work schedule**

To help conserve energy during the summer months, the University will continue using a modified work schedule. Effective Monday, June 1, and continuing through Friday, Aug. 21, normal business hours for the campus will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break. As always, authorized supervisors may modify individual work schedules to address special situations as long as these basic hours are covered. It is important that offices are staffed during these announced hours.

For more information contact your supervisor or Elizabeth Redmond, associate vice president for Human Resources.

*Submitted by Human Resources*

### **Manager's workshop**

Human Resources will conduct workshops on the Sacramento State Performance Evaluation Process for new managers and supervisors. To attend, e-mail Marianne Mangosing at [mgm59@saclink.csus.edu](mailto:mgm59@saclink.csus.edu). Include your name and the date of the workshop you would like to attend.

Workshop times are 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Monday, May 11 and 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, May 14. Workshops will be held in Sacramento Hall, room 275.

*Submitted by Human Resources*

### **Capital Public Radio Health Forum**

Capital Public Radio will hold a Second Opinions Community Health Forum 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, May 11, in Sacramento State's Alumni Center. The forum, presented in partnership with The Sacramento Bee, will tackle the topic of staying healthy against all odds during stressful times. It will be moderated by Jeffrey Callison, host and producer of Capital Public Radio's Insight. He will be joined by a group of local panelists specializing in wellness.

For more information, contact Shirlee Tully Fong (916)765-9000 or go to [www.secondopinions.org](http://www.secondopinions.org).

*Submitted by Capital Public Radio*

### **Copy discounts**

The Copy Graphics Center, located in the River Front Center, is offering faculty and staff a discount on color copies during May. Any quantity of color copies will be 49 cents each. Copy Graphics offers a variety of print services, graduation announcements, thesis binding, mounted oversized prints and design services.

For information visit [www.enterprises.csus.edu/copygraphics](http://www.enterprises.csus.edu/copygraphics).

*Submitted by UEI*

### **Strategic Planning Council**

The Strategic Planning Council (SPC) is inviting the campus community to participate in small focus groups on shaping the University's future through May 8. The focus groups will be looking 10 years ahead at what will attract the next generation of students to Sacramento State and what they may experience here.

Focus groups conducted earlier in the semester provided SPC with exceptional data as the campus prepares to engage in a new Futures Initiative.

To learn more about the focus groups and to sign up, visit [www.csus.edu/spc/focusgroups](http://www.csus.edu/spc/focusgroups).

*Submitted by Academic Affairs*

### **Writing the University call for submissions**

Sacramento State Faculty members are asked to submit outstanding student writing to *Writing the University*, an online journal of undergraduate writing from across the curriculum. The journal is published by the Senate Reading and Writing Subcommittee. Visit [www.csus.edu/wac/journal](http://www.csus.edu/wac/journal) for submission guidelines.

*Submitted by the English Department*

### **Getting the grades**

Spring 2009 grading begins May 18. The Office of the University Registrar will conduct in-person faculty grade training sessions in the AIRC 3013 training lab on the following dates:

Session 1: May 19, 9-10 a.m.

Session 2: May 19, 10-11 a.m.

Session 3: May 19, 1-2 p.m.

Session 4: May 20, 9-10 a.m.

Session 5: May 20, 10-11 a.m.

Session 6: May 20, 1-2 p.m.

Each session will cover grade entry, the grade approval/save process, the grade posting process and timelines. To sign up, RSVP to Learner Web at [www.rms.csus.edu/training/instructions.html](http://www.rms.csus.edu/training/instructions.html) or call the CMS HelpDesk at 278-7337.

*Submitted by the University Registrar*

### **Leadership scholarship**

The Serna Center is accepting applications for the Bustos Family Leadership through Service Scholarship. Students can receive \$1,000 for the fall semester. Scholarship qualifications and applications can be viewed at the Center's website, [www.csus.edu/sernacenter/scholarships/index.htm](http://www.csus.edu/sernacenter/scholarships/index.htm).

For more information, call 278-4512.  
*Submitted by the Serna Center*

## Human Resources

### Catastrophic leave donation program

Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits in one-hour increments each fiscal year. Bargaining Units 1, 8, 10 and 11 may only donate up to 16 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:

Janelle Robinette, Nursing  
Julie Bradley, Math Department  
Wandarah Anderson, Division of Social Work  
Michael Wilson, Economics  
Misty Sisneros, Community Engagement Center  
Joseph Small, Reprographics

### Staff profile - Laurette Suter

Laurette Suter has a long history with Sacramento State. After receiving her degree in foreign languages from the University and later graduate studies in educational policy and administration in higher education, she began a career in media and management for University Media Services. After working there for 20 years, she became a professor of French and the director of the department's foreign language lab.

Suter says she developed her taste for teaching during her college years and while living in France where she taught English for a year to junior high school students in a French government foreign program. "It was a great experience," she says.

Suter says her original goal was to begin a career in diplomatic affairs, but teaching was always what she really wanted to do. "I enjoy the simple contact with the students, their learning and their desire to know the language. I like seeing their language proficiency grow."

She says she supports students' development of language by encouraging them to travel overseas. She is enthusiastic about Sacramento State's study abroad and work abroad programs offered through the Office of Global Education. "Students have the chance to improve their language skills and experience a new cultural setting."

Suter speaks highly of her years and experiences at the University. "Working at Sacramento State has been my life. I have developed friendships, skills, and expertise. I know the campus well, and I am big believer in the Sacramento State education system."

### This Week in Hornet Action

#### Baseball

Tuesday, May 12  
Sacramento State at California, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14  
Sacramento State vs. Fresno State, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 15  
Sacramento State vs. Fresno State, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

Sacramento State vs. Fresno State, noon

**Outdoor track**

Wednesday, May 13-Saturday, May 16

Sacramento State at the Big Sky Championships, Missoula, Mont.

**Women's tennis**

Friday, May 15-Monday, May 25, NCAA finals, College Station, Texas

**Rowing**

Saturday, May 16

Sacramento State at the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships, Lake Natoma, 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 17

Sacramento State at the Pacific-10 Championships, Lake Natoma, 8 a.m.