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Ink and toner cartridge usage
Consider purchasing recycled cartridges from a reputable vendor. Visit www.csus.edu/proc/SmallDVBEPercent20Businesses/toner.htm for Procurement’s list of small business toner and ink cartridge vendors. Set the printer preferences to the lightest setting appropriate for your print job.

Some recycling tips: do not throw ink and toner cartridges in the trash. It is bad for the environment, and they can be remanufactured for reuse. Please do not give or mail your ink and toner cartridges to outside sources. We recycle right here on campus. The University has a contractual agreement with a toner and ink cartridge recycler and receives a recycling stipend which helps fund the recycling program.

Departments can request a collection box (17” square x 2’ tall) from Kathleen Reynolds, integrated waste manager, at 278-5801.

Old cell phones can also be collected with the used ink and toner cartridges. Remember to remove the SIM card.

For more information, visit the “Sacramento State Recycles” website at www.fm.csus.edu/iwm/.

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Exceptional students earn Dean’s Awards

One outstanding graduating student from each of the University’s seven colleges received a Dean’s Award for his or her admirable achievements both in the classroom and in the community. The awards were presented at a dinner in their honor on Tuesday, April 29.

During Sacramento State’s commencement ceremonies at Arco Arena on May 23 and 24, President Alexander Gonzalez will award one of the students with a President’s Medallion.

This year’s recipients are:

Charles Stuthard is graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in History from the University’s College of Arts and Letters. The son of a single mother, he was raised in Oak Park and Meadowview, sometimes in foster homes. After his mother’s death during his sophomore year, he assumed responsibility for his mentally disabled older brother. He worked two jobs while pursuing full-time studies at Sacramento State. With a current grade point average of 3.94, his History professors describe him as “an ideal student.” Stuthard, who has served as a counselor for emotionally disturbed youth at a residential treatment facility, now tutors middle-school children through the “America Reads!” program managed by Breakthrough Sacramento. He hopes to enroll in the four-year combined master’s/law degree program at UC Davis; his eventual goal is to earn a Ph.D. and teach in the community colleges.

Jesse West Manton is graduating with a degree from the College of Business Administration with a concentration in general management. With an overall grade point average of 3.70, he has been inducted into the prestigious honor society for business, Beta Gamma Sigma. He served as team captain of Sacramento State’s men’s soccer team and was awarded the 2006 Scholar-Athlete All-Region by the NSCAA. He was also awarded the 2005 ESPN: The Magazine Academic All-District Scholar Athlete Award. Manton created “Project Backpack” which raises funds to supply underprivileged children with backpacks filled with school and dental supplies. A pre-dental student, Manton plans to earn an MBA and enroll in dental school to become a doctor of dental surgery.

Aurora Murillo earned a bachelor’s degree in child development with a minor in multicultural education and plans to enter the College of Education’s counseling program. Along with her mother and brother, Murillo emigrated to the U.S. from Mexico City when she was 12 years old. She plans to use her family’s experience facing language barriers, economic strain, and physically demanding work in underpaid jobs in her career as a counselor. “As a counselor, I will be able to address the needs of culturally diverse families, advocate for their well-being, and support students to attain higher education,” she says. Murillo has been a volunteer at SEARCH, a Catholic youth movement of the Diocese of Sacramento, and MEAP (Migrant Education Advising Program).

Stacie Hiratsuka is graduating with a bachelor’s degree in electrical and electronics engineering and a minor in mathematics in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Hiratsuka has volunteered at various elementary schools around the Sacramento City Unified School District since she was in middle school, and she is an active member in the engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi, the Society of Women Engineers and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Hiratsuka’s academic, extracurricular and professional achievements have earned her the opportunity to teach English to K-12 students in Thailand’s prestigious Chitralada Royal Palace School on King Bhumibol Adulyadej’s royal grounds. She was one of only five students selected for this program.

Sarah Sanderson graduated from the Division of Nursing in the College of Health and Human Services with a cumulative GPA of 3.56. She was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the national nursing honor society, and the Golden Key Honor Society, and has been awarded numerous scholarships. Sanderson had leadership roles in the local chapter of California Nursing Students Association (CNSA) and at the state level of CNSA. She served as president of the fall 2007 class and as treasurer and state chapter representative of CNSA. Sanderson published an article in the Range of Motion statewide CNSA newsletter on the use of human patient simulators in nursing curricula. She plans to pursue a graduate education and work in the field of health policy.
Jason Cooper majored in chemistry with a minor in physics in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. He received the HyperChem Scholar Award as the outstanding physical chemistry student, due to his “natural curiosity and passion for science.” He has worked with the U.S. Geological Survey, CA Water Science Center, and was actively involved with the Sacramento State SEE program. He has been an instructor for the adjunct program and a teaching associate in multiple disciplines. Cooper was integral in re-starting Sacramento State’s Golden Key International Honors Society chapter, and collected books to send to New Orleans after the Katrina disaster. He established a Sac State Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and helped to raise more than $23,000.

Daniel Sanchez, a government major in the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, has an overall GPA of 3.927. The son of a Mexican immigrant and former migrant worker, Sanchez currently teaches a one-unit Learning Skills course designed to assist first-generation and underserved college students with the study skills needed to be successful in Government I. He is actively involved assisting the department with developing a unique faculty peer mentor program. After graduation, Sanchez plans to spend a year completing a policy-focused fellowship in New York City or in a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., before entering a graduate program and pursuing a career as a policy advocate for a non-profit organization.

Spring commencement ceremonies for each college will take place at Arco Arena Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24. Graduates will assemble 30 minutes before their respective ceremonies.

For more information about Sacramento State’s commencement, contact 278-4724 or visit www.csus.edu/commence.

Mathematics professor wins Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award

A Sacramento State professor who specializes in the study of elastic deformations on geometric objects received the University’s Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award.

Marcus Marsh, a professor of mathematics and statistics, received the award for his research toward discovering stronger forms of Dutch mathematician L.E.J. Brouwer’s fixed point theorem.

Marsh is an expert in topology, the study of geometrical objects that remain unchanged when deformed or distorted such as by twisting or stretching (for example a rubber band).

Brouwer’s theorem, which was developed almost 100 years ago, proves that even when certain objects are subjected to continuous transformations, they still have a fixed point somewhere. “Even with all that twisting, stretching, and folding, there is a point that stays in the same place,” Marsh says.

The theory has a number of practical applications in economics, game theory, and physical science. For example, “It is used to find equilibrium points in economics. Supply equals demand,” he says.

The award is given annually to a Sacramento State faculty member who has made significant contributions to a discipline through scholarly activity, creative or artistic endeavors, research and publication. Candidates for the award must have been at Sacramento State for at least 10 academic years in a tenured or tenure track position.

The award also includes a grant for professional development, and Marsh will receive $2,500 to continue his research.

The award will be presented to Marsh during his lecture on Brouwer’s theory, 4 p.m., Thursday, May 15 in the University Union’s Orchard Suite. A reception will follow in the Lobby Suite.

For more information on the award, contact Marsh at (916) 278-6570.
ENS Open Forum

The campus will hold an open forum on the Emergency Notification System at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 15 in the University Union Redwood Room. The forum will also provide guidance for staying safe in the event of a campus critical incident, as well as inform participants about what the University is doing to keep the campus community safe in the event of an emergency.

ENS automates delivery of urgent announcements in the event of a critical incident to large groups of people, such as students, faculty and staff via text messages, telephone calls and e-mail.

Sacramento State’s office of Public Safety coordinated a critical incident drill on Friday, April 25 at the Residence Halls. Dispatch was alerted, police were deployed and the ENS system was put into action for its first simulated emergency—an active shooter on campus. Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez, Police Chief Ken Barnett, staff and students took part in the exercise.

“The key to the success of this system will be an up-to-date database with the correct contact information for the University community,” says Barnett.

For more information, visit www.csus.edu/ENS.

Art Ball bounces onto campus

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Hosted by the Alumni Association’s Art Chapter, the ball began in 1994 as a small weekend reception to honor BA and MA graduates, says Art Chapter president Florence M. Jones. “The idea proved so successful that it has become a campus-wide event,” she says. “It’s a lively celebration of years of hard work and dedication.”

This year’s Ball will include senior and graduate student art shows in Kadema Hall’s Witt and Else galleries and a faculty art exhibition in the Library Gallery. Art in a variety of media also will be on display in classroom studios in Kadema and Mariposa Halls and the Art Sculpture Lab. Graduates in art history will give public lectures on their MA and senior thesis projects in Kadema 145 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Receptions will be held in the Kadema courtyard, Library Gallery and Art Sculpture Lab.

And if you’re interested in buying one of the pieces, information will be available to contact the student exhibitor.

Expect the unexpected during the Art Ball. This year, students from three of professor Robert Ortbal’s classes will stage costumed performances inspired by the 1920s Surrealists group parlor game, Exquisite Corpse. The original game had three people each draw a different section of a person without seeing what the other was drawing, then revealing the finished sketch. Ortbal wouldn’t reveal more than that, only to say the performance would reflect the great traditions of the 1920s celebrations. “It serves as a nice way to have an exuberant, festival atmosphere during the Art Ball.”

For more information on the Art Department, call 278-6166 or visit www.al.csus.edu/art/.

Author and alum Poswall returns to campus

Sacramento State alum, trial attorney and author John Poswall will visit the campus at 3 p.m., Thursday, May 15 to talk about his new novel, The Altar Boys. The discussion will be in the University Library Gallery.
Poswall, who was once the Associated Students Inc. president, graduated from Sacramento State in 1966.

"It is very nice to have someone of his celebrity and talent to share with the community," says Sally Hitchcock, University Library outreach coordinator. "And it is even more special because of his ties to Sacramento State."

Altar Boys is Poswall’s second book. It is a legal drama in which a lawyer takes on the Catholic Church, faith, religion and friendship. His first book, The Lawyers, Class of ’69, chronicles the experiences of five fictional UC Berkeley law students and the evolution of their 60s ideals over the course of their lives.

Poswall is listed in Best Lawyers in America. He has also been honored as Humanitarian of the Year by the Sacramento County Bar Association.

He received the Alumni Honors Award from Sacramento State in 1984 and 1996 and received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the University, in 1995.

The presentation is co-sponsored by the University Library, the Emeritus Faculty Association, the Sacramento State Division of Nursing and Capital Public Radio. It is free and open to the public.

For more information on the event, contact Sally Hitchcock at 278-5954.

Mozart featured in University opera

Sacramento State’s Music department and the Sacramento Opera company are again collaborating for Tales from the Village, presented at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 15 and at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 18 in the Playwright’s Theatre.

Tales features two selections. The first is the Act II Finale from Mozart’s Le Nozze di Figaro, and will be sung in Italian. The second selection is Stephen Paulus’ The Village Singer, performed in English.

The two pieces were chosen because they provide the performers with something of a counterpoint, says director Daniel Helfgot, Sacramento State’s Opera Theatre program instructor. Figaro provides the foundation of a traditional opera, he says, while The Village Singer uses contemporary musical language, crucial for the singers’ repertoire.

“And they are both ensemble pieces, providing for the largest group of students possible,” Helfgot says.

The performances will be conducted by Timm Rolek, artistic director of Sacramento Opera. This is the second collaboration between the University and Sacramento Opera. Last semester the two joined forces for a performance of individual selections from various productions.

Tickets for the performances are $8 general admission and $5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the University Ticket office, 278-4323 or www.tickets.com. For more information on the opera or the Music Department, call 278-5155 or visit www.csus.edu/music.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, May 13
1:30 p.m., Curriculum Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 275

3 p.m., Executive Committee, Sacramento Hall 275
Wednesday, May 14
3 p.m., General Education Course Review Subcommittee, Sacramento Hall 275

Thursday, May 15
3 p.m., Faculty Senate, Foothill Suite, University Union

Friday, May 16
2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, Green and Good Room, University Union

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Caio Miguel, Psychology, was appointed as the senior associate editor for the journal The Analysis of Verbal Behavior, published by the Association for Behavior Analysis.

Roger Vail, Art, will have a solo show of his recent work titled, “Neon: New Photographs,” at JayJay Gallery in Sacramento, May 7-June 21.

Tom Decker, Art, is one of several ceramic artists represented in two shows in Davis: "Exploring the Surface," (juried by Emeritus Art Professor Peter VandenBerge) at the Pence Gallery, April 25-June 1, and the, "California Clay Competition," a statewide juried exhibition at The Artery showing April 25 - June 6.

Student Spotlight

Student Activities hosted the 2008 Leadership Awards reception on Tuesday, April 29, presenting awards to student organizations. The recipients are as follows:

Outstanding Event:

1. The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers for their Regional Leadership Conference
2. Ski & Snowboard Club at Sac State for the 2007 Ski Swap

Outstanding Collaborative Program:

1. Epsilon Sigma Rho for Multicultural Night Five
2. The Japan Club (multiple events)

Enhancing Diversity:

1. Salsa Loca Club
2. Epsilon Sigma Rho

Outstanding Advisor:

1. Ali Porbaha, Civil Engineering
2. Katherine Chalmers Schwarm, Economics

Outstanding Student Leader:

1. Lindsay Blomberg
2. Ruben Velazquez

Outstanding Organization:
1. Physical Education Major's Club
2. American Society of Civil Engineers

Advocacy Award (new)
Morris League

Campus Announcements

Summer hours 2008
This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, the University will continue the practice of a modified work schedule with normal business hours for the campus of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours will be effective on Monday, June 2, and continue through Friday, August 22. 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.

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. We hope that this change will also permit many people to get the most from the longer summer days.

For questions or concerns that cannot be answered by supervisors or managers, contact Elizabeth Redmond, associate vice president for Human Resources at 278-4488.
Submitted by Human Resources

Staff Employee Recognition Award submission deadline
As a reminder, the deadline for submission of a nomination for the Staff Employee Recognition Award is this Friday, May 16. Complete details regarding eligibility, criteria and nomination procedures are available on the Web at www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm. Names of the recipients will be announced in June.
Submitted by Office of the President

Candidates for the Director, Independent Doctoral in Educational Leadership
Open Forums for the search will be held on the following dates:

5/12/08 - Carlos Nevarez - 3-4 p.m. Delta Suite, University Union
5/13/08 - Lila Jacobs - 2:30-3:30 p.m. Summit Room, University Union
5/14/08 - Jim Burns - 2-3 p.m. Lobby Suite, University Union
5/15/08 - Donna Amstutz - 1:30-2:30 p.m. Orchard Suite III, University Union

Send comments regarding the candidates to Ed Lee, Chair, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies elee@csus.edu by May 19.
Submitted by the College of Education

May issue of Funding Alert available
The May issue of Funding Alert is now available. The newsletter is published monthly to alert the campus community to possible sources of external support for research, scholarly and creative activities. Both an abbreviated listing and a more detailed version are available on the web at www.csus.edu/research/funding/alert/index.htm.

Highlights include a newly launched research initiative by the Department of Energy and targeted funding opportunity notices in the following areas: arts, humanities, education, community development, health, mental health, science and engineering.

Additional information about the opportunities announced in Funding Alert can be obtained by clicking on the web address or by contacting Research Administration at 278-7565.
Submitted by Research Administration and Contract Administration
New faculty development grants
A Wells Fargo grant will fund a limited number of faculty development sub-grants for the first two years of the One Book Program. These funds will support efforts to further develop, integrate and sustain the program. All part-time and full-time Sacramento State faculty, including lecturers, are eligible to apply. For more information, go to the Request for Funding Proposal at www.csus.edu/cec/forms/07-08One_Book_RFP.doc. The proposal deadline is May 30.

The One Book Program’s inaugural book is Firoozah Dumas’ *Funny in Farsi: Growing Up Iranian in America*. Dumas will be visiting the campus on Wednesday, Oct. 15. For more information on the One Book Program, go to www.csus.edu/cec/OneBook.stm or e-mail cecenter@csus.edu.

Submitted by English Department

Making the grade
Administrative Computing Services and the Registrar's Office will hold a grading training session for faculty May 13-15. Each 60-minute session will cover grade entry, the grade approval process, the grade posting process and timeliness. To attend, RSVP to cms@csus.edu and list a preferred session.

Sessions are:
May 13, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in ARC 3013
May 13, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in ARC 3008
May 14, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in ARC 3013
May 15, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in ARC 3008

In addition, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 19 - May 28, faculty needing assistance with grading can visit the Faculty Staff Resource Center in ARC 3012, and a University Help Desk staff will assist with the grading process. For any questions, contact the University Help Desk at 278-7337.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Open labs for Student Administration
Administrative Computing Services and the Student Systems Support team will hold two-hour open lab sessions to assist with the use of the Student Administration applications. These open lab sessions can be utilized as a one-on-one session with a subject matter expert or a training session for a group. Student Administration subject matter experts can address questions or concerns related to the following areas: admissions; catalog/schedule; campus community; financial aid; student financials; records and registration; transfer credit and advising. The open lab schedule and RSVP information is available at www.csus.edu/irt/acs/services/cms/training/open.stm.

For questions, contact the University Help Desk at 278-7337.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

My Sac State 2.0 (Beta)
The newest version of My Sac State is in the final stage of development and will be available for testing soon. This version was designed to be more flexible and offer more functionality than the existing version. All the current functions will be preserved—some may improve. Once the Beta version is available, take the opportunity to “test drive” the new service and provide feedback on what is liked and disliked. This is a collaborative project intended to offer faculty, staff and students an improved method for staying in touch with the campus and utilizing the available Web services.

The new portal service will offer a “one-stop-shop” functionality which integrates official student e-mail services and access to WebCT through a single sign-on process. Look for the URL in the next announcement.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Open discussions on the University’s future
Provost Joseph Sheley and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee cordially invite members of the campus community to two open discussions of visions of the University’s future (coping with the budget in the short run; shaping academic priorities in the longer run). The discussions will be held from 12:30 to 2
p.m., Tuesday, May 13, in Mendocino Hall 1032, and from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, in the University Union’s Walnut Room.

Possible topics for “Where Are We and Where Do We Want to Be?” include the strategic plan, retention and graduation, pedagogy and quality, finances, governance and communication or any other proposed topics. These informal discussions are aimed at helping the Senate Executive Committee and the provost focus on issues for anticipated forums, retreats, the budget and other planning discussions this fall. 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, 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 Teaching Award: Brad Stockert

Physical Therapy professor Brad Stockert isn’t afraid to mix and match high- and low-tech teaching methods, one of the reasons behind his Outstanding Teaching Award.

These days, teachers have access to any number of technological innovations to reach their students. But Stockert says sometimes Post-it notes and soda straws can be just as effective. The sticky notes and straws are attached to various parts of the leg as focal points to teach the students about the way people walk. Someone with flat feet has a completely different gait from someone with rigid arches, Stockert observes.

The advantage of using such common objects as teaching tools is that students can practice on their relatives at home, something they wouldn’t be able to do with a computer model. “It’s about teaching students how they can use things they already know and have available to them to enhance their learning,” Stockert says.

He does the same thing with rubber bands and salad tongs, pointing out how they illustrate the expansion and contraction of the lungs.

Not that he will avoid higher-tech methods when they’re called for. Stockert’s students also use the patient simulators at Sacramento State’s Division of Nursing. It’s easier for a student to learn about taking vital signs such as breathing, heart rate and blood pressure because the mannequins’ rates can be set not to vary, and the volume can be raised the first few times to let the person know exactly what they’re listening for.

The patient simulators also can be programmed to mimic medical emergencies a therapist might encounter in the real world.
“So it’s rubber bands one day and the next day it’s a $60,000 simulator,” says Stockert. “It’s not about high-tech or low-tech, it’s about trying to match a technology for the best learning environment.”

His approach of treating his class members as people first and students second is another factor behind Stockert’s teaching success.

Stockert will extend deadlines if a student has had a personal or family emergency. It’s a practice not followed by some other professors, who might believe everyone is subject to the same deadline, no matter what the individual factors. Stockert says he understands that approach from a fairness perspective, but adds that his field involves helping others return to work and improving their quality of life. “That’s who we are as professionals and so I am just trying to bring that into the classroom,” he says.

Sacramento State’s ability to provide more accessibility to a more diverse student body was one of the reasons Stockert joined the faculty five years ago. With a bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University, a master’s from Stanford and doctorate from UC Davis, Stockert was teaching at University of the Pacific in Stockton when he made the jump north.

Winning the award is the finishing touch to a very satisfying five years on the Sacramento State campus, says Stockert, whose love of teaching is reflected in the acknowledgment of his students and peers. “You don’t get to this level, this recognition if you don’t like what you do,” he says.

This Week in Hornet Action

**Baseball**
Friday, May 16
Sacramento State vs. Fresno State, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17
Sacramento State vs. Fresno State, 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 18
Sacramento State vs. Fresno State 1 p.m.

**Softball**
Friday, May 16-Sunday, May 18
Sacramento State at NCAA Regionals

**Outdoor track**
Wednesday, May 14-Saturday, May 17
Sacramento State hosts the Big Sky Championships

**Rowing**
Saturday, May 17
Sacramento State hosts the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships at Lake Natoma, 8 a.m.

Sunday, May 18
Sacramento State hosts the Pacific 10 Championships at Lake Natoma