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EVENTS



Featured event -- USA picnic

The annual USA Staff Appreciation Picnic will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Friday, June 1, in the Main Quad. Participants are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts and enjoy the good food and live entertainment provided by classic rock & roll band Walkin' the Dawg. Tickets are complimentary for staff and \$10 for non-staff (children 5 and under are free but

President Alexander Gonzalez will give his annual fall address to the campus community at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, in the University Union Ballroom. The event will begin with coffee at 9 a.m. University staff members who wish to attend should secure the permission of their supervisors.

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Bicycling is a great way to commute to the campus and get exercise at the same time. Sacramento State has a free bicycle parking compound at the foot of the Guy West Bridge. It is staffed by University Transportation and Parking Services student assistants from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays during the academic year. Additional bicycle racks are located throughout campus. Bicycle lockers are also available for rent for \$50 per semester (\$30 rental fee, \$20 refundable key deposit) through ASI Peak Adventures at 278-6321.

To make the bike commute easier, Hornet Express shuttles and Sacramento Regional Transit buses are equipped with bicycle racks. Those interested in commuting with a "bike buddy" may visit www.sacregion511.org for a bicycle buddy match list.

Sacramento area bike routes, bike maps, bike safety tips, California Vehicle Code bicycle laws and other information regarding your Commute Choices to campus are available from Noel Carolipio, Employee Transportation Coordinator at ncarolip@saclink.csus.edu or call extension 87527.

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ATHLETICS

16 Hornets receive Big Sky Conference winter all-academic honors

The Big Sky Conference named 16 Sacramento State student-athletes to the winter all-academic team. The winter all-academic team included Hornet representatives from women's basketball, men's indoor track, and women's indoor track.

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Commencement Coming

Hundreds of Sacramento State students, their families, friends and campus staff are preparing for the pomp and ceremony that comes after years of term papers, tests and hard work.

The class of 2007 is preparing to walk across the stage at Arco Arena for commencement ceremonies.

For more information on the traditional formal finale visit www.csus.edu/commence.

Sacramento State's Spring Commencement Schedule.

Friday, May 25 / Arco Arena

12:30 p.m.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Doors open and candidates assemble at 12 p.m.

3 p.m.

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Doors open and candidates assemble at 2:30 p.m.

6 p.m.

College of Education

Doors open and candidates assemble at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 26 / Arco Arena

8:30 a.m.

College of Health and Human Services

Doors open and candidates assemble at 8 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Doors open and candidates assemble at 11 a.m.

2 p.m.

College of Arts and Letters

Doors open and candidates assemble at 1:30 p.m.

5 p.m.

College of Business Administration

Doors open and candidates assemble at 4:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.csus.edu/commence/ or call 278-4724.

Philanthropists, business leader to be honored at University commencement

Sacramento State will honor three distinguished community members at two commencement ceremonies on May 26 at Arco Arena.

Roger Valine will receive an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, and William and Margaret Campbell will be presented with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Valine will receive the Honorary Doctorate from the California State University at the College of Business Administration commencement ceremony at 5 p.m. The honorary doctoral degree recognizes excellence

and extraordinary achievement in areas that embody the University's ideals; honors service to the University and the greater community; and recognizes individuals who serve as examples for the University's student body.

An alumnus of Sacramento State, Valine graduated with a degree in sociology. He recently retired as president and CEO of Vision Service Plan after 30 years of service. Under his leadership, Vision Service Plan became one of the top benefit providers in the country, serving more than 45 million clients. It was named as one of *Fortune* magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For," ranking as high as seventh in 2006. During Valine's tenure, the company established the Sight for Students program, which provides eye care and eyewear to low-income, uninsured children. Valine has also drawn praise as a mentor to up-and-coming business and community leaders.

Valine served on the board of the University's Alumni Association and Executive Committee. He received a Distinguished Service Award in 1997 and a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007 from the Alumni Association.

William and Margaret Campbell will receive the President's Medal for Distinguished Service at the College of Arts and Letters commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. The award, which honors outstanding service to the University, will be given to the Campbells for their generous support of Sacramento State for more than two decades.

The Campbells have provided more than \$1 million in funds for scholarships, coaching salaries and other provisions for the Hornet tennis program. Faced with funding difficulties in the early 1980s, the Sacramento State tennis program was forced to close down. Co-owners of the Sacramento Capitals World Tennis Team, the Campbells used their share of the proceeds from the Capitals to restart the tennis program.

Bill Campbell has coached the Hornet women's tennis team since 1999—at no salary—and led the team to six straight Big Sky Championships. He also served on the Singer Foundation and on its advisory board. An alumnus of the College of Business Administration, he served on both the College's and Department of Accountancy's advisory boards and is a member of the President's Executive Committee. He received a Distinguished Service Award in 1988 and a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006 from the Sacramento State Alumni Association.

Margaret Campbell was also a coach for the Sacramento State women's tennis team. She served as president of the Northern California Tennis Association and is a former member of the United States Tennis Association's national committee for strategic planning. Campbell is a devoted promoter of academic achievement among student-athletes and is an avid patron of the arts in the Sacramento region, particularly for Sacramento State's Arts in the Afternoon program.

The schedule for Sacramento State Spring Commencement at Arco Arena is:

Friday, May 25

- 12:30 p.m., College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- 3 p.m., College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies
- 6 p.m., College of Education

Saturday, May 26

- 8:30 a.m., College of Health and Human Services
- 11:30 a.m., College of Engineering and Computer Science
- 2 p.m., College of Arts and Letters
- 5 p.m., College of Business Administration

A complete schedule of commencement ceremonies is also available at www.csus.edu/commence.

CSU Board of Trustees approves two major projects

The California State University Board of Trustees has given the go-ahead for Sacramento State to begin construction on a new residence hall and a Recreation and Wellness Center.

The Student Housing project will be the first step toward providing new on-campus housing for students. Construction on the \$55 million project is scheduled to begin in July 2007 and be completed by July 2009. The four-story, 209,000 square-foot building will have 600 beds in apartment-style suites. Each housing unit will have either two double-occupancy bedrooms (four people total) or five individual bedrooms (five people total). The suites will have two bathrooms, a kitchen and living room area.

Each floor of the resident hall will have shared study areas and community lounges. The facility will provide a mail room, laundry areas, a conference area, tutoring space and retail areas. The first apartment will be built on the site of Foley Hall, which is scheduled for demolition in July.

Construction on the Recreation and Wellness Center will begin in March 2008 and is expected to be completed in June 2010. The \$71 million, 150,000 square-foot facility will be located at the north end of Hornet Stadium. The Center will offer a host of cutting-edge fitness, recreation and athletic opportunities. Planned features include a fitness center, indoor track, multi-purpose sport courts and a rock-climbing wall. It will also provide a full-service student health center.

Details about the Recreation and Wellness Center are available at www.SpanosSportsComplex.com.

Dyslexia brings together professor, Korean student

As a sixth-grader in Korea, Ki-Tack Lim had difficulty comprehending what he read in his native language, let alone understanding or speaking English. Today, he's a Sacramento State freshman, majoring in mechanical engineering and hoping to start his own school for students with learning disabilities in his home country.

The catalyst for this turnaround: Sacramento State special education professor EunMi Cho. The specialist in learning disabilities met Lim's parents during one of her regular trips to Korea to teach special education workshops.

Since then she's become not only Lim's guardian, but a surrogate parent, helping to diagnose Ki-Tack with dyslexia and bringing him to the United States to attend a specialized school and later to Sacramento State. "I feel like his mom now," Cho says.

The field of learning disabilities was slowly emerging in Korea when Lim was diagnosed, so while his parents understood the cause of his struggles, there was no school that could help him. "In Korean culture, there is a strong focus on education. You are expected to go to college," Lim says. "But they would never think you could have a learning disability. If you were having trouble, they would say that you should start studying harder."

So Professor Cho researched options for Lim in the states and found the Gow School for Dyslexia and Learning Disabilities in Buffalo, N.Y., which specializes in programs for boys whose issues with dyslexia have kept them out of public schools. When Lim enrolled in the school he had a very limited grasp of English, but by the time he graduated last May, he was invited to give the commencement address.

And, perhaps because of the language issues—learning English as a second language even before he mastered reading in Korean—Lim also discovered he is very adept at physics and math. "With numbers you don't need vocabulary," he says.

When it came time for him to choose a university, Lim decided on Sacramento State, partly because of Cho.

"This is not a school for students with dyslexia," Cho says. "But our campus provides excellent services to students with learning disabilities. As a specialist, I was very comfortable bringing him here."

Lim says the University's Services to Students with Disabilities has been a support network for him. Assistance comes in the form of note-takers during lectures, and when he takes a test he gets a private room, a reader to read the test questions to him, additional time to complete the exam and the option to use a computer for essay questions. He also has access to a private tutor.

Cho meets with him regularly, advising him on which classes to take, and not to take on too much too soon. "He's making progress, but it's not easy," she says. "He's still learning English. And he still has dyslexia, but he is learning how to work with it."

Lim's parents have been so happy with his progress, they've bought land in Korea and hope to open a school for students with learning disabilities. Ki-Tack has a dream that when he finishes his engineering program he will eventually enter the teacher credential program in special education so he can teach at the school.

"Korea doesn't yet have a specialized school for students with learning disabilities," Lim says. "I hope the students there can get help the way the Gow School helped me."

Students send (musical) notes from camp

Sounds of all different kinds will fill the air at Sacramento State this summer when the music department offers students young and old a chance to lead the band, swing with jazz greats or receive coaching in classical chamber music.

All three opportunities are available June through July with the department's annual summer music camps.

The summertime harmonizing kicks off in June with the Wind Conducting Workshop.

Leading a band is more than just waving a baton in front of musicians, Sacramento State professor Robert Halseth said.

Halseth is co-director of the symposium along with Northwestern University conductor Mallory Thompson. "She's one of the finest conductors in the world," Halseth said.

Together they'll help guide the conductors as they lead the 59th Army National Guard Band.

Only 15 applicants are selected to actually lead the band and get instruction and reviews from Halseth and Thompson. But an unlimited number of participants will be allowed to observe the process and are invited to sign up.

The sessions run June 18-22. Cost is \$650 for conductors and \$325 for observers. For more information, call the band office at 278-5091.

Many people get the impression a conductor moves his baton in time to the music, but Halseth pointed out that it is the conductor's moves that generate the music from the band.

And even that's just the tip of the iceberg. Behind the arm waving are years of score study and harmonic analysis, Halseth said.

While there was a time when the conductor was something of a dictator, barking out commands during rehearsal, Halseth said that has changed and a good conductor knows how to work with the musicians.

"It is a collaborative relationship," he said.

The music offerings swing into their second session July 8-13 with the Summer Jazz Camp, coordinated by Sacramento State professor Steve Roach.

"It's still wide open," Roach said of registration.

Applications are being accepted until June 7 for participants staying in the dormitories. Those commuting to the courses may be accepted up until the first day of camp.

The camp is open to students age 14 or older who have spent at least one year of study on an instrument. College students and adult instrumental teachers also are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$850 for participants lodging on campus and \$395 for commuters. For more information, call Roach at 278-7987.

Courses consist of theory classes, master classes, and training in improvisation.

The students will find a wealth of instructors guiding them. Where similar offerings have six teachers, the Sacramento State camp boasts 18 of them, Roach said.

After spending the day hard at work, students are treated to the music of the Jim Widner Big Band, which includes alumni of the Stan Kenton Orchestra along with others who played for Woody Herman, Maynard Ferguson or Buddy Rich.

Concerts will be held at 8 p.m., July 8, 9, 10 and 12. A student combo will perform at 7 p.m., July 11 and a closing concert featuring the band and students will be held at 7 p.m. July 13. All performances are free and open to the public and are held in the recital room of Capistrano Hall.

The camp is an offshoot of a course originally conducted by Widner, who now is the camp's artistic director.

Roach underscored the commitment of the camp's musical staff, who help keep costs down so more students can attend.

"These guys aren't getting paid what they should be paid, but it allows for a really fun week," Roach said.

The music department finishes its set with chamber music.

Coordinated by Sacramento State's Pete Nowlen, The CalCap Chamber Music Workshop caters to individual players and pre-formed groups in two sessions, July 22-28 and July 29 through Aug. 3.

While group players will rehearse with their own ensembles on some days, all players are assigned different colleagues throughout the sessions. The workshop's goal is to give each player a varied experience in terms of repertoire, the size and instrumentation of the ensemble, participants and coach.

Each session attracts about 60 participants. Registration for this summer has closed, but there is some turnover up to the last minute with people dropping out. "It never hurts to apply," Nowlen said.

The cost is \$320 per weekly session. Room and breakfast costs are an additional \$195 for a double occupancy room and \$245 for a single.

For more information, contact Nowlen at 278-7982 or calcapcmw@yahoo.com.

Formerly known as the ChicoSac Chamber Music Workshop, CalCap provides the musicians with intensive rehearsals and daily performances coached by some of the finest teachers and performers. This year's instructional roster includes many music professors along with musicians from the Sacramento area, Northern California and even the Honolulu Symphony and Hofstra University.

The public can hear the results of the students' efforts during a daily concert. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday performances are at 4 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday concerts begin at 3 p.m. and Friday concerts are at 4 p.m. The concerts are free and held in Room 151 of Capistrano Hall.

Nowlen is particularly proud of the workshop's intergenerational makeup. Last year they had ensembles that had 15-year-olds playing alongside 90-year-olds. "I think that's a really great facet of the workshop," Nowlen said.

Applications and more information for all three summer camps are available at the Sacramento State Music Department web site, www.csus.edu/music/ or call 278-5155.

Last *Bulletin*

This is the last edition of the *Sacramento State Bulletin* for the Spring semester. The first edition for the next academic year will be Monday, August 27.

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.

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

12th Annual Conflict Resolution Workshop

A conflict resolution workshop will be held at Sacramento State from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., June 18 – 22. The 12th annual workshop will provide training for participants in negotiation and mediation techniques and process and conflict theories and practices, and will teach them how to become conflict mediators.

Trainers include professor of criminal justice Ernest Uwazie, who is also a conflict resolution trainer, practitioner and scholar and director for the Center of African Peace and Conflict Resolution; attorney Daniel Yamshon, a resolution trainer, practitioner and theorist at domestic and international levels; and Thelma Johnson, a youth community mediation trainer and practitioner, and an expert in cross-cultural communication.

The five-day workshop will be highly interactive, with short lectures, role-playing and exercises. The event is designed for those in community and non-governmental organizations, public and private agencies, business, human rights groups, professional and trade unions and educational institution groups.

The cost is \$525, which includes materials and two lunch meals.

For more information and registration forms contact Uwazie at 278-6282 or e-mail uwazieeee@csus.edu. Or visit www.csus.edu/org/capcr/events/newevents/ConflictResolution-2007.htm.

University wins "Best Practice" award for energy efficiency

Sacramento State was awarded the 2007 Best Practice Award in HVAC Design for the UC/CSU Energy Efficiency Partnership Program.

During construction, the campus' Academic Information Resource Center was fitted with a state-of-the-art HVAC (heating, ventilating and air-conditioning) system that utilizes an under-floor air distribution system, rather than a conventional overhead heating and cooling system.

"There are several benefits to an under-floor air distribution system," says Nathaniel Martin, energy conservation coordinator in Facilities Services. "It provides higher indoor air quality, lower energy costs, and improved air ventilation and efficiency."

Simply put, the under-floor air distribution reaches the building occupants quicker because they're standing or sitting on the floor.

"It can make for a happier customer," says Gina Curry, university bursar and member of the Administration and Business Affairs sustainability group. "We have more flexibility to fix customer issues about temperature in the AIRC building than in other buildings."

Martin, who submitted the proposal for the HVAC award, added that the use of Programmable Logic Controllers to control the HVAC system was another innovative practice put in place. "This method of control gives the campus some flexibility in terms of controlling program changes and reducing maintenance costs," he says. Additionally, no long-term maintenance, service agreements or proprietary products are needed with control companies, and PLCs have a longer life expectancy and reliability than other control systems.

The system also provides for an integrated design concept. The under-floor air distribution system creates conditions for better communication wiring, power wiring and data system management because the systems are easier to access through the floor.

The awards will be presented at the UC/CSU/IOU Sustainability Conference on Monday, June 25 at UC Santa Barbara.

Professional Activities

Students

John Nurmi, **Cale Nasca** and **Darina Palacio** received certificates of acknowledgement from **Emir Macari**, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The three students are the outgoing captains of the Sacramento State American Society of Civil Engineers. They served, respectively, as the captains for the concrete canoe, steel bridge, and water treatment regional competitions.

Scholarship

Tony Platt, Social Work, had an op-ed piece, "Northern Ireland's Past Has a Future," published in the *Los Angeles Times* on May 9.

Tom Knutson, Communication Studies, discussed Thai cultural values as a guest on KXJZ's Insight program hosted by Jeffrey Callison. Knutson spoke on the role played by Sacramento State students serving as English language assistants at the Chitralada Royal Palace School in Bangkok, a program he and **Richard Adams**, English, created. **Casey Mayville**, one of the Sacramento State students who recently returned from the Chitralada program, also took part in the interview.

Charles Postel, History, has had his book, *The Populist Vision*, published by Oxford University Press. The book offers a diverse and complex history of America's Populist movement, challenging entrenched misconceptions, according to Edward L. Ayers, of the University of Virginia.

Jeff Lustig, Government, gave the keynote talk at the Trust & Accountability Conference at San Jose State University on April 27. The talk was titled "From Professional Autonomy to the Knowledge Factory."

The conference was sponsored by San Jose State's Institute for Social Responsibility, Ethics and Education.

Timothy Capron, Criminal Justice, has been accepted as an Academic Fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies in Washington, D.C. Located in Israel, the program focuses on the threat of terrorism to democracy and consists of lectures by academics, diplomats and military officials from around the world, as well as field trips to facilities throughout Israel.

Joseph A. Palermo, History, will have an article published in the July-August issue of *Military History Magazine* that analyzes the signs and symbolism of a sample of army recruiting posters from six nations.

Gregory R. Wheeler, associate dean, Undergraduate Studies, was elected to a fellowship in the Geological Society of America. Wheeler's name will be published in the July issue of *GSA Today*, and announced at the "Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony" at the October annual meeting in Denver, Colo.

Leah Vande Berg, a former Communication Studies professor who died two years ago, has had a book she co-edited published this month. *Bad Girls: Cultural Politics and Media Representation of Transgressive Women* was released by Peter Lang Publishing.

Edward Baranowski, Foreign Languages, presented a paper at the 42nd "International Congress on Medieval Studies" held in Kalamazoo, Mich. The paper was titled "Documents from the 1602-1603 Sebastin Vizcano Expedition up the California Coast."

Lindy Valdez and **Roberto Quintana**, Kinesiology and Health Science, made presentations at the Hawaii Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance State Convention on May 5. Topics in the three presentations included "Body Composition Measurement," "Truth or Consequences of Movement," and "Putting the Magic Back in P.E."

Katherine McReynolds, Chemistry, has co-authored a paper, "Chemotherapeutic Interventions Targeting HIV Interactions with Host-associated Carbohydrates." It appears in the May issue of *Chemical Reviews*.

Lani Fraizer, adjunct instructor, College of Continuing Education, has been invited to present at the Paris International Conference on Education, Economy & Society in the summer of 2008. She will present information related to increasing female participation in IT along with other topics.

In the News

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the March 18 *San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune* about Senate Leader Don Perata locking three Democratic Senate members out of their offices for a day; in the April 4 *Pleasanton Valley Times* about the campaign message of a bill that enacts term limits but, if passed, can also extend lawmakers' time in office; in the April 1 *Pasadena Star News* and the April 2 *San Mateo County Times* about the benefits of gubernatorial candidates having three televised debates instead of one; and was interviewed on Capital Public Radio on April 26 about Hillary Clinton receiving Fabian Nuñez' support for her presidential run; and on KFBK 1530 about NBC airing a video the Virginia Tech shooter sent to them.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted: in the March 27 *Los Angeles Times* and the March 29 *Paradise Post* about local government officials out-earning their state counterparts; in the April 6 *San Jose Mercury-News* about Californians' proclivity to rewarding the Legislature when they perceive that it is functioning smoothly; in the April 7 *Los Angeles Times* about the reasons why state agency officials deserve increased salaries; and in the April 29 *Sacramento Bee* about the sincerity of the leaders in the Legislature to reach an agreement about redistricting measures.

Dennis Tootelian, Business Administration, was quoted in the April 7 *Monterey County Herald* about private business using automated answering systems.

Robert Waste, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the April 19 *Sacramento Bee* about the positive impact state pensioners have on California's economy.

James Sobredo, Ethnic Studies, was quoted in the April 24 *Sacramento Bee* about "Little Manila" in Stockton.

Bruce Snyder, Government, wrote an op-ed piece in the April 20 *Sacramento Bee* about the Don Imus controversy.

Randy Phelps, Astronomy and Physics, was interviewed on KCRA Channel 3 on April 25 about the discovery of a new planet.

William Vizzard, Criminal Justice, was interviewed on KXTV Channel 10 on April 16 about gun control legislation.

Tom Kando, Sociology, was interviewed on KCRA Channel 3 on April 19 about an individual who claimed he might commit a crime similar to the Virginia Tech shooting.

Amy Liu, Sociology, was interviewed on Capital Public Radio on April 20 about a survey she conducted regarding flooding in the Sacramento region.

Campus Announcements

Recognition nominations due

The deadline for submitting a staff employee recognition nomination is Friday, May 25. Complete details regarding eligibility, criteria and nomination procedures are available at www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm.

Submitted by the President's Office

OneCard Statement now on My Sac State

OneCard statements are now available on My Sac State. Students, faculty and staff are now able to access their OneCard statements from the student or employee self service pages on MySacState to view current balance and usage history. The OneCard statements will also continue to be available on CasperWeb until the end of summer 2007.

Questions or problems regarding the statement can be addressed by the OneCard Center at 278-7878 or by email at onecard@csus.edu.

Submitted by Common Management Systems

Executive MBA sessions

The College of Business Administration presents free information sessions for the executive MBA program. Participants can learn how to advance their careers. Sessions are scheduled for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at Moss Adams LLP, 3121 W. March Lane, Stockton, and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, at One Capitol Mall, Suite 300, Sacramento. RSVP by calling 278-5974.

Submitted by the College of Business Administration

Deadline extended: 2007 CSU customer satisfaction survey reminder

The deadline for completion of the 2007 Annual Customer Satisfaction surveys for Sacramento State has been extended to May 27. Survey invitation letters were delivered electronically on May 8.

Your feedback provides the University with valuable information to help improve services. If you did not receive a survey and would like to, please contact Sarah Whyte, director of Strategic Planning and QI at whytes@csus.edu, or 278-7450.

The annual survey, sponsored by the CSU, collects data about campus core functions across the system. Results are collected and summarized by an agency outside of the CSU, and the data collected is used to help campuses assess the quality of their services and identify areas for improvement. Results will be

posted on the Chancellor's Office website this summer.
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Human Resources

CalPERS Retirement Planning and Resources Fair

The 2007 CalPERS Retirement Planning and Resources Fair will be held in the University Union Orchard and Forest Suites on Thursday, May 24. All faculty and staff are invited to the event, and no registration or reservations are necessary. The fair's theme is "It's never too early – It's never too late." Resources for retirement planning and other retirement topics will be available. Visit www.calpers.ca.gov and click on "Member Information" for event details.

Submitted by Human Resources

Catastrophic Leave Donation Program

Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 16 hours of sick or vacation leave credits each fiscal year in one-hour increments. CSUEU, MPP, Unit 4, Unit 6 and confidential employees may donate up to a maximum of 40 hours per fiscal year.

If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained by going to www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#Disability, or by visiting the Human Resources, Disability Leaves Office in Sacramento Hall 162, or by calling extension 83522.

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

Gary Davis, Facilities Services
Sharla Cook, Criminal Justice
Annette Reed, Ethnic Studies
Michael Mene, Facilities Services
*Pamela Sanger, Communication Studies

*only vacation credits may be donated to these employees

Submitted by Human Resources

Outstanding Teacher: George Parrott

One of the first things you notice in psychology professor George Parrott's office is the cot, to which he makes a humorous allusion to the couch used by the father of modern psychoanalysis.

"If it was good enough for Freud, it's good enough for me," Parrott jokes.

Actually, as a runner, Parrott uses the cot to do stretching exercises, but noted it also provides extra room for students to sit down when he has more than a couple of them in his office.

Parrott's concerns for his students' well-being is what won him this year's Outstanding Teaching Award in the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

He started out as a physics major at UC Berkeley, but eventually shifted to psychology at Chico State University where he received his bachelor's degree. After getting his master's and doctoral degrees at Michigan State, Parrott returned to California. He teaches the Foundations of Behavioral Research and the History of Psychology, at Sacramento State.

Parrott chose psychology because he saw potential for social change.

"The ultimate goal here is, when we exit society it's better than it was," Parrott says.

That's the same message he conveys to his students. Through the disciplines they learn, they have the ability to improve the world in small steps, Parrott says.

The friendlier atmosphere of a smaller university, such as Sacramento State, also lends itself better to imparting those kinds of lessons to students, according to Parrott.

He much preferred Chico over Berkeley because of the more personal contact between teachers and students, an approach he's tried to continue at Sacramento State.

Parrott's commitment to students continues past their commencement. He's helped many of them with their graduate school applications and helped form an alumni council that brings past students back to share their experiences and be mentors to the undergrads.

After 38 years at Sacramento State, Parrott is retiring. He and his significant other, Christine Iwahashi, will do some traveling this summer, including trips to Japan, Italy and Australia.

Students will miss the way they say Parrott breathes life into tough subjects, a trait he downplays, saying that's the teacher's job. "We're up there to be enthusiastic, to show that what we're doing ... is incredibly neat stuff," Parrott says.

"And if we don't believe that, we probably shouldn't be there."

This Week in Hornet Action

Baseball

Thursday-Sunday, May 24-27

Sacramento State vs. WAC Tournament

Track and Field

Friday-Saturday, May 25-26

Sacramento State at NCAA West Regional, Eugene, Ore.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 6-9

Sacramento State vs. NCAA Championships