

## THIS WEEK

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For more information on the employee transit pass, contact Alfredo Orozco at [orozcoa@csus.edu](mailto:orozcoa@csus.edu) or call extension 278-7527. For information on SacRT visit [www.sacrt.com](http://www.sacrt.com) or call 321-BUSS.

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### ATHLETICS

#### **Hornet fans can fly to games**

The Sacramento State athletics department has created two travel packages for fans traveling to the games at Boise State and Montana. For \$300 per trip, an individual will receive a seat on the team's chartered airplane as well as a ticket to the game.

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## **Parking challenges ahead for fall semester**

Construction of two new structures and the resulting loss of parking spaces on campus promise to make parking a challenge at Sacramento State for the Fall 2006 semester.

With construction continuing on Parking Structure III near Hornet Stadium and a new bookstore, the campus will lose more than 1,100 parking spaces during the construction period. Completion of the new 3,000-space parking garage is anticipated by January 2007, but campus officials are warning that getting to campus and finding a parking spot will be more difficult during the fall, particularly during peak parking times, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff are being urged to use off-campus parking or alternative transportation during this time. Information regarding alternate transportation can be found at [www.csus.edu/utaps/commute\\_choices.htm](http://www.csus.edu/utaps/commute_choices.htm). Plans have also been made for off-campus parking at the University's Ramona Avenue lot with shuttle service to the campus. Off-campus parking will also be available within a short walking distance of the north end of the campus at the Knights of Columbus building on Newman Court and at the McAuliffe Baseball Field at the south end of campus off State University Drive East. Visit [www.csus.edu/utaps](http://www.csus.edu/utaps) for more information and a map to the Ramona Avenue lot. Residents of nearby neighborhoods are also being advised of traffic and parking situations and how it may affect them.

Additional information is available on the University Transportation and Parking website at [www.csus.edu/utaps](http://www.csus.edu/utaps).

## **Gateway brings campus closer to Placer students**

Sacramento State students who live in Placer County will soon be able to take four classes close to home at the Sierra College Roseville Gateway Center. The new offerings begin this fall.

The classes, offered in conjunction with Sierra College, include Business Finance, Business Communications, Management of Contemporary Organizations and Multicultural America. A recent survey of 4,600 Sacramento State students in Placer County determined that these courses are in high demand.

The Gateway campus is located off Douglas Road with easy access from Interstate 80. Courses provided at the Gateway campus will offer a respite from the heavy commute traffic Placer County students often face coming into Sacramento.

The new classes continue Sacramento State's efforts to provide higher education opportunities to Placer County residents. The first class of Sacramento State's MBA for executives program, for example, has been held at PRIDE Industries in Roseville for the past year. The courses, offered Friday evenings and Saturdays to accommodate working professionals, are being taught by professors from the University's College of Business Administration as well as area executives and professionals. Students complete the coursework for the degree in 15 months.

The Gateway Center is also home to Sacramento State's College of Continuing Education's programs for bachelor's degrees in Organization Communications and Arts and Humanities, as well as upper-division General Education courses. They provide students with the opportunity for career advancement in a variety of fields.

More information on the new courses is available at [www.csus.edu/schedule/Fall2006Spring2007/gateway.stm](http://www.csus.edu/schedule/Fall2006Spring2007/gateway.stm).

## **Leadership changes**

The summer brought changes to the leadership ranks at Sacramento State. New roles include:

Emir Jose Macari, former dean of the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology at the University of Texas at Brownsville, has been named dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

Otis Scott, interim dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, has been named dean of the College.

Vanessa Sheared, former associate dean of the College of Education at San Francisco State University, has been named dean of the College of Education.

Joseph Sheley, executive vice president at Sacramento State, has been named interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

## **Former Hornet Football Coach Bob Mattos helping with Sports Complex**

Former Sacramento State football coach Bob Mattos has re-joined the University to help generate community excitement and support for the University's Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex. Mattos will serve as a special consultant for development and work in the University Advancement office.

The winningest coach in school history, Mattos guided the Hornets from 1978-1992. He did not post a losing record in nine of his final 11 seasons and led Sacramento State to the NCAA Div. II Playoffs in 1988. That year, the Hornets posted an 8-2 mark in the regular season and opened the playoffs with a 35-14 win at UC Davis. The team knocked off North Carolina Central, 56-7, the following week before falling to North Dakota State, 42-20, in the semifinals.

The Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex is an ambitious project that will change the face and character of Sacramento State. Plans include a new field house and will be called the Broad Athletic Facility; as well as a Recreation, Wellness and Events Center; Arena; and renovated Stadium.

Mattos had 49 former players go on to sign professional contracts following their collegiate careers. That list includes John Gesek and Lorenzo Lynch as well as current Atlanta Falcons offensive coordinator Greg Knapp.

For more about the Spanos Sports Complex, visit [www.SpanosSportsComplex.com](http://www.SpanosSportsComplex.com).

## **Survey finds Sacramento residents are satisfied**

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Sacramentans are generally happy with their lives, despite concerns about traffic, affordable housing, population growth, flood control and public education, according to the 2006 Sacramento State Annual Survey of the Region.

Fully 83 percent of Sacramento region residents are satisfied with their overall quality of life. And 59 percent of residents feel things in the Sacramento region are going in the right direction, compared with just 32 percent statewide. The majority of the people are also more optimistic about the future economic conditions of the region than the state as a whole (60 percent in Sacramento versus 42 percent in California). This pattern has held true since the annual survey first started in 2002.

The survey, conducted by Professor Amy Liu and her students through the University's Institute for Social Research, showed that more than two-thirds of residents in the region (70 percent) view traffic congestion as a big problem. Population growth within the Sacramento region has also placed increased pressure on the public education system, which 46 percent of residents found to be a big problem, as well as affordable healthcare, which 41 percent found problematic.

The influx of Bay Area residents in search of affordable housing accounts for much of Sacramento's growth, and many of the homes being built are in areas at risk of flooding. In addition, Hurricane Katrina fallout and Gov. Schwarzenegger's state of emergency declaration for many of California's levees have also increased

public concern about flooding over the past year. Flood control is seen as the second most important regional issue, after traffic congestion, with 54 percent of residents calling it a big problem.

Residents also indicated serious concerns about affordable housing (51 percent), population growth and development (45 percent) and air pollution (42 percent).

Other findings include:

- Republicans are more likely to agree that things in the Sacramento region are going in the right direction (66 percent) versus Democrats (55 percent).
- People who have lived in the region 20 or more years, people aged 41 and older, and residents of Sacramento and Placer County are more likely to report that traffic congestion is a major problem.
- Homeownership status makes a major difference in perceptions on affordable housing. More than two-thirds (67 percent) of non-homeowners find affordable housing a big problem, while only 45 percent of homeowners think so.
- Sacramento region residents are more concerned about population growth and development than other Californians (45 percent in the Sacramento region versus 27 percent in California).
- Residents from Yolo (46 percent) or Sacramento (44 percent) County are more likely to view air pollution as a big problem than residents from Placer (33 percent) or El Dorado (37 percent) County.

The survey was a computer-assisted telephone interview of 1,122 randomly selected adults from Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado counties. It has a margin of error of 3 percent.

## Study ranks campus high for diverse grads

Sacramento State is ranked 27th nationwide for the number of ethnically diverse students who earned baccalaureate degrees in 2004-05, according to the magazine *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*. The article published June 1 looks at the top 100 undergraduate degree producers nationwide and Sacramento State ranks in top percentile. The magazine uses a U.S. Department of Education report to show there was a 5 percent annual increase nationwide in the number of minority students graduating with bachelor's degrees from four-year colleges and universities.

More than half of Sacramento State's 28,000 students are from ethnically diverse populations. In the last decade, the number of students from ethnic and racial groups has increased 65 percent nationwide, from 200,000 students in 1994-95 to 350,000 in 2004-05. Hispanic grads have seen the greatest increase, more than doubling in the last 10 years, from 54,000 to 100,000.

Sacramento State ranked 29th nationwide in the number of Hispanic students earning a four-year undergraduate degree. Asian Americans graduating with education and health degrees pushed Sacramento State to a national ranking of 19th.

Other highlights which show Sacramento State's position in the top 100 national rankings include:

- **Total minority baccalaureate**  
27th in all disciplines combined  
20th in Business Management, Marketing and Related Support Services  
40th in Education
- **Asian american baccalaureate**  
22nd in all disciplines combined  
19th in Education  
21st in Area, Ethnic, Cultural and Gender Studies  
29th in Engineering  
19th in Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences  
38th in Psychology

- **Hispanic baccalaureate**  
29th in all disciplines combined  
32nd in Business Management, Marketing and Related Support Services  
29th in Education  
40th in Mathematics and Statistics

### **Sabbatical and Difference in Pay Leaves for 2006-07 Academic Year**

After reviewing recommendations from the Professional Leave Committee, department chairs, and college deans, the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs has approved the following sabbatical and difference in pay leaves for the 2006-07 academic year.

- Balachandra, John, Electrical Engineering, 2006-07
- Bein, Andrew, Social Work, 2006-07
- Brentwood, Mary, Environmental Studies, Spring 2007
- Ching, Roberta, Learning Skills Center, Fall 2006
- Colinge, Cynthia, Electrical Engineering, 2006-07
- Deaner, Guy, Special Education, Fall 2006
- Dowden, Bradley, Philosophy, Fall 2006
- Dym, Jeffrey, History, Spring 2007
- Farrand, Scott, Mathematics and Statistics, Spring 2007
- Ferris, Dana, English, Spring 2007
- Fozouni, Bahman, Government, Fall 2006
- Gallet, Craig, Economics, Fall 2006
- Gelus, Marjorie, Foreign Languages, Fall 2006
- Gomez, Susan, Child Development, Fall 2006
- Hembree, Sheri, Child Development, Fall 2006
- Kearly, Patricia, Special Education, Fall 2006
- Kenney, James, Design, Spring 2007
- Lan, Kwai-Ting, Computer Science, Fall 2006
- Lee, Serge, Social Work, Spring 2007
- Mayes, Gregory, Philosophy, Spring 2007
- McKinney, Joshua, English, Spring 2007
- Moore, Kathy, Foreign Languages, Spring 2007
- Noel, Jana, Teacher Education, Fall 2006
- Papa, Rosemary, Educational Leadership, Spring 2007
- Parker, Daryl, Kinesiology, Spring 2007
- Peters, Lorna, Music, 2006-07
- Pickett, Manuel, Theatre and Dance, Fall 2006
- Pomo, Roberto, Theatre and Dance, Fall 2006
- Quintana, Roberto, Kinesiology, Fall 2006
- Reed, Annette, Ethnic Studies, Spring 2007
- Roseberry-McKibbin, Speech Pathology and Audiology, Fall 2006
- Sexton, Terri, Economics, Fall 2006
- Shoemaker, Gary, Physics and Astronomy, Fall 2006
- Siegler, Mark, Economics, Spring 2007
- Stone, Lynda, Child Development, Spring 2007
- Valdez, Lindy, Kinesiology, Spring 2007
- Vines, Rose Leigh, Biological Sciences, Fall 2006
- Wang, Ruth, College of Business Administration, Fall 2006
- Wanlass, Susan, English, Fall 2006
- Wycoff, Susan, Counselor Education, Spring 2007

## Faculty Senate schedule

### Tuesday, Aug. 29

9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Executive Committee

### Wednesday, Aug. 30

8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Faculty Senate Retreat, Foothill Suite, University Union

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

## Professional Activities

### Student Spotlight

**Samantha Hilber**, recent graduate from Biological Sciences, presented her Honors Thesis "Egg Size Through Consecutive Spawnings in the Convict Cichlid" at the Ecological and Evolutionary Ethology of Fishes 2006 conference at Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo on June 5.

**Justin Knighten** completed an internship over the summer in Washington, D.C. with Talk Radio News Service and College Media News through the Washington Center.

### Grants

**Katherine D. McReynolds**, Chemistry, was awarded a grant from CSUPERB (California State University Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology) entitled "Studies Directed Towards the Synthesis of Anti-Viral Glycodendrimers." This grant is being used to provide stipends for undergraduate and graduate students to gain valuable hands-on experience working in the laboratory on novel research.

### Scholarship

**Tom Knutson** and **Sutirat Posirisuk**, Communication Studies, will have their manuscript, "Thai Relational Development and Rhetorical Sensitivity as Potential Contributors to Intercultural Communication Effectiveness: *JAI YEN YEN*," published in the *Journal of Intercultural Communication Research*. The paper reports the results of research identifying elements of effective intercultural communication.

**Tom Knutson**, Communication Studies, spent the early part of the summer in Thailand where he lectured and conducted research at Bangkok University and Kasetsart University. Knutson also presented a workshop for a group of Mexican scholars and students from The International Business Leadership Program, Tecnologico de Monterrey, during their summer academic trade mission to Thailand. The topic of Knutson's presentation was "Thai and Mexican Culture: Manyana and Mai Pen Rai. Knutson, along with **Richard Adams**, English, also coordinated and supervised Sacramento State students serving as English teaching assistants at the Chitralada Royal Palace School.

**Bill Leach**, Center for Collaborative Policy, organized and chaired a panel at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago, April 20-21. The panel brought together editors of three major books published last year to discuss common themes across the three volumes: *The Deliberative Democracy Handbook: Strategies for Effective Civic Engagement in the 21st Century*, *Swimming Upstream: Collaborative Approaches to Watershed Management* and *Adaptive Governance and Water Conflict: New Institutions for Collaborative Planning*. During the conference, Leach also presented a paper on "Implementing Voluntary Agreements in Stakeholder Partnerships."

**Rob Wassmer**, Public Policy and Administration, participated in a national forum on "Exploring the Linkage Between Density and Affordability" sponsored by the Urban Land Institute in Washington, D.C. on May 25.

**Spencer Freund**, Academic Affairs, was one of 150 attendees representing many Fortune 100 companies at

the invitation-only 2006 Dell Platinum Advisory Council held from May 15-17. Created 12 years ago as a forum to discuss critical technology issues, the event is an opportunity for executives to exchange ideas and innovations influencing today's business with a focus on creating strong partnerships that lead to innovative marketplace solutions. Freund also was one of six panel members discussing "Stability of In-building Wireless Systems Performance and Security" at the recent GTC West 2006 conference in Sacramento. He spoke on the underlying strategies of the CSU's Telecommunications Infrastructure Initiative.

**Will Corral**, Foreign Languages, will have his book *Theory's Empire* featured at the International Association of Comparative Literature conference. The book will be the focus of a panel discussion during the association's conference in Rio de Janeiro in 2007.

**Jonathan D. Kaplan**, Economics, was an invited presenter at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Workshop on Information Deficiencies in Agri-Environmental Policy held at OECD Headquarters in Paris, on June 6. The workshop was attended by delegates from the 30 member nations. He presented research on policy design for conservation compliance on highly erodible land.

**Ron Coleman**, Biological Sciences, presented a paper "Brood Developmental Stage Affects Parental Defense by Female Convict Cichlids" at the Ecological and Evolutionary Ethology of Fishes 2006 conference at Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo on June 5.

## In the News

**Beth D. Kivel**, Recreation and Leisure Studies, was interviewed for KXJZ for a story about Oak Park which aired on May 31.

**Tony Platt**, Social Work, had his non-fiction story, "Uncommon Ground" featured Sunday, May 28 on National Public Radio's Weekend Edition.

**Lisa Beutler**, Center for Collaborative Policy was featured in an article in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on the third graduating class of the North Lake Tahoe-Truckee Leadership Program.

**David J. Leon**, Ethnic Studies/Chicano Studies, served as a consultant and appeared in a KVIE documentary "The Braceros."

**Arthur Williamson**, History, was interviewed on July 12 on BBC-Edinburgh, Radio 3, about the 16th-century political theorist, George Buchanan one of the early founders of democratic and civic traditions that culminated in the American and French Revolutions. Williamson had presented a paper to a conference on Buchanan at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

## News Digest

### President's fall address

President Alexander Gonzalez will give his annual fall address to the campus community on Thursday, Aug. 31 in the University Union Ballroom. The event will begin with coffee at 9 a.m. followed by the talk at 10 a.m.

### Clery Act information

In accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, crime statistics for Sacramento State are available at [www.csus.edu/police/cleryact.htm](http://www.csus.edu/police/cleryact.htm).

The statistics include crimes reported on campus over the last three years. Crimes reported on off-campus property owned or controlled by Sacramento State, or on property adjacent to or accessible from campus, are also included.

In addition, the report includes information on campus security policies, crime prevention, crime reporting and other safety matters. Print copies are available in the Library or from the Public Safety or Student Affairs offices.

Details: 278-6851.

### **Self-defense workshop**

The Women's Resource Center will hold a free self-defense workshop on Sept. 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Redwood Room. The workshop will be taught by internationally acclaimed instructor Midge Marino. No pre-registration necessary. Participants should wear comfortable clothing.

Details: 278-7388

## **Monday Briefing**

### **Campus Announcements**

#### **Return of regular hours**

The return to regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an hour lunch) begins Monday, Aug. 28.

#### **Visitor parking permits**

The method to electronically request visitor parking permits for campus guests is migrating from the Visitor Parking Database (VPD) in the IBM system to Visitor Parking in the Common Management System (CMS). Current VPD users are being contacted by University Transportation & Parking Services (UTAPS) and provided with training and instructions for the use of the new Visitor Parking system. All users will need to migrate away from VPD no later than September 30. Anyone who would like to become a new user of Visitor Parking may contact Carla Blanton, UTAPS Office Coordinator.

There are also several new enhancements to help make the new Visitor Parking system easier to use. For more information, contact Blanton at [cblanton@csus.edu](mailto:cblanton@csus.edu) or 278-5244.

#### **Annual Employee Benefits Faire planned**

In preparation for the California Public Employees Retirement System's 2006 Health Plan Open Enrollment period (Sept. 1-29), the Office of Human Resources – Benefits Office will host its annual Employee Benefits Faire on the first day of the semester, Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in University Union Ballroom. Individuals who will not be able to attend can either pick up their new health insurance coverage information at the Benefits Office in Sacramento Hall 162 after the fair, request that the information be mailed to them, or attend one of the open enrollment overviews which will be held later in the month.

Representatives from CSU benefit programs will be available to answer general questions and provide new 2006 program literature for their plans. There will also be special 20-minute presentations from health care representatives every hour addressing topics such as: disease management, health education, preventive services, healthy lifestyles, health risk assessment and a variety of other program features designed to help individuals maintain healthy lifestyle habits. There will be giveaways including donations of eatery tickets from Java City and University Enterprises, as well as drawings for prizes every 30 minutes.

All employees are encouraged to stop by at any time from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Spouses/partners are welcome to attend. No reservations needed. Questions regarding the fair should be directed to the Benefits Office at 278-6213.

#### **Comprehensive review of CSU benefits available**

The Human Resources Benefits Office will conduct a comprehensive review of the CSU Benefits Program for new/newly eligible part-time faculty. Workshops will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day. The schedule is as follows: Sept. 7 in Amador Hall 354; Sept. 19 in Douglass Hall 105; Sept. 25 in Douglass Hall 105; and Sept. 29 in Douglass Hall 105.

Topics covered will include healthcare, insurance, supplemental programs, disability, retirement (CalPERS), tax deferred options, flexible/medical spending accounts, etc. Spouses/partners are invited. Individuals who are interested in attending workshops should contact the Benefits Office at 278-6213 to reserve a space.

### **You can start a vanpool**

Sac State Commute Choices along with Enterprise Rideshare will staff a table in the Library Quad on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with information on how to start a vanpool and how it can be beneficial to commuting. There will also be information available on riding the Hornet Shuttle Express, RT and carpooling. For information regarding Sac State Commute Choices, contact Freddy Orozco, employee transportation coordinator, at 278-7527 or [orozcoa@csus.edu](mailto:orozcoa@csus.edu).

### **Get the latest issue of Funding Alert**

The August issue of *Funding Alert* is now available. The newsletter is published monthly to notify 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/rsp/Funding%20Alert.htm](http://www.csus.edu/rsp/Funding%20Alert.htm).

Highlights include a profile of the U.S. Institute of Peace and targeted funding opportunity notices in the arts, humanities, education, community development, health, mental health, science and engineering.

### **Federal, state employment notices on display**

Employee rights are protected by federal and state laws and regulations. To help make employees become aware of their rights, Sacramento State is displaying employment notices. Employees with any questions or who want clarification on something they have read in these notices should contact their immediate supervisor or the Office of Human Resources.

A listing of location where notices are posted can be found at [www.csus.edu/hr](http://www.csus.edu/hr).

## **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](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#Disability), or by visiting the Human Resources, Disability Leaves Office in Sacramento Hall 162, or by calling extension 278-3522.

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

- Randy Morgan, Associated Students
  - Ondria Small, College of Continuing Education
  - Robert Lobua, Facilities Services
  - Fred Angell, Mail Services Center
  - Sharon Kelley, Computing and Communications Services
  - \*Tala York, College of Continuing Education
- (\*Only vacation leave credits may be donated to this employee)

## **Outstanding Teacher — Linda Goff**

Linda Goff is pleased to be the first Library faculty member to receive an Outstanding Teaching Award—but not for the reasons you might think.

“The University Library needs this exposure,” Goff explains. “People tend to think of a library as simply a place to find books and do research, but instruction is such a key part of what we do.”

Indeed, many may wonder what kind of instruction goes on in a library. And Goff’s goal is to get the word out so students may utilize the Library’s services the best way possible. Goff downplays her many personal accomplishments in her field, focusing instead on the Library’s services to the university community.

"There are no credit courses that we teach, but in the past five years, the Library faculty has spent more than 2,000 hours teaching classes," says Goff. "Keep in mind, that number doesn't reflect the hundreds of hours involved in preparation for the classes."

Faculty bring classes in with the hope their students will learn to conduct research as efficiently as possible. They work in close conjunction with specific librarians in order to customize the lesson for their particular area of study. "The librarians teach the students to make sense of the vast array of information that's available," Goff explains. "The librarians are dedicated to teaching the students the skills sets they need to find the best information in a timely manner."

Goff worries that students may end up spinning their wheels and wasting precious research time simply trying to find research materials in the first place. "A grad student came to me once because she had reached the end of her rope," Goff recalls. "She had spent 20 hours trying to find the information she needed for a research project and was still unsuccessful. I told her something I would tell every student at the university—don't spend more than 20 minutes trying to find something in the Library. If you're still stuck after 20 minutes, get the help of a reference librarian."

The Library works with several academic departments in getting freshmen students to the Library for a Library Lecture. "Sometimes, I can tell that a particular student feels the class session is a waste of his or her time," says Goff, smiling. "I make a deal with them: I tell them I'll pay them a nickel at the end of the class if they haven't learned something new. I haven't had to pay up yet."

Other duties in Goff's wide scope of instruction include teaching Internet search engine strategies (with several tutorials available at <http://library.csus.edu/services/inst/indiv/>) and administering the Information Competence Assignment, a required assignment for Communication Studies 4 and 5 courses. She also serves on the Library MetaLib Implementation Team, helping to make the upcoming MetaLib program implementation useful and intuitive for students, faculty and staff.

Goff always knew what she wanted to do. "I decided I wanted to be a librarian when I was 15," she says. An avid reader from an early age, she remembers the reason for her calling to be a librarian. "I thought librarians got to read all the books first."

In spite of her childhood misperception, Goff pursued library science and, while trying to make sense of a mundane assignment, found that teaching was her true calling. "I discovered the best way to learn something for myself was to figure out how to teach it to someone else. My favorite interactions are when you can see the 'Ah ha' go off in someone's brain, and you know you've connected and made a difference."

## **Robert Therrien art coming to campus**

The work of Robert Therrien, an accomplished California artist who transforms everyday objects into striking artwork, will be on display at the University Library Gallery from Sept. 5 to Nov. 11. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free.

The opening reception is set for Friday, Sept. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the gallery.

Visitors will be able to view two- and three-dimensional pieces as well as works in mixed medium by the internationally-known artist. The display will include sculpture, drawings, oil paintings and photographic prints.

The exhibition comes to Sacramento State thanks to loans from the Broad Art Foundation, established by Eli and Edythe Broad in 1984 to foster public appreciation of contemporary art by increasing access for audiences worldwide.

Therrien's work focuses on the beauty of forms and the materials from which they were created. The artist has been known to take an ordinary object and create the unfamiliar by removing functionality to reveal a new imagery.

For example, his 1994 wood and metal work "Under the Table" transforms the ordinary by dramatically altering scale with oversize chairs and table. His sculpture "No Title", 1993, a work of ceramic epoxy on fiberglass, recreates plates in a kitchen on a massive scale, towering more than six feet high in a precarious stack.

Therrien became known in the 1980s for his sculptures and works on paper that range from representational to abstract. Since the early 1990s, his work has become increasingly representational as the result of the influence of photography.

Therrien, who is based in Los Angeles, has had many solo exhibitions including shows at the Gagosian Gallery in New York, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia in Madrid and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles.

For gallery information, call 278-2368.