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Academics tops President's priorities

President Alexander Gonzalez delivered his fall address to students, faculty, staff and alumni on Thursday, Aug. 30 in the University Union Ballroom.

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Global feminism in art

"Off Center Femininities: Regards from Serbia and Montenegro" is open at the Else Gallery in Kadema Hall. The works by eight women, including the pictured *Joy of Life* by Jelena Tomasevic, highlights the recent wave of global feminism in art. Their work is described as political, but with a lot of "tough, wicked girl humor." The exhibit runs through Oct. 12. The gallery is open from noon to 4:30 p.m.

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The Hornet Express shuttle is free to Sacramento State students and employees. The Hornet Express provides a convenient mode of transportation around the campus loop and to and from locations near campus. Hours of operation are 6:50 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. during the fall and spring academic semesters. Riders should show their OneCard to the shuttle driver upon boarding. The Campus/La Riviera shuttle serves College Greens, Watt Avenue, Folsom Blvd. and the Sacramento State perimeter loop. The Morse/Fulton shuttle provides service to the Morse Avenue, Fulton Avenue and Fair Oaks Blvd. areas.

The Arden/Cal Expo shuttle provides service to the Howe Avenue, Exposition Blvd., Heritage Lane, Arden Way, Bell Street, Northrop Avenue and Cadillac Drive areas.

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and the exhibition is curated by Serbian art historian Jovana Stokic and Sacramento State professor Elaine O'Brien. The artwork is of a mature nature.

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ATHLETICS

David Sutherland hired as director of golf

The Sacramento State athletics department has hired David Sutherland as its new director of golf, it was announced today. Sutherland replaces Adam Pohll who was hired as the women's golf coach at Nevada earlier this month.

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New student is University's oldest

Estelle Rees-Arroyo is one of Sacramento State's new students. She's also the University's oldest student, having celebrated 90 birthdays.

Rees-Arroyo is taking three classes for nine units this fall after earning her associate of arts degree from Sierra College in Grass Valley last spring.

The nonagenarian recently worked her way through the registration process, joining Sacramento State through its Sixty Plus Program, which provides a fee waiver for senior citizens. Staff in the University's re-entry services can't recall any former student who comes close to 90, re-entry counselor Vince Pantalone says.

Why did Rees-Arroyo decide this was the time to finish her education?

"I just felt it was a good idea not to let my mind get moldy," she says. That sentiment was reinforced by the four months she spent in a retirement center while her house was being completed. "People were very nice, but it was pretty boring."

Rees-Arroyo is majoring in history with an emphasis on American history because it's so fascinating. America has accomplished a great deal in such a short time, she says, and created a Constitution used as a model by other nations. "I don't think any other country could match that," she says.

Her own family history could be used for several textbook chapters.

One of her grandfathers came to California during the Gold Rush, taking a ship from Boston when he was 17, then crossing the Isthmus of Panama on a mule. When he sailed into San Francisco Bay, Rees-Arroyo says, the harbor was filled with 400 ships and the masts looked like a forest.

A native of Berkeley, Rees-Arroyo remembers when the Bay Bridge was constructed 71 years ago. She watched the barges deliver the construction material for the span's pylons. And she speaks fondly of the commuter ferry that the bridge replaced. The morning boat trip offered breakfast.

Rees-Arroyo also has a firm grasp on world affairs, having traveled the globe while married to her late husband Carlos, who was a civil engineering graduate from Cal and worked in the oil industry. The couple lived in Venezuela and the Middle East, and visited India, Japan, Cambodia, and other countries during their time together.

The new student will commute to Sacramento four days a week from her Grass Valley home, but will spend some nights in the capital. "Back and forth, it comes to about 140 miles, and that's taking up a lot of study time," she says.

Rees-Arroyo has nothing but praise for Sacramento State and the people here. "I feel it a privilege to come to a University that has such a wonderful faculty, a beautiful campus and a variety of courses."

For more information on the Sixty Plus Program, call 278-3901 or visit <http://webapps1.csus.edu/admr/content/admission/reentry>.

—Craig Koscho

Technology streamlines financial aid

Many Sacramento State students will receive a nice surprise in the mail this fall in the form of an earlier-than-usual financial aid check. The change is due to recent computer system upgrades and process changes within a number of units on campus.

In all, 1,500 more students received their financial aid earlier this year than last year. And the campus distributed \$28.5 million in aid during the initial weekend push to get the work started, topping last year's effort by nearly \$8 million.

"Everyone involved has really worked hard on behalf of our students," says Ed Mills, associate vice president for student affairs, enrollment management. "I want to congratulate all the staff in the Financial Aid Office, Outreach, Admissions and Records, Administrative Computing Services, and Student Financial Services."

The next big effort will be to get transfer credit evaluations completed no later than the end of fall.

The staff are working to complete evaluations faster than in the past. With the new computer system and the real-time information it will offer students, faculty and staff, an even earlier transfer credit evaluation has become vital. It can make a difference determining a students' remaining academic requirements as well as class level for financial aid eligibility.

On a related note, the Financial Aid Office is asking faculty and staff to guide students to them for advice if they are thinking of dropping a course or withdrawing from school. Those decisions have more than academic implications; they can significantly impact current and future financial aid awards.

New full-time faculty 2007-08 Academic year

NAME	COLLEGE	DEPARTMENT
Bersamin, Melina	Education	Child Development
Bogazianos, Dimitri	Health & Human Services	Criminal Justice
Choi, Beomjoon	Business Administration	-----
Curtis, Alexa	Health & Human Services	Nursing
Diaz, Heather	Health & Human Services	Kinesiology
Dovan, Hieu	-----	Psychological Counseling Services
Fezell, Rodney	Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Chemistry
Gasser, Erika	Arts & Letters	History
Greenleaf, Sarah	Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Biological Sciences
Knickelbein, Ann	Health & Human Services	Nursing
Lee, Jai Joon	Business Administration	-----
Lin, Cheng-I	Business Administration	-----
Margoniner, Vera	Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Physics
Matthews, Rilda	Health & Human Services	Nursing

Matzek, Virginia	Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies	Environmental Studies
Noren, Daniel	Engineering & Computer Science	Mechanical Engineering
Noureddine, Nassrine	Health & Human Services	Nursing
Raskauskas, Juliana	Education	Child Development
Reisner, Ronald	Arts & Letters	Theatre & Dance
Sacks, Benjamin	Natural Sciences & Mathematics	Biological Sciences
Singer, Jennie	Health & Human Services	Criminal Justice
Stevens, Michelle	Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies	Environmental Studies
Sun, Yang	Business Administration	-----
Tong, Pingsheng	Business Administration	-----
Wynn, Melissa	Arts & Letters	Theatre & Dance
Yu, Pei-Lin	Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies	Anthropology

Procurement recognized for excellence—once again

Sacramento State’s Procurement and Contract Services proved once again they’re at the top of their profession upon receipt of the 12th Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award from the National Purchasing Institute.

The National Purchasing Institute, a membership-based association designed to enhance professional development of public-sector organizations, awarded the 2007 Achievement in Excellence to Procurement for 19 different criteria, including an up-to-date procurement manual, an effective communication process, vendor training, ability to transact business online, professional staff training and formal audits.

Procurement and Contract Services received the same award in 2005.

Procurement and Contract Services, a division of the University’s Administration and Business Affairs, provides and coordinates all the University’s acquisitions and contracting needs. To accomplish this, staff have established procedures which provide for a smooth flow of incoming requisitions through the procurement cycle and delivery of supplies or services to the campus. The unit is also in charge of no-cost agreements, revenue agreements, public works and the procurement card, among others.

Faculty Senate

Friday, September 7

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee, Sacramento Hall 275

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Helen Lee Keller, English, presented a discussion on July 28 in the Sacramento Guild Theater’s 40 Acres Art Gallery on the culture and history of New Orleans Mardi Gras.

Bill Leach and **David Sumi**, Center for Collaborative Policy, made a presentation titled, "Deliberative Democracy or Customer Service? What the Public Really Wants out of Public Participation," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, August 30.

Adam Sutkus, Center for Collaborative Policy, authored an article on emergency management and homeland security titled, "Collaboration: A Critical Emerging Trend," in the August 2007 *PA Times*.

Barbara Carle, Foreign Languages, published an article titled, "Poiein and Pictura in Alfonso Gatto's Rime di viaggio per la terra dipinta" in *Italica*, the journal of the American Association of Teachers of Italian, Volume 83, Numbers 3 and 4, Fall/Winter 2006. Carle also published seven poems in English and Italian in *Hebenon*, an international journal of literature in Turin, November 2007.

Tony Platt, Social Work, gave talks in July at the Topography of Terror in Berlin and Documentation Centre, Nazi Rally Grounds, Nuremberg. His book review, "Reign of Terror Against Chinese," appeared in the June 3 *San Francisco Chronicle*. He also co-authored a piece in the June 10 *San Francisco Chronicle* about the legacies of eugenics titled, "Shared Riches Bring Wealth of Baggage."

Ted Lascher, Public Policy, and Public Policy alumna **Ellen Martin** had an article accepted to *PS: Political Science and Politics* titled, "What Would Justify Government Compensation for Victims of Future Terrorist Attacks in the United States?"

Robert Mogull, Business Emeritus, published the following professional journals: "Metropolitan Poverty: The Case of New York City" in the *American Economist*, vol. LI, no. 1, Spring 2007; "Hispanic Poverty: A County Contrast" in the *Journal of Applied Business Research*, vol. 23, no. 3, 3rd quarter 2007; and "Metropolitan Poverty: The Case of Chicago" in the *Journal of Socio-Economics*, vol. 36, no. 4, August 2007.

In the news

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was interviewed June 15 and 18 by KXJZ after California lawmakers missed the budget deadline.

Ka Va, Bilingual Multicultural Education Department, was interviewed June 17 by KCRA and June 18 by the *Sacramento Bee*, after members of the Hmong community rallied to show support for a Sacramento resident accused of plotting to overthrow the government of Laos.

Jay Crain, Anthropology, was quoted in the June 21 *Sacramento Bee* about a court case involving members of the Hmong community accused of trying to overthrow the government of Laos.

Robert Waste, Center for Public Policy and Administration, was quoted June 29 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the renovation of the downtown Berry Hotel and forgiveness of the loan payments due the city by its current owners.

Tim Fong, Ethnic Studies Department, was quoted June 29 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the contributions Chinese-Americans have made to the Sacramento area.

Dennis Tootelian, College of Business Administration, was quoted June 30 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the new iPhones and Apple's marketing strategy.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted in the June 22 *San Francisco Chronicle* about the "lingering death of civility" and increasing nastiness in politics.

Campus Announcements

Survey of graduates available

The Office of Institutional Research conducted a survey of graduating students in the spring and received more than 2,100 responses. The survey asked graduating students to assess their college experiences and progress, rate their satisfaction with the aspects and services of the University and to relate their opinions regarding university policies. To view survey results, visit www.oir.csus.edu/Reports/Default.cfm and click on "Graduating Student Survey." Send comments about the survey to oir@csus.edu.

Submitted by Institutional Research

UEI explains new Project /Activity Grant guidelines

University Enterprises Inc., which awards \$90,000 annually for student, staff and faculty projects through the Project/Activity Grant program, will hold a series of briefings to explain new guidelines and application criteria for the program. People interested in applying for a PAG are encouraged to attend one of the sessions. Sessions are 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7, in the Walnut Room; 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the Orchard Suite; and 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Walnut Room. Rooms are located in the University Union.

The Sept. 7 session emphasizes faculty participation, and the Sept. 18 session will focus on student participation. The deadline to apply for the PAG is Monday, Oct. 1.

For more information visit www.enterprises.csus.edu/projectactivitygrants or the UEI offices in Modoc Hall, room 2010, or call Ann Carlson at 278-7565.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Back-to-school buffet

The University Center Restaurant offers a back-to-school buffet 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, and Wednesday, Sept. 19. The menu includes braised beef tips, grilled chicken breasts with sun-dried tomatoes, seafood pasta, eggplant parmesan, sautéed vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes and assorted gourmet salads. It also includes an assortment of cookies, cakes and sundaes from the dessert bar. Cost is \$11.95. The University Center Restaurant is located at the west entrance to the University Union across from Round Table Pizza. Reservations are suggested for groups of five or more. Call 278-6100 for reservations. For more information visit www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/area/ucr.html.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Writing center open house

The University Writing Center's open house for faculty and administrators is noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12 in Calaveras Hall, Room 128. The center provides assistance with writing assignments for Sacramento State students. It also offers tutorials for students preparing for the Writing Proficiency Exam and tutoring throughout the semester. For more on the center, visit its website at www.csus.edu/writingcenter.

Submitted by the Writing Center

Togo's catering

Togo's sandwich shop provides catering services on campus. Choices include sandwich trays, salads, appetizers, box lunches and desserts. Most orders can be placed the day of the event but large orders and party-sized footer sandwiches require 24-hour advance notice. Togo's accepts VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Sacramento State's OneCard. Call 278-8646 for on-campus pick up. Togo's catering menu is available at www.dining.csus.edu/pic/togos/togos_menu.pdf.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

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:

*Lien Nguyen, Admissions and Records

Julie Villescias, Photocopy and Technical Support

David Keyser, Facilities Services

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

Submitted by Human Resources

Outstanding University Service Award: Richard Cionco

Music professor Richard Cionco may not have willingly gone to his first live musical performance, but it definitely had an impact on the rest of his life.

Winner of an Outstanding University Service Award, Cionco was recognized for establishing Sacramento State's Piano Series. He's been its artistic director for 13 years and given numerous recitals of his own during the series. Coordinating the series means he engages the artists and handles their contracts, and oversees the program's finances, publicity and operations.

His first exposure to classical music came at a young age. "I went to a piano recital when I was six years old," says Cionco. "My parents dragged me there." But then the performer played Beethoven "and I was immediately taken by it to the point that I just knew that that's what I would do for the rest of my life," he says.

That love of the piano was then nourished by his music teacher, famed instructor Audrey Brown. "If I hadn't had the teacher I had, there's no doubt in my mind I would have strayed," says Cionco. Brown's teaching style was always constructive, says Cionco, setting up high expectations, but then positively nudging the student "with carrots instead of sticks."

Cionco was asked to apply to Sacramento State while performing in cities such as Prague, Czech Republic. But Cionco also was teaching at Juilliard School in New York City, a private school in Atlantic City and another in Fort Lee, New Jersey. "I was taking casino buses and municipal buses and subways to do this and it was kind of tiring," he says.

While he enjoyed the new job, Cionco also notes that Sacramento was having some difficulty at the time with its classical music venues. The city's symphony was struggling financially, and the ballet was considering using canned music instead of an orchestra, he says.

It was in that environment Cionco started the piano series. "Immediately there was an audience for it," he says.

His latest effort is the Valencia Young Pianists Competition. One of the music program's donors, Edward McGrath, helped Cionco put the competition together. When Cionco asked if he'd like the series named after him, McGrath declined, but asked that it be named for his mother, whose maiden name was Valencia.

"The idea is we would attract high school age pianists who are really hot and really good, from anywhere," Cionco said. This was the inaugural year for the competition, which is held in February.

Of all his endeavors, Cionco says the most rewarding is seeing his students succeed. He also enjoys the opportunities provided by Sacramento State, which allow him to tour and study music.

He and his wife, visiting piano professor Natsuki Fukasawa, enjoy bicycling, cooking and gardening. Cionco hopes this summer will provide him with enough time to finish editing a Beethoven CD he's recorded and work more on his own compositions.

Cionco has enjoyed his time at Sacramento State and is looking forward to more years on campus. "It's been like this incredible crescendo and I hope it continues," he says.

—Craig Koscho

This Week in Hornet Action

Football

No game scheduled this week.

Next game Saturday, Sept. 15

Sacramento State at Portland State 6:05 p.m.

Men's soccer

Friday, Sept. 7

Sacramento State vs. Portland, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9

Sacramento State vs. Oregon State, 1 p.m.

Women's soccer

Friday, Sept. 7

Sacramento State vs. San Jose State, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9

Sacramento State vs. Fresno State, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Friday, Sept. 7

Sacramento State vs. Oregon State, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Sacramento State vs. Manhattan, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Sacramento State vs. California State Northridge, 7:30 p.m.