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Free comedy show featuring Ant

Ant, from *Last Comic Standing* and host of *Celebrity Fit Club*, will headline a free comedy show at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 13, in the University Union Ballroom. There will also be an opening performer. The show is co-sponsored by UNIQUE, the Women's Resource Center, Multicultural Center, and Student Affairs. For more information, contact UNIQUE at 278-6997.

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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 extension 87527.

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ATHLETICS

Colberg to be inducted into the hall of fame by the AVCA

Sacramento State head volleyball coach Debby Colberg, who recently picked up her 800th career victory and is in her 32nd and final season with the Hornets, will be inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Hall of Fame later this year.

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This Week in Hornet Action

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Constitutions turns 220—University celebrates

Most people know July 4 is America's birthday, but they may be unaware that Sept. 17 is the birth of our official government. It was on that day in 1787 that 39 delegates signed the Constitution, and Sacramento State is observing the occasion with a week of activities, Sept. 17-21.

"Constitution week offers students, faculty and staff a variety of programs engaging civic and social issues to showcase the U.S. Constitution as a living document," says Brendan McVeigh, of the Community Engagement Center, one of several organizers of the event.

Observance of the Constitution is mandated for every institution that is federally funded. Sacramento State's program was launched three years ago by Mary Kirlin, associate professor in the public policy and administration graduate program.

She and McVeigh emphasize the importance of getting the students and as many campus disciplines as possible involved in the process. "Which is sort of the point," Kirlin says.

Kirlin acknowledges that many people don't know the specifics of the Constitution, but adds that most understand their general rights and responsibilities. "People have a sense of it," she says.

This year's observance has several sponsors, including the American Democracy Project, Associated Students Inc., the Women's Resource Center, UNIQUE, the Community Engagement Center, and Student Activities.

The week's lineup includes:

Monday-Friday: Voter registration and education with copies of the Constitution. Library Quad.

Monday: *Chalk!* a short film by Philippe Gosselin followed by a discussion, 1:30 p.m., Delta Suite, University Union.

Tuesday: "Federalist No. 51: The Shaping of the United States Constitution," a lecture by Sacramento State Government professor Robert Friedman and Kristina Victor, 9:30 a.m., Cable Channel 17. "Immigration Forum," a discussion on the U.S. immigration debate, is at noon in the Delta Suite, University Union.

Wednesday: Screening and panel discussion of *Please Vote for Me*, a lesson in democracy in which three 8-year-olds run for class monitor, 12:30 p.m., Hinde Auditorium, University Union. Co-sponsored by Hands On Sacramento.

"Democracy in Action," the Associated Students board meeting, Foothill Suite, University Union, 2 p.m., or watch the meeting at www.asi.csus.edu.

"Women, Communities of Color and the Constitution," a panel discussion, 3 p.m., Library Room 1010.

Friday: Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Wangara Maathai, 11 a.m., Redwood Room, University Union.

Thursday, Sept. 27: Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, screenings at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7 p.m., followed by panel discussions at noon and 8:40 p.m., University Ballroom.

For more information on the Sacramento State's Constitution Week, visit www.csus.edu/cec/constitutionweek.

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High-tech help speeds up enrollment

On-line self-services accessible through My Sac State—as well as a later payment deadline for student fees—provided students with the tools to take care of registration earlier this year.

In previous years, students registered during the months of July and August, and fees were due prior to their registration. This year, continuing students were able to begin registration in April, and new students could register beginning in June.

Registration is now a strictly on-line process, says director of Outreach, Admissions and Records Emiliano Diaz. "This was all driven by the ease and convenience of the Common Management System. It's quicker and more convenient for the students to do this on-line, rather than filling out paperwork and mailing it in or dropping it off," he says.

"Another advantage to getting these enrollment numbers in early is our ability to study the data and get a better snapshot of the student population that is returning to campus," says Diaz.

A change in University policy to defer student payment of fees rather than to require payment at the time of registration was another way to get the registration process going, says Diaz.

My Sac State, the portal for student registration and information, provides the student's application status, enrollment and class schedule, academic records, degree progress, financial aid information, student account information, a record of any holds, "to do" lists and personal and general announcements.

Students also had the advantage this semester of putting themselves on a "wait list" for desired full classes. In the past, if a spot opened up in a full class, the next student attempting to register for it would get in. When adding classes on My Sac State, students are immediately notified if their desired classes are full and the student can choose to put themselves on a wait list. The first student on the wait list will be moved into the class if a spot is vacated, and new students enrolling will not be put ahead of wait list students when space becomes available. "It can ease some uncertainties and is fairer to students," says Diaz.

Outreach, Admissions and Records staff were available for students' questions regarding the new registration process and general admissions information as well, although the demand for "live body" help wasn't excessive. "The on-line registration process is pretty intuitive, and doesn't require a lot of technical

expertise," says Diaz. "Our students did really well with this. They're taking care of business early, which makes their lives—and ours—easier."

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Sports freebies available to faculty and staff

Sacramento State faculty and staff will have a veritable wide world of sports available for free this year.

University President Alexander Gonzalez and director of Athletics Terry Wanless recently announced that employees and their immediate family members will be able to attend nearly all of Sacramento State's home sports events for free. All they have to do is show their One Card at the entrance.

"This gives faculty and staff a great opportunity to support the student athletes they teach and interact with," Gonzalez says. "I hope many will take advantage of it."

"We are excited to partner with the President's office on this opportunity to recognize the contributions of our faculty and staff," Wanless says. "We have always appreciated their support and really enjoy having them attend and support the student-athletes at Hornet athletic events."

The program does not include football or men's basketball, but there's still plenty of championship athletics from which to choose.

Last year, Hornet teams included in the program won eight titles and had five teams advance to NCAA postseason. Those teams included women's gymnastics, which won the Western Athletic Conference title two years in a row and participated in NCAA postseason action. Women's soccer went to the Big Sky Conference championships. Both the men's and women's tennis teams won Big Sky Conference titles and went on to postseason play, as did the women's golf team. Men's golf won the NCAA Division I Independent title and women's rowing took the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association team title.

Men's indoor track and field also won a conference title, but only competes on the road.

And sports fans won't want to miss women's volleyball, which is saying good-bye to Hall of Fame coach Debby Colberg this year. Colberg has averaged more than 25 wins a season and won more than 800 matches. She ranks fourth among active NCAA Division I volleyball coaches in total victories.

That's a whole year of award-winning sports programs, and it's all free for faculty and staff.

Visit www.hornetsports.com/schedules/ for a list of upcoming events and games.

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East meets west to study U.S. tax system

The tax man cometh...all the way from China to learn the American taxation system.

Sacramento State is hosting 18 students from Hubei Province in central China here to learn how the American tax system works. The students arrived Aug. 30 to begin a year of study through the College of Continuing Education.

"We have developed a customized training program for them in taxation," says Bernadette Halbrook, faculty liaison for the College of Continuing Education. "They will take classes in business, international accounting and leadership development and will job shadow at the California Franchise Tax Board."

Sacramento State's involvement began about a year ago when a former faculty member from the province mentioned it to Alice Tom, dean of the College of Continuing Education.

"He said there were people in his province interested in learning about the American tax system and wondered if we might have any interest in putting together a program for them," says Halbrook. "Dean Tom said, 'yes' then began conversations about what their needs were and what they wanted."

The students work for the Hubei Province Local Taxation Bureau and were selected by the Chinese government to attend Sacramento State.

"The Chinese government originally identified 400 people as up-and-coming leaders," Halbrook says. "Fifty were chosen to go to Wuhan City to study English for a year, and 18 were identified as top scorers and were offered the opportunity to come here."

Despite their training in English, Halbrook said the program will still be very demanding for them.

"English is not their first language so that will make things harder," she says, "but we're very conscious of that and have people who have worked with international students before to help them."

Halbrook says this may be the only program of its type in the United States, and she hopes it can become a model to be used in the future with other groups.

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Wanted: Your input on University's Strategic Plan

The campus community is encouraged to participate in this month's discussions about the Strategic Planning Council's draft "Foundation Goals" document (www.csus.edu/spc).

The Strategic Plan, once completed, will do much to establish priorities at the University. During the month of September, college councils, departments, Academic Affairs units, the Faculty Senate, the various divisions of the University, ASI, the Alumni Association, USA, and other members of the campus community will be asked to provide feedback on the draft. Among the venues by which campus community members can engage in this discussion are a series of campus forums led by Strategic Planning Council members.

The campus forums will be held in Hinde Auditorium on the following dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 9–10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1-2:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14, noon–1:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 17, 9–10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 20, 1–2:30 p.m.

Faculty, staff and students are also encouraged to provide comments via the SPC email address: spc@csus.edu.

Renaissance forums tackle education, immigration, among others

Sacramento State's Renaissance Society—the campus learning organization for senior citizens—has announced a fall schedule of forums free of charge and open to the public. Forums cover a wide range of topics from consumer rights to Sacramentans' favorite things. Question and answer sessions are held following each seminar. All forums are held from 3-4 p.m., Fridays at various University locations.

Carrie Lopez, director of California's Department of Consumer Affairs, will kick off the forum series with a discussion titled, "What are Your Consumer Rights?" on Sept. 14 in the University Union Hinde Auditorium.

"Animal Abuse and Other Violence," featuring professor Sue Cote of the Division of Criminal Justice, will be held on Sept. 21 in the Hinde Auditorium. Cote will discuss the relationship between animal abuse and domestic violence and child abuse and how the legal system responds to those issues.

Robert Hendren, professor of psychiatry and executive director of the MIND Institute at the U.C. Davis Medical Center will lead the discussion "Helping Children's Minds" on Sept. 28 in the Hinde Auditorium. Hendren will talk about the search for cures for neurodevelopmental disorders in children and efforts to improve the lives of affected children and their families.

On Oct. 5, Sacramento State sociology professor Amy Liu will report on a survey she and her students conducted regarding the interests of people in the Sacramento region. The forum, "What Do Sacramentans Like?" will be held in Mendocino Hall, Room 1003.

Immigration issues will be examined in the Oct. 12 forum "The Immigration Quandary" in the Hinde Auditorium. Retired law professor Stephen Ybarra, who is active in national Hispanic issues, will lead the discussion.

Eva Rutland, author of *When We Were Colored*, will take part in a forum of the same name on Oct. 19 in Mendocino Hall, Room 1003. Rutland will speak about her experiences growing up and raising a family in segregated America. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Ginger Rutland, who is an editorial writer for the *Sacramento Bee*.

The forum "What's New in Education," on Oct. 26 in the Hinde Auditorium, will round out the series. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell will talk about current issues and trends in public education.

More forums may be announced at a later date in the semester. An updated schedule, as well as more information on forums and the Renaissance Society, is available at www.csus.edu/org/rensoc or by calling (916) 278-7834.

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University promotes peace from within at “A Day Without Violence”

Sacramento State’s Women’s Resource Center and the One Man Can Program will present a series of events throughout the afternoon of September 11 at “A Day Without Violence.” All activities are free of charge and will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, in the University Union Redwood Room and the University Library Quad.

“We wanted to illustrate ways for students to find peace within themselves on this day, the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th,” says Jessica Heskin, advocate and educator at the Women’s Resource Center. “So often, 9/11 remembrances focus on war and terrorism. With this multi-cultural event, we’re asking the question, ‘what would our lives be like if we lived one day focusing on peace, rather than violence?’”

The activities begin with a yoga and meditation session at 11 a.m. in the University Union Redwood Room. Zuda Yoga Studios will lead the session, which will promote peace of mind and body through visualization and relaxation.

The West African Drum and Dance Club—a University student organization—will give a performance and speak about African culture and how it relates to peace and nonviolence at noon in the Redwood Room.

The Quetzaocoatl Citlalli Aztec dancers will take the stage in the Redwood Room at 1 p.m. with the traditional “friendship dance.” The end of the production will turn interactive when the dancers teach the audience the time-honored Aztec dance.

Throughout the day, the Library Quad lawn will feature several displays including the “Porcupines for Peace” project—a unique art project that organizers say to be seen to be believed, and the Clothesline Project—a display of t-shirts made by those affected by sexual and domestic violence. “These displays show the different, creative ways individuals can heal after a devastating event,” says Heskin.

The Women’s Resource Center strives to end violence towards women and create attitudes which foster a violence-free environment through education and outreach. The One Man Can Program is a collaborative project of the Women’s Resource Center and the Student Health Center with the mission of engaging men in taking a proactive role to end violence against women and men.

For more information, contact the Women’s Resource Center at (916) 278-7388.

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Engineering dean takes the lead in levee talks

When Dean Emir Jose Macari was asked to participate in an international symposium to discuss whether vegetation on levees should be removed, he thought his role would be to simply keep the topic on discussion. He had no idea one of his primary chores would be peacemaker.

Macari, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, moderated what turned out to be a very heated conference as experts and interested parties from around the world met in Sacramento Aug. 28 and 29 to discuss whether vegetation helps or hurts the stability of levees.

The conference was set up by the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Water Resources and the State of California Reclamation Board after the Army Corps of Engineers released a "white paper" in April mandating vegetation be removed from levees nationwide.

"They felt that vegetation could be a threat to stability of the levees," says Macari, "and were developing a national policy calling for the removal of all vegetation from levees nationwide. States out of compliance with their policy could lose federal funding to maintain the levees."

The white paper created a storm of protests with experts on either side convinced their argument was most sound. The symposium was set up to allow opponents and proponents of the plan to present their case. More than 600 people from California and western states participated.

The dean, who is a geotechnical engineer with expertise in levee design and repairs, was asked to participate in the symposium by professors from the University of California at Berkeley who had worked with him on levee failures in Louisiana as a result of hurricane Katrina.

"I wanted to show what Sacramento State could bring to the table, but unfortunately, by the time I became involved, the conference agenda had been set," Macari says. "But, because of my background, they asked if I could moderate."

Macari says other than the agenda, he did not know what to expect at the conference. "I thought it would just be a static moderation -- introduce the speaker, say 'thank you very much,' and introduce the next person. But as the meeting went on, someone would come over and ask, 'How do you think it's going so far? Are we convincing them?' Then someone else would come along, ask the same question and try to convince me of their point of view."

There is a school of thought that the levees are being undermined by tree roots and animals burrowing into the levee, says Macari. The other school of thought is that the levees are being strengthened by the root systems and that burrowing animals are not drawn by the vegetation but by the aquatic environment. Both sides were passionate in their debate, he said.

"I did see myself as a peacemaker bringing different constituencies to the table to have a dialogue," Macari says. "My job was to keep everything focused on the topic and the science behind it and not have people attacking each other. Yes, everybody had an agenda, but there are pros and cons for each side."

In the end, the Army Corps of Engineers stated the white paper was only a draft and agreed that it needed to seek community input and include local concerns in future policies.

"They certainly grabbed the attention of a lot of people, though," Macari says. As for being the moderator instead of a participant, Macari says it really worked out to his benefit.

"It turned out I learned a lot more by moderating than by sitting in the audience," he said. "But, the goal was to see if we instituted positive change. If we did, I will look back on it and say it was good."

The symposium was also a bit of a surprise reunion for Macari. Four former students from institutions he taught at -- Georgia Tech, Louisiana State University and the University of Puerto Rico -- were participants in the meeting. "There is no bigger reward for an educator to see his or her students engaged in important issues that affect our country and for them to use their technical and scientific knowledge for the good of society," said Macari.

For more information about the levees and issues regarding vegetation, contact Macari at (916) 278-6127.

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Faculty Senate

Tuesday, Sept. 11

3 p.m., Executive Committee

Thursday, Sept. 13

3 p.m., Faculty Senate, Foothill Suite, University Union

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Donald Carper and **John McKinsey**, Business, authored the 5th edition of the textbook *Instructors Manual for Understanding the Law*, Thomson Learning. **Carper** also published on-line quizzes and instructor lectures to accompany the text.

Linda Goff, University Library, was part of a panel presentation titled, "Visibility for Information Literacy Work: The International IFLA/UNESCO IL Resources Directory and the IL International State of the Art Report," at the World Library and Information Congress during the 73rd International Federation of Library Association conference in Durban, South Africa in August. The "State of the Art Report" will be published in 2008 by K. G. Saur.

Maria Winkler, Art, has been asked to include her hand-made artist book *Le Cirque* in *500 Handmade Books*, a juried gallery book featuring the best in contemporary book arts (the same piece had been exhibited in "Beyond Words: ArtistsBooks" exhibit at Sewanee: The University of the South). *500 Handmade Books* will be published in spring 2008.

Craig Kelley, Business, had his article titled, "Assessing the Trends and Challenges of Teaching Marketing Abroad: A Delphi Approach" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Marketing Education*.

Barbara Carle, Foreign Languages, had her translation of Rodolfo Di Biasio's "Poemetto dei naufragi e delle rottamazioni" ("Poem of Scrap Heaps and Shipwrecks") published in the Spring/Fall edition of *Gradiva*.

Lee Kavaljian, Biological Sciences emeritus, received an "Award of Excellence" in the Fine Arts Exhibition of the California State Fair for his ceramic sculpture entitled: "Spirit of Venice."

Ann Weldy, English emeritus, has a play based on three of her novels being presented in New York City at the 4th Street Theater in October. The play, "The Beebo Brinker Chronicles," was written by Linda Chapman and Kate Moira Ryan, and is taken from novels written in the 1950s and 60s under Weldy's pen name of Ann Bannon. The cast includes 2007 Obie winner David Greenspan. The play premieres on Oct. 1, and runs through the month of October.

In the News

Jose Granada, Engineering Department, was interviewed June 15 in the *Sacramento Bee* about his role in assisting NASA's June shuttle mission. Granada was the "voice of the mission" and relayed mission information to Spanish-speaking members of the worldwide press.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: on July 12 she was interviewed by KFBK about media people becoming personally involved with people they are covering; In a July *Comstock's* article discussing the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act, which encourages telecommunication companies to join satellite networks in competing head-on with cable companies; in the June 21 *San Francisco Chronicle* about dirty politics after the mayor of San Francisco was accused of using cocaine by a San Francisco County supervisor; in the July 4 issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle* after the mayor of Los Angeles admitted having an affair with a television reporter; in the June 19 *Woodland Hills Daily News* about an assemblyman who tends to support contentious and "offbeat" issues; in the June 18 *San Diego Union Tribune* about the use of ads by health care interest groups; and in the *Pleasanton Valley Times*, *Contra Costa Times*, *West County Times* and *Woodland Hills Daily News* about whether the budget would be passed on time.

Bruce Bikle, Criminal Justice, was quoted in the June 28 *Stockton Record* about prison policies after a prisoner allegedly strangled two of his cellmates.

Jamie Alvayay, Business Administration, was quoted in the May 26 *Lodi News-Sentinel* about the housing market in Lodi.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted: in the June 30 *Contra Costa Times*, *San Jose Mercury News*, and *San Rafael Marin Independent* about the budget deadline; in the May 20 *San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune* about the budget deadline; in the June 13 *Lodi News-Sentinel* about the responsiveness of governors and legislators to voters; in a June 28 *Pasadena Star* article on immigration issues.

Campus Announcements

Recruitment begins for the fifth EMBA cohort

Attend a free public information session for the highly competitive MBA for Executives program. Learn how to advance your career and earning potential and meet program alumni and other prospective students. There are two sessions. One is from noon to 1 p.m., Sept. 14, at SACTO, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500, Sacramento. Bring a sack lunch. The second session will be held 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, at Napa Hall on the Sacramento State campus, 3000 State University Drive East. Parking is provided.

Space is limited and may be reserved at www.emba.csus.edu, or call 278-5974 for more information.

Submitted by CBA Graduate and External Programs

USGS and Sacramento State: Collaboration and Discovery

Sacramento State and the U.S. Geological Survey California Water Science Center will host a conference from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28, at the Alumni Center. The conference will celebrate 10 years of collaboration and discovery. University faculty and USGS research scientists will have an agenda focused on river science, water quality, geology, hydrology, data sets and instrumentation. The gathering also will look at the history of collaboration and review projects and activities underway individually and collectively. New trends and opportunities for more collaborative research will be discussed. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Those interested in the conference may register at www.csus.edu/research/usgs. For more information, contact Jan Burnaugh at 278-6402 or by e-mail at research@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Parking looks good for '07

Good parking conditions are expected for Fall 2007, although there is some concern about the north campus area. Parking areas there are becoming increasingly congested because of campus growth and construction,

and there may be times when parking is not as readily available in the north parking lots as in the south parking areas.

Parking emphasis is shifting to the south end of campus where there are parking structures, larger lots and streamlined access roadways. Full utilization of the new 3,100 Parking Structure III is bringing the anticipated relief from previous parking problems. Some lots have been reassigned and motorists are advised to look carefully at parking lot signs to ensure they have valid permits.

In Lot 2, residence hall permit parking has moved to the east side and student parking has moved to the west side.

At Parking Structures I and III, more than 200 carpool parking spaces have been allocated and are open to all carpool permits.

In Lot 4, 30-minute parking has been consolidated in the Serna Plaza area on the north and south sides of the new Hornet Bookstore. New motorcycle spaces have been allocated between the bookstore and Parking Structure II.

For more parking information and updated maps, go to www.csus.edu/utaps or call 278-7275.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Hornet Bookstore dedication

Students, faculty and staff are invited to the Hornet Bookstore's ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12, in front of the store. Events include an author appearance, free concert at noon in Serna Plaza, barbecue, caricature artists, and giveaways throughout the day. For more information, call the bookstore at 278-6446 or visit www.hornetbookstore.com.

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Music lessons for children

Sacramento State's String Project is offering low-cost music instruction on violin and cello to children in grades four through eight. Students receive group lessons on Monday and Wednesday for \$85 per semester. Once registered, additional private instruction is available for a small fee. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/stringproject.

Submitted by the Music Department

Human Resources

Benefits fair is coming

The annual benefits fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the University Union Redwood Room. All employees are encouraged to stop by any time. Spouses and domestic partners are also welcome to attend. Representatives and carriers from the CSU benefits programs will be available to answer general questions and provide new literature. They also will have information on the 2008 health plan additions and benefit changes to various plans. Sacramento State's Benefits Office staff will be on hand as well to help employees with open enrollment transactions or questions regarding benefits.

Employees will be eligible to enter several drawings for prizes and give-aways donated by University Enterprises, Java City, vendors, and the Benefits Office.

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 Villescas, Photocopy and Technical Support

David Keyser, Facilities Services

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

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