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You and your family are invited to the annual

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matching system.

A carpool consists of two or more occupants. Faculty/staff carpool permits are valid in any Sacramento State carpool parking spaces, located in Lots 1, 2, 4 and Parking Structure I. On days when carpool members drive to campus alone, a Faculty/Staff carpool permit is valid in Faculty/Staff spaces. Carpool permits may be obtained at the University Transportation and Parking Services office in Foley Hall.

For more information contact Alfredo Orozco at orozcoa@csus.edu or extension 87527.

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Homecoming Festival will round out Homecoming Week this year. The event, held on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 3 to 6 p. m., will take place at the Alumni Center. Activities will include a barbeque, live music, dance performances and a Kids-Zone with face painting, games and prizes.

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ATHLETICS

Big Sky TV debuts this week

Follow your Hornet teams in the Big Sky conference via video streaming this fall on Big Sky TV, which is now making its debut.

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Finding the way is a sign of the times

A little thing like a sign to find your way -- especially if you are new to campus -- can make a big difference. And it is a way to make the Sacramento State campus more welcoming, one of the goals of Destination 2010 as outlined by President Alexander Gonzalez.

As the result of nearly two years of work by design students, faculty and staff, the Sacramento State campus will soon see the arrival of approximately 100 new signs as part of the University's "Way-Finding Program."

Prototypes of the signs, ranging from large signs for directions to smaller ones to identify buildings, are already in place around campus. Permanent signs will be installed by the end of October.

"The students had a simple goal," said John Forrest, a professor of design who helped lead teams of student designers. "They wanted to make the campus signs more appealing and helpful for anyone coming to campus. I think that they exceeded that goal."

The work of the students grew out of a request from President Gonzalez to find a way to create better signage on campus. Instead of using a professional design firm, the University decided to involve Sacramento State design students.

During the 2005-06 academic year winter break, Forrest and Gwen Amos, also a professor of design, began meeting to plan how the project would proceed. "Before you start doing any design, you have to do the research," said Amos, who helped the students develop their creative ideas. "In designing a signage system you need to know what information is needed on the sign, what is expected from the signs and what the signs could look like based upon your budget. With this information, we knew that this was going to be a great student project."

But first they put together an inventory on all the current signs on campus and included information on the types of existing signs, their design and the wording on the signs. They also got input on signs from various campus offices -- the Department Public Safety, University Transportation and Parking Services, the Faculty Senate, Services to Students with Disabilities and others.

The project fit perfectly with the graphic design course on corporate identity and system design, Forrest said. The upper-level course looks at design problems from their origin and allows students to seek creative solutions and produce a final design. Forrest taught one section of the class and Bill Olmstead of the University Union led a second section.

The 40 students in the two sections were divided into eight teams for the project. Before the students starting working on designs, they first had to conduct their own research. They went out on campus to study traffic patterns and look first-hand at the existing signs. They

felt the students also paid visits to places like hospitals and shopping malls to see how signage systems worked in other places. And the students also interviewed other students on campus to get their views on the usefulness of the current signs and how future signs could be more helpful.

The students also heard from architects who spoke on the use of materials for signs and structural issues associated with building a signage system. The students came up with several conclusions based on their research, Forrest said. They felt the campus seems to be isolated from the community and needs to be better identified by signs. And once inside campus, motorists didn't know that they were on a loop road around the campus because no signs told them.

After the research and design, the eight teams presented their work to a jury of campus officials. The jury chose the designs of four teams, which then presented their plans to the President, who chose the final design.

Matt Stuart, a member of the winning design team, said the team wanted to take a thoughtful approach to designing the signs. "We wanted to develop a system that had a linear function. We didn't want to have something that was extremely colorful or overly complex to read. We wanted a sensible system that got people to the parking garage nearest the building they want to be in and then guide them to that building."

Stuart said the project was an ideal match for the skills of Sacramento State design students. "I think all the students felt up to the challenge of building a system because we were all coming from a great design program. We really felt like it was an honor to take part in the competition," said Stuart, who now works as a graphic designer for the University Union. Stuart's teammates included J.B. Ganton, Laura Fontana and Heidi Jacobs-Barton. He said class instructor Bill Olmsted provided crucial design solutions to the team.

Forrest said the competition was not easy work, even for advanced design students. "The students really met the challenge," he said. "We pushed them beyond their limits and they responded. In the process, I think they have become better designers than they otherwise would have."

Based on the work of the students, the University has ordered more than 100 signs from a Virginia firm which will be delivered soon and installed on campus by Facilities Services under the direction of Robin Lovering, manager of project design and development in Facilities Services. "We are now going to have a very useful signage system that will be able to guide visitors and people new to the University to any place on campus," Lovering said.

The campus will soon see a "Way-Finding Program" with new signs that provide directions for those arriving by car and identify parking structures, signs to direct people to buildings on campus and signs outside buildings that identify the departments and offices inside. Each type of sign has a different shape but they all incorporate the use of the University's new logo. The final designs include some changes to the prototypes now on campus following suggestions from different offices on campus that had been involved in the design process.

“Our students have done outstanding work that the entire University can be proud of,” Forrest said.

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Sacramento State will join the California Broadcasters Association (CBA) to host a live statewide debate between Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and State Treasurer Phil Angelides. The one-hour event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. on campus.

The format will include one moderator, Stan Statham, President/CEO of the CBA and the two candidates who will be seated at tables on either side of the moderator. There will be no opening or closing statements. Registered voters will be asked to suggest questions and those questions will be asked by the moderator. The questions will be designed to initiate a conversation between the two candidates. In lieu of closing statements, each candidate will be allowed to ask one question of the other for discussion.

The debate will be available by satellite to all California radio and television stations, and will include simultaneous Spanish translation and closed captioning. CBA and Sacramento State also co-hosted the recall debate in 2003.

Record year for campus development efforts

Strong community support for the Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex helped fuel a banner fundraising year at Sacramento State. Public contributions in 2005-06 totaled \$16,239,897—the largest amount in Sacramento State history.

The CSU system expects each campus to raise private support equal to 10 percent of its general fund allocation. Sacramento State’s goal for 2005-06 was \$14.8 million.

“This was truly a landmark year in private support for the University. Private funds allow us to provide a level of excellence beyond what is possible with state funding,” says Carole Hayashino, vice president for University Advancement. “We are extremely grateful to the donors who gave so generously to our students and programs. Their interest in the University speaks highly of the value of a Sacramento State education.”

Many of the gifts were in support of the Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex. They included the first \$1 million of a \$2 million leadership gift from philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad to build the Broad Athletic Facility. The facility, which the University broke ground for in August, is the first phase of the new sports complex.

Other gifts to the complex include \$1.3 million from alumnus and Sacramento State women’s tennis coach Bill Campbell and his wife Margie toward the field house and renovation of the tennis courts, and a \$62,000 pledge from Gary and Judy Quattrin for a room in the Broad facility to be named in honor of former football coach Ray Clemons. The

total also includes \$5 million of the \$10 million that Alex G. Spanos pledged for the complex.

The public support for the sports complex was a key to making it a reality. President Alexander Gonzalez promised students, who voted themselves a fee increase to build the new complex, that he would raise \$25 million in public funding for it in order for the fee increase to go into effect.

Other gifts included:

- More than \$2.7 million in scholarships, including scholarships to help students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.
- The largest donation ever made to the College of Business Administration, a \$434,000 bequest from the Thomas and Hope Burke Trust to a scholarship fund in the College of Business Administration for the late professor Bruce McElroy.
- More than \$795,000 from the Marda Lee West Trust to the Marda Lee West Endowed Scholarship and equipment in the Department of Biological Sciences.
- A \$250,000 contribution from the Rumsey Community Fund to support activities in the Native American Studies program including an endowed scholarship.
- A \$275,000 pledge from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation for the New Finance Model for Community Colleges project.
- \$10,000 from Dr. Thomas Smithson to the Hedda and Thomas Smithson Science and Math Endowment.
- \$10,000 from Majid and Maryam Rahimian to the Iranian and Middle Eastern Studies Center Fund.
- \$139,000 from Placer Ranch to the Placer Campus Fund.
- Annual fund gifts of \$230,000 including individuals who contributed \$1,500 to support Presidential priorities. This donor category is referred to as the President's Circle.

Other gifts included anonymous donations to support Asian American Studies, the University Library and the Broad Athletic Facility. In addition, funds were raised for a variety of programs such as ones to increase science and math training for future teachers, provide tutoring to disadvantaged children and encourage students pursuing study in a range of disciplines.

For more information on giving a gift to Sacramento State, visit www.csus.edu/giving.

New bike path moving ahead

By February, bicyclists will have a new bike path along the west side of campus, part of the first segment of a comprehensive bike path system that will encircle most of the campus.

"Once we finish, the campus will have a great way for both cyclists and pedestrians to get to campus from Hornet Crossing," said Victor Takahashi, director of Facilities Planning and Construction Services.

Grading work has started to expand the existing bike path along State University Drive West 4,000 feet from State University Drive near Reprographics to Stadium Drive. The new path also will be widened to eight feet from its current four feet to better accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, Takahashi said.

While much of the path will be completed by mid-October, a 100-yard section of the pathway will not be completed across from Parking Structure I. Takahashi said that portion won't be finished until completion of the sewer replacement project—sometime in February—in the same area.

Later this fall, bicycle lane markings and signage will be added along State University Drive South, State University Drive and State University Drive East to improve bike circulation. Bike racks and lockers in various locations around campus will be constructed as part of the project as well.

The \$700,000 project, funded through grants from Caltrans and the federal government, is a key part of the University's Bicycle Master Plan, which was approved by the Transportation Advisory Committee to encourage alternative modes of transportation to campus. Takahashi said the goal is to eventually create a bike path that encircles the campus and keeps cyclists away from the congested center of campus. "We hope to soon have a bike circulation system that is convenient, attractive, and promotes safety for everyone," he said.

Family Day highlights parental involvement to thwart drug abuse

Sacramento State is partnering with several local businesses and organizations to emphasize the importance of parental engagement in reducing substance abuse in children and teens by encouraging families to eat a meal together on Monday, Sept. 25.

Family Day is a national effort put together by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse that emphasizes the importance of regular family meals. Research by the center has consistently found that the more often children eat meals with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs. The belief is that conversations that take place during meals help parents learn about their children's lives and the day-to-day challenges they face. This year will mark the fifth anniversary of the event, which is celebrated on the fourth Monday in September.

"We draw many of our students from the Sacramento Region, and if we can educate them about healthy habits early on, then we're helping them to be successful," says Heather Dunn Carlton, coordinator of the Alcohol Education Program. "Most students aren't coming to college and drinking for the first time. They have well-established behaviors already set in place. We're trying to delay the onset of alcohol consumption and lower abuse so we have a healthier student population."

Studies have shown that underage, high-risk drinking among young people in the Sacramento area is significant. Fully 25 percent of ninth-grade students and 35 percent of

eleventh-grade students report drinking alcohol during the previous 30 days. And 29 percent of Sacramento County 7th graders reported using alcohol—a statistic that is higher than the state average of 25 percent.

Data collected from The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse shows that children and teens who have frequent family dinners are at half the risk for substance abuse compared to teens who dine with their families infrequently. They are also more likely to get better grades in school, have healthier eating habits and are more emotionally content and have positive peer relationships.

For more information on Family Day, contact Dunn-Carlton at 278-6905 or visit www.projecthelp.org.

Staff Employee Recognition Program

The recipients for this quarter's Staff Employee Recognition Program have been announced by the Office of the President. They are Lynda Alustiza (Young), Department of Psychology and Priscilla Llamas-McKaughan, Financial Services.

Lynda Alustiza (Young) works in the Department of Psychology. Her nominator indicated that she "provides very clear and accurate advice and direction to students." Her nominator went on to say that she has "streamlined the Psychology Department's processing and record keeping" and that she "excels in the quality of her work and interaction with students."

Priscilla Llamas-McKaughan works in Financial Services. Llamas-McKaughan's nominator indicated that she "is truly a goodwill ambassador for Financial Services and the University." Other comments included that she "is a consummate professional and she always gives extra attention to callers in identifying the shortest route to a solution."

The Sacramento State Staff Employee Recognition is designed to recognize staff members who make outstanding contributions in the area of service and dedication; who promote values including teamwork, pluralism, respect and understanding; who contribute toward more efficient or productive operations or improve quality of service to contribute to the success of the University in the greater Sacramento community. Information about the program, including an online nomination form, can be found at www.csus.edu/president/staffrec/index.stm.

Faculty Senate schedule

Monday, Sept. 18

2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity, Solano Hall 3008

3 p.m., General Education/Graduation Policies Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 19

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 20

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee

Thursday, Sept. 21

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

Friday, Sept. 22

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Ed Brazo, Theatre and Dance, was elected to represent Western region members of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers on a committee titled "Professionals working within the academic environment."

Gale Justin, Philosophy, has a review of Terence Penner's and Christopher Rowe's *Plato's Lysis* forthcoming in the journal *Ancient Philosophy*.

Stephan Kroll, Economics, will have his co-authored paper "*The Impact of Endowment Heterogeneity and Origin on Contributions in Best-Shot Public Good Games*" published in the journal *Experimental Economics*.

Bill Leach, Center for Collaborative Policy, delivered a paper at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia on Sept. 2. "Collaborative Versus Technocratic Policymaking: California's Statewide Water Plan" is coauthored by Ariel Ambruster of UC Berkeley.

David Booher, Center for Collaborative Policy, authored an article on collaborative governance in the new edition of the *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy* which will be published in 2006 and presented a paper at the 50th annual conference of the International Society for Systems Sciences. "Complexity and Adaptive Policy Systems" is co-authored by Judith Innes of U.C. Berkeley.

Bridget Parsh, Nursing, authored an article "Want to become a clinical nursing instructor?" published in September 2006 issue of *Nursing 2006*.

In the News

Mark Emerson, Art, was a judge in the inaugural Elk Grove Unified School District Art Contest, as reported in the *Elk Grove Citizen* on April 7.

Wayne Maeda, Ethnic Studies, was featured in the *Nichi Bei Times* on April 20 and in *Nikkei West* on April 25 for receiving a KVIE/Union Bank of California's "Asian Pacific American Heritage Local Hero Awards."

Cheryl Osborne, Nursing, provided tips for transitioning elders into a caregiving situation in the March 27 *Lodi News-Sentinel*.

Robert Wassmer, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the April 27 *Davis Enterprise* about urban limit lines and how they may affect the City of Woodland in regard to the Measure A ballot proposal.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted: in the May 12 *San Francisco Chronicle* about extra money in the state budget and how it may help Gov. Schwarzenegger's campaign and image; in the May 13 *Woodland Hills Daily News* and the *Pasadena Star News* about the on-time passage of the California budget this year; in the April 2 *Honolulu Observer* and the April 16 *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* about the challenges of commemorating the 1906 San Francisco earthquake; in the May 6 *Los Angeles Times* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's improved relationship with California legislators; and in the May 15 *San Francisco Chronicle* about Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown's career.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the May 4 *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Davis Enterprise* about calls for UC President Dynes' removal; in the April 25 *Riverside Press Enterprise* about Steve Westly's and Phil Angelides' TV spots in the weeks before the primary election; in the May 5 *San Francisco Chronicle* about younger voters being the least likely voters to designate a party affiliation; in the May 2 *Los Angeles Times* about multiple political endorsements; in the May 1 *San Luis Obispo Tribune*, *San Ramon Valley Times* and *Monterey County Herald* about Steve Westly's gubernatorial campaign; in the May 12 *San Francisco Chronicle* about the race for the District 10 Senate seat; in the May 11 *Los Angeles Times* about college students' disenfranchisement with both the Democratic and Republican parties; in the May 11 *San Francisco Chronicle* about the candidates for the Secretary of State race; in the May 11 *Pleasanton Valley Times* about the importance of the role of the state controller; in the April 22 *Orange County Register* about the Gov. Schwarzenegger's announcement regarding restitution for crime victims; in the May 4 *San Francisco Chronicle* regarding the volatility in polling about immigration issues; in the May 11 *San Francisco Chronicle* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposed \$5.7 billion increase in school funding and how it could repair his relationship with the California Teachers Association; in the May 14 *Los Angeles Times* about legislators' family members running for their seat when they are termed out; in the May 12 *San Francisco Chronicle*

about voters' aversions to negative political campaigns; in the May 16 *San Jose Mercury News* about low voter turnout hurting Proposition 82; in the May 10 *Orange County Register* about politicians' plans being leaked to the media; in the May 18 *Capitol Weekly* about the large number of media requests for her, as a political expert, to provide quotes during election season; in the May 17 *Hollister Free Lance*, *Pasadena Star News* and *Long Beach Press Telegram* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's running for governor with a budget surplus; in the May 4 *Sacramento News and Review* about the challenges of beating John Doolittle in the next election; in the May 28 *Sacramento Bee* about the voters' lack of a strong impression about Democratic gubernatorial candidates Steve Westly and Phil Angelides; and in the May 18 *Pleasanton Valley Times*, *Contra Costa West County Times*, *San Jose Mercury-News* and *Contra Costa Times* and May 23 *San Francisco Chronicle* about the efficacy of negative political ads, despite voters' antipathy of them.

Xin Ren, Criminal Justice, was quoted in the April 24 *Davis Enterprise* about China's emerging role in world affairs.

Robert Waste, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the March 24 *Sacramento Business Journal* about the proposed L Street Lofts project in midtown Sacramento.

Kimberly Nalder, Government, was quoted in the May 6 *Monterey County Herald* and the May 9 *Contra Costa West County Times* about Latino voters and the influence they could have on the lieutenant governor election.

Botamo Mosupoyoe, Ethnic Studies, was featured in an April 13 *Monterey County Weekly* article about her role as an advisory board member in the Global Majority organization.

Afshin Marashi, History, was featured in the May 17 *Dixon Tribune* about a lecture he gave in Davis titled, "The Nation's Poet: Ferdousi and the Iranian National Imagination."

Robert Fountain, Applied Research Center, was quoted in the April 28 *Sacramento Business Journal* and the *East Bay Business Times* about his report on the need for education spending to be stepped up in California to produce highly educated workers for the state.

Suzanne O'Keefe, Economics, was quoted in the April 28 *Sacramento Business Journal* about the leveling off in the decline in manufacturing jobs in the Sacramento region in the past year and in the May 19 *Sacramento Business Journal* about construction employment dips and how they affect other job sectors.

Kevin Wehr, Sociology, was quoted in the May 21 *Sacramento Bee* about the decline since the 1960s in the average American's relationship with his or her neighbors.

Michael Semler, Government, was quoted in the May 20 *Contra Costa Times* and *Pleasanton Valley Times* about Oakland mayoral candidate Ron Dellums.

Nancy Kalish, Psychology, was quoted in the May 27 *Sacramento Bee* about the desire to

compare one's life with people in one's past.

Sanjay Varshney, Business Administration, was quoted in the May 26 *Sacramento Bee* regarding Sacramento State students' studying the ethical slips in Enron contracts.

Tim Fong, Ethnic Studies, was quoted in the May 24 *Sacramento Bee* regarding the report he co-authored about the poverty rates of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders living in Sacramento.

Stephan Kroll, Economics, was interviewed by Capital Public Radio on Sept. 11 in the All Things Considered segment and on Morning Edition on Sept. 12, on Aug. 30 by KCRA Channel 3's evening news on the economics behind the proposed cap-and-trade scheme to reduce California's greenhouse gas emissions.

Ron Coleman, Biological Sciences, was interviewed by KNX NewsRadio 1070 in Los Angeles about stingrays and the death of the "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin, on September 4.

News Digest

Green and Gold Gala Ticket Information

Tickets are on sale for the Sacramento State Green and Gold Gala, celebrating the University's 60th year and honoring philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad. Tickets are available at www.csus.edu/gala/ or 278-7043.

Regulatory Compliance Training E-mail Notifications

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, Risk Management Services will be launching an automated e-mail process that will serve to remind employees/supervisors of their mandatory compliance training obligations. The automated process will repeat thereafter on a cycle of every 45 days.

Based on PeopleSoft/CMS employee reporting hierarchies, and LearnerWeb Learning Track assignments, a "Supervisor's..." report will be generated and distributed to all supervisors informing them of subordinate training compliance progress (direct reports only). A second, "Employee's..." report will be generated and sent directly to each employee informing them of their Learning Track (i.e., mandatory training) progress.

For information regarding this automated process, contact Risk Management Services at 278-6456.

UEI Receives Food Safety Award

University Enterprises, Inc. received an Award in Food Excellence from the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department. The award was presented to UEI for its excellent inspection history and specifically for receiving no major food handling violations during the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006.

The criteria and a complete list of award recipients are posted on the county's website at

www.emd.SacCounty.net.

Time Management/Study Skills Workshops

The Academic Advising Center will be presenting Time Management/Study Skills workshops this semester. The workshops are open to all students; no pre-registration is necessary.

All Time Management/Study Skills Workshops will be held in Lassen Hall 3011 on the following dates and times:

Thursday, Sept. 21, 3 - 4 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25, noon - 1 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 5, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4 - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2 - 3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 23, 3 - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m. - noon
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2 - 3 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 16, noon – 1 p.m.

The schedule may also be viewed on the Academic Advising website at www.csus.edu/acad/usa. For additional information contact Jennifer Druskin at jdruskin@csus.edu or the Academic Advising Center at 278-6351.

Brown Bag Seminar

Faculty, staff and the community are invited to a brown bag seminar on Friday, Sept. 29, from noon to 2 p.m. in Eureka Hall 213. The seminar, "Brasil (with an S!): Ethnomathematics, Mathematical Modeling and School Outreach in Brasil," will be presented by Daniel Orey, professor of teacher education. Prof. Orey will share some of his work while he lived abroad this past year in Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais, Brasil. His talk will include:

- The Ouro Preto Math Trail
- Work with Intel, Wimax and Intel and outreach for public schools
- The future goals for CELB (The Center for Luso-Brazilian Studies/O Centro para Estudos Luso-Brasileiros) at Sacramento State

Prof. Orey will also outline possible opportunities presented at Sacramento State for those who might be thinking of visiting, working, and traveling to South America.

For additional information, contact Prof. Orey at 278-5531 or orey@csus.edu.

Foster Youth Education Fund Fashion Show

The Foster Youth Education Fund will hold a fashion show on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom. The show will feature Sacramento area foster youths as models. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Guardian Scholars Program at Sacramento State, a comprehensive program of financial aid, life coaching, mentoring, housing and other services for foster youths enrolled at the University.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available by calling 944-4935. Information on the Guardian Scholars Program is available at 278-3643.

Campus Announcements

Get your news in Monday Briefing

It is now easier than ever to submit items to the weekly Monday Briefing section of the weekly *Bulletin*. The complicated approval process has been eliminated and submissions are now being accepted directly from all campus employees.

Monday Briefing is a way for campus units to communicate items related to the campus and campus-related activities. These can range from policy changes to retirement parties. The basic requirement is that the announcement should be of interest to a broad number of faculty and staff members. Monday Briefing is not intended for commercial messages, except by campus-based operations such as eateries. It is also not intended for political messages.

Items should be no longer than 150 words, and need to be submitted to bulletin@csus.edu by noon, Thursday. Items will run as they are submitted, but should not be first-person (“I would like to thank ...”). To help readers, the unit submitting information will be identified at the end of the message. For details, visit www.csus.edu/bulletin/mondaybriefing.

Workshop teaches self defense

Join self-defense instructor Midge Marino learn self-defense techniques on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the University Union Redwood Room. No prior experience is necessary, and the free class is open to all ability levels. Comfortable clothing is recommended. To register, call the Women’s Resource Center at 278-7388 or e-mail wrc@csus.edu.

Project Activity Grants available

University Enterprises, Inc. Board of Directors allocates funds for worthwhile campus projects that benefit students, faculty and staff. If you are a member of a recognized student organization, faculty, or staff and have a project or activity that is innovative, shows demonstrable need, and benefits the Sac State community, apply now for a Project Activity Grant.

Project Activity Grant funding guidelines and submittal forms may be obtained from the University Enterprises website at www.enterprises.csus.edu/projectactivitygrants or in the UEI Contract Administration and Grant Administration office in Modoc Hall, Room 2010.

Application due dates are Sept. 18, Nov. 20, and Feb. 26. Applications are accepted on a continual basis and up until 5 p.m. on the due date. Those received after that time will be considered for the next award cycle.

For more information call Ann Carlson at 278-6025.

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day to be held

The Hornet Bookstore announces Oct. 10th as Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day. Mark your calendar and watch for future announcements regarding this event. The day will be highlighted with prize drawings, discounts, and refreshments.

Book tour at Sacramento State

Author Simon Winchester, whose book *A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906* offers a panoramic blend of history and science at the 100-year anniversary of the 1906 earthquake, will be speaking and signing books at Sacramento State on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. in the Hornet Bookstore.

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 278-3522.

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

Randy Morgan, Associated Students
Florie Acio, Facilities Management
Paula McNeil-Shelby, Kinesiology and Health Science
Nabor Lopez, Facilities Management
Sharon Kelley, Computing and Communications Services

Alex Mwaura

Hometown: Bungoma, Kenya

Major: Electronic and electrical engineering. Plans to graduate in spring 2007.

Background: "Growing up in a Third World country, I have learned to appreciate all the resources that are available, and embrace the diversity of many different cultures. Having excelled in science and math in high school, I knew that I wanted to be an engineer so when I arrived in Sacramento I attended classes at community colleges in the Sacramento area before enrolling here in fall 2004."

Changes: "Being at Sacramento State has taught me the value of networking and creating good relationships with people. You can learn a lot from your friends and classmates. And I've learned how important it is to be in contact with people who have the same goals as

you. It keeps you on track."

Highlight: "Getting here to Sacramento State and studying a subject that I really love and that I am doing well in. I have tutored and mentored high school students in math and science through National Society of Black Engineers at Hewlett-Packard and I am currently a volunteer tutor through MEP (Minorities in Engineering Program)."

Destination: "After a few years of industry experience, I envision myself going back to school for my master's degree. I hope to also give back to the community through mentorship and tutoring programs."

Fall Faculty and Staff Event

The 2006 Fall Faculty and Staff Homecoming Event will round out Homecoming week this year. The event, held on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 3 to 6 p.m., will take place at the Alumni Center. Activities will include a barbeque, live music, dance performances and a "Kids Zone" with face painting, games and prizes.

Sacramento State employees will be entitled to up to four meal vouchers redeemable at the event and up to four game tickets to the Homecoming football game, when the Hornets take on Weber State at 6:05 p.m. at Hornet Stadium. Additional game tickets can be purchased for \$6 each upon check-in at the Alumni Center.

RSVP your total ticket needs no later than Friday, Sept. 29, by visiting www.csus.edu/president/ffsr.htm. For more information, call 278-7043.