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2006-07 Outstanding Teaching Award Kimo Ah Yun

Kimo Ah Yun is a shy student's dream. The communication studies professor knows how hard it can be for a reticent student to ask a question in class, so he encourages his students in his large lecture course to send him their questions, via e-mail, during instruction.

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EVENTS



Talented professors take the stage in faculty concerts

Soprano Robin Fisher will perform with pianist Gregory Mason at 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27, as part of the Music Department's Faculty Recital concerts. The program features art songs set to poetry in German, Spanish and French by

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Some recycling tips: do not throw ink and toner cartridges in the trash. It is bad for the environment, and they can be remanufactured for reuse. Please do not give or mail your ink and toner cartridges to outside sources. We recycle right here on campus. The University has a contractual agreement with a toner and ink cartridge recycler and receives a recycling stipend which helps fund the recycling program.

Departments can request a collection box (17" square x 2' feet tall) from Kathleen Reynolds, integrated waste manager, at 278-5801.

Old cell phones can also be collected with the used ink and toner cartridges. Remember to remove the SIM card.

For more information, visit the "Sacramento State Recycles" website at www.fm.csus.edu/iwm.

composers such as Schubert, Richard Strauss and Gounod. Cost is \$8 general admission and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the Sacramento State Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or www.tickets.com. For more information, call the Music Department at (916) 278-5155.

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ATHLETICS

Stidham caps incredible week with AVCA national player of the week honors

Sacramento State senior outside hitter Missie Stidham received both the AVCA National and Big Sky Conference Volleyball Player of the Week awards.

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Exhibit highlights life and times of Joe Serna

The public will get a chance to see the many official papers, personal correspondence, and other items covering the life of former mayor and Sacramento State professor Joseph Serna when Sacramento State's Serna Collection opens for a special exhibit at 1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 1.

The exhibit is in the library's Special Collections and University Archives and will be open from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Feb. 29, 2008. Items document Serna's life from his early years as the oldest child of a farm worker family. He joined the Peace Corps after graduating from Sacramento State in 1966, and began decades of public service upon his return. Serna joined the Sacramento State faculty in 1969, receiving a Distinguished Faculty Award in 1992. He was elected mayor in 1992 and was re-elected four years later. He died in 1999.

The Serna Collection was donated by the family of Joe and his wife, Isabel Hernandez-Serna, who was at Sacramento State from 1970 until 1999, first as a professor then an assistant vice president. She died in 2000.

In addition to items dealing with Joe Serna's political career, the pieces contain extensive information about his private life. "The collection has personal biographical information from the time he was a young boy growing up in Lodi, through his funeral," says Sheila O'Neill, head of Special Collections and University Archives. The exhibit explores Serna's life and contributions against the backdrop of the history of the farm workers' movement, particularly Serna's close relationship with movement leader Cesar Chavez.

The initial donation in 2004 was comprised of 119 boxes of items which are now part of Sacramento State's permanent collection. They are available for research.

Serna reflected on his life in the year of his death, saying, "I was supposed to live and die as a farm worker, not as a mayor and a college professor. I have everything to be thankful for."

For more information on the exhibit, call University Special Collections at 278-6144.

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The weather is getting cooler, the leaves are changing and the football team is in action. That means homecoming is just around the corner.

Sacramento State will celebrate its annual homecoming and Herky's birthday Oct. 7-13. The University will host a variety of activities including the annual group photo of the campus community, a noon pop/rock concert and Filipino music and dancing.

The big event this year is the 60th birthday for Herky the lovable school mascot. Herky has gone through numerous looks since his inception in 1947. The current Herky was introduced in 2000. To celebrate his birthday, Herky will give away two iPods for the best video tribute to him and uploaded to YouTube. Contest details are available at ww.csus.edu/Herky.

At noon, Monday, Oct. 8, another page will go in the Sacramento State photo album when it continues its long-running tradition of staging a group swarm photo of students, staff and faculty in the Library Quad. The photo is used in University publications and on the website as the "face of the campus."

Musical entertainment that week includes a concert by the indie pop/rock group Radio Astronomy, noon, Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the University Union Serna Plaza, and a cultural demonstration of Filipino music and dance by the Ifugao Music and Dance Ensemble of Banaue, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, in the University Union Ballroom.

Homecoming is not just for current students, it's a celebration of all Sacramento State students. Graduates from 1949 to 1958 will be on campus again for a Golden Grads reunion and luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the Alumni Center. A tour of the Hornet Bookstore follows. Cost for the luncheon is \$30 per person. RSVP by Oct. 3 to Alumni Affairs, 278-4899.

Homecoming is also the time for the Stinger Golf Classic. This year's tournament is 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, at the Woodcreek Golf Course. The event tends to sell out, so reservations should be made early to guarantee a spot for the shotgun start. Call the Athletics department, 278-4263, to reserve a spot.

The week of activities wraps up with the football game - Sacramento State vs. Montana at 2:05 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13. Before the game, the University will hold its Homecoming Festival and tailgating party, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Alumni Center parking lot. Bring your own food or purchase food from vendors. Activities include live music by Mumbo Gumbo and the Sacramento State Marching Band. A kids' zone will feature jump houses, a balloon artist and carnival games. Pre-schoolers from the Children's Center will form a Herky Birthday Parade and wind through the tailgate area, ending at the kids' zone.

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Swarm Day campus photo

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Homecoming football game

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For more information on homecoming, visit www.SacStateAlumni.com.

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Prospective students and their families can get a sneak peek at what Sacramento State has to offer on Preview Day, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, in the University Union Ballroom.

Preview Day hosts activities tailored to prospective fall 2008 undergraduates and their families. The day's activities include campus tours and information sessions about admissions, financial aid and housing. University faculty will be on hand to talk with prospective students, and representatives from admissions, housing, student health, disabled services and more will be available to answer questions.

"Preview Day is a chance for prospective students to come to the campus and see what we're all about," says Emiliano Diaz, director of Outreach, Admissions and Records. "They can learn how the University's services help them succeed and meet their educational goals. The homecoming festival and football game, which dovetail Preview Day nicely, also give future students and their families an even better picture of the University's traditions and activities outside the classroom."

Prospective students and their families are welcome to join in homecoming activities right after Preview Day, which include the Homecoming Festival (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and the homecoming football game (kickoff is 2:05 p.m.). For details, visit www.csus.edu/homecoming.

Pre-registration to the event is not required, and parking is free in Lots 7 and 8. A campus map and directions are available at www.csus.edu/pa/directions/html.

For more information, contact University Outreach at (916) 278-7875 or visit www.csus.edu/pa/previewday.

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Conference marks 10-year milestone with USGS

Sacramento State and the U.S. Geological Survey's California Water Science Center will celebrate 10 years of partnership with a research conference 8 a.m., Friday Sept. 28 in the Alumni Center.

The conference, titled Cooperative Science: Collaboration and Discovery, will focus on the history of the collaboration, review the array of projects and activities underway and discuss new trends and opportunities for joint research. Sacramento State faculty and USGS research scientists will also discuss river science, water quality, geology and hydrology, as well as data sets and instrumentation.

"This is an important event, not only because it symbolizes an important milestone to the communities and constituencies we serve, but also because it affords us a tremendous opportunity to review our history and thus plan for our future together," says David Earwicker, Sacramento State's assistant vice president of Research Administration and Contract Administration.

In July 1994, Sacramento State and the USGS entered into a formal agreement to cooperate in establishing and operating a research facility on the campus. It was the first time a district office of the USGS had agreed to relocate to a university campus. Construction of Placer Hall, the new home for the geology department and USGS, began in the fall of 1995 and was completed a year later. In 1997, a formal cooperative agreement was completed to facilitate research collaborations between the University and USGS.

Bringing the USGS office here was important for two reasons, says Greg Wheeler, associate dean of undergraduate studies. "It gave the University an opportunity to work with an agency that has an impact on the greater community, but more importantly, it provided an unprecedented benefit to the students. There is no place else where students can study and work with federal scientists in the same building on issues not just significant to California, but to the world."

Wheeler was the Geology Department chair from 1989 to 1996 and was instrumental in bringing USGS to the campus.

In addition to conducting scientific research, experts from the USGS teach short courses, seminars, lecture courses, and provide technical assistance on student research projects. The USGS also offers graduate assistantships and employment opportunities to students.

"USGS has become a part of the campus, and the partnership illustrates the importance of investing in and nurturing such relationships," Wheeler says.

To register for the conference, visit www.csus.edu/research/usgs. For more information on the USGS, contact Jan Burnaugh at 278-6402.

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Marching Hornets trumpet arrival of new leader, new uniforms

It's a whole new look and direction for Sacramento State's Marching Band this year. When they take the field Saturday, Sept. 29 for the Hornets' football home opener against Northern Arizona, the musicians will have a new leader and new uniforms.

Tim Smith is the new man behind the baton. He spent 22 years as professor of music at Cal State East Bay, where he conducted the wind ensemble, taught conducting, music education and music literature, and was the director of East Bay's symphony orchestra. He had been searching for work in the greater Sacramento area to be closer to his wife, who is director of choral and vocal music at Cosumnes River College.

"This is a huge coup for us," says Ernie Hills, chair of Sacramento State's Music department.

Smith was on a fast track to get in step with the program this summer, and he praised the commitment, loyalty and talent of graduate assistant Jorge Munoz, members of the band council and all the student musicians for pulling everything together. "They take on a tremendous amount of the responsibility and they work very hard to make things happen," Smith says.

Student enthusiasm is running high too. "The season has been really promising," clarinetist Tiffany Leber says. "People are learning stuff really fast so everything's looking up."

This year's halftime program is built around themes from the musical *West Side Story*. Early shows will feature an opening drill and routine, then have the band play a few more songs in place. "As we get more and more time to practice, then we will add more and more movement," Smith says.

Band members held a four-day summer camp, learning and practicing from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. They also practice three times during the week, and begin work at 8:30 a.m. on game day.

But a new leader isn't the only thing that's different for this year's band—they have new uniforms, too, after wearing the old ones for more than 10 years. "They were wearing out," Hills says.

The new threads have hit a high note with the musicians.

"They kind of resemble last year's model, but they're a lot easier to maintain," Jonathan Fernand says.

Smith emphasizes that the band is just one component of the game day experience, playing the National Anthem and joining others for the team tunnel as the players take the field. "They are there not just to

entertain, but to be part of an organization that provides a sense of collective spirit during an athletic event," Smith says.

Marching bands have pretty much disappeared from televised college games, replaced by studio programs recapping scores from elsewhere. But Smith says that hasn't dampened enthusiasm among students to participate in the band. "I think marching bands are as popular as they ever were and still an integral part of the game-day experience for fans."

For more information on the University's Music Department, call 278-5155.

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Lights, camera—save the planet!

California high school students are being asked to channel their inner Spielberg and produce a video about their biggest environmental concern in a statewide public service announcement contest. The competition is sponsored by the LegiSchool Project, a civic education collaborative between Sacramento State's Center for California Studies and the California legislature.

"California's Concerns Contest: Environmental Public Service Announcement" is open to California high school students in two categories; juniors and seniors wishing to submit individual entries, and high school students of all grades who can submit an entry as part of a small group or class.

Students are asked to send a public service announcement (PSA) video no longer than 60 seconds and no less than 30 seconds in VHS or DVD format expressing their top environmental concern for California. Video entries may include, but are not limited to, performance art, animation or claymation.

One video from the individual category and one video from the class category will be selected as the contest's prize-winning entries. Winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to the State Capitol for LegiSchool's Town Hall meeting where the PSA will be showcased. Additionally, the top-voted public service announcements will be shown on the California Channel and will be viewed by teachers, students and policymakers across the state.

Contestants can fill out registration and release forms located at www.csus.edu/legischool. The video must include the title of the PSA, names of the participants and the name of the high school represented. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, Nov. 2, and submitted to: California State University, Sacramento, Center for California Studies, LegiSchool Video Contest, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95831-6081.

For complete guidelines and required entry forms, visit <http://www.csus.edu/legischool/index.html> or call (916) 278-6906.

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60 candles—YouTube can win an iPod

[View slide show tribute to Herky's 60 years](#)

Attention aspiring cinematographers: grab the video camera, props and extras to wish Herky the Hornet a happy 60th birthday on YouTube, and you too could win an iPod.

The Sacramento State Alumni Association is holding a contest that will award iPods to the best birthday tribute video for Herky the Hornet. A panel will judge entries and award an iPod to the winner of the best film. There will also be a "People's Choice" iPod winner selected by viewers who rate the videos on YouTube.

To enter, sign on to YouTube, upload your video, join the Herky Birthday Video Tribute group and register for the contest at www.SacStateAlumni.com.

Entries are due by midnight, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007. Videos can be any length; no copyrighted or offensive material will be accepted.

Career Fair offers "hire" education

The University Career Center will hold its annual fall career fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 in the University Union Ballroom. More than 120 employers are expected to attend. The fair is open to all students.

The center will also hold two career fair preparatory workshops beforehand. The first is 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 24, and the second is 4 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 25. Both workshops are in the Career Center, Lassen Hall, Room 2000. An employer and labor trends lecture to help students prepare for the fair is noon to 1:30p.m., Sept. 25 in the Hinde Auditorium, University Union.

"The prep workshop is an opportunity for students to learn what to expect and how to present a professional image before meeting career fair representatives," says Beth Merritt Miller, Academic Advising and Career Center director. She says students will learn how to approach employers, what questions to ask, what to bring, what to wear and how to follow up after contacting an employer.

The Center will also hold an additional fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, and a Government Employment Career Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday Oct. 31. Both fairs are in the University Union Ballroom.

The career fairs are for students and alumni searching for internships, co-ops and entry-level career positions. The government job fair is for students interested in working for federal, state and local government agencies.

The Career Center will conduct interviewing practice 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 3 and 4 in Lassen Hall, Room 2000 and will assist with resume writing, noon to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the University Union Ballroom.

For more information on the career fairs and associated programs, contact Sacramento State's University Career Center at 278-6231.

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Fashion show fosters college dreams

Imagine you have just turned 18 and the roof over your head is gone; financial support has vanished, and dreams of a college education no longer exist. This scenario is reality for approximately 250 youths emancipated from the foster care system in Sacramento County each year.

The Foster Youth Education Fund is a non-profit organization which provides educational grants for young people released from the foster care system in the Sacramento area.

The curtain goes up at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30 for the 6th Annual Foster Youth Education Fund Fashion Show at Sacramento State's University Union Ballroom. The fashion show, which features foster youths as the runway models, is the only event in which funds are raised for educational grants that benefit college-bound youths leaving the foster care system.

In 2006, the FYEF teamed up with the Guardian Scholars Program. While the FYEF distributes educational grants to foster youth planning to attend colleges in the area, the Guardian Scholars Program supports foster youth attending Sac State.

"Our goal is to really facilitate the students' experience here," says Guardian Scholars Program director Joy Salvetti-Wolfe. "That way they won't have to worry about housing, health care and financial aid; they can focus on their studies."

Last year's fashion show was significant for the Guardian Scholars program. It received \$20,000 from the FYEF event earnings and all the earnings were earmarked for scholarships, Salvetti-Wolfe says.

The fashion show also gives back to the foster youth who participate.

"We love having our event at Sac State," says FYEF President Joni Pitcl. "It's a wonderful opportunity for the youth to see a college campus, strut their stuff and work together to build their self confidence."

Tickets can be purchased at the event for \$25 per adult and \$15 for students and children five and older.

For more information on the fashion show, contact the Foster Youth Education Fund at 335-5485 or e-mail fyef@comcast.net. For additional information contact Ann Richardson at 453-1771.

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Thought-provoking topics tackled in film screenings

Sacramento State's Women's Resource Center is presenting its fall 2007 Noon Movies series beginning Thursday, Sept. 27 and continuing through Tuesday, Nov. 27. The screenings will be held at noon in the Women's Resource Center/Multicultural Center in Library 1010.

This fall's movies focus on the challenges women and men face in society today and in the past. Movies are free and free popcorn will be provided. Discussions will follow each of the movies.

The first screening begins with the documentary "Wrestling With Manhood," an examination of the professional wrestling industry and its negative impacts on American culture. Among the issues tackled in the movie are powerful images of violence and degradation and how they are marketed as entertainment.

The thoughts and feelings of African American men and women from more than 15 cities across America will be shown in "I Am a Man: Black Masculinity in America," on Monday, Oct. 22. The documentary links black men from various socio-economic backgrounds with some of black America's most progressive academics, social critics and authors to provide a candid dialogue on black masculine identity in America.

The series concludes with the film "Tough Guise," an in-depth look at the relationship between pop-cultural imagery and the social construction of masculine identities in the U.S. in the beginning of the 21st century. The documentary focuses on widespread violence in American society and its impact on masculinity.

For more information about the noon movie series, contact the Women's Resource Center at 278-7388 or visit www.csus.edu/wrc/movies/.

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Faculty Senate

Tuesday, Sept. 25

1:30 p.m., Program Review Oversight Subcommittee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, Capital Room, University Union - Tentative

Wednesday, Sept. 26

9 a.m., Writing and Reading Subcommittee, Camellia Room, University Union

3 p.m., GE Course Review Subcommittee

Thursday, Sept. 27

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

Friday, Sept. 28

1 p.m., Academic Information Technology Committee (AITC)

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Jim Chopyak, Music, presented, "Globalization, Westernization and Islamic Influence in Music in Malaysia," at the Music in the World of Islam conference in Assilah, Morocco, in August. Chopyak also presented, "Teaching Malaysian Music in the United States: Breaking Stereotypes" at the College Music Society International Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in July.

Helen Roland, Environmental Science, has been appointed to the editorial board of *Human Ecology Review*, the official journal of the Society for Human Ecology, an international interdisciplinary professional society that promotes the use of an ecological perspective in both research and application.

Jim Hernandez, Criminal Justice, was an invited presenter on Asian gangs at the 2007 Summit on Gang Violence in Alexandria, VA, in May, Hernandez also gave a presentation of the current state of Asian gang activities to prosecutors at Thammasat University in Bangkok.

Louis Downs, Counselor Education, traveled over the summer on a Fulbright Fellowship as a consultant for the faculty and staff of the Department of Guidance and Counseling Psychology of Kolej New Era in Kajang, Malaysia. As a consultant, Downs helped the college develop a policy and procedures for disaster relief, rewriting the counselor education curriculum, training counseling faculty in supervision and counseling skills acquisition for students, providing continuing education for counselors in the community, and developing counselor training materials. Downs has also been appointed as the curriculum adviser for the Department of Guidance and Counseling Psychology for the next two years by the Principal of Kolej New Era.

In the News

Amy Liu, Sociology, was interviewed on Capital Public Radio on Aug. 13 about a new poll regarding health care reform.

Ann Stoltz, Nursing, was quoted Aug. 1 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the effects of a new nursing school in the region.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted: Aug. 5 in the *Sacramento Bee* about PR Executive Jeannie Runyon; on July 19 in the *Hayward Daily Review*, *Alameda Times Star* and *Pinole West County Times* about politicians' search for multimedia solutions; on July 7 in the *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* about concerns and rights of people who fly; and on July 7 in the *Oroville Mercury-Register* about the governor being served a subpoena.

Richard Cionco, Music, was quoted Aug. 12 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the Suzuki method of teaching piano.

Sheila Macias, Community Engagement Center, was quoted on July 27 in the *Solano Co. Tribune* about girls' involvement in math and sciences.

Anthony Sheppard, Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration, was featured Aug. 2 in *Sacramento's Pocket News* about his involvement with the Sacramento Film and Music Festival; and quoted in the August edition of *Sacramento Magazine* about parent's need for party planners in children's birthdays.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted June 28 in the *San Gabriel Valley's Daily Tribune* about state concerns released in a poll; on June 3 in the *San Gabriel Valley's Daily Tribune* about Republicans' involvement in negotiating the state budget; on July 26 in the *Fresno Bee* about politician Jeff Denham's decisions and their influence on his 2010 campaign; and on July 26 in the *Contra Costa Times*, *Oakland Tribune* and *San Jose Mercury-News* about Californians blaming Gov. Schwarzenegger's lack of green progress.

Nancy Shulock, Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy, was quoted July 16 in the *Long Beach Press Telegram*, *Napa Valley Register*, and *Davis Enterprise* about the ability of California's higher education to graduate students; featured on July 19 in the *Porterville Recorder* for her study on students

who succeed at completing higher education within six years; and on Aug. 1 in the *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* about the need for public schools to educate the Latino population.

Jaime Alvaay, Business Administration, was quoted July 28 in the *Lodi News-Sentinel* about creative deals in the slumping housing market.

Ayad al-Qazzaz, Sociology, was quoted and featured on Aug. 5 in the *San Francisco Sunday Chronicle* on his life in America and the presence of Iraqi Americans in the Bay Area.

Lynn Wilcox, Counselor Education, was quoted Aug. 7 in the *Contra Costa Times* about the construction of a church that practices Sufism.

Campus Announcements

Hornet Bookstore Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day

The Hornet Bookstore's grand opening celebration continues with a Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day from 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25. A day of discounts and a special prize drawing are planned for all faculty and staff. Save 20% on apparel, gifts, and general reading books (some exclusions apply). Please join us and remember to bring your OneCard to receive the discount. The new Hornet Bookstore is located east of the University Union adjacent to Serna Plaza and Parking Structure II. For more information call 278-6446 or visit www.hornetbookstore.com.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Green and Gold Gala ticket information

Tickets are still available for the third annual Sacramento State Green and Gold Gala on Friday, Oct. 5. This year's benefit gala celebrates artist and alumnus Wayne Thiebaud. Tickets are available at www.csus.edu/gala/, 278-4740 or gonzales@csus.edu.

Selix Formalwear is offering discounted tuxedo rental rates from \$50-85 for Green and Gold Gala guests. Call 852-7178 for more information.

Submitted by University Advancement

Lieutenant Governor to visit campus

Lt. Governor John Garamendi will visit Sacramento State Thursday, Sept. 27, as a part of his listening tour of the California State Universities. Garamendi will participate in a public forum open to students, staff and faculty from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center. Topics will include CSU's role in preparing students for the careers of the future and the state's workforce needs. A question and answer period will follow. After the forum, Garamendi will participate in a round-table discussion at the center about California's education policies and community workforce needs. To attend, RSVP to Garamendi's office at 445-8994.

Submitted by Governmental Affairs

Alumni Lecture Series

The community is invited to attend a presentation by Dr. John Boyd, titled "Time and Social Forces on Behavior," as part of the Psychology Department's Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the Hinde Auditorium. A reception will follow in Room 354 of Amador Hall. Boyd also will be available to discuss careers in social psychology with students earlier in the afternoon. Contact Dr. George Parrott at gparrott@csus.edu for more information. Boyd did his psychology undergraduate courses at the beginning of his graduate work at Sacramento State. He has co-taught social psychology courses at Stanford with his mentor, Dr. Phil Zimbardo, and is working with him as a co-author on a social psychology volume.

Submitted by Psychology

UEI funding available

University Enterprises, Inc. awards \$90,000 annually to student, staff and faculty projects through the Project-Activity Grant program. If you are a member of a recognized student organization, faculty or staff and have a project that is innovative, shows demonstrable need, and benefits the Sacramento State community, apply now for a grant. Funding guidelines and submittal forms are available at www.enterprises.csus.edu/projectactivitygrants/ or at the Research Administration and Contract

Administration office in Room 2010, Modoc Hall, 278-7565. Applications are due Monday, Oct. 1.
Submitted by UEI

Hardback binding

Because of the many requests for a convenient way to purchase extra copies of hard-bound theses, the Copy Graphics Center now offers hardback binding services. While the service does not replace original thesis materials submitted through the Office of Graduate Studies, it does offer students a way to get extra copies of their theses for their personal use. The Copy Graphics Center is located near the Patio Cafe between the old bookstore and River Front Center. It is open from 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. For more information, call 278-6960.

Submitted by UEI

Computer lab opens

Information Resources and Technology and Associated Students, Inc. are co-sponsoring a 24-hour open computer lab that will start official operation Monday, Oct. 1. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/irt/news.

Submitted by IRT

Degree audit preview

Administrative Computing Services, part of the new Information Resources and Technology department, will hold a campus forum to preview the new degree audit and see a demonstration of the features it will offer. The forum will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Sept. 27, in the University Union Foothill Suite.

Submitted by IRT

Strategic Planning meeting

Encouraged by the response to campus forums regarding Sacramento State's Strategic Plan, the Strategic Planning Council has scheduled another session for people who are on campus during evening hours. The forum will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26, in Library Room 2022. Once completed, the strategic plan will help establish priorities at the University. The council is currently working on a draft of the "Foundation Goals" document. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to spc@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Provost's Office

Register for Quality Improvement Symposium

Registration is now open for the ninth Quality Improvement Symposium at the Paradise Point Resort and Spa in San Diego on Feb. 27, 2008. The symposium brings together quality improvement professionals from the CSU campuses, other universities in the western region, and public and private sector organizations. Visit www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=142814 to register. Cost before Jan. 1, 2008, is \$169 for a CSU participating campus and \$199 for CSU non-participating campuses and all other organizations. After Jan. 1, the cost is \$199 and \$239 respectively. The forum provides an opportunity to learn from and network with a diverse group of individuals who share the common goal of bettering their organizations' service and product offerings. The keynote address is by Robin Lawton, who has more than 25 years of experience directing innovative leadership.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

PRIDE Center opens doors

The PRIDE Center has opened its new center at Lassen Hall 3011. The center has information and resources for students, faculty and staff regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submitted by the PRIDE Center

Be prepared

The Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the University Union's Redwood Room. The event is free and open to everyone. Information on safety, security and disaster preparedness will be provided by campus organizations such as Sacramento State's Police Department, Services to Students with Disabilities, the Student Health Center, and agencies such as Homeland Security, the American Red Cross, Sacramento Fire Department and the Metro Fire Community

Emergency Response Team. For more information, call Staci Louie at 278-6456.
Submitted by Risk Management Services

Human Resources

Thanksgiving holiday change

The day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 23, is a workday for all non-academic year employees. The campus will be open for limited intra-campus business, but not to the public. It also is anticipated that the University Union and University Enterprises, Inc. will be closed that day, so no food services will be available on campus. Human Resources officials hope that, unless work is scheduled for them, employees will request the use of vacation time, accrued Compensating Time Off or their personal holidays for that Friday.

Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, also is a workday for everyone except academic year employees and the campus will be open for limited intra-campus business. It is hoped the governor will continue the tradition of a gift of four hours of administrative leave to state workers which may be used on Dec. 24.

And the campus will be closed Monday, Nov. 12, to observe Veterans Day.
Submitted by 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 278-3522.

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

2006-07 Outstanding Teaching Award Kimo Ah Yun

Kimo Ah Yun is a shy student's dream. The communication studies professor knows how hard it can be for a reticent student to ask a question in class, so he encourages his students in his large lecture course to send him their questions, via e-mail, during instruction.

"I have my computer on during class, and I can see immediately when they have a question," Ah Yun says. "It's important that they get their question answered then and there, because they may not bother to send it after class. Also, I may have gone wrong somewhere in my instruction but other students in the class don't want to speak up."

His sensitivity to various students' needs is one of the reasons he received the 2006-07 Outstanding Teacher Award from the College of Arts and Letters. Ah Yun is praised by both peers and students for his dedication to students and high standards in the classroom.

"I've attended almost all of the commencements for the College of Arts and Letters since becoming a faculty member," says Ah Yun, who has been with the Department of Communication Studies since 1996. Many nomination letters from students for the Outstanding Teaching Award indicated Ah Yun's presence at their commencement meant as much to them as their diplomas.

He also tailors his teaching methods to the kinds of students who enroll in his classes. "As a professor, I have to adjust how I teach based on the student culture," Ah Yun says. That culture varies from university to university, and no one's more aware of that than he. "Typically, our students here are working a lot of hours," he says. "I try to energize them to keep their attention up. They may be attending class after a long day at work, and it's hard to maintain a high energy level.

"I don't do large bits of lecturing. If possible, I'll make the subject I'm teaching relevant to their job," he says. "For example, I'll ask them to conduct a survey at their place of business to improve customer service." Ah Yun says students can practice their communication skills and show a strong commitment to their job at the same time. "Everyone wins," he says.

Ah Yun also studies methods of instruction for the best way to teach his students. "I'm interested in finding the most effective ways to interact with the students," he says. "I'm not here to intimidate them. I wondered if the way I dressed affected students—do I need to wear a suit and tie every day? I found that it only matters on the first day of instruction—after that, students don't notice if you're dressed casually or formally. What matters most is how you interact with them, how you can get through to them."

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This Week in Hornet Action

Football

Saturday, Sept. 29

Home opener, Sacramento State vs. Northern Arizona, 2:05 p.m.

Men's soccer

Sunday, Sept. 30

Sacramento State vs. Menlo 2:30 p.m.

Women's soccer

Friday, Sept. 28

Sacramento State vs. California State Bakersfield, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 30,

Sacramento State vs. UTEP, noon

Volleyball

Friday, Sept. 28

Sacramento State at Idaho State, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Sacramento State vs. Weber State, 6 p.m.

Cross country

Thursday, Sept., 27

Sacramento State at the Big Sky Championships in Missoula, Mont.