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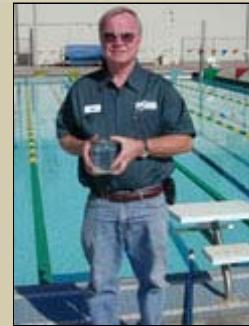
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EVENTS



Veretski Pass

Cookie Segelstein, Joshua Horowitz and Stuart Brotman, collectively known as Veretski Pass, will perform their brand of energetic East European music at 8 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7 in the Recital Hall at Capistrano Hall. The group plays Jewish klezmer on instruments such as the tsimbl (a hammered dulcimer), accordion, and basy

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(Polish folk cello). Cost is \$15 general admission and \$8 for students. Tickets are available at the Sacramento State Ticket Office, 278-4323, at www.tickets.com, or at the door one hour before the performance.

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ATHLETICS

Hargrave drafted in sixth round by the CBA's Albany Patroons

Haron Hargrave, who led Sacramento State in scoring last season and finished his two-year Hornet career averaging 11.0 points per game, was a sixth round draft pick and the 59th overall selection in the Continental Basketball Association's (CBA) annual draft by the Albany Patroons late Tuesday evening.

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University, Sacramento Opera make sweet music together

Sacramento State's music instructors want to take the department's opera offerings in a different direction, so they've turned to the pros to forge a new program.

When voice coach and opera director Lynn Stradley retired at the end of last summer after 30 years, associate professor of voice Robin Fisher reached out to her friends at Sacramento Opera to help create something new. Now in its 27th season, Sacramento Opera has a well-established reputation in the community and will stage three main productions this year, along with two smaller offerings, including a children's opera.

"We wanted to take a year or longer to re-assess what was going on with the opera program and look for the right direction for the department," Music Department chair Ernie Hills says.

Fisher, who has appeared in several professional opera productions, first approached Sacramento Opera when she arrived at Sacramento State five years ago. Even then, the company began sending guest artists and other representatives to talk with students and offer lessons on careers and auditioning. That relationship was further formalized at the beginning of this school year. "The students are already very enthusiastic," Fisher says. "I think they realize they have a very cutting-edge educational approach here."

The students are working with Sacramento Opera's artistic director Timm Rolek, who will conduct the student production at Sacramento State in March.

"This first year we're taking some baby steps," Rolek says. "It's the beginning of a long collaboration."

Yefim Maizel, a San Francisco resident and guest stage director from the Metropolitan Opera, is teaching an opera theater class this semester. His job is to help the students with their stage moves and acting techniques.

During the first day of class, Maizel had each of the 22 students sing a piece to get an idea of where they stand as singers and performers. Those tryouts will be used to cast a series of operatic scenes to be performed at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16, at the recital hall in Capistrano Hall.

Students like the new approach. "So far, it's very promising," sophomore Ellen Presley says. Rolek is an amazing conductor, she says, and Maizel is already challenging them to do their best.

Meanwhile, Sacramento Opera gets a chance to discover new talent. Several students already have taken roles with the company, Rolek says, including the three principles in its children's production, an outreach program that brings opera to children at their own schools.

The new alliance can only further that kind of opportunity. "It's a great introduction into the professional opera world for our students," Hills says. "And if they make a good impression, they may get a job out of it."

Audiences will get their first chance to see and hear the results of the partnership when Sacramento Opera's children's production, "Little Red Riding Hood," is performed free in the recital hall at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2.

For more information, call the Music Department at 278-5155.

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“Americana Indian” exhibit spotlights erroneous perceptions of Native Americans

Images relating to American Indians are everywhere—cigarette packages, soda pop bottles, movies and sports teams, to name a few. But these fictionalized, commercial representations steal the identity and mock the cultures of Native Americans, replacing the historical with something that never existed, according to Sacramento State ethnic studies professor Brian Baker, coordinator of a new campus exhibition.

“There’s something about these stereotypes that is so ingrained and imbedded in culture,” Baker says.

“The Americana Indian – American Indians in the American Imagination,” will run Oct. 8 (Columbus Day) to Nov. 27 (through Thanksgiving) in Sacramento State’s Anthropology Museum, Room 1000, of Mendocino Hall. There will be an opening day reception from noon to 2 p.m. Thereafter the exhibit will be open noon to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Baker, a Bad River Chippewa, has assembled more than 150 pieces showing how the “Americana Indian” has been constructed in the American imagination, and how contemporary culture continues to be shaped by such perceptions.

One of the most pervasive icons, the Indian chief in full “war bonnet” or headdress, is a prime example.

When students are shown that picture, they immediately understand it’s an “Indian,” Baker says. But when shown a picture of a California Indian in traditional dance regalia, they can’t process it, they don’t know who it is, he says. Despite the fact the “war bonnet” was used by a small fraction of Indian bands, it’s become an overwhelming symbol for all Native Americans. The power of the stereotype, Baker says, replaces the reality.

There’s also a historic contradiction in America’s relationship with Indians. At a time when Native Americans were discouraged from practicing their religions and speaking their languages and forced to assimilate with the larger society, non-Indians were playing Indian, which continues to be popular today, Baker says. Whether it’s the Boy Scouts or the Campfire Girls, or adult groups such as the Rainbow Tribe or Earthwalkers, the practice fosters misconceptions while making the emulation appear as real. “It’s all about playing Indian with stereotyped words, grammar and names,” Baker says.

“Part of what I want people to do is pay attention to some of these aspects and how their images about American Indians are rooted in a culture that promotes these wrong impressions,” he says.

For more information, call the Anthropology Museum at 278-6067.

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Royal teaching experience offered up to students

Calling all students: if you enjoy teaching and are interested in traveling, Sacramento State has a program for you.

Sacramento State professor of Communication Studies Thomas Knutson is seeking students who are interested in teaching English to K-12 students in Thailand's prestigious Chitralada Royal Palace School on King Bhumibol Adulyadej's royal grounds.

The program prefers Communication Studies majors, English majors or graduates with a TOEFL or English Education emphasis, but all applicants with different academic backgrounds are welcome to apply.

Students who are selected for the program will receive round trip air fare, a \$450 monthly salary, single accommodations, free lunch on days that students teach and transportation to the school. Students can also travel within Thailand, meet Thai people and learn Thai culture during their free time.

An informational meeting about the program will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4 in Shasta Hall, Room 250 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Application materials and additional information will be available.

Communication Studies major Dwight Turner, who participated in the program in its first year in 2006, recommends it to anyone interested in a invigorating experience.

"It was very challenging. Anything else easily done I would have been bored with," Turner says.

The program was a fun and exciting experience for Turner, who says he didn't become too homesick.

"There were times I missed my family, but you're there so long," Turner says. "You're going from a broke college student eating ramen to being a prestigious Thai school teacher."

Knutson, who has visited Thailand more than 30 times, says that the experience can be life changing.

"They're such a welcoming and accommodating culture," Knutson says. "This program is something that the University can be proud of."

And in an age where students are interacting with foreigners more than ever, learning about Thai values of communication is invaluable, he says.

"Thai people focus more on the people they are speaking with and communicating with them on a level they will understand," Knutson says. "This promotes 'social harmony' which is the number one cultural value of the Thai."

For more information on the Chitralada Royal Palace School Student Teaching contact Professor Thomas Knutson at 278-6941 or e-mail thomasknutson@comcast.net.

Program preps students for entrance exams

Sacramento State and UC Davis are helping area high school students get a jump on their college admission processes by helping them prepare for exams necessary to begin their college careers.

The Sacramento State/UC Davis Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program Center is sponsoring a six-week College Entrance Exam Preparatory Academy for educationally disadvantaged students. The academic program, held at Sacramento State from 4-7 p.m. each Friday, Sept. 28 through Nov. 2, will provide hands-on and computer-based training materials for students.

"Commercial preparatory programs are cost prohibitive for many of our students," says Jean Crowder, director of the center. "They can run as much as \$16,000 for comprehensive courses that do not include preparatory instruction for the required placement exams. Students need to prepare for these tests ahead of time in order to do well, and this course helps narrow the academic achievement gap that

exists for many disadvantaged students by giving them valuable classroom instruction and the opportunity to take the coursework home to work on their own.”

The academy will help prepare students in the University MESA program to take the PSAT, ACT, SAT I and SAT II exams. It also prepares students for the University English and math entrance exams.

After completing the course, students receive a 1-gigabyte flash drive containing a take-home study guide and additional preparatory work.

The program, co-sponsored by Intel, Corp., is free to MESA-enrolled students. Enrollment priority is given to high school juniors and seniors.

MESA provides academic support to educationally disadvantaged students in elementary, middle and high schools. It also helps prepare them for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.

For more information on the MESA program, contact 278-4575.

California Journalism Awards honor the best in the business

Sacramento State’s Center for California Studies and the Sacramento Press Club have announced the winners in the 13th annual California Journalism awards.

The awards were established to encourage and reward excellence in the reporting of California state government and politics.

This years awards:

The John Jacobs Award for print special feature or enterprise reporting went to John Hill and Andrew McIntosh of *The Sacramento Bee* for their story “Bidding for CHP Pistols Faulted.”

The John Jacobs Award for print daily coverage went to Shane Goldmacher for his *Capitol Weekly* story, “NAACP’s Huffman Assailed for Tobacco, Telecom Payments.”

Marianne Russ and Jenny O’Mara of Capital Public Radio received the excellence in radio reporting for “All About Bonds.”

For excellence in television reporting, Kevin Riggs of KCRA received an award for “Governor Schwarzenegger’s Makeover in Terms of his Public Image ... Following a Politically Disastrous Special Election in 2005.”

The Katharine M. MacDonald Award for excellence in student journalism went to Alia Wilson and Daniel Zarchy for their story, “Toeing the Line,” University of California, Santa Cruz.

The recipients were honored at a Sept. 27 luncheon at the Sterling Hotel in Sacramento that featured a keynote address by Lance Williams, a reporter with the *San Francisco Chronicle* who covered the BALCO steroids case and is the co-author of *Game of Shadows*.

For more information, contact the Center for California Studies at 278-6906, calstudies@csus.edu, or www.csus.edu/calst.

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New Faces

Ed Mills

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Enrollment and Student Support

Background and expertise:

Ed Mills brings a quarter century of student service and enrollment management expertise to Sacramento State. And he is happy to put that experience to use on this campus.

"It's a university with tremendous potential," Mills says. "There are terrific students, faculty and staff at Sacramento State."

Mills, the former Chief Enrollment Services Officer at Cleveland State University in Ohio, joined Sacramento State's staff on Aug. 20. His initial objectives are to increase new undergraduate student enrollment and to initiate a campus-wide effort to increase student retention and graduation.

Mills earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State, a master's degree from Penn State and is currently working toward the completion of his doctorate in Urban Education from Cleveland State.

After catching the "software bug" in 1995, Mills worked at mastering the interchange of operations management, world class service, data analysis and sales. He says these are important job skills that will serve him well as he works at Sacramento State.

He will be responsible for Financial Aid, Admissions and Outreach, the Career Center and Testing. He says he looks forward to helping the University obtain its Destination 2010 goal of making this campus a destination campus for future students.

"I very much want to be a part of making that happen," he says.

Joy Stewart-James

Director, Student Health Center

Background and expertise:

Joy Stewart-James is getting Sacramento State student health care services into shape as director of the Student Health Center.

Among Stewart-James goals: modifying students' concepts of health and wellness.

"Student health services are extremely important because not only do we want to provide necessary health care services, we want to give them the knowledge to be better health care consumers, to create a lifestyle of prevention and wellness," she says.

With her extensive background in health care including administrative work, health and wellness, fitness and teaching, Stewart-James brings a wealth of knowledge to the Student Health Center. She oversees all health services and is working to electronically modernize the system so students will be served more effectively, she says.

Before coming to Sacramento State, Stewart-James was a director of occupational health services at St. David's Medical Center in Austin, TX, a part-time health and kinesiology instructor at Austin Community College and a wellness program coordinator for the Austin Police Department.

While working at the Austin Police Department, Stewart-James developed and supervised a university intern program which she looks forward to creating at the new health center as well, she says. She will be working closely with departments across campus to create hands-on clinical internship opportunities for students.

And although she comes from Austin, Texas, supposedly one of the friendliest cities in the U.S., she thinks Sacramento's hospitality rates high as well.

"It's been an extremely friendly city," she says. "Everyone has been so nice; it's been a great welcome."

Young adults expand their horizons in upcoming conference

More than 300 middle school-age girls will learn fun aspects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) when Sacramento State hosts an Expanding Your Horizons conference, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 6 at various locations on campus.

The conference, sponsored by Sacramento State's Center for STEM Excellence and The Women of AT&T, is designed to encourage sixth- to eighth-grade girls to pursue education and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The conference includes hands-on workshops, discussions and interaction with school and industry leaders.

"A study by the American Association of University Women found that the critical years where girls lose interest in math and science are the seventh to 10th grade," says Sheila Macias, administrative director of Sacramento State's Community Engagement Center. "Middle school girls often don't realize they can go into those fields, so this is a prime time to catch them."

There will be 32 workshops with titles like "Blood, Guts and Germs – Adventures in a Clinical Lab," "Alice in Computerland," "The Secret World of Carnivorous Plants," and "Nature's Pharmacy."

Although the focus of the conference is to provide hands-on learning experiences for girls, special sessions for accompanying adults will provide information on STEM education and career opportunities.

For more information on the conference visit www.csus.edu/occ/eyh/.

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Contest asks: What's ailing California's healthcare system?

California high school students are invited to share their thoughts on California's health care reform efforts in a statewide essay contest sponsored by the LegiSchool Project, a civic education collaboration between Sacramento State's Center for California Studies and the California legislature.

The contest, titled "Healthcare in California: Is There a Cure?" is open to California 11th and 12th grade students. The 10 winning essay writers will receive round-trip travel to Sacramento to take part in a day-long student legislative summit on Thursday, April 3. Students will participate in a student-run press conference at the state Capitol with members of the legislature and other policymakers. Students will

also receive a VIP tour of the Capitol and take part in a roundtable meeting with members of the Capitol Press Corps and legislative staff and receive a complimentary lunch at the Capitol.

The contest topic was prompted by reports that despite an estimated \$186 billion spent on health care in California last year, one in five residents is still without health care coverage—and one million of those residents are children. More than 75 percent of the uninsured in California are members of working families who have been rejected for coverage or are not offered coverage through their workplace.

Students should address the following topics: Is this a problem that needs an immediate solution? Should California offer healthcare coverage to everyone in the state? Several plans are currently being considered by the legislature and the Governor to reform healthcare in California, but which one has the capacity to have the best long term success?

The series of questions regarding specific healthcare reform proposals can be found at www.csus.edu/legischool/essay. Essays must be 750 words or less, typed and double spaced. Students should include a cover sheet with their name, home address, phone number and e-mail, the name and address of their school, and the name of the teacher who distributed the announcement about the essay contest. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, Jan. 28 and submitted to: California State University, Sacramento, Center for California Studies, LegiSchool Project, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6081.

For complete guidelines, visit www.csus.edu/legischool/essay or call the Center for California Studies' LegiSchool at 278-6906.

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Student overcomes odds to receive Hearst/CSU scholarship

A Sacramento State social work student who survived ovarian cancer while caring for her injured mother recently received a \$3,000 scholarship for outstanding achievement from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and the California State University.

Joanna Siefert was one of 23 CSU students selected to receive the 2007/08 William R. Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award. One student was chosen from each campus in the system.

Siefert earned a bachelor's degree in social welfare from UC Berkeley in 2006 and entered Sacramento State's social work program later that year. She says she chose social work while taking care of her mother, who had been injured in an automobile accident.

During that time, Siefert noticed she was feeling weak and she was eventually diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer. After recovering from surgery and chemotherapy, she says she realized she wanted to help others and decided to get her degree. Since then, she has worked as a hospice volunteer, a reader for the blind and as a jail intern counseling inmates. She is currently interning at a hospice and adult day services in Napa Valley.

The Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award provides a \$3,000 scholarship to students who have demonstrated financial need, experienced personal hardships and have attributes of merit including superior academic performance, exemplary community service, and significant personal achievements.

The Hearst Foundation originally established an endowed scholarship fund in 1984 to honor William Randolph Hearst, founder of the Hearst newspaper chain. In 1999, the William Randolph Hearst

Foundation partnered with the CSU Board of Trustees to supplement the endowment with contributions from trustees and private donors.

Seifert and the other winners were honored by the trustees Sept. 18 at the CSU Office of the Chancellor in Long Beach, California.

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Faculty Senate

Monday, Oct. 1

2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity, Capital Room, University Union

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

Tuesday, Oct. 2

1:30 p.m., Curriculum Policies Committee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

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

Wednesday, Oct. 3

1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee

Thursday, Oct. 4

2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Monica Freeman, Global Education, was elected international president-elect of Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars. Freeman is also the chapter coordinator of the university's Omicron Chapter, one of the founding chapters of the Honor Society. She previously served on the Phi Beta Delta Board of Directors as senior international vice president and received the Edward Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award.

Catherine Turrill, Art, is participating in the 2007-08 Kingsley Art Club Lecture Series. Turrill's lecture, titled "Bankers, Heroes, and Gods: The Medici as Art Patrons in Florence, 1450-1650," will be held at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Mark Emerson, Art, has a show of "New Works on Paper" in the Annex of JayJay Gallery, 5520 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, running Sept. 5 through Oct. 20. Emerson's work also is featured on the poster for this year's Festival of New American Music at Sacramento State.

Roger Sullivan, Anthropology, co-wrote an article that appeared in the July issue of the journal *Evolutionary Psychology*. Sullivan has also been appointed assistant adjunct professor of psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, UC Davis School of Medicine, where he will contribute to the Schizophrenia Research and Education Program.

Pat Chirapravati and **Elaine O'Brien**, Art, are scheduled lecturers for the second annual Art After Noon series in the University Library Art Gallery at Sacramento State. **O'Brien's** lecture, "Between Japan and France," will be Oct. 10; **Chirapravati** will be giving two lectures on "The Art of Zen" on Nov. 8 and 15, and leading a day trip to the Asian Art Museum on Nov. 1.

Scott Parady, Art, has an exhibit "Recently Pinched Pots" at the Trax Ceramics Gallery in Berkeley, CA, Sept. 15-Oct. 10.

David Wetzl, Art, has a show of recent paintings, "Morphing Mind Tiers," at the University Art Gallery, College of the Arts, CSU Stanislaus, Oct. 17 through Nov. 21; reception on Oct. 17 at 6:30 with an artist talk at 7 p.m.

In the News

Chris Taylor, Astronomy and Physics, was quoted on Aug. 29 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the value of a planetarium on campus.

Jill Trainer, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, was quoted on Aug. 29 in the *Sacramento Bee* about funds raised for the Sacramento State planetarium.

Melinda Wilson, Theatre and Dance, was quoted on Aug. 24 in the *Sacramento Union* about the California Music Theater bringing a playwright to Sacramento State and holding a playwright workshop for theater majors.

Mary Mackey, English, was a featured speaker on Aug. 22 for Capital Public Radio about her latest book, *The Notorious Mrs. Winston*.

Roger Sullivan, Anthropology, was interviewed about his research for a news article in the July issue of *Science News*.

Barbara O'Connor, Communication Studies, was featured on a panel of speakers on Aug. 28 for *KCRA radio* on the topic of a bill Gov. Schwarzenegger will be receiving regarding California voters and the Iraq war resolution; on Aug. 18 for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Fresno Bee*, *Monterey Co. Herald* and *Pasadena Star News* about new chairwoman of the California Air Resources Board, Mary Nichols', energy stock investments; on Aug. 22 in San Jose's *Mercury - News* about Hillary Clinton's candidacy for president; on Aug. 26 in the *Sacramento Bee* about Sacramento County Supervisor, Roger Dickinson; on July 16 in Lodi's *News - Sentinel* and Bakersfield's *Californian* about Gov. Schwarzenegger's focus at the Capitol; on July 27 in the *Orange County Register* about media posting incorrect information on the internet; and on Aug. 9 in the *Los Angeles Times* and Santa Rosa's *Press Democrat* about the effects of California's budget delay.

Emir Macari, Engineering and Computer Science, was quoted on Aug. 24 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the importance of spreading the message that engineering is for everybody.

Tim Horner, Geology, was quoted on Aug. 5 in Dixon's *Tribune*, Rancho Cordova's *Grapevine Independent* and the *Sacramento Union* on the spawning habits of steelhead trout and repair work being done to preserve their spawning habitat.

Kevin Wehr, Sociology, was quoted on Aug. 17 in the *Sacramento Bee* about the difficulties of meeting people, in regard to those looking to date.

James Cox, Government, was quoted on July 26 in the *Sacramento News and Review* about budget earmarks.

Campus Announcements

Accessible Technology Initiative forum

The Office of Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate will co-sponsor a campus-wide forum on the Accessible Technology Initiative, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Oct. 22, in the University Center Ballroom II. The forum will provide information for faculty, staff, and other members of the University community on the details and impact of the initiative. Information on the California State University Accessible Technology Initiative is posted at www.calstate.edu/accessibility. More information about Sacramento State's accessibility, plans, and activities is at www.csus.edu/accessibility.

Submitted by Services to Students with Disabilities

Magazine submissions sought

The public affairs office is soliciting contributions for an upcoming Sac State Magazine feature called "You know you graduated from Sac State when . . ."

For example, "You know you graduated from Sac State when . . ."

- You can't pass up a parking space ... even when you don't need one.
- It seems reasonable to wear green and gold—at the same time.
- You think of the Golden Gate as a large-scale model of the Guy West Bridge.

E-mail your submissions to public affairs@csus.edu. Include your name, title and department, and year of graduation and major if applicable. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 10.

Copy Center offers thesis binding

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

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Film starring Sally Field headlines 2007 Health Care Decisions Week

Two Weeks, a film featuring Academy Award-winning actress Sally Field as a mother with terminal cancer, will be shown at Hinde Auditorium, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 4. A discussion will follow. There will be an information fair on family care giving, advance directives and hospice care before and after the screening. A reception with refreshments will follow.

The movie centers on Field's character's children who return home to say their final goodbyes only to find themselves "trapped" together for two weeks while their mother hangs on.

Sponsoring organizations include the Compassionate Care Alliance, Sacramento State's Gerontology Program and Division of Nursing, Sacramento Healthcare Decisions and East Lawn.

General admission is \$5 and students are \$2.50. Register at www.sachealthdecisions.org/events/two-weeks.html.

For information contact Laurel Sunderman, 278-7163

Submitted by the Gerontology Department

Gerontology career fair

The Gerontology Program will host its second career fair 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4, in the University Union Redwood Room. Representatives from 25 state, county and local organizations that provide services to older adults will participate in the fair. Students from all majors are encouraged to attend. For more information and a list of participating organizations, go to www.csus.edu/gero/careerfair.html. The event is free and open to the public.

Submitted by the Gerontology Department

Cycle of Life art exhibit featured in Library

Cycle of Life: Wisdom, an exhibition featuring the works of four female Asian artists, will be on display at the Library Annex Gallery, Oct. 5- 27. This exhibition is part of two venues. *Cycle of Life: Innocence* will be displayed at the Pence Gallery in Davis from Sept. 25-Nov. 16.

In many Eastern religions samsara, the continuous cycle of birth and rebirth, is a principal belief. *Cycle of Life: Wisdom* will focus on the mature aspects of samsara, such as aging and death, while *Cycle of Life: Innocence* will focus on birth and childhood. Both venues offer an innovative and powerful examination of the cycle of life.

The works of Koo Kyung Sook (Korea), Brenda Louie (China), Dinh Thi Tham Poong (Vietnam), and Lalhimpuii Sailo (India), examine the process of birth, decay and death. Each approaches the concept from a different viewpoint and a different medium.

Submitted by the Art Department

PBS art program screening

Associate professor Elaine O'Brien, art, and Crocker Art Museum curator Colin Dusek will lead a preview screening and discussion of the PBS program "Art 21 Episode 1: Romance." The screening will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3, in Room 145 of Kadema Hall. The program features works by Lari Simmons, Judy Pfaff, Lari Pittman and Pierre Huyghe.

Submitted by the Art Department

Hornet Bookstore returning unsold textbooks to publishers

The Hornet Bookstore will begin returning books to the publisher. Students who need textbooks later in the semester should contact the Textbook Department so they can retain the book. Faculty members who know they will use the same textbook for winter session or spring 2008, should submit requisitions so the book can be held for the next term. Include the course number, section number, approximate enrollment and whether the book is required or recommended.

If you have any questions or concerns, email them to textbooks@fndmail.csus.edu or call the Textbook Department at 278-6448.

Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

Homecoming Buffet

The University Center Restaurant will host a homecoming buffet featuring sliced pork loin, chicken cordon bleu, braised cod, autumn squash, sautéed vegetables, au gratin potatoes, assorted gourmet salads and apple and peach cobbler with ice cream and cookies. The buffet is available 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, October 10 and 11. For more information on the buffet visit www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/area/ucr.html. Reservations are suggested for groups of five or more.

Call 278-6100 to make reservations.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Human Resources

Benefits fair

The annual benefits fair is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the University Union Redwood Room. The event is open to employees, spouses and domestic partners. Representatives and carriers from the CSU benefits programs will be available to answer questions and provide information on 2008 health plan additions and benefit changes to various plans. Sacramento State's Benefits Office staff will help employees with open enrollment transactions and answer questions regarding benefits. Drawings will be

held for give-aways donated by University Enterprises, Java City, vendors, and the benefits office.

Workplace harmony seminars

Human resources will offer professional development seminars to address workplace issues such as disrespect, poor communication, and dealing with difficult co-workers.

Seminars are:

Fierce Conversations: Achieving Success at Work

8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the University Union Redwood Room. For seminar details visit www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/brochure.html#FC.

Working with You is Killing Me: Freeing Yourself

8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the University Center Ballroom. For seminar details visit www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/brochure.html#WWY

Registration fees are associated with the seminars; however, Presidential scholarships are available.

Manager/supervisor development opportunities

Human Resources, Administration and Business Affairs and other units are required to periodically inform employees of various policies and procedures that govern employment at Sacramento State. To reduce the number of workshops required, a series of mini-workshops lasting two hours or less have been developed. These workshops, called, "What Every Manager Needs to Know," include University Compliance, Manager's Toolkit, and Student Employment.

For details visit <http://www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/brochureSSMK.html>. The complete Fall 2007 Professional Development and Training calendar of events is located at www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/seminars.html. If you have questions about the workshops, please contact Kim Harrington, harringtonkc@csus.edu or 278-6327.

Benefit programs

For information on the spring 2008 CSU Fee Waiver Program, go to www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/announce.html. For information on Flexible Spending Accounts and CalPERS Retirement workshops sponsored by the Human Resources Benefits Office, go to www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/seminars.html#PED.

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

Staff Profile Jon Payne – 30 Years

One of the first things a person may notice about Jon Payne is the multitude of keys on his belt.

"I've learned a lot since I've been here," he says. "I know where just about everything is, and I have keys for just about everything."

Payne, who has worked for Sacramento State for 32 years, is a facilities worker on campus whose main job is taking care of the two campus pools. The pools, which are old and require more care, hold almost 300,000 gallons of water and must be chemically treated regularly.

"It's very important because people's health depends on how balanced that water is," he says. "If the chlorine gets too low, people are put at risk."

Payne started here in 1976 after finishing a tour in the Air Force. "My dad worked as a continuing education consultant here from 1966-78. I had a two-year degree in environment horticulture, and he let me know they had a position open in grounds maintenance," he says.

He says he loves his job and almost considers it a second home. The best part about his job, he says, are the people he works with and the people he meets. "They are all very nice and I get a lot of appreciative remarks," he says, "but I also get remarks when the water is a couple of degrees too cold. 'Hey Jon, it's a little under temperature today.'" For the record, he generally keeps the pool at 80 degrees.

"A few days ago a dear, sweet woman who uses the pool often said to me, 'we really appreciate what you do, and we will miss you when you retire.' It felt terrific to hear that," says Payne.

He also takes care of the Library quad fountain and the Serna Fountain. "The Library fountain is tough because it is right in the middle of the hot sun and is susceptible to algae," he says. "Trash and things also wind up in there because it's open. I have to stay on top of it."

Payne will retire in about year. He's looking forward to spending more time with his wife, a grade school teacher who is also planning to retire soon.

Retirement means Payne, who says he's not much into swimming, will have more time to take care of things around the house, including his 10,000 gallon pool.

"In some ways it's easier to take care of a larger pool because with larger doses of chemicals you don't have to fine tune as much," he says.

This Week in Hornet Action

Football

Saturday, Oct. 6

Sacramento State at Webber State, 1:05 p.m.

Men's soccer

Sunday, Oct. 7

Sacramento State at San Jose State, 7 p.m.

Women's soccer

Friday, Oct. 5

Sacramento State at Pepperdine, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 7

Sacramento State at Loyola Marymount, 1 p.m.

Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 5

Sacramento State at Montana, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Sacramento State at Montana State, 6 p.m.