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Bicycling is a great way to commute to the campus and get exercise at the same time. Sacramento State has a free bicycle parking compound at the foot of the Guy West Bridge. It is staffed by University Transportation and Parking Services student assistants from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays during the academic year. Additional bicycle racks are located...
throughout campus. Bicycle lockers are also available for rent for $50 per semester ($30 rental fee, $20 refundable key deposit) through ASI Peak Adventures at 278-6321.

To make the bike commute easier, Hornet Express shuttles and Sacramento Regional Transit buses are equipped with bicycle racks. Those interested in commuting with a “bike buddy” may visit www.sacregion511.org for a bicycle buddy match list. Sacramento area bike routes, maps, safety tips, California Vehicle Code bicycle laws and other information regarding your Commute Choices to campus are available from Alfredo Orozco, Sacramento State’s employee transportation coordinator, at orozcoa@csus.edu or 278-7527.

Stryhas added to the All-American Tennis Championship field
One week after Sacramento State’s Xavier Barajas-Smith became the first Hornet men’s tennis player to be selected to compete at the Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships, it was announced that freshman Anton Stryhas will join Barajas-Smith at the tournament.

The event is free to Alumni members and a guest. Admission for non-members is $10. Contact 278-4899 to reserve a space.
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The new service called “Career Connection,” is available at www.csus.edu/careercenter. The link from the career center’s home page not only allows off-campus employers to post job openings for students but also gives faculty and staff an opportunity to list campus jobs for students.

“Students now have greater access to all the job opportunities offered by the Career Center,” says Anna Domek, a career counselor in the Career Center who is helping oversee operation of Career Connection. “Our students have busy lives. They’re studying, they are working and they don’t always have time to come into the Career Center between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This new service gives students access to job listing at any time.”

In the past, students had to physically come to campus to use the center’s database of job listings, which were entered into the system by Career Center personnel. Now employers are able to manage their own listings by adding new jobs and deleting ones once they are filled. All positions are screened by the Career Center before they are posted on Career Connection.

Domek says that since the service debuted in June nearly 1,100 employers from the Sacramento region and beyond have signed up to list part-time and full-time jobs as well as internships and volunteer opportunities with Career Connection, a career services management system endorsed by the National Association for College and Employers.

More than 1,400 jobs have been listed since the service began. Currently about 700 jobs, internships or volunteer opportunities are listed. Students, who can apply for jobs online, can also search for jobs in several ways, including by major or by field of interest. About 1,100 students have registered with the Career Center to use the service, Domek says.

Not only can students search for jobs, they can also post their resumes for viewing by potential employers. Domek says more than 260 have been posted to date. And the Career Center makes its resume service available to students whose resumes may need a bit of fine tuning.

Another important feature, Domek says, gives students the opportunity to network with professionals in different career fields. Sacramento area professionals, many of whom are alumni of the University, have made themselves available to students for questions such as what the average workday is like for an accountant. “We have a number of people who have volunteered to answer questions from students,” Domek said. “It is a great service for our students to have.”

Career Connection also gives students the latest information about Career Center events and other services. “This gives the Career Center a better chance of telling students some of the other services available to them. We want students to start thinking about the Career Center long before they graduate and look for that first full-time job.”

Through Career Connection, employers, including Sacramento State faculty and staff, are able to post their positions directly online, receive resume books from qualified students and register for upcoming career fairs and other events sponsored by the Career Center.

“I think we have been successful in the getting employers to sign up and students to use the service,” says Domek. “It is something that helps both students and employers.”

Domek added that alumni of Sacramento State can use the Career Connection as part of the Career Center’s fee-based services for alums.
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The project will impact traffic on State University Drive West for the duration of the job. Traffic in both directions on State University Drive West will be maintained. However, construction work will occupy the west lane on State University Drive West, and the middle left-turn lane will be converted into a traffic lane for southbound traffic in order for traffic to continue in both directions. In addition, cars traveling south on State University Drive West will be unable to make a left turn to enter Parking Structure I and will only be allowed to turn right (north) onto State University Drive West.

Pedestrian and bike traffic will also be re-routed because of the tank installation. Those traveling north on State University Drive West and coming in through Hornet Crossing will only have access to the sidewalk on the east side of the road. A temporary detour will direct pedestrian traffic down a gravel path adjacent to the Baseball Field leading into the center of campus.

Signage will be posted at the J Street entrance to the campus alerting drivers that left turns into Parking Structure I are prohibited. Signs will also be placed along State University Drive West and Sinclair Road indicating sidewalk closures, detour routes, and pedestrian and bicycle access.

The 64-foot-long, 10-foot-diameter fiberglass sewage storage tank will be installed 30 feet underground and will hold sewage prior to its transfer to the city’s system. The tank will allow the University to control flow into the city system and provide temporary storage should the city pump system fail.

The project is part of the Infrastructure II campus upgrade to improve under- and above-ground piping for steam, condensate and chilled water systems and upgrade and replace fire alarm systems. It will also provide boiler replacement and upgrade of steam, condensate piping and heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls, and expansion and renovation of the existing sanitary sewer system. Completion of the entire Infrastructure II project is expected by fall 2007.

CMS advances with ‘My Sac State’

Self service took on a whole new meaning for Sacramento State employees at the end of the spring semester.

Last May, University employees, including student assistants, were introduced to an innovative portal called ‘My Sac State’, a gateway to access their self-service human resources information. When visiting ‘My Sac State’ (my.csus.edu), employees were provided a new approach to view or update their human resources benefits, payroll and personal information including compensation history. The gateway became the single point of entry for employees to view their self-service features and access the HR and finance applications within CMS.

And it doesn’t end there. In the months ahead, ‘My Sac State’ will be rolling out additional self-service features for faculty, staff, and students. “By mid- to late October, University employees will be able to view their vacation and sick leave balances,” says Jeanette Norton, CMS project director.

There’s more in store for students as well. Applicants will find information on their application status via ‘My Sac State.’ The applicant page will be available as early as this month and will include a “To Do List” feature to keep students apprised of the next steps in the application process.
Both applicants and current students will be able to review and update their personal information and will have helpful links of particular interest such as financial aid, Sacramento State events, degree evaluations and the course catalog.

“As student administration is being implemented in phases, ‘My Sac State’ will be attaining more features while CasperWeb will be phased out,” explains Norton. Students can currently access their information online through CasperWeb, but it has limited availability. ‘My Sac State’ will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Work will continue on ‘My Sac State’ for another year. By fall 2007, faculty will be able to access their class schedules, advise students, view enrollment rosters and grade students via ‘My Sac State.’

Conference examines war’s impact on women

The third annual Dialogue on Violence Against Women will focus on the embattled countries of Afghanistan, Iraq and Lebanon and specifically the impact of war and violence on women in those areas. The conference, titled “War, Women and Violence: Perspectives on Recent Events in the Middle East,” will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Union Redwood Room on the Sacramento State campus. The conference is open to the public. The registration cost is $30 for general admission and $15 for students.

“It’s important to focus on women and children in war-torn areas, because quite often they get lost in the rhetoric of politics,” explains Jessica Heskin, conference organizer and educator at Sacramento State’s Women’s Resource Center, which is sponsoring the event. "The news has focused on male prisoners who were tortured in Abu Ghraib, while tortured female prisoners were ignored by the press. Only three women were nominated to the interim Iraqi Governing Council, one of whom was murdered. In Afghanistan, a girls’ school is bombed or a teacher is murdered every day. The list goes on and on. These issues need to be addressed."

Featured speaker Fariba Nawa, an Afghan-American journalist living in Afghanistan, will discuss topics such as the drug trade and reconstruction in Afghanistan, post-Saddam Iraq, and the war in Afghanistan. An award-winning journalist, Nawa’s work has appeared in the Sunday Times of London, Newsday, Mother Jones, The Village Voice, The Christian Science Monitor and other publications, and her essays have been published in two books, March to War and Women for Afghan Women.

Other sessions will cover the escalating hostilities between Lebanon and Israel and the challenges healthcare professionals face in Iraq, as well as an open forum on the Gaza situation.

Scholarships for the event are available to students. For more information, and to register for the event, contact the Sacramento State Women’s Resource Center at 278-7388 or visit www.csus.edu/wrc.

Faculty Senate

Monday, Oct. 2
2 p.m., Committee on Diversity and Equity (CODE), Capital Room, University Union
3 p.m., General Education/Graduation Policies Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 3
1:30 p.m., Curriculum Subcommittee
3 p.m., Executive Committee
3 p.m., University ARTP Committee, Green and Gold Board Room, University Union

**Wednesday, Oct. 4**
1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee

**Thursday, Oct. 5**
3 p.m., Faculty Senate, Foothill Suite, University Union

**Friday, Oct. 6**
2 p.m., Academic Policies Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

**Professional Activities**

**Scholarship**

**Jana Noel**, Teacher Education, will have two entries published in the *Encyclopedia of the Social and Cultural Foundations of Education*, to be published in 2008. Her entries are on "Teacher Preparation" and "History of Native American Education."

**In the News**

**Barbara O’Connor**, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the May 31 *Salinas Californian* about California’s budget surplus and the impact it has on Gov. Schwarzenegger’s image; in the June 2 *Stockton Record* about negative political campaigns; in the May 15 *San Bernardino Sun* about voters’ apathy toward negative political campaigns; in the June 4 *Napa Valley Register* regarding undecided voters in the gubernatorial primary election; in the June 3 *Contra Costa West County Times* and *Monterey County Herald* about Proposition 82’s chances of passing; in the May 18 *San Ramon Valley Times* and the June 1 *Contra Costa West County Times* about the efficacy of negative political ads; in the May 4 *Sacramento News & Review* about John Doolittle’s chances for re-election; in the June 15 *Sacramento News & Review* regarding Democratic veterans running for political office; and in the July 2006 *Prosper Magazine* about Sacramento State’s new logo.

**Michael Semler**, Government, was quoted in the June 2 *San Francisco Chronicle* about undecided voters in the gubernatorial primary election and in the May 26 *Montclarion* about the Oakland mayoral race.

**Robert Waste**, Public Policy and Administration, was featured in the May 28 *Davis Enterprise* about his role as panel advisor to the Yolo County Economic Development Task Force.

**Josh McKinney**, English, was featured in the May 25 *Mendocino Beacon* regarding his workshop at the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference.

**Tim Fong**, Ethnic Studies, was featured in the May 25 *Lodi News-Sentinel* about the report he co-authored that studied poverty rates among Asian Americans in the state.

**Tim Hodson**, Center for California Studies, was quoted in the June 24 *Sacramento Bee* about the Governor’s and other top elected officials’ pay raises.
Robert Fountain, Applied Research Center, was quoted in the June 25 Sacramento Business Journal about Sacramento’s regional job growth.

Rob Wassmer, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the June 20 Sacramento Bee about the housing bust in the 1990s.

Chris Taylor, Astronomy and Physics, was interviewed on KMAX Channel 31 on June 21 about the summer solstice.

Amy Liu, Sociology, was interviewed on KCRA Channel 3 on June 3 and Capital Public Radio on June 23 and was quoted in the June 23 Sacramento Bee about her study on the rising cost of homes in the Sacramento area and was interviewed on Capital Public Radio on June 23 regarding her study on Sacramento area residents’ concerns about flooding.

Ted Lascher, Public Policy and Administration, was interviewed on Capital Public Radio on June 26 about the multitude of propositions on the November ballot.

ASI Children’s Center has earned national accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

Carol Stensrud, Recreation and Leisure Studies, spoke at the National Institute of Recreation Inclusion in Groton, Connecticut in Sept. 2006. Her talk was entitled: Kia Ora! Lord of the Rings Five Country "All Inclusive Tour" which provided a visual diary of selected highlighted services from the Unities States, United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

Campus Announcements

Gubernatorial debate viewing on campus
The 2006 gubernatorial debate telecast on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. can be viewed live on campus at the Outdoor Theatre, the University Union, Hinde Auditorium and Redwood Room.

Gala tickets still available
Individual tickets for this year’s Green and Gold Gala on Friday, Oct. 6 are available at www.csus.edu/gala at a special campus price of $150. Sponsorship inquiries can be directed to Ken Soto at 278-7043.

Construction update
The Infrastructure II utilities upgrade project continues in various locations. Construction will occur south of the baseball field. Trucks may be entering and exiting State University Drive West to access the site. Work on the steam and chilled-water pipe installation may at times disrupt pedestrian/service traffic along Sinclair Road. Detours will be available.

Fire alarm system installation will occur in the Sequoia and Amador buildings this week. Work will mainly be conducted after hours. Work notices will be posted in the building.

Starting Oct. 12, the infrastructure project will be installing a 35,000-gallon sewage storage tank across the street from Parking Structure I. Although lanes will shift due to construction traffic in both directions on State University West will be maintained. Construction will last approximately six months. Alternate routes for pedestrians and bikes will be available.

Trucks may also be entering/exiting State University Drive West to access the bicycle path project site. A temporary pedestrian pathway parallel to State University Drive West from the Hornet Tunnel to
Sinclair Road will remain open. Work will also occur behind the Esplanade bus stops.

*Submitted by Facilities Services*

**Faculty, staff input requested for WASC draft report**
Sacramento State is currently engaged in the second of a three-phase accreditation process. The University’s accrediting body is the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). During academic year 2005-06, four committees drafted sections of the University’s phase II (Capacity and Preparatory Review) report. The sections have been combined into a single document for campus review and comment.

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in this process specifically, is to review the draft and contemplate the following questions: what sources of data have been overlooked; what related topics were inadequately explored; and what conclusions should be revised, added or deleted. Please forward comments and suggestions to Professor Val Smith, Chair of Phase II WASC Review Steering Committee, at valsmith@csus.edu. The phase II report must be filed with WASC by Dec. 15, so the comment period will conclude on Nov. 17.

([Draft report pdf](#))

*Submitted by Academic Affairs*

**National Organization for Women weekly meetings**
The National Organization for Women of Sacramento State will meet weekly to discuss current issues facing women. Meetings will be held every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Women’s Resource Center, Library 1010. For more information call 278-7388.

*Submitted by the Women’s Resource Center*

**University Archives open house**
In recognition of California Archives Month, the University Archives and Special Collections will host an open house on Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Library 1502. University Archives staff and volunteers from the Society of American Archivists Student Chapter will be on hand to give tours and answer questions about the vast holdings in the Archives. All forms of media from the collections will be on display and visitors are welcome to view "The Art of Gaman" currently on display. For more information call 278-6144.

*Submitted by University Archives*

**Designing plagiarism-proof writing assignments**
Writing Across the Curriculum invites full and part-time faculty to attend a campus-wide workshop, "Creating Plagiarism-Proof Writing Assignments." The workshop will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 10 from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Foothill Suite of the University Union. To RSVP, contact Dan Melzer at melzer@csus.edu or 278-6925.

*Submitted by Dan Melzer of English*

**Holocaust survivor speaks on campus**
David Faber, Holocaust survivor and author of *Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor’s Memoir*, will share his experiences with the campus community on Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in University Union Ballroom III. Copies of Faber’s book will be available for sale (paperback $13, hardbound $17). For more information call 278-5605.

*Submitted by George Parrott of Psychology*

**Copy Graphics Center fall special**
Located near the Patio Café between the Bookstore and River Front Center, the Copy Graphics Center is an on-campus retail shop for color and black-and-white photocopying, binding, laminating and large-format color inkjet output. The Fall special includes color copies at 75¢ each through Oct. 31. The Copy Graphics Center accepts cash, VISA, MasterCard, and American Express. The Center 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
Research Administration newsletter available
The September issue of the Research Administration and Contract Administration News is now available and can be viewed and downloaded from the web at www.csus.edu/rsp/RA&CAnews.htm. The newsletter highlights grant programs and sponsors' resources, announces upcoming events and workshops, features currently funded faculty and projects and provides information on activities associated with the offices of Research Administration and Contract Administration.
Submitted by Sponsored Research, Grant & Contract Administration

University Center Restaurant to offer Harvest Buffet
The University Center Restaurant is hosting a Harvest theme that includes butternut squash soup, apple cinnamon pork roast, chicken in sun-dried tomato pesto cream sauce, grilled bratwurst, assorted quick breads, vegetables, grilled polenta, and salads. Desserts include vanilla ice cream, cake, or sweet potato pie. The buffet is available Oct. 18 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for $11.95 per person, beverages additional. The University Center Restaurant is located at the west entrance to the University Union across from the Student Health Connection. More information online at www.enterprises.csus.edu/dining/area/ucr.html Reservations suggested for groups of five or more at 278-6100.
Submitted by University Enterprises

Human Resources

Employee/retiree workshops
The faculty benefits orientation scheduled for Friday, Oct. 6 has been cancelled. Please contact the Benefits Office at 278-6213 if you have questions or need additional information.

The following workshops have been scheduled for the month of October for all employees and retirees:

Oct. 10: CalPERS Retirement Planning Workshop
Oct. 13: CalPERS Tax Basics Workshop
Oct. 19: Savings Plus Program Workshop
Oct. 20: Social Security/Medicare Workshop
Oct. 24: CalPERS "Post" Retirement Workshop

All workshops are scheduled from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the University Union Redwood Room. To register call the Benefits Office at 278-6213 or register online at www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/train.htm.
Submitted by Benefits

Catastrophic Leave Donation Program
Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees 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 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
- Paula McNeil-Shelby, Kinesiology and Health Science
- Nabor Lopez, Facilities Management
25-Year Profile with Brett Anthony

It’s somewhat difficult to find Brett Anthony’s “office.” Anthony, a civil engineering equipment technician, works in a structures lab tucked away on the side of Riverside Hall. The lab, filled with beams, machines, nuts and bolts, is not pretty to look at or easy to find, but to engineering students, it’s a vital testing ground for their experiments. And it’s Anthony’s job to make that happen.

“The engineering students conduct experiments in the lab,” says Anthony, gesturing to the two-story-high ceilings and piles of machinery and equipment next to the walls. “I’ll give you an example of an experiment: a beam gets stuck between two walls, a hydraulic actuator bends the beam, and the students measure the strains. It’s similar to a bridge beam.”

The College of Engineering and Computer Science specializes in conducting hands-on experiments, and that’s where the structures lab comes into play. “I like to work with the students,” Anthony says. “I’ve also noticed a positive trend in the students over the last five years. Students are very serious about their experiments and productive in their results, yet at the same time they’re having fun with what they’re doing.”

Anthony is responsible for developing a variety of beams and other objects to use in experiments, and has even constructed a computer to operate the hydraulic actuator from a remote location. “I have the ability to try new ideas,” he explains, “and I’m glad I can do that. There isn’t an official ‘training program’ for this job, and much of what I’ve learned is self-taught. I like figuring these puzzles out.”

Anthony has a decidedly mechanical aspect to his job, yet he chose to pursue a degree in English through the university’s fee waiver program. “I use the analytical skills I learned while studying English to help with my job,” Anthony says. “I also received some great advice from one of my professors. He said, ‘Brett, you ask permission too much. If you want to do something, just do it.’ I’ve followed that advice over the years, and believe it or not, it’s served me well.”

The 25 years have gone quickly, Anthony says, and he knows that retirement is looming. “All the repair information for the lab equipment is in my head. I need to write a repair manual for whoever replaces me.”

Anthony hopes that after his retirement his replacement will be creative and find new ways to challenge the students. “If I come back and visit the lab three years after my retirement, and everything is the same, I’ll be disappointed. I’ve enjoyed trying new things, and I hope my successor will continue to be innovative.”