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Free exhibition

"Sixteen Stokers," a free exhibition of wood-fired ceramic art runs through Oct. 31 in Kadema Hall's Else Gallery. Gallery hours are noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All pieces were fired in curator Scott Parady's wood-burning kiln. For more information, call 278-6166.



Hornet Express Shuttle

The Hornet Express shuttle is free to Sacramento State students and employees. The Hornet Express provides a convenient mode of transportation around the campus loop and to and from locations near campus. Hours of operation are 6:50 a.m. to 6:20 p.m. during the fall and spring academic semesters. Riders should show their OneCard to the shuttle driver upon boarding.

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ATHLETICS

Where are they now? Former Hornet men's basketball players playing professionally

Seven former Sacramento State men's basketball players are currently playing professionally overseas. In fact, each is playing in a different country, spanning Puerto Rico, Portugal, Belgium, Romania, Australia, Poland and Germany. Below is a look at where each player is now, as well as a list of all former Sacramento State players to play professionally over the last 10 years.

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University shines at mayoral debate

The mayoral debate between Heather Fargo and Kevin Johnson was engaging, informative and, at times, downright tense, but through it all, University students made the grade with their thoughtful questions and participation.

Broadcast live from the University Union Ballroom on KCRA and KXJZ, the mayoral candidates answered questions from the student audience and also fielded taped questions from students, which KCRA had filmed on campus two weeks back.

"Sac State's students were the big winners at last week's debate," says University President Alexander Gonzalez. "They asked the tough questions that are important to their futures, as well as to the future of our city. This informative dialogue was precisely what we envisioned when we brought this debate to campus."

Accounting major Brandon Walker was part of that dialogue. Early in the broadcast, he asked both the candidates about crime.

"My question was, 'With the rise of crime in Sacramento, what will you do about the gang violence that plagues our city?' And they said what I expected to hear," says Walker. "They said we had to start with the schools. I was happy with their response, and I enjoyed being in the spotlight for a moment."

Walker also appreciated the town hall format of the debate. "It had more of a personal feel to it, because the audience was asking the questions and there were no teleprompters. Both the candidates were engaging directly with the students."

Government professor Kim Nalder was also in the audience during the debate. "It was heartening to see students ask serious and often student-focused questions of the candidates," she says. "I felt proud of the students. They represented themselves and Sacramento State very well."

Nalder found it troubling, however, to be in the room watching candidates ignore questions and ignore format on a few questions, and instead attack each other. "At home, I would have just shouted at my TV screen, but in person, it was especially difficult not to yell, 'Answer the question!'"

"I thought that Fargo won on points, in that she demonstrated that she is in touch with the reality of budgets, roles, and limitations of city government," Nalder says. "Johnson won on style with optimistic rhetoric which may be unrealistic, but was nevertheless engaging."

Sacramento Black Art of Dance explores 'New Directions'

New Directions is more than just the title of Sacramento Black Art of Dance's next concert, it also describes changes taking place in the group.

Founded by professor Linda Goodrich, chair of the Theatre and Dance Department, S/BAD has grown into a company with student and guest choreographers, Goodrich says. That new direction will be reflected in the nine pieces performed Oct. 23-26 and Oct. 29 – Nov. 2 in Solano Hall Room 1010.

Guest artist Erin Landry will present a synthesis of African derived movement styles, including Caribbean, African and jazz. "That's what we're looking at," Goodrich says. "How do we blend different genres to present a cohesive dance form?"

Landry is co-chair of the Theater and Dance Department at Cypress College in Cypress, Calif. Her choreography has been performed at venues such as the John F. Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts in Washington and National American College Dance Festival galas.

Other choreographers are company members Nathan Jones, Nzinga Woods, Shani Alford and guest artist Michelle Ned.

"And everyone is in everybody's piece," Goodrich says.

Woods is working on a piece that combines jazz and modern movements with hip hop music, the first part set to Mos Def's quieter, a cappella "The Beggar Man," about a man pleading with his wife to take him back. "You feel this urgency when he's singing," Woods says. "I have a lot of movement reflecting the woman's anguish."

Alford's piece, which includes Nina Simone's "Four Women" and Alicia Keys' "Superwoman," tells the story of four women overcoming challenges throughout their lives.

And Goodrich is using Ahmad Jamal's "Poinciana," which features smooth jazz piano with drum beats underneath. "I'm looking at how to counterpoint the movement against the drum score," Goodrich says. "It's a very playful piece."

New Directions performances are at 8 p.m., Oct. 23-25, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; at 2 p.m. Oct. 26 and Nov. 2; and at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 29 and 30. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$5 for children 11 and younger for the 6:30 performances. All other performances are \$12 general admission; \$10 for Sacramento State employees, students and seniors; and \$8 for children. Tickets are available at Sacramento State's Ticket office, 278-4323 or www.tickets.com.

For more information, visit www.csus.edu/dram or call 278-6368.

Sacramento State hosts fun, spooky science conference for girls

Nearly 500 middle school-age girls had the opportunity to do fun science, technology, engineering and mathematics activities Saturday, Oct. 4, during the annual *Expanding Your Horizons* conference.

The conference was designed to encourage sixth- to eighth-grade girls to pursue education and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by providing hands-on workshops and discussions with school and industry leaders.

"It was interesting. I got to play with a sheep heart," says Taylor Mitchell, a participant. "It was kind of scary at first because I've never been that close to an actual heart. I didn't know how it would feel."

One of the strangest workshops was "Spooky Chemistry" taught by Sacramento State chemistry professor Cynthia Kellen-Yuen. "We showed how chemistry can be very useful at Halloween," she says.

Using a few household items, the girls learned how to make realistic looking injuries. "We made wounds that looked like we got into an experiment that exploded," says Monica Dinocco, a participant.

There was also a program for parents and guardians of the students on STEM education and career opportunities.

"I learned about resources that are available to keep girls interested in science and technology," says Leah Lucas, one of the parents. "I also found out how early parents need to begin preparing our kids for college. Sixth grade? That's earlier than I thought."

The conference was sponsored by Sacramento State's Center for STEM Excellence and College of Continuing Education, AT&T, The Women of AT&T and the Sacramento State/UC Davis Math Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program.

For more information on EYH, contact the Center for STEM Excellence at 278-2789.

Competition set for bloody battle between Sacramento State and UC Davis

Sacramento State and UC Davis have competed in a number of activities for years. But, there's a new competition and it's guaranteed to draw blood.

Both universities will participate in a blood drive sponsored by the Sacramento BloodSource blood center in support of the Causeway Classic, the annual football game between Sacramento State and UC Davis.

The blood drive competition runs Oct. 20-Nov. 7, and the goal is to see which school can register the greatest number of donors.

BloodSource will set up a mobile blood center in the University Union Ballroom, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 20-21. This drive is sponsored by the Union and the Associated Students Inc.

A blood center will be set up from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3 in the residence halls area. The hall with the most donors will win a DVD player and pizza party.

A drive for faculty and staff will be held Nov. 6. The location and time has not been determined yet.

Blood donors will receive a free T-shirt and a ticket to see the movie *Wild Ocean 3D* at the Esquire IMAX Theater. Donors will also be eligible to win one of 20 iPods, four \$100 Target gift cards, four \$100 gas cards and eight \$25 Java City gift cards.

There is also a competition for student organizations. The organization with the most participants will receive \$500 to spend on an approved event.

The winning school will receive a trophy to be presented at the Causeway Classic. The game is 2:05 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8 at UC Davis.

According to BloodSource, only 38 percent of the people in the U.S. are eligible to donate blood, but less than 10 percent do.

"Blood donations help save lives because there is no substitute for human blood," says Dawn Deason, BloodSource public affairs manager. "We need to collect 700 units per day in our area to meet the general needs for our hospitals."

She says one of the main reasons people do not give blood is the thought of being pricked with a needle. "The stick itself is less painful than a flu shot or an ear piercing."

Candidates must be at least 17 years old, in good health and must weigh at least 110 pounds. A photo ID will be required.

For information on the blood drive contact BloodSource toll-free at 866 822-5663. For ASI, call 278-4241.

Ethics Center presents symposium

Sacramento State's Center for Practical and Professional Ethics is set to host its 3rd annual Fall Ethics Symposium at 8:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 20, in the Hinde Auditorium, University Union. Personal and professional integrity in business is the topic for this year's symposium. An all day

event, the symposium begins with a reception in the Redwood Room and is followed by opening remarks, a keynote address and several roundtable discussions.

"Primarily we expect students from Sacramento State and Cosumnes River College. But we want members of the community to attend as well," says Christina Bellon, director of Sacramento State's Center for Practical and Professional Ethics. Bellon expects more people because of the timely topic but says she wants everyone to participate.

Clarifying the purpose of the symposium Bellon explains that, "we're not here to answer policy questions. Our event is a sustained meditation and discussion on professional and personal integrity... It's no good to talk about regulations if we don't understand the ethical dimensions of our choices before we make decisions."

Following is the schedule of events for the day-long symposium:

8:30-9 a.m. Reception, Redwood Room (Light refreshments served)

9-9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks, Hinde Auditorium

Christina M. Bellon, Director, Center for Practical and Professional Ethics
Joseph Sheley, Provost, Sacramento State
Francisco Rodriguez, President, Cosumnes River College
Rick Schubert, Symposium Executive Director, Cosumnes River College, Philosophy Dept.

9:30-10:50 a.m. Keynote Address

"Aristotle on Character and Integrity," Edwin Hartman, Stern School of Business, New York University

11-11:50 a.m. Session I

"When Executives Get Angry: The Importance of Anger and Its Triggers to Ethical Awareness and Sensitivity," Hakan Ozcelik and Amy Mickel, College of Business Administration, Sacramento State

1:30-2:45 p.m. Session II

"Images of Strong Leadership: Possibilities and Pitfalls," Kimberly D. Elsbach, Graduate School of Management, University of California, Davis

3:00-4:15 p.m. Session III

"The New Rules of Business Communications -- Business Ethics and the Rise of Business Blogs," Rebekah Donaldson, President, Business Communications Group, LLC

4:30-5:15 p.m. Closing Roundtable Discussion

Presenters participate in an informal roundtable session to connect important issues raised during the day. The audience will have the opportunity to direct questions to all the presenters.

5:20 p.m. Reception, Redwood Room

Open to all symposium attendees. Join for refreshments and conversation.

The Fall Ethics Symposium is funded by a multi-year grant from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation and organized and implemented through a partnership between Sacramento State and Cosumnes River College.

For more information on the Fall Ethics Symposium contact the Ethics Center, 3030 Mendocino Hall, Sacramento State Phone 916-278-5011; Fax: 916-278-5364; E-mail: cppe@csus.edu.

Veterans line up for clothing drive

Sacramento State's Student Veterans Organization and the Veterans Affairs Office have launched a clothing drive for homeless veterans.

Student veterans will be in the Library Quad from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 16, 23 and 30 and Nov. 6, collecting clean new or gently used clothing. Additional drop-off sites will be located at the Veterans Affairs Office, Lassen Hall Room 3003 and the University Union from Oct. 16 through Nov. 7.

The clothing will be donated to the Sacramento Veterans Resource Center on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, Oct. 14

1:30-2:50 p.m. – Curriculum Subcommittee – Sacramento Hall 275

3–5 p.m. – Executive Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

Wednesday, Oct. 15

1-2:30 p.m. - Faculty Policies Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

Thursday, Oct. 16

3-5 p.m. – Faculty Senate – Foothill Suite, University Union

Friday, Oct. 17

2-3:30 p.m. – Academic Policies Committee – Sacramento Hall 275

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Frank LaPena, Ethnic Studies Emeritus, has an exhibit of his art work at Pacific Western Traders, 305 Wool Street, Folsom. “Cycles of Songs and Stories” runs through Nov. 16. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. LaPena’s work reflects his Native American heritage and his works have been displayed at the Chicago Art Institute, San Francisco Museum and the Linder Museum in Stuttgart, Germany.

Ron Coleman, Biological Sciences, presented talks about his and his students' research on cichlid fishes to various aquarium societies in the last six months venues included the Minnesota Aquarium Society (Minneapolis, May), the American Cichlid Association (Atlanta, July) and the Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society (Cincinnati, September).

In the News

Brad Buchanan, English, was mentioned on June 29 in the *Davis Enterprise* regarding his performance as a featured reader at Poetry Night at Bistro 33.

Timothy Capron, Criminal Justice, was quoted on July 6 in the *Sacramento Bee* concerning the allocation of patrol police officers in the city.

Wilfrido Corral, Foreign Languages, authored a commentary in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* on June 6.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was quoted on June 17 in the *Monterey Californian* regarding a same sex marriage ballot initiative.

Barbara O’ Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted on July 3 in the *Los Angeles Times* concerning the political aspirations of San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome and on July 11 in the

Sacramento Bee regarding the sentencing of Roberto Vellanoweth, a former Schwarzenegger appointee found guilty of manslaughter.

Kenneth Owens, History, was quoted on June 7, 10 and 13 in the *Desert Sun*, *San Mateo Times* and the *Las Vegas Review Journal* (respectively) regarding a new collection of Gold Rush era documents on display.

Ali Porbaha, Engineering and Computer Science, was mentioned on July 4 in the *Sacramento Business Journal* as the recipient of the Excellence in Civil Engineering Education New Faculty Excellence Award.

Dennis Tootelian, Business Administration, was quoted in the *Sacramento Bee* on July 4 concerning a new product launch at area chain supermarkets.

Campus Announcements

University Budget Advisory Committee

The President and representatives from the University Budget Advisory Committee will brief the campus community on the status of the campus budget and budget process in the context of the newly passed state budget at noon, Thursday, Oct. 16, in the University Union's Hinde Auditorium. The briefing will consist of a short presentation followed by a question and answer session.

Submitted by the Office of the President

Strategic Planning Council nominations

Provost Joseph Sheley is accepting nominations for a staff representative to serve through June 2011 on the Strategic Planning Council. The council meets twice monthly on average during the semester. Individuals should be familiar with the University's Strategic Plan and be willing to play an active role in the work of the council. Nominations should be e-mailed to

levangelista@csus.edu by Oct. 20.

Submitted by Academic Affairs

University Staff events

The University Staff Assembly will hold a welcome meeting, noon-1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14 in the University Union Oak Room. The event is open to all staff members.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a lunch. The event is an opportunity to learn about the Staff Assembly and upcoming events.

The University Staff Assembly will hold its annual Halloween contest Friday, Oct. 31. Prizes will be awarded for best costume (individual and office), office decorating and pumpkin carving. Enter online by Oct. 27. For more information and to enter the contest go to

www.csus.edu/usa/halloween. Faculty and staff are encouraged to participate.

Submitted by University Staff Assembly

Graduate information

The Graduate Diversity Program is sponsoring a series of workshops entitled, "What You Need to Know About Graduate School." Workshops will be held noon-1 p.m., Wednesdays in the University Union. Please visit www.csus.edu/graddiv for individual workshop titles and room locations.

Submitted by the Office of Graduate Studies - Graduate Diversity

Gift giving benefits students

The Development Office facilitated gifts totaling \$859,035 during the first quarter of the fiscal year (July 1–Sept. 30). Major gifts from individuals and organizations were directed to student scholarships and programs. Gift highlights include \$300,000 to the Hazel Cramer Scholarship Endowment, \$100,000 from the estate of Lorraine Erickson for scholarships in math, \$40,000 to the Cooper-Woodson Program, \$30,000 to endow the J. R. Needy Foundation Scholarship in

Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration, \$26,500 for the Liberace Foundation Scholarship and \$25,000 for the Anthony and Soula Leones Scholarship.

Submitted by the Development Office

Gerontology Fair

The Sacramento State Gerontology Program will sponsor the third annual Gerontology Career Fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13 in the University Union Redwood Room.

The fair is open to all majors, faculty staff and members of the community.

Representatives from state, county and other local agencies will be in attendance offering paid, internship and volunteer positions. Anyone interested in working with or providing services to older adults is encouraged to attend. Students and community members will not only be able to find positions, but will have the opportunity to learn more about gerontology and how the study of aging can be beneficial for all academic disciplines and professions.

Submitted by the Gerontology Program

Discussions about education

"Courageous Conversations about General Education and Graduation Requirements," takes place from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, in the University Union Summit Room.

This is the second of three events focusing on education issues. The series culminates with a reception honoring all faculty teaching courses within the General Education program from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 17, in the University Center Restaurant in the University Union. The events are co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs.

The entire campus community—permanent and temporary faculty, staff and students—are welcome and encouraged to participate in these important discussions. For more information, contact Janet Hecsh at jhecsh@csus.edu.

Submitted by the College of Education

Technology assisted classroom orientation

An orientation session will be held for instructors teaching in the traditional "smart" classrooms or the new Technology Assisted classrooms (SQU 301, SQU 316, or BNC 1025) this fall to explain the new technology found in these classrooms. The sessions will teach participants to connect either Windows or Macintosh laptops to the video projector; playback a DVD, VHS tape or campus TV; switch video sources between laptops, desktop computers, DVD/VCR players, or document camera; adjust the volume; turn closed-captioning on or off; what cables are needed to connect laptops; and how to report a problem or request assistance.

Register for sessions at <http://www.csus.edu/training>.

The Smart Classroom Orientation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, at AIRC 1009.

The Technology Assisted Classroom Orientation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, at BNC 1025.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Pirate Ghost Ship

Peak Adventures will present its fifth annual Pirate Ghost Ship Spooktacular from 7 to 10 p.m., Oct. 30 and 31. The Challenge Center will be transformed into a pirate ghost ship, complete with a haunted house, maze, and carnival games for children. Participants are invited to try the barnacle wall and cargo net.

Open to all ages, the Spooktacular costs \$2 for Sac State students, \$4 for faculty and staff and \$5 for the general public. Tickets are available at the door.

The event is sponsored by Peak Adventures, Recreational Sports, KSSU, Air Force ROTC, Student Activities, UNIQUE, and Associated Students. The Challenge Center is located behind Yosemite

Hall. Free parking in Student Lot 1.

Submitted by Peak Adventures

Focus on Iran

This year's One Book author, Firoozeh Dumas, who will visit the campus on Wednesday, Oct. 15, has frequently expressed the hope that her book, *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*, will help Americans see beyond the limited, and frequently negative, portrayal of Iran and Iranians. This is also a goal of Sacramento State's Iranian and Middle Eastern Studies Center (IMESC <http://www.csus.edu/imesc/>) in the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. The One Book Program has partnered with IMESC this year to create a free community series focusing on the history, culture and politics of Iran.

"U.S.-Iran Relations in Historical Perspective," a lecture and discussion by Professor Bahman (Buzz) Fozouni, Government Department, will be presented from noon to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Library Gallery.

A Concert of Classical Persian Music will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, in the Capistrano Hall Music Recital Hall.

For all One Book Program events please visit: www.csus.edu/onebook.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

"Who Is an American?"

The "Who is an American?" film series, co-hosted by the Multi-Cultural Center and the One Book Program, will show two films in October. The series, presented by Hellen Lee-Keller, English, will screen *Lana's Rain* on Friday, Oct. 17, and *Saving Face* on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The films will be screened in Library 1010. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a 5:45 p.m. showtime. A discussion follows each screening.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Writing strategy workshop

Writing Across the Curriculum invites you to attend a campus-wide workshop focused on simple strategies to increase student writing while decreasing your own workload using "writing to learn" assignments.

The workshop will be held from noon to 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the University Union's California Suite. RSVP to melzer@csus.edu or 278-6925.

Submitted by the English Department

Human Resources

Holiday reminder

The day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 28, 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, Wednesday, Dec. 24, also is a workday for everyone except academic year employees, and the campus will be open primarily for 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 Dec. 24 and allow the campus to close at noon.

Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, is also a workday. We anticipate limited campus services available that day.

The campus will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11, to observe Veterans Day.

Vacation balance

Sacramento State employees are limited in the amount of vacation they can keep as an unused balance. Those hours are reconciled annually and hours in excess of carry-over maximums must be used by Dec. 31 or be automatically forfeited.

To view a vacation balance, go to www.csus.edu, log onto My Sac State using your username and password, and click on View Balances under Leave Accounting. The page will display current vacation balance and maximum vacation carry-over hours and alert you if it is approaching the maximum. Those who do not have access to a computer may request a print-out from the timekeeper for their department.

Exceptions to the carry-over policy must be approved by David Wagner, vice president for Human Resources, prior to the end of the calendar year. The request must include the reasons for the exception and be submitted in writing to the employee's program center manager for a recommendation. If approved, the recommendation must include a plan for using accrued vacation by Dec.31, 2009. The recommendation must be forwarded to Wagner by Dec. 5 for approval. For more information, contact Human Resources at 278-6078.

Open enrollment reminder

Open enrollment continues through Oct. 24. During that period, employees can make changes, without a qualifying event, to their benefit plans. Changes include medical, dental, vision, flexible spending accounts (HCRA/DCRA) and flexcash programs. For more information, visit the Benefits Office webpage at www.csus.edu/hr/benefits and click on the announcements link.

If you have questions regarding benefits or open enrollment, contact the Benefits Office at 278-6213.

Catastrophic leave donation program

Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits each fiscal year in one-hour increments. Bargaining Units 1, 8, 10 and 11 may only donate up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained at www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#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:

*Toni Johnson, Financial Aid
Scott Flack, Facilities Management
Nancy Hackbart, Career Center
Mary Ann Alvarez, Nursing
Carolyn Ann Hollahan, Academic Information Resource Center

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

Outstanding Community Service: Rebecca Cameron

Trying to serve a segment of the population that encompasses 13 language groups is no easy task. Psychology professor Rebecca Cameron not only has to deal with that hurdle, but also help develop services for clients whose view of the world is much different from the view of western culture.

On campus, Cameron teaches abnormal psychology and personality theories to undergraduates and coordinates clinical and counseling field work for graduate students. Her off-campus work with Asian Pacific Community Counseling and the organization's Transcultural Wellness Center earned her Sacramento State's 2007-08 Outstanding Community Service Award.

Cameron was the president of the counseling program from July 2006 to July 2008. Several Sacramento State social workers were instrumental in creating the program 31 years ago, and it

still draws the support of University people such as Gloria Gonzalez, Mike Lee, Lakshmi Malroutu, Sue Taylor and Susan Ko, Cameron says.

The most recent and ambitious project launched by the counseling program is the Transcultural Wellness Center. Located on 14th Avenue near the University, the center helps Asian- and Pacific Islander-American clients get the help they require, adapted to their unique needs. The center is a Full Service Partnership with Sacramento County and serves about 150 clients of all ages.

Providing help for these clients can be much different than a direct approach normally used in western culture. Rather than just confronting the client with the fact you're meeting their needs, a more indirect approach is required, Cameron says.

An eastern culture might also view some symptoms of psychosis as a spiritual occurrence. So now a shaman might be included among the counselors and therapists helping a client, Cameron says. "It provides the correct kind of help for the way a person views the world."

And then there are the language needs. Program translators have to be prepared to help clients who speak Hmong, Vietnamese, Fijian, Laotian, Tongan and eight other languages.

Cameron first became interested in California's Asian- and Pacific Islander-American communities because they provide a counterpart to the western way of thinking. And her interest is more than just professional, it's also personal. Cameron's family includes her husband Christopher, 10-year-old daughter Catherine and 5-year-old Jacqueline Anne Chong-Bo, who was adopted from China. "It's important for me to be immersed in the Asian- and Pacific Islander-American communities because my daughter's going to need that," Cameron says.

Cameron says she was surprised and appreciative when she won the award, but emphasizes that the counseling program's accomplishments represent the work of many people.

As long as people such as Cameron continue to get involved, Asian Pacific Community Counseling will be reaching out to help the community for many years to come.

This Week in Hornet Action

Football

Saturday, Oct. 18

Sacramento State at Montana, 12:05 p.m.

Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 17

Sacramento State at Portland State, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Sacramento State at Eastern Washington, 7 p.m.

Men's soccer

Friday, Oct. 17

Sacramento State vs. Air Force, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Sacramento State vs. Denver, 2:30 p.m.

Women's soccer

Friday, Oct. 17

Sacramento State vs. Eastern Washington, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
Sacramento State vs. Montana, noon

Cross country

Saturday, Oct. 18
Sacramento State at the Bronco Invitational, Santa Clara, Calif.

Men's golf

No matches scheduled

Women's golf

No matches scheduled

Rowing

Saturday, Oct. 18
Sacramento State hosts Alumni Day, Lake Natoma