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### **Spooktacular promises thrilling good times**

Halloween fun and games will reappear this year at Sacramento State's Fourth Annual Pirate Ghost Ship Spooktacular on Monday, Oct. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Challenge Center, located behind Yosemite Hall at Sacramento State.

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### Monday Briefing



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.

The Campus/La Riviera shuttle serves College Greens, Watt Avenue, Folsom Blvd. and the Sacramento State perimeter loop. The Morse/Fulton shuttle provides service to the Morse Avenue, Fulton Avenue and Fair Oaks Blvd. areas. The Arden/Cal Expo shuttle provides service to the Howe Avenue, Exposition Blvd., Heritage Lane, Arden Way, Bell Street, Northrop Avenue and Cadillac Drive Areas.

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## ATHLETICS

### **This Week in Hornet Sports**

Find out what's coming up in Sacramento State sports by going to the official site of Hornet Athletics at [www.hornetsports.com](http://www.hornetsports.com).

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## Enrollment numbers looking up

Fall 2006 enrollment numbers provided some welcome news to the campus—an increased student population. Sacramento State has nearly 600 more students this year than last year, according to recently released class size data from the Office of Academic Affairs.

The number of total enrolled students for Fall 2006 is 28,529, an increase from Fall 2005's total enrollment of 27,932 students.

"The biggest increase we saw in total enrolled students was with the lower-division transfer students," says Larry Glasmire, director of special programs and enrollment analysis in the Office of Academic Affairs. "We saw a 116 percent increase in that particular student population."

Glasmire went on to say that all new student populations saw some increase this semester. First-time freshmen enrollment was up 5 percent, upper division transfer students were up 4 percent and graduate and credential students were up 9 percent. The University also saw an increase in diversity. Students of color represented 63 percent of the freshmen class (up from 60 percent last fall).

The average unit load increased as well, to 12.19 units from 12.14 units a year earlier, a trend that has been in effect for the past three years.

"We are still recovering from the budget cuts we had from 2002-04," says Glasmire, "and we're beginning to meet our enrollment objectives again."

Glasmire believes the reasons for the increase in first-time freshmen and lower-division transfers were the University's recruitment and streamlined admission processes and the increased number of class offerings for Accelerated College Entrance (ACE) Program students.

"Expansion of off-campus ACE classes was responsible for a great number of the additional new students," says Glasmire. The ACE Program allows qualified high school students to enroll in classes at Sacramento State and earn university credits while completing their high school courses. Newly added ACE classes included sections in History, Physics and Astronomy, Child Development and Government.

Outreach, Admissions and Records also recently stepped up their recruitment efforts and admissions processes. "The key to Outreach, Admissions and Records' success this year was communication," says Emiliano Diaz, director of Outreach, Admissions and Records. "We had two goals in mind, which were to increase the opportunities for interacting and communicating with the students in the applicant pool and having more of a 'physical presence' on high school and community college campuses.

"We utilized Sac State students to make phone calls and stay in touch with students who were applying, letting them know what the next steps were so they were ready when they came. That made the admissions process a lot smoother and quicker. We also let them know early on that they needed to take placements tests as soon as possible, which was a major sticking point for students in earlier semesters and held up their admission to the University."

Diaz also explained that extra personal attention helped when it came to recruiting on campuses with prospective students. "Admissions representatives would visit counselors and students and high schools and community colleges, and the reps had a lot of experience so they could anticipate a lot of the questions that came at them.

"The phone calls and campus visits underscored the University's commitment to students, and the prospective students also understood that we cared about them."

## Learning Community Program proving popular

First-time freshmen just out of high school sometimes find college a bewildering and lonely experience. As a result, they often only spend a semester or two on the campus before leaving.

But Sacramento State's University Learning Community Program is beginning to change that experience by giving first-time freshmen reasons to stay in school.

"All students need support in college but first-time freshmen need to feel they are not alone as they are going through this big transition in their life," said Lynn Tashiro, coordinator for freshmen programs at Sacramento State.

Tashiro said that the University Learning Community Program is fast becoming one of the University's most successful efforts in improving the retention rate for first-time freshmen.

According to an annual assessment of the program conducted by Tashiro, the students in the program have a slightly higher one-year continuation rate than first-time freshmen overall at the University, and their grade point averages tend to be higher than those of all first-time freshmen.

"We think the University Learning Community Program is making a difference because it connects students with each other, their instructors and the academic and social life on campus," she said.

The program, which started on the Sacramento State campus seven years ago, has expanded rapidly in recent years. It has grown from 16 learning communities in fall 2004 to 20 communities in fall 2005 to 23 during the current fall semester. Enrollment by first-time freshmen has climbed to more than 500 from 350 students two years ago.

Tashiro said that the University Learning Community Program works on the premise that first-time freshmen are more likely to succeed and continue their education at Sacramento State by taking classes together as a group and becoming close friends while also receiving academic and social support.

During freshmen orientation, students learn about the program and are invited to join. They can choose from a wide range of communities depending upon their academic interest. The communities, which average about 20 students each, focus on subject areas such as culture and government, child development and teaching careers, careers in criminal justice, business careers, and cultures in world history and ethics in contemporary life. Some are especially popular. Since fall 2003, the nursing community cluster was expanded to accommodate two sections of 25 students each. All the sections were filled during freshmen orientation.

Faculty teaching the courses work together to link topics and assignments to other courses in the cluster. For example, the popular cluster "Page, Stage and Screen," which examines literature, theater and film, may weave together the themes from Arthur Miller's work *The Crucible*. "In an English class you might talk about the literary value of the work," Tashiro said. "In the theater course you might interpret the script and aesthetics of a film production. The idea is to help students see how what they are studying is related."

The concept works in a similar way with clusters such as "Growing Older in Our Society," "Cultures and Identities" and "Academics for a Multicultural Society."

"This is a good introduction to college for the students. They are learning about academic subjects and issues on a new level. At the same time they are also learning how to become successful college students," Tashiro said.

She said one of the most important aspects of the program is the use of peer mentors, upperclass students hired to advise and mentor freshmen students through their first college semester. Students in the program call upon their mentors for everything from how to manage their time to how to overcome homesickness. "The mentors play such a valuable role in the program. With the mentors, the students know that they are not alone," Tashiro said.

Surveys show that students believe the program works. "Students strongly agree that the learning community program encourages positive academic interaction with classmates in the classroom and that it improves study habits," she said.

Tashiro expects the University to add more learning communities as additional faculty and academic departments join the program.

### **Preview Day: Giving students a view of their future at Sac State**

Sacramento State will host Preview Day for prospective undergraduate students and their parents on Saturday, Oct. 28. Fall is the time of the year when families are making decisions about where to apply for admission for the 2007-08 academic year.

The activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning at the University Union. But the events are expected to take place across the entire campus. The fair format will allow faculty to engage students in informal conversations about various majors, disciplines and fields of study.

This event is designed to showcase the University's academic programs and student services. The day will begin with a campus welcome followed by a schedule of activities that will allow students to speak with faculty and student service representatives from Sacramento State.

Workshops on filling out an application and applying for financial aid are just a few of the activities throughout the day. Tours of the campus and residence halls will also be offered. While workshops are underway, a Prospective Student Fair will be hosted in Ballrooms II and III.

This event is for all prospective students, including incoming freshmen and transfer students. For information, contact Preview Day event coordinator Barbara Sloan at 278-7881 or [Sloanbt@csus.edu](mailto:Sloanbt@csus.edu). For additional information, visit the Preview Day web site at [www.csus.edu/pa/previewday](http://www.csus.edu/pa/previewday) or contact the Sacramento State Public Affairs office at 278-6156.

### **Heartwarming exhibit connects kids to loving homes**

Photographs of children in need of adoption will be featured in Sacramento State's University Library Gallery beginning Oct. 18 and running through Nov. 19.

The Heart Gallery Exhibit will show approximately 60 photographs of children between the ages of 6-17 in need of permanent homes. Rosemary Papa, director of Sacramento State's Center for Teaching and Learning, was the founder of Sacramento's Heart Gallery project. "It's an all-volunteer organization," says Papa, "and in the beginning we went to adoption agencies and asked how we could help them to get older kids and sibling sets adopted, as they are the hardest to place."

This is the second time the exhibit will be held on campus. The previous exhibit was held last year and was a great success. "At our last show, 80 percent of the children featured were placed in permanent homes," says Papa. She went on to say that while the show's success was heartening, at any given time there are approximately 1,700 children in foster care in Sacramento who are waiting to be adopted.

A reception for the exhibit will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the University Library Gallery. Former news anchor Stan Atkinson will be the master of ceremonies for the event. Also on hand will be representatives from Lilliputian Children's Services and Sierra Adoption Services. The reception is free and open to the public.

Library Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Papa at 278-5945.

### **Jean Gebser Society conference on campus Oct. 26-28**

Scholars in communication studies and philosophy from as far away as Australia are coming to Sacramento State on Oct. 26-28 for the prestigious Jean Gebser Society annual conference, which will examine the philosophical questions raised by today's fast-paced world of instant communications.

This year's conference, sponsored by the Department of Communication Studies, is titled "Exploring Transitions of Knowledge" and features speakers, papers and creative works from some of the top experts and students in the field.

A highlight of the gathering will be the keynote address on Oct. 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the Forest Suite of the University Union by Eric Kramer, professor of communications and a Fulbright scholar at the University of Oklahoma. The title of his talk is "How We Arrive at the Origin."

The Jean Gebser Society is dedicated to the work of influential European poet-philosopher Jean Gebser, who became known in the late 1940s for his ground-breaking comparative study of civilizations.

The Swiss work, titled *Ursprung and Gegenwart*, was translated and published as *The Ever-Present Origin* in 1985 by Ohio University Press. The work is what scholars call a phenomenology or philosophical study of phenomena in civilization. Gebser described his work as an examination of the modalities or the form of consciousness of historical cultures. Scholars say Gebser's work provides a useful understanding of human consciousness that applies to many academic fields.

The Gebser Society is patterned after European societies, or circles, pursuing the work of a particular philosopher. Gebser, born in Germany in 1905, studied and worked in Germany until the rise of the Nazi party. In 1931 he fled to Spain where he wrote poetry and served in the Republican Ministry of Culture. He then fled to Paris before finally settling in Switzerland. He later became chair for the Study of Comparative Civilizations at the University of Salzburg. He died in 1973.

For more information about the conference, contact the Department of Communication Studies at 278-6688. For media assistance contact the Sacramento State Public Affairs office at 278-6156.

### **Symposium tackles tough immigration issues**

From eliminating national borders to criminalizing the undocumented, ideas and trends related to immigration will face tough ethical critiques at the Fall Ethics Symposium, Monday, Oct. 23 in the University Union Hinde Auditorium at California State University, Sacramento.

Speakers will include visiting scholars such as Howard Chang from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Philosophy professor Shelley Wilcox from Temple University. There will also be a number of local experts, including Kevin Johnson, the Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicana/o Studies at UC Davis, and James Sobredo, a professor of Ethnic Studies at Sacramento State.

"Immigration is such a relevant topic for California. A big part of what is good in this state, as well as part of what is not-so-good, is related to immigration," says co-organizer Christina Bellon, a professor of philosophy and director of Sacramento State's year-old Center for Practical and Professional Ethics.

The symposium is being presented jointly by Cosumnes River College and Sacramento State. Organizers plan for the symposium to be an annual event allowing focused ethical discussions on a single issue. Topics being considered for future years include health care, globalization, the environment and agriculture.

The new symposium and the creation of the new center at Sacramento State reflect a growing national interest in the study and teaching of ethics. Sacramento State also recently announced a multi-disciplinary Scholar in Ethics position that is being established with a gift from the RCA Community Fund of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

More information is available by contacting the Sacramento State Center for Practical and Professional Ethics at 278-4759. Media assistance is available by contacting the Sacramento State Public Affairs Office at 278-6156.

## Faculty Senate

### Tuesday, Oct. 24

1:30 p.m., Program Review Subcommittee

3 p.m., Executive Committee

### Wednesday, Oct. 25

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

3 p.m., General Education/Course Review Subcommittee

### Thursday, Oct. 26

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

### Friday, Oct. 27

1 p.m., Academic Information Technology Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.

## Professional Activities

### Students

**The Sacramento State Debate Team** won the Santa Rosa Junior College Invitational Debate Tournament on Oct. 17. The team took top honors by closing out the novice division of policy debate. Two of the teams were seeded first and second and went on to win both semi-final debate rounds to become co-champions of the tournament, taking home both first and second place honors. The team of **Ramshin Daneshi** and **Kaitlin Ferrick** went undefeated throughout the entire tournament. **Laura Hampton** and **Adrienne Yoseph** won five of their six preliminary debates.

### Scholarship

**Bryan Coleman-Salgado**, Physical Therapy, delivered a platform talk about his research on "Gender Disparities Among Physical Therapy Students in Passing Terminal Clinical Internships" at the American

Physical Therapy Association's Educational Leadership Conference in Arlington, VA on Oct. 6.

**Chrystal Barranti, David Nylund, Serge Lee and Francis Yuen**, Social Work, authored three chapters: "Teen Pregnancy and Girl Students with Emotional and Behavioral Difficulties," "Deconstructing Patriarchy and Masculinity with Teen Fathers: a Narrative Approach," and "Explaining Early Marriage in the Hmong American Community" for a new book, *Teen Pregnancy and Parenthood: Global perspective, Issues and Interventions*.

**Sacramento State's College of Continuing Education** has been named Professional Development Provider of the Year and its innovative Caltrans Project Management Certificate Program was named Professional Development Product of the Year for 2006 by the Project Management Institute.

**Louis Downs**, Department of Counselor Education, recently received word from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars that he has qualified for a Fulbright Senior Specialist Fellowship. He is presently working with two universities in Malaysia to develop a project to consult with faculty and staff at the universities to enhance counseling student skills acquisition as well as helping develop more effective international response to regional disasters.

**Jonathan Kaplan**, Economics, had his co-authored paper, "Multiple Environmental Externalities and Manure Management Policy," accepted for publication in *The Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*.

**Ken Owens**, History, is the author of "Frontiersman for the Tsar: Timofei Tarakanov and the Expansion of Russian America," which is featured in Montana *The Magazine of Western History* for autumn 2006.

**Barbara Carle**, Foreign Languages, has published an article titled "The American Editions of Alfredo De Palchi's Poetry: The Scorpion's Dark Dance, Sessions With My Analyst, Anonymous Constellations, Addictive Aversions," in *Gradiva*, Fall 2006.

**Laurel Zucker**, Music, is nominated for seven Just Plain Folks Awards. The Awards Concert, where Prof. Zucker would be performing, is held at the Galaxy Theater in Pasadena, CA.

**Dan Melzer**, University Reading and Writing Coordinator, presented Writing Across the Curriculum workshops for the Northwestern Wisconsin Education Association Conference and the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire on October 12 and 13.

**Sue Cote**, Criminal Justice, presented a paper, "Crimes of the Internet: Sexual Offenders and Predatory Abuse on MySpace.com," at the annual meetings of the Western and Pacific Association of Criminal Justice Educators held in Reno, NV in Oct.

**Susan Wycoff**, Counselor Education, will attend the National Board for Certified Counselors International Global Mental Health Congress: Focus on the Never Served, to be held in Delhi, India, in Oct.

**Xin Ren**, Criminal Justice, was a speaker invited by the UN International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council to present her research on Data Collection on Human Trafficking: What Can Be Collected and Measured-Asian Perspective at the UNISPAC Conference on Measuring Trafficking in Persons. Courmayour, Italy. December 1-5, 2005; presented a paper entitled, "Human Trafficking as A Global Enterprise," at the International Conference on International Criminal Justice in the Age of Globalization sponsored by the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati, Spain in May; her book *Delinquency and Juvenile Justice Systems in the Non-Western World* was published by Criminal Justice Press in Aug.; and she was elected to the Executive Committee of World Society of Victimology in July to serve the term of 2006-2009.

## In the news

**Mary Mackey**, English, was the subject of a feature article on her writing and teaching career on the front page of *Sacramento Bee* Metro Section on Oct. 17. **Stephanie Antalocy**, English, and graduate student **B.L. Kennedy** were quoted in the article.

**Gina Kaufmann**, Theatre and Dance, was interviewed on Friday, October 13, by Jeffrey Callison on KXJZ for the program "Insight" regarding her direction of *The Crucible*; an article was published in *The Sacramento Bee*, Ticket section on Sunday, October 15 on *The Crucible*.

**Barbara O'Connor**, Communication Studies, was quoted: in the July 28 *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Davis Enterprise* about the political benefits of British Prime Minister Tony Blair's appearance in San Francisco; in the Aug. 1 *Pleasanton Valley Times*, *San Jose Mercury-News* and *Contra Costa Times* about gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides' receiving more money for his campaign than Gov. Schwarzenegger; in the June 22 *Californian* about politicians naming bills after victims of tragedies; in the July 24 *Orange County Register* about Assemblyman Rudy Bermudez running in 2012 for the seat he recently left to run for state Senate; and was interviewed on KCRA Channel 3 and KOCA Channel 58 on Aug. 9 about the gubernatorial candidates' views on gay marriage.

**Tom Kando**, Sociology, was quoted in the July 8 *Stockton Record* about juvenile crime and its decline across the state over the past 12 years.

**Stephen Perez**, Economics, was quoted in the July 18 *Lodi News-Sentinel* about the price of laptop computers today versus personal computers in the late 1980s.

**Maureen Smith**, Kinesiology and Health Science, was quoted in the Aug. 14 *Sacramento Bee* about Sacramento's civic identity in relation to the Sacramento Kings.

**Robert Waste**, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in the Aug. 11 *Sacramento Bee* about attempts to energize development in the Sacramento downtown railyard and was interviewed on KXJZ on July 27 about the sales tax for an arena on the November ballot.

**Tim Capron**, Criminal Justice, was interviewed Aug. 11 on KXTV News 10 about security threats after the foiled terror plot.

**Tim Hodson**, Center for California Studies, was quoted in the Aug. 1 *Sacramento Bee* about campaign fundraising in the upcoming gubernatorial election.

**Kimberly Nalder**, Government, was interviewed on July 18 on KCRA Channel 3 about the political consequences of the President's threatened veto of stem cell research.

**Daryl Parker**, Kinesiology and Health Science, was interviewed July 27 on KCRA Channel 3 about the steroid scandal of a recent Tour de France champion.

**Eugene Dammel**, Civil Engineering, was interviewed on KXJZ Capital Public Radio on Aug. 9 about waste and recycling in Sacramento.

**William Vizzard**, Criminal Justice, was interviewed on KCRA Channel 3, KXTV News 10 and KXTL Fox 40 on Aug. 11 about airline security and carry-on restrictions after the foiled terror plot.

## **Campus Announcements**

### **California State Employees Charitable Campaign**

The campus "2006 Campaign" is now under way and continues through Oct. 31. A pledge form will be sent to each campus employee this week along with information about the more than 675 participating charitable organizations. Campaign chair Sanjay Varshney and vice chair Jose Macari ask the campus community to consider the important work accomplished in the community by those agencies.

*Submitted by the College of Business Administration*

### **Memorial for Patricia Sonntag**

A memorial service for Patricia Sonntag will be held on Monday, Oct. 23, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom III. Patricia served as Director of the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities at Sacramento State for 31 years. Please join colleagues, students, friends, and family to remember Sonntag's life, achievements and dedication to Services to Students with Disabilities at Sacramento State. Refreshments will be provided. Donations in Sonntag's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, the Diabetes Foundation, or the California Disability Action Network. For more information contact the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities at 278-6955.

*Submitted by Services to Students with Disabilities*

### **Hornet Hoopfest gets radical on Thursday, Oct. 26**

Sacramento State will tip off the men's and women's 2006-07 basketball seasons with the red-carpet treatment on Thursday, Oct. 26. Doors to the Hornets Nest will open at 6 p.m., and fans are encouraged to dress up in 80's attire for the Totally 80's theme. Players and coaches from both teams will be radically decked out for the evening. For more information go to

[www.hornetsports.com/sports/mbball/release.asp?RELEASE\\_ID=10365](http://www.hornetsports.com/sports/mbball/release.asp?RELEASE_ID=10365).

*Submitted by Athletics*

### **Serna Center talk on Latinos in higher education**

The Serna Center will present a lecture and book signing by Director of Chicano Studies David Leon on "Latinos in Higher Education" on Nov. 9 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the University Union. Professor Leon will discuss his new book *Lessons in Leadership: Executive Leadership Programs for Advancing Diversity in Higher Education*. For more information, call 278-4512.

*Submitted by the Serna Center*

### **Textbook requisitions due**

The Hornet Bookstore would like to remind faculty that Winter Session and Spring 2007 Textbook Requisitions are due into the Textbook Department. Both current students and future students benefit with timely submittal of this information. The Hornet Bookstore is able to buy-back more books at higher prices if it knows which ones to purchase. Early submittals also allow more time to search for used copies in the national wholesale market, increasing the selection even more for next semester. For more information, call the Hornet Bookstore Textbook Department at 278-6448.

*Submitted by University Enterprises*

### **Current textbook returns to vendors**

The Hornet Bookstore has started to return Fall 2006 textbooks to the vendors. Faculty should announce to students that if they still need a textbook for class they should purchase it now. The Hornet Bookstore can hold books longer, if books will be assigned later in the term. Faculty should communicate this information with the textbook department if special arrangements need to be made. Textbooks that are readopted for the upcoming term will not be returned. Faculty should confirm that textbook adoption information has been submitted. For more information, contact the Hornet Bookstore Textbook Department, at 278-6448.

*Submitted by University Enterprises*

### **Former Hungarian official to visit**

The former Hungarian foreign minister, Geza Jeszenszky, will give a guest lecture on campus on Oct. 25

at 5 p.m. in Capistrano Hall 151. The title of the talk is "The 50th Anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Uprising." For more information, call Professor of Sociology Tom Kando at 278-6694.

*Submitted by the Department of Sociology*

### **News coverage analysis of the election**

The Alumni Association will cosponsor an analysis of the 2006 California election on Nov. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center. Titled "Shaping Public Opinion: What We Saw, What We Heard: News Coverage Analysis of the 2006 California Election" is also sponsored by the State Information Council and the American Society for Public Administration. Speakers include Bill Bradley, *L.A. Weekly* columnist and New West Notes political blogger; Patrick Dorinson, communications director, California Republican Party; Kathay Feng, executive director, Common Cause; Karen Hanretty, strategist, California Republican Party; Steven Maviglio, deputy chief of staff for California Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez; Sam Rodriguez, political director, California Democratic Party; and Bob Waste, Sacramento State professor of public policy and administration. Cost ranges from \$5 to \$23. Seating is limited. Reserve early and RSVP to Roni Java (rjava@scca.ca.gov). For more information, call (916) 651-8957.

*Submitted by the Center for Collaborative Governance*

### **Common Management Systems forums**

The CMS Project Office will be hosting "CMS Campus Forums" for staff on the following dates: Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the University Union Foothill Suite and Thursday, Oct. 26 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the University Union Orchard Suite. Learn about the latest information on the student administration implementation. No RSVP is required.

*Submitted by the CMS Project Office*

### **STEM scholars lecture**

Sacramento State's Center for STEM Excellence will be hosting its inaugural STEM Scholars Lecture on Tuesday Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Union Redwood Room. The STEM Scholars Lecture Series is the avenue for Sacramento State's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics faculty and student scholars to share their research with the Sacramento community.

The featured speaker will be Professor Lisa Hammersley from the Department of Geology. Her talk is titled, "Volcanoes in our backyard? A geochemical and geophysical study of the potential for future eruptions at Clear Lake, CA." For more information, contact Sharon Puricelli at the Center for STEM Excellence at 278-2789 or [puricelli@csus.edu](mailto:puricelli@csus.edu).

*Submitted by the Center for STEM Excellence*

### **2007-08 Research and Creative Activity Award Program guidelines**

Guidelines have been issued for the 2007-08 Sacramento State Research and Creative Activity Award Program. The program provides assigned time, monetary grants and/or summer fellowships to faculty for research and creative activity projects. The guidelines for this year's program can be downloaded from the web at [www.csus.edu/rsp/rcaa\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.csus.edu/rsp/rcaa_guidelines.htm). The deadline for receipt of proposals is Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. in Research Administration, Modoc Hall, Suite 2010.

To assist in preparing a competitive proposal, the RCA Subcommittee will have two proposal workshops. The first will be on Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Delta Suite, University Union; the second will be on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Hinde Auditorium, University Union.

The workshops provide an excellent source of support for faculty research. Over the years, hundreds of Sacramento State faculty have received awards. The program demonstrates the University's strong commitment to scholarship.

*Submitted by the Office of Research Administration*

### **Brown bag session "Community Service: How Can I Get Involved"**

The Office of Community Collaboration (OCC) will sponsor a brown bag discussion for faculty and staff on community service on Friday, Oct. 27, from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Union Orchard Suite III on the second floor. Faculty and staff currently involved in community service or interested in getting involved are invited to attend. The discussion will cover different on and off-campus community service options for faculty and staff. OCC will help faculty and staff connect with a variety of resources and agencies that are interested in recruiting volunteers from Sacramento State. The session provides an opportunity for professional networking to establish collaborative service opportunities. RSVP by Oct. 25. E-mail [occ@csus.edu](mailto:occ@csus.edu) for additional information and/or to reserve a space. To view upcoming events visit the OCC on the web at [www.csus.edu/occ/](http://www.csus.edu/occ/).

*Submitted by the Office of Community Collaboration*

### **Estate planning seminar**

Kelly Brothers will hold a free seminar titled, "Essentials of Estate Planning" on Oct. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the University Union Lobby Suite. The seminar will focus on security at retirement, paying for children's education, preservation of assets at death and the importance of proper estate planning and avoiding traditional pitfalls.

To RSVP send an e-mail to [mlorilla@csus.edu](mailto:mlorilla@csus.edu). Put "Estate Planning Workshop" in the subject line and list your name, phone number, the date you are planning to attend and the names of the people attending in the body of the e-mail. Spouses and domestic partners are welcome to attend.

*Submitted by University Development*

### **Book tour at Sacramento State**

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

*Submitted by University Enterprises*

### **Executive MBA Program Seminars Offered**

The College of Business Administration's Graduate and External Programs presents free public information sessions for its Executive MBA Program. Space is limited. Reservations are required and can be made at [www.emba.csus.edu](http://www.emba.csus.edu). Sessions dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., SACTO Conference Room, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500.

Thursday, Nov. 2, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Folsom Chamber of Commerce, 200 Wool Street, Folsom.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Napa Hall, Sacramento State.

*Submitted by the College of Business Administration*

### **Reception to honor international scholars**

Phi Beta Delta, the honor society for international scholars, will host a reception in honor of the International Research Scholars at Sacramento State on Friday, Oct. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Foothill Suite of the University Union. The campus community is invited to attend. For more information or to RSVP to the event, contact Global Education at 278-6686.

*Submitted by Global Education*

### **Visiting scholar to lecture on Mexican issues**

Visiting scholar Alejandro Alvarez, global economist and author from the National University of Mexico (UNAM), will give a lecture titled, "What's Going on in Mexico?" on Monday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom. Alvarez will speak about Mexico's contested national elections, the Oaxaca teachers strike, globalization and NAFTA, US-Mexico relations, and the international artist Rini Templeton.

The event is free and will include a question and answer session. Co-sponsors include the Center for Teaching and Learning, Bilingual Multicultural Education Dept., the Multicultural Center and the Serna Center, MECHA, Ethnic Studies, Sacramento Progressive Alliance and CFA.

For more information contact Professor Peter Baird at 278-4916 or at [pbaird@csus.edu](mailto:pbaird@csus.edu).

*Submitted by Bilingual Multicultural Education*

### **Second Annual Dia de los Muertos Celebration**

The Second Annual Dia de los Muertos Celebration will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the University Union Redwood Room. For more information contact Karina Menjivar at (925) 864-4169 or [kbm26@csus.edu](mailto:kbm26@csus.edu).

*Submitted by Sigma Pi Alpha*

## **Human Resources**

### **Employee/retiree workshop**

All employees and retirees are invited a workshop titled CalPERS "Post" Retirement Workshop" on Oct. 24. The workshop is scheduled from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the University Union Redwood Room. To register call the Benefits Office at 278-6213/86213 or register online at [www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/train.htm](http://www.csus.edu/fas/traindev/train.htm).

*Submitted by Human Resources*

### **Catastrophic Leave Donation Program**

Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 16 hours of sick or vacation leave credits each fiscal year in one-hour increments. CSUEU, MPP, Unit 4, Unit 6 and Confidential employees may donate up to a maximum of 40 hours per fiscal year.

If employees are interested in donating time, a donation form can be obtained by going to [www.csus.edu/hr/forms.stm#Disability](http://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:

- Sharon Kelley, University Computing and Communications
  - Randy Morgan, Associated Students
  - Nabor Lopez, Facilities Management
  - Jennifer O'Neal-Watts, Library
  - \*Christine Kellerman, College of Health & Human Services
- \* only vacation leave credits may be donated to this employee

*Submitted by Human Resources*

## **Jesse Kleinow**

**Hometown:** Laguna Beach, Calif.

**Major:** Criminal Justice. Plans to graduate in May 2006.

**Background:** Captain of the baseball team at Mater Dei High School in Southern California. Member of the National Honor Society and volunteered more than 80 hours of community service coaching Little League baseball and working with the local Loaves & Fishes program. "I wanted to attend Sacramento State because of its criminal justice program, which is known as one of the top programs in the country."

**Changes:** "I have become a better writer and I have become a more determined person. You have to be when you take as many as 21 units a semester. I've also learned about the larger world of law enforcement and criminal justice, and where there are opportunities to use my education and build a career. I've had a very well-rounded education here at Sacramento State."

**Highlight:** "Becoming the lead tour guide for the Office of Admissions and Outreach, and leading tour groups around campus, answering their questions and telling everyone all the good things going on at Sacramento State. I have also been able to earn enough credits to graduate in three years."

**Destination:** "I plan to go to graduate school to study criminal justice and then go into a career in law enforcement beginning by becoming an officer on the street."

### **Spooktacular promises thrilling good times**

Halloween fun and games will reappear this year at Sacramento State's Fourth Annual Pirate Ghost Ship Spooktacular on Monday, Oct. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Challenge Center, located behind Yosemite Hall at Sacramento State.

Spooktacular features a variety of events for participants ages five and older. The annual event transforms Sacramento State's Challenge Center into a pirate ghost ship, complete with a haunted house, carnival games and climbing challenges on the barnacle wall, the plank, and the cargo net. Participants may wear Halloween costumes during climbing, but nothing should be hanging that can get caught in the harnesses.

Admission is \$5 general/\$4 faculty and staff/\$2 Sacramento State students. Free parking for the event is available in Parking Lot I. For more information, call event sponsor Peak Adventures at 278-6321. For media assistance, contact the Sacramento State Public Affairs office at 278-6156.