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Carpooling

Sacramento State has a carpool matching system-- alterNetRides--just for Sacramento State faculty, staff and students. To log on to the system and for more information regarding carpooling, visit the University Transportation and Parking Services web page at www.csus.edu/utaps. Click on Alternative Transportation and then the AlterNetRides button. Or visit www.sacregion511.org for a Sacramento regional carpool matching system.

A carpool consists of two or more occupants. On days when carpool members drive to campus alone, a Faculty/Staff carpool permit is valid in Faculty/Staff spaces and a student carpool permit is valid in student spaces. Carpool permits may be obtained at the University Transportation and Parking Services office in 7667 Folsom Blvd.

For more information contact Noel Carolipio, Employee Transportation Coordinator, at ncarolip@saclink.csus.edu or call extension 87527.

The bands will perform a variety of classic and modern jazz charts. Admission is \$8 general and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets available at 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

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Men's basketball media guide and wallpaper images now available

The online version of the 2008-09 Sacramento State men's basketball media guide, as well as wallpaper images, are now available.

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Sacramento State, CSU going green with new solar energy agreement

Sacramento State, along with several other campuses in the California State University system, will tap into the power of the sun through a public-private partnership between SunEdison and the CSU.

The CSU and the California Department of General Services (DGS) announced Oct. 21 that 8 megawatts (MW) of solar photovoltaic power generation will be coming online at 16 CSU campuses.

These photovoltaic systems are expected to deliver approximately 12.2 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of clean renewable energy in their first year of operation, the equivalent annual energy consumption of 1,256 households.

Sacramento State will receive about 500 kilowatts of solar energy from panels located on the Library and the top deck of Parking Structure III during the first phase of the project, according to Nat Martin, Sacramento State energy conservation coordinator. Environmental assessments should occur before the end of the year, with construction beginning soon after.

The plan for the second phase will see panels installed on the University Union, Recreation and Wellness Center and student housing. Construction for those projects should begin once the first phase is complete.

"The way we look at energy in this nation is changing at electron speeds, and the California State University campuses are ideal locations for solar technology," says University President Alexander Gonzalez. "At Sacramento State, we are training the scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs who will guide us into a renewable energy future, as well as expanding our partnerships with government agencies and private industry."

The University uses about 43 million kilowatt hours of electricity a year. The panels will provide about 782,000 kWh. "That's about 2 percent," Martin says. "It may not seem like much, but every little bit helps and it's renewable."

Martin says the University has been trying to get a substantial solar presence on campus for about five years, but cost was the biggest hurdle.

"The problem everywhere with solar is the immediate cost versus the long-term savings. There is a high up-front cost for savings that can come decades later. With this agreement with the CSU, a third-party owns and operates the panels and sells the power to us. We don't have to come out of pocket and it becomes financially feasible."

In addition to Sacramento State, solar panels will be installed at: CA Maritime Academy, Vallejo; CSU Bakersfield; CSU Channel Islands; CSU Chico; CSU Fullerton; CSU Humboldt; CSU Los Angeles; CSU Monterey Bay; CSU Pomona (Cal Poly); CSU San Bernardino; CSU San Bernardino (Palm Desert); CSU San Francisco; CSU San Marcos; CSU Stanislaus; and, the CSU Office of the Chancellor, Long Beach.

The CSU already receives 15 percent of system-wide electricity from green sources. In total, the new agreements will ensure that more than 20 percent of all CSU power comes from green sources.

"Under the agreements put together by DGS, we can now do more to reduce our carbon footprint," said Len Pettis, Chief Plant, Energy and Utilities at the CSU Chancellor's Office. "Eight megawatts of affordable renewable energy is a good deal for the CSU and the planet. The agreements will offset approximately 9,485 metric tons of carbon dioxide or the equivalent of removing 48,937 cars from the road."

SunEdison will finance, build and operate the solar energy systems. CSU campuses will purchase the solar energy at prices equal to or less than current retail rates. The solar power systems will produce zero greenhouse gases.

For more information about the solar project, contact Martin at 278-3639.

'Populist' Professor Earns 2008 President's Award

At first glance, the populist movement of the 1890s does not seem to be a subject "ripped from the headlines." Yet after reading Charles Postel's *The Populist Vision*, an urgent sense of interest evolves. Postel's book and a section of his scholarship are about the 19th century age of the robber barons and the response of ordinary people to a modern world so divided between rich and poor.

To honor Postel's work, Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez will present him with the 2008-09 President's Award for Research and Creative Activity at a ceremony Nov. 5, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the University Union's Orchard Suite. The award follows the recommendation of the Faculty Senate's Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee.

Postel also will give a lecture on his current research and the historical proximities within our new gilded age. His talk is titled, "The Populist Legacy in Light of the Financial Meltdown."

President Gonzalez says, "Professor Postel's outstanding work exemplifies the very essence of this award, and I appreciate the resounding impact he has made in his relatively short time here." Critics and scholars agree that Postel's fresh look at the populist era is revelatory and unique. Postel is the 2008 recipient of the highly coveted Bancroft Prize, as well as the 2008 Frederick Jackson Turner Award from the Organization of American Historians.

Yet Postel says peer recognition is what makes this award special.

"To win the President's Award is an affirmation from my faculty colleagues that this journey has been worth it and in fact I have not been journeying alone," says Postel. "It says something important about our history department. My colleagues are not only dedicated and expert teachers, but are also publishing an impressive variety of state-of-the-art research. To be nominated from their ranks and to receive this award is a great honor."

Since 1989, the President's Award for Research and Creative Activity has annually honored a faculty colleague who has made significant contributions within the previous five years to a scholarly discipline through scholarly activity, research and publication or creative/artistic endeavors. Eligibility is limited to full-time faculty during the first ten years of their appointment at Sacramento State. The award is meant to recognize and honor colleagues in the early stage of their career.

On top of scholarly work, Postel assists and mentors in his discipline. Since 2002, He has been involved in the Teaching American History Grants, a program designed to improve content knowledge and historical thinking skills among public school history teachers from the Sierra foothills to urban Oakland.

And there is more to come.

"I have two book projects in the works inspired by my interest in the dynamic social upheaval of the late nineteenth century," says Postel. "If I learned anything from *The Populist Vision*, it is that it takes years for all the pieces of a book project to fall in place. So we will just have to wait to see where my research takes me and what my books will ultimately look like."

College receives grant for computer security lab upgrades

A Sacramento State professor received a \$45,000 grant from Intel to help improve lab facilities for students learning about computer security.

Bill Mitchell, who teaches in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, received the grant this month. The lab will be upgraded with dual-core Intel workstations and laptops, printers and high-speed network communication adapters.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science offers several courses in information security such as cryptography, network security, computer forensics and computer security and privacy. In 2007, it became one of only 87 universities across the country to be designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance and Security by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

"We teach several undergraduate and graduate computer science classes covering the principles and implementation of security," says Mitchell. "Our students study the technical basis for security, such as how encryption of data actually works, the tools that bad guys use in system attacks and defenses that are available."

The federal government initiated the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance and Security in 1998 as a way to protect the critical infrastructure that is supported by computers throughout the country. Power, telecommunication, banking and transportation systems are some examples of systems controlled by computers that when left vulnerable, can be attacked.

Prior to the widespread use of the Internet and the web, almost all security problems and threats involved individual systems, says Mitchell. The risk is now greater because of the impact to businesses, government, industry and private communications such as medical records.

"Unfortunately any computer or device connected to the Internet is routinely exposed to attacks and abuses," he said.

For more information on the grant, contact Mitchell at (916) 278-6946.

Active shooter course: protect yourself

Imagine the scenario: you're at work. Shots ring out. Panic ensues. Do you know what to do from here?

Sacramento State's Police Department will conduct two presentations on "Active Shooter Notification and Response Options" from 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28 and from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10. Both training sessions will be in the Hinde Auditorium in the University Union.

Attendees will learn the history and psychology of an active shooter, police/university reaction, the Emergency Notification System (ENS) and response options.

Trainers will also provide information on recognizing an active shooter situation and how it differs from other shooting situations. Also discussed will be the proper way to notify authorities and how ENS and other University communication systems may alert them.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Course registration is available online at www.csus.edu/hr/traindev/SmnrRegPS.html. For more information, contact Public Safety at 278-7321.

Sac State wins prestigious CASE Awards

Sacramento State has won two awards for outstanding achievements and innovations in communications from a leading advancement and education organization.

District VII of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has recognized the University's VSA College Portrait and the Sac State Bulletin. The University will learn if the awards are gold, silver or Bronze at a Dec. 8 ceremony in San Francisco. Academic institutions from California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah and Guam were eligible to submit entries.

For the College Portrait project, Sacramento State's offices of Student Affairs and Public Affairs teamed up to create a dynamic web site that is viewed as a model within the California State University. The

collaboration centered on finding out what potential students and their families wanted, then delivering the information in an attractive, exciting and user-friendly manner.

College Portrait was awarded in CASE's Web Sites (Institutional Home Page or Special Pages) or CD ROMs category. Criteria included appropriateness to audience, creativity and results based on goals and objectives. To view the College Portrait, visit: www.csus.edu/checkusout.

The Sac State Bulletin won in the E-mail Newsletters category. Criteria included creativity, writing, design and results based on goals and objectives. The Bulletin features University news, highlights and information and is distributed weekly while school is in session.

Ride the Hornet Fan Bus to the Causeway Classic

The 55th annual Causeway Classic is right around the corner—Saturday, Nov. 8—and the Sacramento State Alumni Association has organized a way for fans to enjoy the show as the Hornets set out to beat the UC Davis Aggies at Aggie stadium.

Festivities begin with a rally and tailgate lunch at 11:30 a.m. on campus. Fans will be able to cross the Causeway on the Hornet Fan bus, where refreshments and drinks will be provided, and enjoy the game when the Hornets take on the Aggies.

Supporters won't need to worry about traffic and parking, just cheering for the team.

Tickets cost \$49 per person and include round trip on the bus, a tailgate lunch at Sac State, refreshments on the bus and a ticket to the game. For the ride and the tailgate only, tickets are \$29.

More information as well as registration for the event, is provided on the Sacramento State Alumni Association Website, at www.sacstatealumni.com. T-shirts to support the Hornets are also available.

For media information, contact Sacramento State Alumni Affairs at 278-6295.

Digital media student wins film festival award

Jessica Vasques, a Sacramento State Digital Media student, has won a short film festival award for the second year in a row at Access Sacramento's short film festival, "A Place Called Sacramento 2008." The film festival was shown at Sacramento's Crest Theater on Oct. 5.

"It was really amazing, because I've only been screenwriting for about two years," Vasques says. "It's an amazing feeling to have my work out there and to have people actually like it."

The 10-minute film, "Saturday's a Rugby Day," is about a rugby team at Sac State during its first game of the season. Vasques decided to produce a film based on rugby because the sport isn't represented often in the American media, and she herself enjoys the sport a lot. Vasques has been playing for the Sacramento State rugby club for five years.

"It was really cool because my teammates became involved a lot in the film," Vasques says.

Vasques also wanted to dedicate the film to her grandmother who passed away from breast cancer a few years ago and decided to make that an important point in the film.

The movie focused on the inner struggle that the main character faced while dealing with the death of her best friend to breast cancer, and the responsibility of taking over her job on the team.

"It's a universal concept," says Vasques. "A lot of people felt moved by the film."

Vasques is looking forward to future endeavors after graduating in May. She hopes to work for an independent production company and would like to focus on screenwriting.

For more information about Access Sacramento, or to view all of the short films, visit the website at www.accesssacramento.org.

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, Oct. 28

1:30-2:50 p.m. – Program Review Oversight Subcommittee – Sacramento Hall 275

3-5 p.m. – UARTP – Summit Room, University Union

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

Thursday, Oct. 30

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

Professional Activities

Scholarship

Mary Mackey, English Emerita, had her poem, "The Kama Sutra of Kindness" translated into Arabic and published in the online literary magazine *caRmaSutra*. In September she read from her novel *The Notorious Mrs. Winston* at the New York Public Library and from "Breaking the Fever," her latest collection of poetry at Bluestockings Bookstore in New York. In addition, Mackey gave a preview lecture on Garrison Keillor for the Sacramento Literary Arts series. On Nov. 8-9, she will be conducting seminars on the writing of poetry at Bookpassage Bookstore in Corte Madera, California.

Kevan Shafizadeh, Civil Engineering, was an invited speaker at a Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) workshop on parking where he gave a presentation titled, "Complete Streets and Smart Growth Policies and the Impact on Parking," on Oct. 21.

Joseph Palermo, History, delivered the keynote address at the Sacramento Archives Museum Collection Center Oct. 17, as part of the Museum's exhibition "The Final Odyssey of Robert F. Kennedy," which featured photographs from RFK's 1968 visit to Sacramento.

In the News

Juanita Barrena, Biological Sciences, in the Aug. 1 *Sacramento Business Journal* regarding being honored as one of three recipients of the 2008 Champions of Health Professions Diversity Award.

Tim Hodson, Center for California Studies, was interviewed on *KXTV-ABC*, Aug. 4 regarding the 2008 presidential election.

Barbara O' Connor, Communication Studies, was quoted on Aug. 3 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* regarding the 2008 presidential campaign; on Aug. 6 in the *San Francisco Chronicle* regarding San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Suzanne O'Keefe, Economics, was interviewed on KOVR-CBS, and KXTV-ABC, Aug. 1 regarding consumer confidence; on KCRA-NBC, Aug. 2 regarding the economy; on KXTV-ABC, on August 6 regarding preparing for retirement.

Maureen Smith, Kinesiology, was quoted in the *Sacramento Bee* on Aug. 10 regarding an incident during her trip to the International Center for Olympic Studies conference.

Dennis Tootelian, Business Administration, was quoted in the *Sacramento Bee* on Aug. 10 regarding the controversy surrounding a deli franchise locating in downtown Nevada City; in the August edition of *Comstock's Magazine* regarding the business of nightclubs in Sacramento.

Nick Trujillo, Communication Studies, was mentioned in the *Sacramento Bee* on August 7, 8, 9, 10 regarding his book *Cancer and Death: A Love Story in Two Voices*.

Campus Announcements

Career Center helps students pursue federal careers

In January, Sacramento State's Career Center received the Partnership for Public Service's Call to Serve Grant and will soon launch its "Work for U.S.: Careers that Make a Difference" campaign.

The campaign's goal is to get students excited about federal careers and educate them on the application process. The center will hold its first Public Service Career Week on Oct. 27-29. For a list of activities for the week, visit www.csus.edu/careercenter/govt_careers.stm.

The Career Center will hold its annual Government Agency Career Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the University Union Ballroom. The center will conduct workshops to teach attendees how to apply for state and federal jobs and how to find student positions while they are in school. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

Faculty and staff who would like to get involved in helping students pursue a career with the federal government should attend one of the center's webinars. Contact Ashley Lewis at alewis@csus.edu for times and information.

Submitted by the Career Center

Conversations about general education and graduation requirements

A reception honoring all faculty teaching courses within the General Education program will be held at 4:30-6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 17, in the University Union's Redwood Room. This event is co-sponsored by the Faculty Senate, Academic Affairs and the campus community. Faculty, staff and students are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Janet Hecsh at jhecsh@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Donate a Thanksgiving food basket

Associated Students, Inc., is collecting food baskets to distribute for Thanksgiving. Stop by the Student Life and Service Center in the University Union to sign up and receive an information packet. Baskets are due to the center by 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21. Baskets will be decorated from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24 in the Redwood Room and will be delivered Wednesday, Nov. 25. If you are interested in donating or wrapping baskets, email ASI at asicommunityservice@csus.edu, or call 278-4241. For more information about ASI activities, visit www.asi.csus.edu/ComService.asp.

Submitted by ASI

Technology workshops

Faculty and staff can sign up for free technical workshops. There are workshops for beginners as well as experienced users. In just hours, learn effective means of using technology that can make your projects more successful. For more information, or to sign-up, visit www.csus.edu/training. Upcoming classes include:

Monday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-noon, at AIRC 3013 – "Web Accessibility: Introduction for Authors Part 1." This course helps people who write content for web pages to understand Section 508 accessibility issues and solutions.

Monday, Oct. 27, 1- 3 p.m., at AIRC 3008 – "Creating Activities with StudyMate." This course can help engage students with course material by creating interactive trivia games to be played online and even on portable music players.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-noon, at AIRC 3008 – "Outlook 2007 for the Web." This course will show how Outlook e-mail, contacts, calendars and schedules can be integrated and accessed from the convenience of a web browser.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. – noon at AIRC 3013 – "Web Design: An Introduction" will show you how to setup a website and provide insight into the process. It will also explain web guidelines for Sacramento State.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1- 3 p.m., at AIRC 3008 – "Creating Activities with StudyMate."

Thursday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-noon, at AIRC 3008 – "Digital Cameras." This course covers a range of topics from point-and-shoot to professional cameras and offers tips such as camera settings and taking better photographs.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Halloween Buffet

It is that spooky time of year again, so enjoy some Halloween delights in the University Center Restaurant. The menu includes stuffed chicken breast, seafood pasta primavera with Bay Shrimp, mahi-mahi, crab, and beef stroganoff with fettuccini noodles. There will also be an assortment of desserts. For the menu and details, visit the restaurant's web site at www.dining.csus.edu/area/ucr.html. Reservations are encouraged. Call 278-6100 to make a reservation.

Submitted by the University Union

University Staff 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

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

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

Sacramento State's Iranian and Middle Eastern Studies Center (IMESC www.csus.edu/imesc/) in the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, will sponsor a concert of classical Persian Music at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, in the Capistrano Hall Music Recital Hall.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

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 that 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.

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:

Jennifer O'Neal-Watts, Library

Wandarah Anderson, Division of Social Work

Carol Eberhart, Foreign Languages

Nancy Hackbart, Career Center

Carolyn Ann Hollahan,, Academic Information Resource Center

*Toni Johnson, Financial Aid

*Sherry Arrowood, Art

*only vacation credits may be donated to this employee

Outstanding Community Service – Dana Kivel

It probably isn't a surprise that Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration Department chair Dana Kivel would be honored with the 2007-08 Outstanding Community Service Award—she's been involved in community service her entire life.

Her commitment to Sacramento began shortly after she moved here in 2003 and bought a home in Oak Park. "I realized pretty quickly we were sort of the poor stepchild of Sacramento," Kivel says of the neighborhood.

The disparity between Oak Park and surrounding neighborhoods was obvious, she says. There were people with drug and alcohol problems and no place to go, Kivel says, adding that she spent a lot of her first year chasing drug dealers away from the front of her house.

Moving was not an option. Kivel and her partner liked the old home they were in and enjoyed the diversity of the neighborhood.

So Kivel began her own effort to improve the area. She began attending Oak Park Neighborhood Association meetings, getting elected to its board in 2005. And she led the way to get the city to close down a liquor store that was a local hangout for drug dealers. "That changed the dynamic of the neighborhood," she says.

Not everyone agreed with her work. In 2006 her house was firebombed. Fortunately the device bounced off a window and caused minimal exterior damage. A neighbor with mental health and drug and alcohol problems was eventually arrested along with two of his friends.

Continuing her efforts, Kivel was elected to be the representative and then appointed by the mayor as a member of the Oak Park Redevelopment Advisory Commission two years ago and later tapped for a spot on Sacramento's Redevelopment Advisory Commission, a panel that oversees distribution of \$20 million in tax increment funds. The commission recently supported a major renovation project for the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard corridor.

She's also working with a small group of police officers on a support program to provide sex workers a drop-in center that is a safe, non-judgmental space where the women can get HIV testing and alcohol and drug program referrals.

"I wouldn't know what to do with myself if I didn't get engaged with the community and participate in different activities," Kivel says.

That outlook has been with her all along. "I grew up in the Jewish tradition, and I really took seriously the mandate of 'tikuun olam,' which means 'to heal the world,'" she says.

Kivel believes her approach to life has a direct impact on how she interacts with her students, many of whom wondered why she didn't just pack up and leave when faced with the problems in her neighborhood. "How could I do anything to change it if I left?" Kivel says. "Maybe by doing the things I do, it gets the students to see there are other ways of doing things."

And when reviewing students' projects, Kivel uses that sense of social justice to make sure the programs they develop are accessible for all people.

Kivel says she was honored, appreciative and a little embarrassed about receiving the award. She adds that her students are the most rewarding aspect of teaching. "I enjoy when they get the connections between things and they start asking these really great and profound questions."

This Week in Hornet Action

Football

Saturday, Nov. 1

Sacramento State at Eastern Washington, 2:05 p.m.

Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 31

Sacramento State vs. Northern Colorado, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1
Sacramento State vs. Northern Arizona, 7 p.m.

Men's soccer

Friday, Oct. 31
Sacramento State at Air Force, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2
Sacramento State at Denver, 1 p.m.

Women's soccer

Friday, Oct. 31
Sacramento State at Portland State, 7 p.m.

Cross country

Saturday, Nov. 1
Sacramento State at the Big Sky Championships, Portland, Ore.

Men's golf

No matches scheduled

Women's golf

No matches scheduled

Rowing

Sunday, Nov. 2
Sacramento State at the Newport Falls Regatta, Newport Beach, Calif.